VAN KAMPEN TRUST FOR INVESTMENT GRADE NEW YORK MUNICIPALS Form N-CSRS June 29, 2009

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Van Kampen Trust For Investment Grade New York Municipals

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) Edward C. Wood III 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 212-762-4000

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31 Date of reporting period: 4/30/09

Item 1. Report to Shareholders.

The Trust s semi-annual report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 is as follows:

Welcome, Shareholder

In this report, you ll learn about how your investment in Van Kampen Trust for Investment Grade New York Municipals performed during the semiannual period. The portfolio management team will provide an overview of the market conditions and discuss some of the factors that affected investment performance during the reporting period. In addition, this report includes the trust s financial statements and a list of trust investments as of April 30, 2009.

Market forecasts provided in this report may not necessarily come to pass. There is no assurance that the trust will achieve its investment objective. Trusts are subject to market risk, which is the possibility that the market values of securities owned by the trust will decline and that the value of the trust shares may therefore be less than what you paid for them. Accordingly, you can lose money investing in this trust.

Income may subject certain individuals to the federal Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

NOT FDIC INSURED OFFER NO BANK GUARANTEE MAY LOSE VALUE NOT INSURED BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY NOT A DEPOSIT

Performance Summary as of 4/30/09

#### **Trust for Investment Grade New York Municipals**

Symbol: VTN Average Annual Total Returns	Based on NAV	Based on Market Price
Since Inception (3/27/92)	5.82%	5.34%
10-year	3.76	3.29
5-year	0.89	0.83
1-year	9.93	13.46
6-month	15.34	12.63

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. For the most recent month-end performance figures, please visit vankampen.com or speak with your financial adviser. Investment returns, net asset value (NAV) and common share market price will fluctuate and trust shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

NAV per share is determined by dividing the value of the trust s portfolio securities, cash and other assets, less all liabilities and preferred shares, by the total number of common shares outstanding. The common share market price is the price the market is willing to pay for shares of the trust at a given time. Common share market price is influenced by a range of factors, including supply and demand and market conditions. Total return assumes an investment at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions for the period in accordance with the trust s dividend reinvestment plan, and sale of all shares at the end of the period. The trust s adviser has waived or reimbursed fees and expenses from time to time, absent such waivers/reimbursements the trust s returns would have been lower. Periods of less than one year are not annualized.

The Lehman Brothers New York Municipal Bond Index, which has been shown in the Trust s previous shareholder reports changed its name to Barclays Capital New York Municipal Bond Index as of November 3, 2008. The Barclays Capital New York Municipal Bond Index tracks the performance of New York issued municipal bonds rated at least Baa of BBB by Moody s or S&P, respectively, and with maturities of 2 years or greater. The Index is unmanaged and its returns do not include any sales charges or fees. Such costs would lower performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Trust Report

For the six-month period ended April 30, 2009

#### **Market Conditions**

The six months under review can be divided into two distinct periods in terms of municipal market performance. The first of these, spanning the last two months of 2008, marked one of the worst periods in the history of the financial markets as the sell off that began in September continued through year end. Investors fled risky assets in favor of the relative safety of Treasury securities and money market funds, massive deleveraging and forced selling ensued, and tax-exempt bond funds experienced significant outflows. These factors pushed municipal bond prices to their cheapest levels in history relative to Treasury bonds.

Not surprisingly in this risk-averse environment, the lower-rated segment of the market underperformed, with high-yield municipal bonds (those rated below triple-B or non-rated issues) returning -12.91 percent for the last two months of 2008 (as measured by the Barclays Capital High Yield Municipal Bond Index) while triple-B rated issues returned -7.33 percent and triple-A rated issues returned 3.46 percent (as measured within the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index).

The first four months of 2009 were markedly better for municipal bond investors. Credit concerns eased, deleveraging slowed considerably, and investors re-entered the market, driving municipal bond prices higher. Yields declined by as much as 95 basis points on the front end of the municipal yield curve during the period, while yields on long-maturity issues fell roughly 50 basis points. The rally was accompanied by a narrowing of credit spreads, which helped the high-yield segment of the market to outperform. As a result, high-yield municipals returned 10.00 percent, triple-B rated issues returned 11.11 percent and triple-A rated issues returned 4.83 percent for the first four months of 2009.

Although the high-yield segment rebounded nicely in 2009 to date, the gains were not enough to offset the losses in the last two months of 2008. As a result, higher-quality issues outperformed for the overall six-month reporting period. With regard to sectors, performance was largely dependent on credit quality, with the lower-quality industrial development revenue/pollution control revenue (i.e. corporate-backed) and tobacco sectors turning in the worst performance while water and sewer and housing bonds posted the highest returns.

For the first four months of 2009, municipal bond issuance was down 13 percent versus the same period in 2008 yet was easily placed due to robust retail demand. With the continued deterioration of credit quality of municipal bond issuers, insured bond volume represented a mere 12 percent of total issuance, a dramatic decline from the 55 percent average over the past few years. This large increase in uninsured bonds has disrupted many historical measures of value in the municipal market. In a significant reversal from the last months of 2008,

municipal bond funds saw approximately \$17 billion in net inflows as investors recognized the historical cheapness of the municipal sector.

The state of New York benefits from its broad-based and wealthy economy and has seen an improvement in its finances and budgetary reserves over the past few years. However, the economic slowdown and concerns on Wall Street, as well as the volatility in the financial markets will pose challenges for the state over the next year. We continue to monitor the state s fiscal position during the financial crisis and will look for opportunities to invest in more stable sectors.

#### **Performance Analysis**

The Trust s return can be calculated based upon either the market price or the net asset value (NAV) of its shares. NAV per share is determined by dividing the value of the Trust s portfolio securities, cash and other assets, less all liabilities and preferred shares, by the total number of common shares outstanding, while market price reflects the supply and demand for the shares. As a result, the two returns can differ, as they did during the reporting period. On both an NAV basis and a market price basis, the Trust outperformed the Barclays Capital New York Municipal Bond Index (the Index ).

#### Total return for the six-month period ended April 30, 2009

Based on	Based on	Barclays Capital New York
NAV	Market Price	Municipal Bond Index
15.34%	12.63%	7.74%

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Investment return, net asset value and common share market price will fluctuate and Trust shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. See Performance Summary for additional performance information and index definition.

The primary contributors to the Trust s performance during the reporting period included holdings in the water and sewer, transportation, and local general obligation sectors, which were held in the form of inverse floating-rate securities.\* The Trust s holdings in life care bonds, coupled with an overweight to the sector relative to the Index, were additive to returns. A significant overweight in higher education, coupled with strong security selection in the sector, was also beneficial.

Other positions, however, detracted from relative performance. The Trust maintained a considerable underweight in lower coupon dedicated tax bonds, which was disadvantageous as these issues outperformed the broad municipal bond market during the period. An underweight exposure to the short and intermediate portions of the municipal yield curve detracted from returns.

\*An inverse floating-rate security, or inverse floater , is a variable rate security whose coupon rate changes in the opposite direction from the change in the reference rate used to calculate the coupon rate.

However, this was offset by gains realized on the portfolio s longer-maturity holdings. Lastly, although the portfolio maintained a neutral weighting relative to the Index in the industrial development revenue/pollution control revenue (IDR/PCR) sector, unfavorable security selection and a shorter duration (a measure of interest-rate sensitivity) in the sector hampered performance.

The Trust s Board of Trustees has approved a procedure whereby the Trust may, when appropriate, repurchase its shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions at a price not above market value or NAV, whichever is lower at the time of purchase. This may help support the market value of the Trust s shares.

There is no guarantee that any sectors mentioned will continue to perform as discussed herein or that securities in such sectors will be held by the Trust in the future.

#### Ratings Allocations as of 4/30/09 (Unaudited)

AAA/Aaa	11.7%
AA/Aa	54.0
A/A	12.5
BBB/Baa	11.4
BB/Ba	3.1
B/B	0.7
Non-Rated	6.6

#### Top Five Sectors as of 4/30/09 (Unaudited)

Public Transportation	17.7%
Hospital	13.4
General Purpose	10.7
Water & Sewer	9.9
Student Housing	7.6

Subject to change daily. Provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities mentioned or securities in the sectors shown above. Ratings are as a percentage of total investments. Sectors are as a percentage of total long-term investments. Securities are classified by sectors that represent broad groupings of related industries. Van Kampen is a wholly owned subsidiary of a global securities firm which is engaged in a wide range of financial services including, for example, securities trading and brokerage activities, investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. Rating allocations based upon ratings as issued by Standard and Poor s and Moody s, respectively.

#### Portfolio Management

Van Kampen Trust for Investment Grade New York Municipals is managed by members of the Adviser s Municipal Fixed Income team. The Municipal Fixed Income team consists of portfolio managers and analysts. The current members of the team jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Trust s portfolio are William D. Black, an Executive Director of the Adviser, Mark Paris, an Executive Director of the Adviser, Robert J. Stryker, a Vice President of the Adviser, and Robert W. Wimmel, an Executive Director of the Adviser.

Mr. Black has been associated with the Adviser in an investment management capacity since 1998 and began managing the Trust in December 2007. Mr. Paris has been associated with the Adviser in an investment management capacity since 2002 and began managing the Trust in December 2007. Mr. Stryker has been associated with the Adviser in an investment management capacity since 1994 and began managing the Trust in December 2007. Mr. Wimmel has been associated with the Adviser in an investment management capacity since 1996 and began managing the Trust in January 2002. All team members are responsible for the execution of the overall strategy of the Trust is portfolio. The composition of the team may change from time to time.

#### For More Information About Portfolio Holdings

Each Van Kampen trust provides a complete schedule of portfolio holdings in its semiannual and annual reports within 60 days of the end of the trust—s second and fourth fiscal quarters. The semiannual reports and the annual reports are filed electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Form N-CSRS and Form N-CSR, respectively. Van Kampen also delivers the semiannual and annual reports to fund shareholders, and makes these reports available on its public Web site, www.vankampen.com. In addition to the semiannual and annual reports that Van Kampen delivers to shareholders and makes available through the Van Kampen public Web site, each fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the trust—s first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q. Van Kampen does not deliver the reports for the first and third fiscal quarters to shareholders, nor are the reports posted to the Van Kampen public Web site. You may, however, obtain the Form N-Q filings (as well as the Form N-CSR and N-CSRS filings) by accessing the SEC—s Web site, http://www.sec.gov. You may also review and copy them at the SEC—s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the SEC—s Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC—s e-mail address (publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0102.

You may obtain copies of a trust s fiscal quarter filings by contacting Van Kampen Client Relations at (800) 341-2929.

#### **Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures and Proxy Voting Record**

You may obtain a copy of the Trust s Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures without charge, upon request, by calling toll free (800) 341-2929 or by visiting our Web site at www.vankampen.com. It is also available on the Securities and Exchange Commission s Web site at http://www.sec.gov.

You may obtain information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 without charge by visiting our Web site at www.vankampen.com. This information is also available on the Securities and Exchange Commission s Web site at http://www.sec.gov.

### Van Kampen Trust for Investment Grade New York Municipals Portfolio of Investments n April 30, 2009 (Unaudited)

Par					
Amount					
(000)		Description	Coupon	Maturity	Value
		Municipal Bonds 187.9%			
		New York 183.9%			
\$	1,750	Albany, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac Rev			
		Saint Peters Hosp Proj, Ser A	5.250%	11/15/32	\$ 1,349,372
	1,000	Albany, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac Rev			
		Saint Peters Hosp Proj, Ser D	5.750	11/15/27	876,890
	1,000	Amherst, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac Rev			
		UBF Fac Student Hsg, Ser A (AMBAC Insd)	5.750	08/01/25	1,015,610
	1,000	Amherst, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac Rev			
		UBF Fac Student Hsg, Ser B (AMBAC Insd)	5.750	08/01/30	1,011,110
	1,000	Broome Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Continuing			
		Care Retirement Good Shepard Vlg, Ser A	6.750	07/01/28	772,540
	1,300	Broome Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Continuing			
		Care Retirement Good Shepard Vlg, Ser A	6.875	07/01/40	938,054
	990	Dutchess Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac			
		Rev Elant Fishkill Inc, Ser A	5.250	01/01/37	551,776
	2,400	East Rochester, NY Hsg Auth Rev Sr Living			
		Woodland Vlg Proj Rfdg	5.500	08/01/33	1,504,080
	1,000	Erie Cnty, NY Pub Impt, Ser C (AMBAC			
		Insd) (Prerefunded @ 7/01/10)	5.500	07/01/29	1,068,350
	1,000	Essex Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Rev Intl Paper			
		Rfdg, Ser A (AMT)	5.200	12/01/23	713,330
	1,500	Hempstead Town, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic			
		Fac Rev Adelphi Univ Civic Fac	5.000	10/01/30	1,444,575
	2,000	Hempstead Town, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic			
		Fac Rev Adelphi Univ Civic Fac	5.500	06/01/32	2,008,320
	2,000	Islip, NY Res Recovery Agy Rev 1985 Fac,			
		Ser B (AMBAC Insd) (AMT)	7.250	07/01/11	2,134,740
	1,860	Long Island Pwr Auth NY Elec Sys Rev,			
		Ser A	6.250	04/01/33	2,048,102
	1,500	Long Island Pwr Auth NY Elec Sys Rev Gen,			
		Ser B	5.000	12/01/35	1,432,050
	1,975	Long Island Pwr Auth NY Elec Sys Rev Gen,	<b>7</b> 000	12/01/15	• • • • • • • • •
		Ser E	5.000	12/01/17	2,088,503
	1,315	Long Island Pwr Auth NY Elec Sys Rev,	<b>7</b> 000	00/04/04	4.050.404
	2.250	Ser A (AMBAC Insd)	5.000	09/01/34	1,258,481
	2,370	Madison Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac	<b>5</b> 000	07/01/27	2 2 4 2 5 5 5
	750	Rev Colgate Univ Proj, Ser A (AMBAC Insd)	5.000	07/01/35	2,342,555
	750	Madison Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac	<b>5.5</b> 00	02/01/22	555.040
		Rev Oneida Hlth Sys Inc Proj, Ser A	5.500	02/01/32	575,340

1,000	Madison Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Morrisville			
	St College Fndtn, Ser A (CIFG Insd)	5.000	06/01/28	823,950
4,000	Metropolitan Trans Auth NY Rev Rfdg, Ser A			
	(AMBAC Insd)	5.500	11/15/19	4,153,800
10,000	Metropolitan Trans Auth NY Rev, Ser B			
	(BHAC Insd) (a)	5.000	11/15/31	10,195,200
4,000	Metropolitan Trans Auth NY Svc Contract			
	Rfdg, Ser A	5.125	01/01/29	3,972,760

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See Notes to Financial Statements

# Van Kampen Trust for Investment Grade New York Municipals Portfolio of Investments n April 30, 2009 (Unaudited) continued

Par Amount (000)		Description	Coupon	Maturity	Value
		New York (Continued)			
\$ 1	,500	Montgomery Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Lease			
		Rev HFM Boces, Ser A (Syncora Gtd)	5.000%	07/01/34	\$ 1,222,905
8	3,000	Nassau Cnty, NY Indl Dev Agy Continuing			
		Care Retirement Amsterdam at Harborside,			
7	7 200	Ser A	6.700	01/01/43	5,967,680
/	7,300	New York City Indl Dev Agy Civic Fac Rev	5 250	11/01/27	5 560 267
2	3,250	Polytechnic Univ Proj (ACA Insd) New York City Indl Dev Agy Rev Liberty 7	5.250	11/01/37	5,568,367
3	5,230	World Trade Ctr Proj, Ser B	6.750	03/01/15	2,821,195
3	3,375	New York City Indl Dev Agy Rev Liberty	0.750	03/01/13	2,021,173
3	,,575	Iac/Interactive Corp.	5.000	09/01/35	2,080,991
2	2,000	New York City Indl Dev Agy Rev Queens		0,7,0,2,0,0	_, ,
		Baseball Stadium Pilot (AGL Insd)	6.500	01/01/46	2,199,440
2	2,000	New York City Indl Dev Agy Rev Queens			
		Baseball Stadium Pilot (AMBAC Insd)	5.000	01/01/36	1,637,280
3	3,000	New York City Indl Dev Agy Spl Fac Rev			
		Amern Air JFK Intl Arpt (AMT)	7.500	08/01/16	2,484,780
3	3,155	New York City Indl Dev Agy Spl Fac Rev NY	<b>7</b> 400	0.5.10.1.11.0	2.464.674
2		Stock Exchange Proj, Ser A	5.400	05/01/18	3,164,654
2	2,000	New York City Indl Dev Agy Spl Fac Rev NY	5.625	05/01/20	2.001.500
3	3,710	Stock Exchange Proj, Ser A New York City Indl Dev Agy Spl Fac Rev	3.023	05/01/29	2,001,500
3	,,,10	Term One Group Assn Proj (AMT) (b)	5.500	01/01/19	3,476,715
3	3,000	New York City Indl Dev Agy Spl Fac Rev	3.300	01/01/19	3,470,713
2	,,000	Term One Group Assn Proj (AMT) (b)	5.500	01/01/20	2,780,130
5	5,750	New York City Indl Dev Agy Spl Fac Rev			, ,
	•	Term One Group Assn Proj (AMT) (b)	5.500	01/01/21	5,275,338
1	,450	New York City Indl Dev Civic Fac Rev			
		YMCA Gtr NY Proj	5.800	08/01/16	1,452,407
1	,500	New York City Muni Wtr Fin Auth Wtr &			
		Swr Rev, Ser FF-2	5.500	06/15/40	1,581,495
2	2,000	New York City Muni Wtr Fin Auth Wtr &	<b>5</b> 000	06/15/100	2 005 740
2	250	Swr Sys Rev, Ser B (FSA Insd)	5.000	06/15/29	2,005,740
2	2,250	New York City Muni Wtr Fin Auth Wtr & Swr Sys Rev, Ser C	5 000	06/15/21	2 272 512
10	0,000	New York City Muni Wtr Fin Auth Wtr &	5.000	06/15/31	2,273,512
10	,,,,,,,,,	Swr Sys Rev, Ser C (a)	5.000	06/15/31	10,104,600
12	2,000	New York City Muni Wtr Fin Auth Wtr &	2.000	00/15/51	10,107,000
12	,	Swr Sys Rev, Ser D (a)	5.000	06/15/37	12,043,200
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2,650	New York City Muni Wtr Fin, Ser B	6.000	06/15/33	2,814,061
3,300	New York City, Ser F1	5.500	11/15/28	3,434,079
2,000	New York City, Ser G	5.000	12/01/25	2,017,560
1,300	New York City, Ser G	5.000	12/01/26	1,308,125
10	New York City, Ser K (Prerefunded @			
	8/01/09)	5.625	08/01/13	10,233
10,000	New York City, Subser I-1 (a)	5.000	02/01/26	10,091,000
10,000	New York City, Subser L-1 (a)	5.000	04/01/27	10,049,600