

NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3
Form N-Q
March 31, 2006

**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)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jessica R. Droeger 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: 1/31/06

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZF)

January 31, 2006

**Principal
Amount (000) Description (1)**

**Option
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Provisions**

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Alabama □ 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

\$ 5,655 Alabama State Port Authority, Revenue Bonds, State Docks Department Facilities, Series 2001, 10/11 at 100
5.250%, 10/01/26 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

Alaska □ 0.7% (0.4% of Total Investments)

4,000 Alaska Student Loan Corporation, Student Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 7/01/14 □ 7/08 at 100
AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

Arkansas □ 0.9% (0.6% 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
1,900 5.500%, 11/01/14 11/11 at 101
1,745 5.250%, 11/01/21 11/11 at 101

5,450 Total Arkansas

California □ 10.0% (6.8% of Total Investments)

855 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist 3/13 at 100
Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/28
5,000 California Infrastructure Economic Development Bank, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Hospital Assistance 8/11 at 102
LLC, Series 2001A, 5.550%, 8/01/31
5,000 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, 4/34 at 100
Series 2004G, 2.300%, 4/01/34 (Mandatory put 5/01/07)
18,850 California, General Obligation Veterans Welfare Bonds, Series 2001BZ, 5.350%, 12/01/21 □ MBIA 6/07 at 101
Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)
Los Angeles Regional Airports Improvement Corporation, California, Lease Revenue Refunding
Bonds, LAXFUEL Corporation at Los Angeles International Airport, Series 2001:
13,955 5.750%, 1/01/16 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100
5,000 5.375%, 1/01/21 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100
1,500 5.250%, 1/01/23 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100
10,000 5.500%, 1/01/32 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100

60,160 Total California

Colorado □ 7.6% (5.1% of Total Investments)

2,250 Canterberry Crossing Metropolitan District II, Parker, Colorado, Limited Tax General 12/12 at 100
Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 7.375%, 12/01/32
1,700 Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Belle 3/12 at 100
Creek Education Center, Series 2002A, 7.625%, 3/15/32
3,250 Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, 5/12 at 102
Montessori Peaks Building Foundation, Series 2002A, 8.000%, 5/01/32
1,775 Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Weld 6/11 at 100
County School District 6 □ Frontier Academy, Series 2001, 7.375%, 6/01/31
3,380 Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Multifamily Project Bonds, Class I, Series 2001A-1, 10/11 at 100
5.500%, 4/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
10,100 Colorado Springs, Colorado, Utility System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 11/07 at 100

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1997A, 5.375%, 11/15/26

Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1996A:

19,150	5.750%, 11/15/16	□ MBIA Insured	11/06 at 101
1,105	5.500%, 11/15/25	□ MBIA Insured	11/06 at 101
2,000	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A,		11/11 at 100
	5.500%, 11/15/16	□ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	
1,000	Plaza Metropolitan District 1, Lakewood, Colorado, Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003,		6/14 at 101
	8.000%, 12/01/25		

45,710 Total Colorado

Delaware □ 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,835	Delaware Housing Authority, Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.400%, 7/01/24		7/12 at 100
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District of Columbia □ 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)

6,000	District of Columbia, Revenue Bonds, Catholic University of America, Series 1999, 5.625%,		10/09 at 101
	10/01/29	□ AMBAC Insured	

Florida □ 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)

2,000	Dade County, Florida, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 1997, 5.375%, 10/01/16	□ FGIC Insured	10/07 at 102
	Orange County Housing Finance Authority, Florida, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Oak Glen Apartments, Series 2001G:		
1,105	5.400%, 12/01/32	□ FSA Insured	12/11 at 100
2,195	5.450%, 12/01/41	□ FSA Insured	12/11 at 100
4,175	Pace Property Finance Authority Inc., Florida, Utility System Improvement and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1997, 5.250%, 9/01/17	□ AMBAC Insured	9/07 at 102

9,475 Total Florida

Georgia □ 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments)

5,000	Atlanta, Georgia, Airport General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B, 5.625%, 1/01/30	□ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/10 at 101
2,700	Atlanta, Georgia, Tax Allocation Bonds, Atlantic Station Project, Series 2001, 7.900%, 12/01/24		12/11 at 101
3,740	Gainesville and Hall County Hospital Authority, Georgia, Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Northeast Georgia Health Services Inc., Series 2001, 5.500%, 5/15/31		5/11 at 100
2,000	Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority, Georgia, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, 5.625%, 2/01/30 (Pre-refunded 2/01/10)	□ FGIC Insured	2/10 at 101

13,440 Total Georgia

Hawaii □ 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

5,125	Hawaii, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.375%, 7/01/21 (Pre-refunded 7/01/11)	□ FSA Insured	7/11 at 100
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Illinois □ 18.1% (12.2% of Total Investments)

3,000	Chicago, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Neighborhoods Alive 21 Program, Series 2001A,		1/11 at 100
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	5.500%, 1/01/31 (Pre-refunded 1/01/11) □ FGIC Insured	
1,290	Chicago, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1996B, 5.125%, 1/01/25 □ FGIC Insured	1/08 at 100
8,375	Chicago, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, Midway Airport, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/19 □ FSA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101
1,750	Chicago, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, 5.250%, 1/01/28 □ FGIC Insured	7/08 at 102
10,800	Chicago, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, 5.375%, 1/01/30 (Pre-refunded 1/01/09) □ FGIC Insured	1/09 at 101
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
2,220	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/16 □ MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
8,610	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/26 (Pre-refunded 1/01/11) □ AMBAC Insured	1/11 at 100
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
1,665	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
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
1,100	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Condell Medical Center, Series 2000, 6.500%, 5/15/30	5/10 at 101
9,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Covenant Retirement Communities Inc., Series 2001, 5.875%, 12/01/31	12/11 at 101
15,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Loyola University Health System, Series 2001A, 6.125%, 7/01/31	7/11 at 100
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
16,900	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 12/15/28 □ FGIC Insured	12/09 at 101
2,000	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Refunding Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1998A, 5.500%, 6/15/29 □ FGIC Insured	No Opt. C

106,075 Total Illinois

Indiana □ 5.9% (4.0% of Total Investments)

1,000	Clark-Pleasant Community School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 1/15/26 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100
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
2,750	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Lease Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/15/24 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100
2,000	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Lease Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.750%, 7/15/18 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100
3,425	Gary, Indiana, GNMA/FHA Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Windsor Square Project, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 10/20/41 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/11 at 102
1,250	Hamilton Southeastern Cumberland Campus School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/15/23 □ AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100

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9,500	Indiana Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Butler University, Series 2001, 5.500%, 2/01/26 ☐ MBIA Insured	2/11 at 100
4,230	Indiana Finance Authority, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Tudor Park Foundation, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 6/01/24	6/15 at 100
2,800	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Community Hospitals of Indiana, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 5/01/35 ☐ AMBAC Insured	5/15 at 100
2,650	Indianapolis, Indiana, Special Facility Revenue Bonds, United Airlines Inc., Indianapolis Maintenance Center Project, Series 1995A, 6.500%, 11/15/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (5)	5/06 at 102
3,500	University of Southern Indiana, Student Fee Bonds, Series 2001H, 5.000%, 10/01/21 ☐ AMBAC Insured	10/11 at 100
	Wayne County Jail Holding Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001:	
1,150	5.625%, 7/15/18 ☐ AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 101
1,090	5.500%, 7/15/22 ☐ AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 101

36,600 Total Indiana

Iowa ☐ 5.9% (4.0% of Total Investments)

2,000	Iowa Finance Authority, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Great River Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/15/31 ☐ FSA Insured	5/11 at 100
	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B:	
28,000	5.300%, 6/01/25 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101
3,950	5.600%, 6/01/35 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101

33,950 Total Iowa

Kentucky ☐ 3.1% (2.1% of Total Investments)

18,500	Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky, Sewer and Drainage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.125%, 5/15/27 ☐ MBIA Insured	11/11 at 101
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Louisiana ☐ 3.4% (2.3% of Total Investments)

19,890	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Louisiana, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.875%, 5/15/39	5/11 at 101
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Maine ☐ 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)

	Maine State Housing Authority, Single Family Mortgage Purchase Bonds, Series 2001B:	
4,610	5.400%, 11/15/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/10 at 100
1,905	5.500%, 11/15/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/10 at 100

6,515 Total Maine

Maryland ☐ 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)

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
10,600	Maryland Energy Financing Administration, Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project, Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	9/07 at 100

12,170 Total Maryland

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Massachusetts ☐ 1.7% (1.1% of Total Investments)

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
5,150	Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 1997A, 5.000%, 1/01/37 ☐ MBIA Insured	1/07 at 102

10,150 Total Massachusetts

Michigan ☐ 9.1% (6.1% of Total Investments)

15,000	Detroit City School District, Wayne County, Michigan, Unlimited Tax School Building and Site Improvement Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.000%, 5/01/29 ☐ FSA Insured	No Opt. C
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
1,235	Michigan State Building Authority, Revenue Bonds, Facilities Program, Series 2001I, 5.500%,	10/11 at 100