

Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund
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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 811-22058

Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 9/30/2008

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.

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| Shares | Description (1) | Value |
|---------|--|--------------|
| | Common Stocks 110.6% (73.6% of Total Investments) | |
| | Aerospace & Defense 3.1% | |
| 115,908 | Raytheon Company | \$ 6,202,237 |
| | Beverages 3.5% | |
| 131,400 | Coca-Cola Company | 6,948,432 |
| | Commercial Banks 11.3% | |
| 118,288 | Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. | 7,097,280 |
| 99,605 | PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. | 7,440,494 |
| 218,064 | U.S. Bancorp | 7,854,665 |
| | Total Commercial Banks | 22,392,439 |
| | Commercial Services & Supplies 2.9% | |
| 183,685 | Waste Management, Inc. | 5,784,241 |
| | Communications Equipment 5.4% | |
| 256,755 | Nokia Oyj, Sponsored ADR, (2) | 4,788,481 |
| 135,495 | QUALCOMM Inc. | 5,822,220 |
| | Total Communications Equipment | 10,610,701 |
| | Computers & Peripherals 3.2% | |
| 54,900 | International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) | 6,421,104 |
| | Construction Materials 3.4% | |

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| 90,020 | Vulcan Materials Company | 6,706,490 |
| Diversified Telecommunication Services 6.1% | | |
| 225,613 | AT&T Inc. | 6,299,115 |
| 81,310 | Telefonica S.A., ADR | 5,812,852 |
| | Total Diversified Telecommunication Services | 12,111,967 |
| Electric Utilities 8.0% | | |
| 82,242 | Exelon Corporation, (2) | 5,149,994 |
| 98,679 | FPL Group, Inc. | 4,963,554 |
| 152,480 | PPL Corporation | 5,644,810 |
| | Total Electric Utilities | 15,758,358 |
| Electrical Equipment 2.7% | | |
| 131,561 | Emerson Electric Co. | 5,366,373 |
| Gas Utilities 2.7% | | |
| 148,277 | Equitable Resources Inc. | 5,438,800 |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies 3.3% | | |
| 82,055 | Becton, Dickinson and Company | 6,585,734 |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 3.2% | | |
| 191,534 | YUM! Brands, Inc. | 6,245,924 |
| Household Products 3.3% | | |
| 93,465 | Procter & Gamble Company | 6,513,576 |
| Insurance 3.6% | | |
| 192,130 | Manulife Financial Corporation | 7,049,250 |

IT Services 3.2%

191,048 Paychex, Inc., (2) 6,310,315

Machinery 2.8%

147,213 PACCAR Inc. 5,622,064

Media 3.1%

562,463 Pearson Public Limited Company, ADR 6,130,847

Metals & Mining 2.8%

289,276 Southern Copper Corporation, (2) 5,519,386

Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 9.4%

78,576 Chevron Corporation, (2) 6,480,948

98,000 EnCana Corporation 6,441,540

97,123 Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Class A, ADR, (2) 5,731,228

Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 18,653,716

Pharmaceuticals 6.9%

128,049 Abbott Laboratories 7,373,061

141,504 Eli Lilly and Company 6,230,421

Total Pharmaceuticals 13,603,482

Semiconductors & Equipment 3.4%

229,154 Microchip Technology Incorporated 6,744,002

Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 7.0%

394,503 Hudson City Bancorp, Inc. 7,278,580

389,968 New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6,547,563

Total Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 13,826,143

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Tobacco 6.3%

| | | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|--|------------|
| 94,819 | Lorillard Inc. | | | 6,746,372 |
| 117,464 | Philip Morris International | | | 5,650,019 |
| | Total Tobacco | | | 12,396,391 |

Total Common Stocks (cost \$244,414,973) 218,941,972

| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Ratings (3) | Value |
|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|-------|

\$25 Par (or similar) Preferred Securities 23.6% (15.7% of Total Investments)

Automobiles 0.3%

| | | | | |
|--------|---|--------|----|------------|
| 41,600 | Daimler Finance NA LLC, Structured Asset Trust Unit Repackaging, Series DCX | 7.000% | A- | \$ 665,600 |
|--------|---|--------|----|------------|

Capital Markets 2.2%

| | | | | |
|-----------|--|--------|-----|-----------|
| 45,000 | Deutsche Bank Capital Funding Trust V | 8.050% | Aa3 | 909,000 |
| 25,000 | Deutsche Bank Capital Funding Trust IX | 6.625% | Aa3 | 384,750 |
| 50,000 | JP Morgan Chase & Company | 8.625% | A | 1,249,500 |
| 2,000,000 | JP Morgan Chase & Company | 7.900% | A1 | 1,688,262 |
| 12,500 | Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VII | 6.600% | A2 | 148,125 |
| | Total Capital Markets | | | 4,379,637 |

Commercial Banks 8.6%

| | | | | |
|--------|--|--------|------|-----------|
| 25,000 | Allianz SE | 8.375% | A+ | 503,750 |
| 75,000 | Banco Santander Finance | 6.800% | Aa3 | 1,275,000 |
| 50,000 | Banco Santander Finance | 6.500% | A+ | 826,500 |
| 50,000 | Bank of America Corporation, Series H | 8.200% | A+ | 1,137,500 |
| 50,000 | Bank of America Corporation | 6.625% | A | 950,000 |
| 50,000 | Barclays Bank PLC | 8.125% | Aa3 | 855,000 |
| 50,000 | Barclays Bank PLC | 7.100% | Aa3 | 724,500 |
| 52,300 | Barclays Bank PLC | 6.625% | Aa3 | 779,270 |
| 25,000 | BB&T Capital Trust V | 8.950% | A1 | 612,500 |
| 10,000 | Capital One Capital II Corporation | 7.500% | Baa1 | 117,500 |
| 60,000 | Credit Suisse | 7.900% | A | 1,224,000 |
| 18,200 | Fleet Capital Trust VIII | 7.200% | Aa3 | 325,780 |
| 20,000 | HSBC Holdings PLC | 8.125% | A | 441,200 |
| 18,100 | HSBC Holdings PLC, Series A | 6.200% | A1 | 310,415 |
| 54,800 | HSBC USA Inc. | 6.500% | A | 1,068,600 |
| 50,000 | PNC Capital Trust | 7.750% | A- | 1,022,500 |
| 50,000 | Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Series T | 7.250% | Aa3 | 500,000 |

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|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|-----|------------|
| 50,000 | Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC | 6.600% | Aa3 | 432,500 |
| 90,000 | Wachovia Corporation | 8.000% | A- | 751,500 |
| 85,000 | Wells Fargo Capital Trust XIV | 8.625% | AA- | 2,133,500 |
| 1,000,000 | Wells Fargo Capital Trust XV | 9.750% | Aa2 | 970,933 |
| | Total Commercial Banks | | | 16,962,448 |

Consumer Finance 0.5%

| | | | | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|-----------|
| 16,700 | HSBC Finance Corporation | 6.360% | A | 259,685 |
| 38,900 | MBNA Corporation, Capital Trust D | 8.125% | Aa3 | 745,324 |
| | Total Consumer Finance | | | 1,005,009 |

Diversified Financial Services 2.5%

| | | | | |
|-----------|---|--------|-----|-----------|
| 90,000 | Citigroup Inc., Series M | 8.125% | A | 1,485,000 |
| 2,000,000 | Citigroup Inc. | 8.400% | A | 1,363,820 |
| 35,000 | General Electric Capital Corporation, Debentures | 6.500% | AAA | 776,300 |
| 30,000 | ING Groep N.V. | 8.500% | A | 543,900 |
| 25,000 | ING Groep N.V. | 7.200% | A1 | 343,750 |
| 35,000 | ING Groep N.V. | 7.050% | A | 460,600 |
| | Total Diversified Financial Services | | | 4,973,370 |

Electric Utilities 4.6%

| | | | | |
|--------|---|--------|------|-----------|
| 70,000 | Alabama Power Company | 5.625% | BBB+ | 1,585,941 |
| 50,000 | American Electric Power | 8.750% | BB+ | 1,240,000 |
| 1,400 | Consolidated Edison Company of New York Inc. | 5.000% | A3 | 121,660 |
| 5,700 | DTE Energy Trust I | 7.800% | Baa3 | 130,530 |
| 4,200 | Entergy Louisiana LLC | 7.600% | A- | 95,508 |
| 19,800 | FPC Capital I | 7.100% | Baa2 | 422,730 |
| 50,000 | FPL Group Capital Inc. | 7.450% | BBB+ | 1,230,500 |
| 57,100 | PPL Capital Funding, Inc. | 6.850% | Baa2 | 1,202,526 |
| 50,000 | PPL Electric Utilities Corporation | 6.250% | BBB | 1,210,940 |
| 10,000 | Southern California Edison Company, Series C | 6.000% | Baa2 | 956,250 |
| 40,000 | Xcel Energy Inc. | 7.600% | BBB- | 936,000 |
| | Total Electric Utilities | | | 9,132,585 |

Food Products 0.5%

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|--------|-----|---------|
| 10 | HJ Heinz Finance Company | 8.000% | BB+ | 977,188 |
|----|--------------------------|--------|-----|---------|

Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders 0.7%

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|--------|----------------------------|--------|-----|-----------|
| 60,900 | Constellation Energy Group | 8.625% | BB+ | 1,370,250 |
|--------|----------------------------|--------|-----|-----------|

Insurance 1.4%

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|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|
| 10,000 | Aegon N.V. | 6.875% | A- | 87,900 |
| 4,700 | Aegon N.V. | 6.375% | A- | 40,091 |
| 21,800 | Arch Capital Group Limited | 8.000% | BBB- | 442,540 |
| 13,900 | Endurance Specialty Holdings Limited | 7.750% | BBB- | 194,600 |
| 25,000 | Phoenix Companies Inc. | 7.450% | BBB- | 352,000 |
| 75,000 | Prudential Financial Inc. | 9.000% | A- | 1,698,750 |

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|-----------------|--|--|--|-----------|
| Total Insurance | | | | 2,815,881 |
|-----------------|--|--|--|-----------|

Media 0.8%

| | | | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------|------|---------|
| 50,000 | Comcast Corporation | 7.000% | BBB+ | 959,500 |
| 38,700 | Viacom Inc. | 6.850% | BBB | 692,730 |

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|-------------|--|--|--|-----------|
| Total Media | | | | 1,652,230 |
|-------------|--|--|--|-----------|

Real Estate/Mortgage 0.5%

| | | | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|
| 50,000 | Kimco Realty Corporation, Series G | 7.750% | BBB+ | 1,020,500 |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|

U.S. Agency 0.5%

| | | | | |
|--------|--|--------|-----|---------|
| 75,000 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation | 5.570% | Ca | 93,750 |
| 47,865 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation | 5.660% | Ca | 40,388 |
| 25,000 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation | 5.100% | Ca | 60,000 |
| 25,000 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation | 5.000% | Ca | 53,625 |
| 75,000 | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation | 8.375% | C | 122,250 |
| 60,000 | Federal National Mortgage Association | 8.250% | AAA | 123,000 |
| 40,000 | Federal National Mortgage Association | 6.750% | Ca | 72,000 |
| 25,000 | Federal National Mortgage Association | 5.810% | Ca | 90,000 |
| 25,000 | Federal National Mortgage Association | 5.375% | Ca | 82,500 |
| 75,000 | Federal National Mortgage Association | 8.250% | C | 163,500 |

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|-------------------|--|--|--|---------|
| Total U.S. Agency | | | | 901,013 |
|-------------------|--|--|--|---------|

Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.5%

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|--------|---------------------------------|--------|------|---------|
| 25,600 | Telephone and Data Systems Inc. | 7.600% | Baa2 | 422,144 |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------|------|---------|

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|--------|---|--------|------|-------------------|
| 25,000 | United States Cellular Corporation | 8.750% | Baa2 | 447,500 |
| | Total Wireless Telecommunication Services | | | 869,644 |
| | Total \$25 Par (or similar) Preferred Securities (cost \$72,894,182) | | | 46,725,355 |

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Ratings (3) | Value |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Capital Preferred Securities 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments) | | | | |
| | Commercial Banks 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments) | | | | |
| \$ 1,500 | Wachovia Corporation | 7.980% | 9/15/49 | A- | \$ 627,735 |
| | Total Capital Preferred Securities (cost \$1,475,033) | | | | 627,735 |

| Shares | Description (1) | Value |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| | Investment Companies 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments) | |
| 100,000 | Flaherty and Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund Inc. | \$ 761,000 |
| | Total Investment Companies (cost \$1,479,633) | 761,000 |

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Value |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Short-Term Investments 15.3% (10.2% of Total Investments) | | | |
| \$ 30,304 | Repurchase Agreement with State Street Bank, dated 9/30/08, repurchase price \$30,303,768, collateralized by \$30,875,000 U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.000%, due 12/18/08, value \$30,859,563 and \$55,000 U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.000%, due 12/26/08, value \$54,931 | 0.100% | 10/01/08 | \$ 30,303,684 |
| | Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$30,303,684) | | | 30,303,684 |

Total Investments (cost \$350,567,505) **297,359,746**
150.2%

| Number of Contracts | Type | Notional Amount (4) | Expiration Date | Strike Price | Value |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Call Options Written (0.5)% | | | | | |
| (80) | S&P 500 Index | \$ (9,600,000) | 10/18/08 | \$ 1,200 | \$ (198,000) |
| (80) | S&P 500 Index | (9,800,000) | 10/18/08 | 1,225 | (127,200) |
| (80) | S&P 500 Index | (10,400,000) | 10/18/08 | 1,300 | (22,000) |
| (80) | S&P 500 Index | (10,000,000) | 11/22/08 | 1,250 | (186,800) |
| (80) | S&P 500 Index | (10,200,000) | 11/22/08 | 1,275 | (130,400) |
| (50) | S&P 500 Index | (6,375,000) | 12/20/08 | 1,275 | (118,750) |
| (80) | S&P 500 Index | (10,400,000) | 12/20/08 | 1,300 | (138,400) |

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Portion of investments has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations under call options written.
- (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group (Standard & Poor's) or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. (Moody's) rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.
- (4) For disclosure purposes, Notional Amount is calculated by multiplying the Number of Contracts by the Strike Price by 100.
- (5) Borrowings as a percentage of Total Investments is 31.6%.
- (6) The Fund may pledge up to 100% of its eligible securities in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for Borrowings.

ADR American Depositary Receipt.

Fair Value Measurements

During the current fiscal period, the Fund adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS No. 157) Fair Value Measurements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about 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

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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 methodology 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 September 30, 2008:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| Investments | \$ 287,232,039 | \$ 10,127,707 | \$ | \$ 297,359,746 |
| Call options written | (921,550) | | | (921,550) |
| Total | \$ 286,310,489 | \$ 10,127,707 | \$ | \$ 296,438,196 |

Income Tax Information

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 the recognition of unrealized gain or loss for tax (mark-to-market) on option contracts, timing differences in the recognition of income and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. 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 September 30, 2008, the cost of investments (excluding call options written) was \$350,567,505.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments (excluding call options written) at September 30, 2008, were as follows:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Gross unrealized: | |
| Appreciation | \$ 6,218,753 |
| Depreciation | (59,426,512) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$ (53,207,759) |

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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: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

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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 Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund

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

Date November 28, 2008

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 November 28, 2008

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

Date November 28, 2008

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.