

NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3  
Form N-Q  
September 29, 2010

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-10345

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31

Date of reporting period: 7/31/10

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.



## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)  
 Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZF)  
 July 31, 2010

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Municipal Bonds – 150.6% (99.6% of Total Investments)			
	Alabama – 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)			
\$ 3,500	Alabama Special Care Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ascension Health, Series 2006C-2, 5.000%, 11/15/36 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	Aa1	\$ 3,565,905
5,655	Alabama State Port Authority, Revenue Bonds, State Docks Department Facilities, Series 2001, 5.250%, 10/01/26 (Pre-refunded 10/01/11) – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 100.00	A (4)	5,951,718
9,155	Total Alabama			9,517,623
	Alaska – 0.1% (0.1% of Total Investments)			
1,000	Northern Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Alaska, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 6/01/46	6/14 at 100.00	Baa3	646,630
	Arizona – 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)			
3,390	Arizona State Transportation Board, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 13.143%, 7/01/16 (IF)	No Opt. Call	AAA	3,989,623
2,200	Salt Verde Financial Corporation, Arizona, Senior Gas Revenue Bonds, Citigroup Energy Inc Prepay Contract Obligations, Series 2007, 5.000%, 12/01/37	No Opt. Call	A	1,961,344
5,590	Total Arizona			5,950,967
	Arkansas – 0.7% (0.4% of Total Investments)			
	Sebastian County Health Facilities Board, Arkansas, Hospital Revenue Improvement Bonds, Sparks Regional Medical Center, Series 2001A:			
1,805	5.500%, 11/01/13	11/11 at 101.00	N/R	1,937,649
1,900	5.500%, 11/01/14	11/11 at 101.00	N/R	2,039,631
3,705	Total Arkansas			3,977,280
	California – 13.5% (8.9% of Total Investments)			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A:			
2,065	5.000%, 3/01/28	3/13 at 100.00	A	2,065,413
140	5.000%, 3/01/33	3/13 at 100.00	A	135,395

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

3,400	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2009B, 5.500%, 10/01/39	10/19 at 100.00	AA	3,587,544
2,900	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/42 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	Aa3	2,791,946
5,000	California Infrastructure Economic Development Bank, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Hospital Assistance LLC, Series 2001A, 5.550%, 8/01/31	8/11 at 102.00	A+	5,061,900
5,355	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Tender Option Bond Trust 3175, 13.378%, 5/15/14 (IF)	No Opt. Call	Aa3	6,266,100
18,850	California, General Obligation Veterans Welfare Bonds, Series 2001BZ, 5.350%, 12/01/21 – NPFG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/10 at 100.00	AA	18,859,048
2,180	Ceres Unified School District, Stanislaus County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002B: 0.000%, 8/01/31 – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 32.87	A+	550,646
3,300	0.000%, 8/01/32 – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 30.97	A+	777,348
11,865	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	7,660,756
12,280	Los Angeles Regional Airports Improvement Corporation, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, LAXFUEL Corporation at Los Angeles International Airport, Series 2001: 5.750%, 1/01/16 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	A–	12,736,816
5,000	5.375%, 1/01/21 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	A–	5,071,700
1,500	5.250%, 1/01/23 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	A–	1,512,990
10,000	5.500%, 1/01/32 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	A–	10,037,400
10,000	San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency, Orange County, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1997A, 0.000%, 1/15/35 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	1,405,700
3,000	San Mateo County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 9/01/30 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aaa	983,910
96,835	Total California Colorado – 6.1% (4.0% of Total Investments)			79,504,612
2,250	Canterberry Crossing Metropolitan District II, Parker, Colorado, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 7.375%, 12/01/32 (Pre-refunded 12/01/12)	12/12 at 100.00	N/R (4)	2,552,558
1,565	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Belle	3/13 at 100.00	N/R (4)	1,800,141

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

	Creek Education Center, Series 2002A, 7.625%, 3/15/32 (Pre-refunded 3/15/13)			
1,775	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Weld County School District 6 - Frontier Academy, Series 2001, 7.375%, 6/01/31 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 100.00	Ba1	1,878,465
3,220	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Montessori Peaks Academy, Series 2006A, 5.400%, 5/01/26	5/16 at 102.00	N/R	2,830,348
3,380	Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Multifamily Project Bonds, Class I, Series 2001A-1, 5.500%, 4/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 100.00	AAA	3,400,990
5,000	Compark Business Campus Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.600%, 12/01/34 – RAAI Insured	12/17 at 100.00	N/R	3,957,850
3,300	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/15/24 – FGIC Insured	11/16 at 100.00	A+	3,503,445
5,365	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2006: 5.000%, 11/15/23 – FGIC Insured (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	A+	5,727,567
4,335	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/15/25 – FGIC Insured (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	A+	4,572,558
2,000	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 11/15/16 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/11 at 100.00	A+	2,097,680
	Maher Ranch Metropolitan District 4, Colorado, General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2007:			
950	5.125%, 12/01/27 – RAAI Insured	12/17 at 100.00	N/R	831,374
2,000	5.250%, 12/01/36 – RAAI Insured	12/17 at 100.00	N/R	1,664,700
1,000	Plaza Metropolitan District 1, Lakewood, Colorado, Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 8.000%, 12/01/25	6/14 at 101.00	N/R	1,042,720
36,140	Total Colorado			35,860,396
	Delaware – 0.2% (0.1% of Total Investments)			
1,055	Delaware Housing Authority, Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.400%, 7/01/24	7/12 at 100.00	Aa3	1,092,009
	District of Columbia – 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments)			
1,335	Washington Convention Center Authority, District of Columbia, Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 1606, 11.356%, 10/01/30 – AMBAC Insured (IF)	10/16 at 100.00	AA+	1,351,901
3,335	Washington Convention Center Authority, District of Columbia, Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 1730, 11.352%, 10/01/30 – AMBAC Insured (IF)	10/16 at 100.00	AA+	3,377,221

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

4,670	Total District of Columbia Florida – 2.1% (1.4% of Total Investments) Orange County Housing Finance Authority, Florida, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Oak Glen Apartments, Series 2001G:				4,729,122
1,105	5.400%, 12/01/32 – AGM Insured	12/11 at 100.00	AAA		1,111,133
2,195	5.450%, 12/01/41 – AGM Insured Pace Property Finance Authority Inc., Florida, Utility System	12/11 at 100.00	AAA		2,205,756
2,775	Improvement and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1997, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – AMBAC Insured	9/10 at 100.00	N/R		2,777,165
5,455	South Miami Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Hospital Revenue, Baptist Health System Obligation Group, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/42 (UB)	8/17 at 100.00	AA–		5,411,796
1,000	Tolomato Community Development District, Florida, Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2007, 6.650%, 5/01/40	5/18 at 100.00	N/R		828,110
12,530	Total Florida Georgia – 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments)				12,333,960
5,000	Atlanta, Georgia, Airport General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B, 5.625%, 1/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 100.50	A+		5,037,400
2,700	Atlanta, Georgia, Tax Allocation Bonds, Atlantic Station Project, Series 2001, 7.900%, 12/01/24 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11)	12/11 at 101.00	AAA		3,001,158
2,000	Fulton County Residential Care Facilities Authority, Georgia, Revenue Bonds, Elderly Care, Lenbrook Square Project, Series 2006A, 5.125%, 7/01/42	7/17 at 100.00	N/R		1,261,900
3,740	Gainesville and Hall County Hospital Authority, Georgia, Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Northeast Georgia Health Services Inc., Series 2001, 5.500%, 5/15/31 (Pre-refunded 5/15/11)	5/11 at 100.00	N/R (4)		3,888,590
500	Gainesville Redevelopment Authority, Georgia, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Riverside Military Academy Project, Series 2007, 5.125%, 3/01/37	3/17 at 100.00	N/R		340,980
13,940	Total Georgia Illinois – 16.2% (10.7% of Total Investments)				13,530,028
8,375	Chicago, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, Midway Airport, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/19 – AGM Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101.00	AAA		8,519,134
4,950	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds, O’Hare International Airport, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 1/01/32 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101.00	A2		4,950,099
2,220	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/16 – NCFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa3		2,559,793
10,000	Chicago, Illinois, Senior Lien Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 11/01/26 (Pre-refunded 11/01/11) – AMBAC Insured	11/11 at 100.00	Aa2 (4)		10,588,300

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

1,165	Chicago, Illinois, Third Lien General Airport Revenue Bonds, O'Hare International Airport, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 1/01/33 – FGIC Insured	1/16 at 100.00	A1	1,159,513
8,875	Cook County, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2010A, 5.250%, 11/15/33	11/20 at 100.00	AA	9,376,704
2,415	Illinois Finance Authority, General Obligation Debt Certificates, Local Government Program – Kankakee County, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 12/01/24 – AMBAC Insured	12/14 at 100.00	A1	2,470,062
3,385	Illinois Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sherman Health Systems, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 8/01/37	8/17 at 100.00	BBB	3,138,809
9,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Covenant Retirement Communities Inc., Series 2001, 5.875%, 12/01/31	12/11 at 101.00	BBB–	8,801,280
15,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Loyola University Health System, Series 2001A, 6.125%, 7/01/31 (Pre-refunded 7/01/11)	7/11 at 100.00	Baa3 (4)	15,777,900
5,000	Lake County School District 38, Big Hollow, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 0.000%, 2/01/22 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	N/R	2,807,150
7,000	Lombard Public Facilities Corporation, Illinois, First Tier Conference Center and Hotel Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 7.125%, 1/01/36	1/16 at 100.00	N/R	5,705,350
16,900	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 12/15/28 – FGIC Insured	12/10 at 100.50	AAA	17,079,478
2,265	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Refunding Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1998A, 5.500%, 6/15/29 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	2,589,348
96,550	Total Illinois Indiana – 5.9% (3.9% of Total Investments)			95,522,920
1,255	Clark-Pleasant Community School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001: 5.000%, 7/15/21 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) – AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100.00	AA+ (4)	1,340,829
1,000	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Lease Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001: 5.000%, 1/15/26 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) – AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100.00	AA+ (4)	1,068,390
2,000	5.750%, 7/15/18 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) – MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100.00	A+ (4)	2,158,580
2,750	5.125%, 1/15/24 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) – MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100.00	A+ (4)	2,943,050
1,250	Hamilton Southeastern Cumberland Campus School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/15/23 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) – AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100.00	A (4)	1,337,750
9,500			A	9,634,805

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

	Indiana Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Butler University, Series 2001, 5.500%, 2/01/26 – NPMG Insured	2/11 at 100.00		
4,230	Indiana Finance Authority, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Tudor Park Foundation, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 6/01/24	6/15 at 100.00	Aa3	4,444,461
2,600	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Community Hospitals of Indiana, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 5/01/35 – AMBAC Insured	5/15 at 100.00	A	2,479,152
3,500	University of Southern Indiana, Student Fee Bonds, Series 2001H, 5.000%, 10/01/21 – AMBAC Insured	10/11 at 100.00	A1	3,560,690
	Vigo County, Indiana, Hospital Authority, Union Hospital, Revenue Bonds, Series 2007:			
2,500	5.750%, 9/01/42	9/17 at 100.00	N/R	2,314,625
2,500	5.800%, 9/01/47	9/17 at 100.00	N/R	2,307,950
1,090	Wayne County Jail Holding Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 7/15/22 (Pre-refunded 1/15/13) – AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 101.00	A1 (4)	1,230,076
34,175	Total Indiana Iowa – 5.4% (3.5% of Total Investments)			34,820,358
2,000	Iowa Finance Authority, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Great River Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/15/31 – AGM Insured	5/11 at 100.00	Aa3	2,004,600
1,000	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Asset Backed Settlement Revenue Bonds, Series 2005C, 5.625%, 6/01/46	6/15 at 100.00	BBB	723,530
	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B:			
23,665	5.300%, 6/01/25 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101.00	AAA	24,738,918
3,950	5.600%, 6/01/35 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101.00	AAA	4,163,221
30,615	Total Iowa Kansas – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)			31,630,269
	Manhattan Health Care Facility Revenue Bonds, Kansas, Meadowlarks Hills Retirement, Series 2007B:			
1,000	5.125%, 5/15/37	5/14 at 103.00	N/R	799,810
1,000	5.125%, 5/15/42	5/14 at 103.00	N/R	782,970
2,000	Total Kansas Kentucky – 3.4% (2.2% of Total Investments)			1,582,780
1,000	Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, Louisville Arena Project Revenue Bonds, Louisville Arena Authority, Inc., Series 2008-A1, 6.000%, 12/01/42 – AGC Insured	6/18 at 100.00	AAA	1,091,510



Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

18,500	Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky, Sewer and Drainage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.125%, 5/15/27 – NPFG Insured	11/11 at 101.00	AA–	18,938,820
19,500	Total Kentucky			20,030,330
3,000	Louisiana – 4.4% (2.9% of Total Investments) Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities & Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Westlake Chemical Corporation Project, Series 2007, 6.750%, 11/01/32	11/17 at 100.00	BB+	3,113,430
3,700	Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ochsner Clinic Foundation Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 5/15/47	5/17 at 100.00	Baa1	3,490,469
19,890	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Louisiana, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.875%, 5/15/39	5/11 at 101.00	BBB	19,602,788
26,590	Total Louisiana			26,206,687
4,610	Maine – 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments) Maine State Housing Authority, Single Family Mortgage Purchase Bonds, Series 2001B: 5.400%, 11/15/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/10 at 100.00	AA+	4,621,709
1,610	5.500%, 11/15/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/10 at 100.00	AA+	1,612,238
6,220	Total Maine			6,233,947
1,000	Maryland – 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments) Howard County, Maryland, Retirement Community Revenue Bonds, Vantage House, Series 2007B, 5.250%, 4/01/37	4/17 at 100.00	N/R	766,280
1,570	Maryland Community Development Administration, Insured Multifamily Housing Mortgage Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.250%, 7/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	Aa2	1,582,042
2,000	Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Revenue Bonds, Chesapeake Bay Hyatt Conference Center, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 12/01/31	12/16 at 100.00	N/R	1,474,580
10,600	Maryland Energy Financing Administration, Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project, Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	9/10 at 100.00	N/R	10,604,770
555	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Ridge Retirement Community, Series 2007, 4.750%, 7/01/34	7/17 at 100.00	A–	518,137
15,725	Total Maryland			14,945,809
1,375	Massachusetts – 2.9% (1.9% of Total Investments) Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Orchard Cove, Series 2007, 5.250%, 10/01/26	10/12 at 102.00	N/R	1,173,755
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Milton Hospital Project, Series 2005D, 5.250%, 7/01/30	7/15 at 100.00	BB–	778,590
1,600			BBB	1,655,744

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Suffolk University Issue, Series 2009A, 5.750%, 7/01/39	7/19 at 100.00		
4,860	Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, Trust 3145, 15.134%, 6/01/16 (IF)	No Opt. Call	AA	5,400,189
5,000	Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, Delta Air Lines Inc., Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/18 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101.00	N/R	4,695,050
3,465	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 4.500%, 8/01/46 – AGM Insured (UB)	2/17 at 100.00	AAA	3,439,324
17,300	Total Massachusetts Michigan – 9.5% (6.3% of Total Investments)			17,142,652
15,000	Detroit City School District, Wayne County, Michigan, Unlimited Tax School Building and Site Improvement Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.000%, 5/01/29 – AGM Insured (UB)	No Opt. Call	AAA	16,829,850
2,000	Garden City Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Revenue Bonds, Garden City Hospital Obligated Group, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/15/38	8/17 at 100.00	N/R	1,360,960
11,000	Kent Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Revenue Bonds, Spectrum Health, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/15/31 (Pre-refunded 7/15/11)	7/11 at 101.00	AA (4)	11,653,510
1,165	Michigan State Building Authority, Revenue Bonds, Facilities Program, Series 2001I, 5.500%, 10/15/18	10/11 at 100.00	Aa3	1,212,975
70	Michigan State Building Authority, Revenue Bonds, Facilities Program, Series 2001I, 5.500%, 10/15/18 (Pre-refunded 10/15/11)	10/11 at 100.00	A+ (4)	74,402
1,355	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Detroit Medical Center Obligated Group, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 8/15/23	8/10 at 100.00	Ba3	1,308,076
3,210	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, Series 1993P, 5.375%, 8/15/14 – MBIA Insured (ETM)	No Opt. Call	A (4)	3,424,717
1,400	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sparrow Obligated Group, Series 2001: 5.500%, 11/15/21 (Pre-refunded 11/15/11)	11/11 at 101.00	A+ (4)	1,505,434
2,500	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Trinity Health Care Group, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 12/01/31 (UB)	11/11 at 101.00	A+ (4)	2,692,300
3,500	Royal Oak Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Hospital Revenue Bonds, William Beaumont Hospital, Series 2001M, 5.250%, 11/15/31 – NPPFG Insured	12/16 at 100.00	AA	3,501,645
12,640		11/11 at 100.00	A1	12,307,189

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

53,840	Total Michigan			55,871,058
	Minnesota – 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)			
2,230	Dakota County Community Development Agency, Minnesota, GNMA Collateralized Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Rose Apartments Project, Series 2001, 6.350%, 10/20/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 105.00	Aaa	2,330,885
1,375	Saint Paul Port Authority, Minnesota, Lease Revenue Bonds, Regions Hospital Parking Ramp Project, Series 2007-1, 5.000%, 8/01/36	8/16 at 100.00	N/R	1,223,173
3,605	Total Minnesota			3,554,058
	Mississippi – 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)			
2,155	Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, GNMA Collateralized Retirement Facility Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Aldersgate Retirement Community Inc. Project, Series 1999A, 5.450%, 5/20/34	11/10 at 102.00	AAA	2,176,550
3,000	Mississippi Hospital Equipment and Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Baptist Memorial Healthcare, Series 2004B-1, 5.000%, 9/01/24 (UB)	9/14 at 100.00	AA	3,093,690
5,155	Total Mississippi			5,270,240
	Missouri – 3.0% (2.0% of Total Investments)			
1,495	Cape Girardeau County Industrial Development Authority, Missouri, Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, Southeast Missouri Hospital Association, Series 2007, 5.000%, 6/01/36	6/17 at 100.00	N/R	1,333,914
1,000	Clinton County Industrial Development Authority, Missouri, Revenue Bonds, Cameron Regional Medical Center, Series 2007, 5.000%, 12/01/32	12/17 at 100.00	N/R	767,300
1,825	Fenton, Missouri, Tax Increment Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Gravois Bluffs Redevelopment Project, Series 2002, 6.125%, 10/01/21 (Pre-refunded 10/01/12)	10/12 at 100.00	N/R (4)	2,031,681
3,335	Missouri Development Finance Board, Cultural Facilities Revenue Bonds, Nelson Gallery Foundation, Series 2001A: 5.250%, 12/01/19 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) – NPMFG Insured	12/11 at 100.00	AA– (4)	3,554,543
3,510	5.250%, 12/01/20 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) – NPMFG Insured	12/11 at 100.00	AA– (4)	3,741,063
3,695	5.250%, 12/01/21 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) – NPMFG Insured	12/11 at 100.00	AA– (4)	3,938,242
2,040	5.250%, 12/01/22 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) – NPMFG Insured	12/11 at 100.00	AA– (4)	2,174,293
16,900	Total Missouri			17,541,036
	Montana – 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments)			
5,000	Montana Board of Investments, Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds, Stillwater Mining Company, Series 2000, 8.000%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.50	B	4,646,250
	Nebraska – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2001D:

1,055	5.250%, 9/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	9/11 at 100.00	AAA	1,075,657
1,390	5.375%, 9/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax) Omaha Public Power District, Nebraska, Separate Electric System	9/11 at 100.00	AAA	1,436,635
1,005	Revenue Bonds, Nebraska City 2, Series 2006A, 19.811%, 8/01/40 – AMBAC Insured (IF)	2/17 at 100.00	AA+	1,592,423
3,450	Total Nebraska Nevada – 2.7% (1.8% of Total Investments)			4,104,715
10,000	Clark County, Nevada, Airport Revenue Bonds, Subordinte Lien Series 2010B, 5.750%, 7/01/42	1/20 at 100.00	Aa3	10,693,100
2,000	Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, First Tier, Series 2000, 5.375%, 1/01/40 – AMBAC Insured (5)	1/11 at 100.00	N/R	479,420
4,000	Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, Second Tier, Series 2000, 7.375%, 1/01/40 (5)	1/12 at 100.00	N/R	8,800
165	Nevada Housing Division, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Senior Series 1998A-1, 5.300%, 4/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/10 at 100.00	Aaa	170,191
4,290	University of Nevada, Revenue Bonds, Community College System, Series 2001A, 5.250%, 7/01/26 (Pre-refunded 1/01/12) – FGIC Insured	1/12 at 100.00	Aa2 (4)	4,590,858
20,455	Total Nevada New Hampshire – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)			15,942,369
2,000	New Hampshire Health and Education Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Concord Hospital, Series 2001, 5.500%, 10/01/21 – AGM Insured	10/11 at 101.00	Aa3	2,051,260
10,000	New Jersey – 4.6% (3.0% of Total Investments) New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Water Facilities Revenue Bonds, American Water Company, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 11/01/32 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/12 at 101.00	A2	10,002,100
610	New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Somerset Medical Center, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/33	7/13 at 100.00	Ba2	503,848
4,125	New Jersey Transit Corporation, Certificates of Participation, Federal Transit Administration Grants, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 9/15/13 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa3	4,558,826
12,970	New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, Transportation System Bonds, Capital Appreciation Series 2010A, 0.000%, 12/15/33	No Opt. Call	AA–	3,431,473
20,000	New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, Transportation System Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 12/15/28 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	7,197,400
2,045	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, New Jersey, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007-1A, 4.750%, 6/01/34	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,449,107

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

49,750	Total New Jersey				27,142,754
	New York – 4.5% (3.0% of Total Investments)				
	Albany Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue	4/17 at			
900	Bonds, Brighter Choice Charter	100.00	N/R		787,635
	Schools, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 4/01/32				
	Brooklyn Areba Local Development Corporation, New York,				
	Payment in Lieu of Taxes Revenue				
	Bonds, Barclays Center Project, Series 2009:				
		1/20 at			
1,275	6.000%, 7/15/30	100.00	BBB–		1,307,028
		No Opt.			
3,400	0.000%, 7/15/44	Call	BBB–		315,486
	East Rochester Housing Authority, New York, GNMA Secured	10/11 at			
1,780	Revenue Bonds, Gates Senior Housing	101.00	AAA		1,809,441
	Inc., Series 2001, 5.300%, 4/20/31				
	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue	2/17 at			
5,010	Bonds, Series 2006A, 4.500%,	100.00	A		4,620,422
	2/15/47 – NPFPG Insured				
	Monroe County Airport Authority, New York, Revenue Refunding	No Opt.			
4,155	Bonds, Greater Rochester	Call	A		4,437,706
	International Airport, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/01/13 – NPFPG Insured				
	(Alternative Minimum Tax)				
	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York,	8/16 at			
8,000	American Airlines-JFK International	101.00	B–		8,321,040
	Airport Special Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 7.750%,				
	8/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)				
	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series	8/12 at			
1,715	2002G, 5.625%, 8/01/20 –	100.00	AA		1,857,156
	MBIA Insured				
	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series	8/12 at			
785	2002G, 5.625%, 8/01/20	100.00	AA (4)		868,705
	(Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – MBIA Insured				
	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation,	6/11 at			
2,000	Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and	100.00	AA–		2,067,380
	State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C,				
	5.500%, 6/01/16				
29,020	Total New York				26,391,999
	North Carolina – 1.1% (0.8% of Total Investments)				
	Charlotte-Mecklenberg Hospital Authority, North Carolina,	1/18 at			
1,710	Carolinas HealthCare System Revenue	100.00	AA–		1,773,561
	Bonds, Series 2008, Trust 1149, 14.719%, 7/15/32 (IF)				
	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, North Carolina, Health	1/17 at			
1,200	Care System Revenue Bonds,	100.00	AA–		1,227,876
	Carolinas Health Care, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 1/15/31				
	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, North Carolina,	1/15 at			
1,750	Healthcare System Revenue Bonds, DBA	100.00	AAA		2,031,838
	Carolinas Healthcare System, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 1/15/32				
	(Pre-refunded 1/15/15)				
	North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1, Catawba Electric	No Opt.			
515	Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.500%,	Call	A (4)		574,395
	1/01/13 (ETM)				

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

1,085	North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1, Catawba Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 1/01/13	No Opt. Call	A	1,201,963
6,260	Total North Carolina Ohio – 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments)			6,809,633
	Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Ohio, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien, Series 2007A-2:			
3,140	5.125%, 6/01/24	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	2,633,078
710	5.875%, 6/01/30	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	560,517
685	5.750%, 6/01/34	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	512,668
1,570	5.875%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,112,738
6,105	Total Ohio Oklahoma – 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)			4,819,001
	Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint John Health System, Series 2007:			
4,370	5.000%, 2/15/37	2/17 at 100.00	A	4,288,019
955	5.000%, 2/15/42	2/17 at 100.00	A	925,519
6,305	Tulsa County Industrial Authority, Oklahoma, Health Care Revenue Bonds, Saint Francis Health System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/15/36 (UB)	12/16 at 100.00	AA	6,338,795
88	Tulsa County Industrial Authority, Oklahoma, Health Care Revenue Bonds, Saint Francis Health System, Series 2008, Trust 3500, 8.350%, 6/15/30 (IF)	12/16 at 100.00	AA	88,858
11,718	Total Oklahoma Oregon – 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments)			11,641,191
4,700	Oregon Health, Housing, Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, PeaceHealth Project, Series 2001, 5.250%, 11/15/21 – AMBAC Insured	11/11 at 101.00	AA–	4,817,594
10,000	Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A, 6.050%, 7/01/42 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (UB)	1/11 at 100.00	Aaa	10,006,600
14,700	Total Oregon Pennsylvania – 1.7% (1.1% of Total Investments)			14,824,194
	Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, West Penn Allegheny Health System, Series 2000B:			
2,000	9.250%, 11/15/22 (Pre-refunded 11/15/10)	11/10 at 102.00	AAA	2,092,040
2,000	9.250%, 11/15/30 (Pre-refunded 11/15/10)	11/10 at 102.00	AAA	2,092,040
500	Bucks County Industrial Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Charter School Revenue Bonds, School Lane Charter School, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 3/15/37	3/17 at 100.00	BBB	441,130

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

3,500	Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Senior Lien Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, Northampton Generating Project, Series 1994A, 6.600%, 1/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 100.00	CC	1,974,735
3,205	Philadelphia School District, Pennsylvania, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.625%, 8/01/16 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	Aa2 (4)	3,542,198
11,205	Total Pennsylvania			10,142,143
	Puerto Rico – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)			
2,500	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 8/01/57	8/17 at 100.00	Aa2	2,523,900
	Tennessee – 1.8% (1.2% of Total Investments)			
3,680	Knox County Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board, Tennessee, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Covenant Health, Series 2006, 0.000%, 1/01/41	1/17 at 30.07	A–	580,851
5,210	Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, Tennessee, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 3/01/14 – AGM Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/11 at 100.00	AAA	5,324,881
275	Sullivan County Health Educational and Housing Facilities Board, Tennessee, Revenue Bonds, Wellmont Health System, Series 2006C, 5.250%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	BBB+	257,227
	Sumner County Health, Educational, and Housing Facilities Board, Tennessee, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sumner Regional Health System Inc., Series 2007:			
800	5.500%, 11/01/37 (6)	11/17 at 100.00	N/R	688,560
2,800	5.500%, 11/01/46 (6)	11/17 at 100.00	N/R	2,409,960
745	Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Homeownership Program Bonds, Series 1998-2, 5.350%, 7/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 100.00	AA+	745,440
760	Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Homeownership Program Bonds, Series 2001-3A, 5.200%, 7/01/22 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	AA+	764,917
14,270	Total Tennessee			10,771,836
	Texas – 21.3% (14.1% of Total Investments)			
5,445	Board of Regents, University of Texas System, Financing System Revenue Bonds, Series 2006F, 4.250%, 8/15/36 (UB)	2/17 at 100.00	AAA	5,415,161
595	Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District, Williamson County, Texas, Combination Unlimited Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 6/01/26 – AGM Insured	12/10 at 100.00	Aa3	597,398
	Collins and Denton Counties, Frisco, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001:			
1,910	5.000%, 2/15/20 – FGIC Insured	2/11 at 100.00	Aa1	1,959,335
2,005	5.000%, 2/15/21 – FGIC Insured	2/11 at 100.00	Aa1	2,056,789

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

3,850	Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport, Texas, Joint Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 11/01/35 – NPMG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/11 at 100.00	A+	3,871,830
5,000	Decatur Hospital Authority, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Wise Regional Health System, Series 2004A, 7.000%, 9/01/25	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	5,034,750
4,040	Harris County, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/15/27	8/11 at 100.00	AAA	4,240,142
6,000	Houston, Texas, Junior Lien Water and Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 12/01/29 – MBIA Insured (ETM)	No Opt. Call	N/R (4)	7,365,180
7,000	Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 7/01/14 – NPMG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 100.00	A	7,017,220
2,525	Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A: 5.500%, 7/01/13 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	A	2,674,758
2,905	5.500%, 7/01/14 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	A	3,077,296
14,200	Hutto Independent School District, Williamson County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A, 4.750%, 8/01/43 (UB)	8/16 at 100.00	AAA	14,478,462
8,500	Jefferson County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Series 2001: 5.400%, 8/15/31 – AMBAC Insured	8/11 at 100.00	N/R	8,595,795
8,500	5.500%, 8/15/41 – AMBAC Insured	8/11 at 100.00	N/R	8,515,895
3,090	Laredo Independent School District, Webb County, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/01/25	8/11 at 100.00	AAA	3,198,366
7,610	Laredo Independent School District, Webb County, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/01/25 (Pre-refunded 8/01/11)	8/11 at 100.00	N/R (4)	7,975,584
8,000	Lower Colorado River Authority, Texas, Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds, LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Project, Refunding & Improvement Series 2010, 5.000%, 5/15/40	5/20 at 100.00	A	8,227,200
2,500	Matagorda County Navigation District 1, Texas, Collateralized Revenue Refunding Bonds, Houston Light and Power Company, Series 1997, 5.125%, 11/01/28 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A3	2,449,025
3,150	North Texas Thruway Authority, Second Tier System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008, 5.750%, 1/01/38	1/18 at 100.00	A3	3,303,752
3,045			AAA	3,127,611



Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

	Port of Houston Authority, Harris County, Texas, General Obligation Port Improvement Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 10/01/17 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 100.00		
7,700	Tarrant County Cultural & Educational Facilities Financing Corporation, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Texas Health Resources, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 2/15/36 (UB)	2/17 at 100.00	AA–	7,742,504
9,135	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Residential Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.350%, 7/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	AAA	9,136,005
	White Settlement Independent School District, Tarrant County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006:			
9,110	0.000%, 8/15/37	8/15 at 31.98	AAA	2,257,731
9,110	0.000%, 8/15/40	8/15 at 27.11	AAA	1,905,448
7,110	0.000%, 8/15/44	8/15 at 21.88	AAA	1,196,542
142,035	Total Texas Utah – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)			125,419,779
	Utah Housing Corporation, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001E:			
750	5.200%, 1/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	AA–	758,753
245	5.500%, 1/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	Aaa	252,397
	Utah Housing Corporation, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001F-1:			
1,155	4.950%, 7/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	AA–	1,181,669
365	5.300%, 7/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100.00	Aaa	372,902
2,515	Total Utah Virginia – 0.2% (0.1% of Total Investments)			2,565,721
1,000	Chesterfield County Health Center Commission, Virginia, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Lucy Corr Village, Series 2005, 5.375%, 12/01/28	12/15 at 100.00	N/R	928,880
	Washington – 15.8% (10.5% of Total Investments)			
	Bellingham Housing Authority, Washington, Housing Revenue Bonds, Varsity Village Project, Series 2001A:			
1,000	5.500%, 12/01/27 – NPFG Insured	12/11 at 100.00	Aa3	1,016,140
2,000	5.600%, 12/01/36 – NPFG Insured	12/11 at 100.00	Aa3	2,018,520
2,500	King County, Washington, Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, 5.250%, 1/01/42	1/19 at 100.00	AA+	2,705,650
12,955	Port of Seattle, Washington, Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.300%, 12/01/16 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/10 at 100.00	A	13,040,114

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

Port of Seattle, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B:

2,535	5.625%, 4/01/18 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) (UB)	10/11 at 100.00	Aa2	2,650,571
16,000	5.100%, 4/01/24 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) (UB) Public Utility District 1, Benton County, Washington, Electric	10/10 at 100.00	Aa2	16,005,280
1,440	Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 11/01/15 (Pre-refunded 11/01/11) – AGM Insured Public Utility District 1, Benton County, Washington, Electric	11/11 at 100.00	N/R (4)	1,535,256
650	Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 11/01/15 – AGM Insured Seattle, Washington, Municipal Light and Power Revenue	11/11 at 100.00	Aa3	686,634
4,235	Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 3/01/18 (Pre-refunded 3/01/11) – AGM Insured Seattle, Washington, Municipal Light and Power Revenue	3/11 at 100.00	AAA	4,365,777
1,445	Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 3/01/18 – AGM Insured Tacoma, Washington, Solid Waste Utility Revenue Refunding	3/11 at 100.00	AAA	1,481,255
4,530	Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 12/01/21 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) – AMBAC Insured Washington State Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds,	12/11 at 100.00	AA (4)	4,825,492
3,720	Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/18 (Pre-refunded 10/01/11) – AMBAC Insured Washington State Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Good Samaritan Hospital, Series 2001:	10/11 at 100.00	Aa3 (4)	3,936,355
5,480	5.500%, 10/01/21 (Pre-refunded 10/01/11) – RAAI Insured	10/11 at 101.00	BBB– (4)	5,861,244
25,435	5.625%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/11) – RAAI Insured Washington State Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, Series 2001:	10/11 at 101.00	BBB– (4)	27,241,648
3,005	5.375%, 12/01/17 – AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 101.00	BBB+	3,077,090
2,915	5.375%, 12/01/18 – AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 101.00	BBB+	2,974,670
89,845	Total Washington Wisconsin – 4.5% (3.0% of Total Investments) Appleton, Wisconsin, Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001:			93,421,696
3,705	5.375%, 1/01/20 (Pre-refunded 1/01/12) – FGIC Insured	1/12 at 100.00	N/R (4)	3,969,758
1,850	5.000%, 1/01/21 (Pre-refunded 1/01/12) – FGIC Insured La Crosse, Wisconsin, Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds,	1/12 at 100.00	N/R (4)	1,972,377
12,250	Dairyland Power Cooperative, Series 1997B, 5.550%, 2/01/15 – AMBAC Insured Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue	12/10 at 100.00	A	12,411,822
1,000	Bonds, Franciscan Sisters of	9/17 at 100.00	BBB+	903,569

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

	Christian Charity HealthCare Ministry, Series 2007, 5.000%, 9/01/33			
350	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Froedtert and Community	10/11 at 101.00	AA-	356,166
	Health Obligated Group, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/30			
3,650	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Froedtert and Community	10/11 at 101.00	AA- (4)	3,902,214
	Health Obligated Group, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/30 (Pre-refunded 10/01/11)			
2,500	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Marshfield Clinic, Series 2001B, 6.000%, 2/15/25	2/12 at 100.00	BBB+	2,530,599
330	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Wheaton Franciscan Services Inc., Series 2003A, 5.125%, 8/15/33	8/13 at 100.00	BBB+	297,610
25,635	Total Wisconsin			26,344,115
\$ 950,258	Total Municipal Bonds (cost \$879,930,284)			887,986,207

Shares	Description (1)		Value
	Investment Companies – 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)		
6,266	BlackRock MuniHoldings Fund Inc.		\$ 100,632
26,880	Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Fund		231,168
131,278	DWS Municipal Income Trust		1,658,041
43,020	Invesco VK Investment Grade Municipal Trust		643,149
30,000	Invesco VK Municipal Opportunity Trust		436,800
43,420	PIMCO Municipal Income Fund II		504,106
	Total Investment Companies (cost \$3,325,133)		3,573,896
	Total Investments (cost \$883,255,417) – 151.2%		891,560,103
	Floating Rate Obligations – (12.9)%		(75,908,650)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.9%		10,927,634
	Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (40.2)% (7)		(236,950,000)
			\$
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%		589,629,087

Fair Value Measurements

In determining the value of the Fund's investments, various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 - Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of July 31, 2010:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$884,887,687	\$3,098,520	\$887,986,207
Investment Companies	3,573,896	—	—	3,573,896
Total	\$3,573,896	\$884,887,687	\$3,098,520	\$891,560,103

The following is a reconciliation of the Fund's Level 3 investments held at the beginning and end of the measurement period:

	Level 3 Investments
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ —
Gains (losses):	—
Net realized gains (losses)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	—
Net purchases at cost (sales at proceeds)	—
Net discounts (premiums)	—
Net transfers in to (out of) at end of period fair value	3,098,520
Balance at the end of period	\$3,098,520

Income Tax Information

Edgar Filing: NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 - Form N-Q

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At July 31, 2010, the cost of investments was \$810,441,978.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at July 31, 2010, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 32,855,340
Depreciation	(27,587,240)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 5,268,100

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
  - (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
  - (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade.
  - (4) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities, which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
  - (5) The Fund's Adviser has concluded this issue is not likely to meet its future interest payment obligations and has directed the Fund's custodian to cease accruing additional income on the Fund's records.
  - (6) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment categorized as Level 3.
  - (7) Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 26.6%.  
N/R Not rated.
- (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.  
(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.  
(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.
-

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
  
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

---

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date September 29, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date September 29, 2010

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date September 29, 2010