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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CITIGROUP INC		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 [NZF]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/31/2008		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
399 PARK A	VENUE.Â	À 3RD						T fied (Month/Day/Tear)
FLOOR				(Ch				
	(Street)				Director Officer (give title below	X 10% Other y) (specify belo		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		В	Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date	Number of	2	or Indirect
		Shares		(I)
				(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
CITIGROUP INC 399 PARK AVENUE 3RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10043	Â	X	Â	Â	
Signatures					
Citigroup Inc., By: /s/ Riqueza V. Feaster, Assistant Secretary					02/11/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person					Date
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Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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The Auction Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent 1152 Shares beneficially owned by Citigroup Global Markets

(1) Inc. ("CGMI"). Citigroup Financial Products Inc. ("CFP") is the sole stockholder of CGMI. Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. ("CGMHI") is the sole stockholder of CFP. Citigroup Inc. ("Citigroup") is the sole stockholder of CGMHI.

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Remarks:

The 1152 Shares reported herein represent Citigroup?s combined holdings in multiple series of auction

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