

NUVEEN REAL ESTATE INCOME FUND

Form N-Q

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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 811-10491

Nuveen Real Estate Income 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.

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Shares	Description (1)	Value
	Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks 98.1% (61.8% of Total Investments)	
	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 1.3%	
175,000	Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 4,924,500
	Industrial 3.4%	
470,700	First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	13,499,676
	Office 17.1%	
153,400	Boston Properties, Inc.	14,367,444
1,195,300	Brandywine Realty Trust	19,160,659
520,500	Mack-Cali Realty Corporation	17,629,335
246,400	SL Green Realty Corporation	15,966,720
	Total Office	67,124,158
	Residential 21.6%	
350,239	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Class A	12,265,370
294,500	AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	28,984,690
189,900	Camden Property Trust	8,708,814
552,700	Equity Residential	24,545,407
370,700	Post Properties, Inc.	10,368,479
	Total Residential	84,872,760
	Retail 23.4%	
338,800	Federal Realty Investment Trust	29,001,280
545,900	Macerich Company	34,746,535
144,500	Simon Property Group, Inc.	14,016,500
1,043,100	Westfield Group	14,288,318
	Total Retail	92,052,633

Specialized 31.3%

791,400	Cogdell Spencer Inc.	12,694,056
1,029,600	DiamondRock Hospitality Company	9,369,360
1,960,000	Extra Space Storage Inc.	30,105,600
683,800	Health Care Property Investors Inc.	27,440,894
600,000	Host Hotels & Resorts Inc.	7,974,000
723,100	Senior Housing Properties Trust	17,231,473
363,600	Ventas Inc.	17,969,112

Total Specialized 122,784,495

Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks (cost \$359,494,401) 385,258,222

Shares	Description (1)	Coupon	Value
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Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks 52.6% (33.1% of Total Investments)

Diversified 10.8%

979,942	Duke-Weeks Realty Corporation	6.950%	\$ 16,071,049
150,000	Lexington Corporate Properties Trust, Series B	8.050%	2,265,000
850,000	Lexington Realty Trust	7.550%	11,262,500
400,000	PS Business Parks, Inc., Series O	7.375%	6,716,000
196,000	Vornado Realty Trust, Series G	6.625%	3,234,000
75,200	Vornado Realty Trust, Series H	6.750%	1,257,344
102,000	Vornado Realty Trust, Series I	6.625%	1,683,000

Total Diversified 42,488,893

Industrial 1.0%

211,000	AMB Property Corporation, Series P	6.850%	3,789,560
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Mortgage 0.7%

400,000	Gramercy Capital Corporation	8.125%	2,960,000
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Office 6.7%

12,141	Highwoods Properties, Inc., Series A	8.625%	13,745,888
57,612	Highwoods Properties, Inc., Series B	8.000%	1,111,912
81,000	HRPT Properties Trust, Series C	7.125%	1,316,250

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1,046,200	Maguire Properties, Inc., Series A	7.625%	10,043,520
	Total Office		26,217,570
Residential 5.3%			
511,100	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series U	7.750%	8,893,140
183,000	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series Y	7.875%	3,111,000
504,625	BRE Properties, Series D	6.750%	8,992,418
	Total Residential		20,996,558
Retail 8.2%			
160,000	Cedar Shopping Centers Inc., Series A	8.875%	3,520,000
113,000	Glimcher Realty Trust, Series F	8.750%	1,308,540
154,300	Glimcher Realty Trust, Series G	8.125%	1,632,494
307,000	Saul Centers, Inc.	9.000%	6,600,500
125,000	Saul Centers, Inc.	8.000%	2,812,500
200,000	Taubman Centers, Inc., Series G	8.000%	4,300,000
600,000	Taubman Centers, Inc., Series H	7.625%	12,000,000
	Total Retail		32,174,034
Specialized 19.9%			
640,000	Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc., Series D	8.450%	7,040,000
130,000	Ashford Hospitality Trust, Series A	8.550%	1,495,000
546,900	FelCor Lodging Trust Inc., Series C	8.000%	6,015,900
120,000	Hersha Hospitality Trust, Series A	8.000%	1,980,000
800,000	Hospitality Properties Trust, Series C	7.000%	9,560,000
1,396,154	Public Storage, Inc., Series I	7.250%	27,057,464
254,200	Public Storage, Inc., Series K	7.250%	4,740,830
190,000	Public Storage, Inc., Series M	6.625%	3,325,000
209,100	Public Storage, Inc., Series Y	6.850%	4,580,607
105,900	Public Storage, Inc.	6.750%	1,829,952
175,000	Strategic Hotel Capital Inc., Series B	8.250%	2,012,500
320,000	Strategic Hotel Capital Inc., Series C	8.250%	4,000,000
300,000	Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc., Series A	8.000%	4,398,000
	Total Specialized		78,035,253
	Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks (cost \$309,290,946)		206,661,868

Principal

Description (1)	Coupon Maturity Ratings (2)	Value
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**Amount
(000)**

Convertible Bonds 3.7% (2.4% of Total Investments)

Real Estate Management & Development 2.4%

\$	16,000	General Growth Properties LP, Convertible Bond	3.980%	4/15/27	N/R \$ 9,600,000
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Retail 1.3%

	6,500	Macerich Company, Convertible Bond	3.250%	3/15/12	N/R 4,940,000
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\$	22,500	Total Convertible Bonds (cost \$18,510,546)			14,540,000
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**Principal
Amount
(000)**

	Description (1)		Coupon	Maturity	Value
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Short-Term Investments 4.4% (2.7% of Total Investments)

\$	17,114	Repurchase Agreement with Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, dated 9/30/08, repurchase price \$17,113,658, collateralized by \$13,190,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds, 6.750%, due 8/15/26, value \$17,460,263	0.100%	10/01/08	\$ 17,113,610
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		Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$17,113,610)			17,113,610
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		Total Investments (cost \$704,409,503) 158.8%			623,573,700
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		Borrowings (38.2)% (3) (4)			(150,000,000)
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		Other Assets Less Liabilities (2.3)%			(8,992,144)
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		Taxable Auction Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value (18.3)% (3)			(72,000,000)
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		Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares 100%			\$ 392,581,556
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Interest Rate Swaps outstanding at September 30, 2008:

	Fund				
Counterparty	Notional Amount	Pay/Receive Floating Rate	Floating Rate Index	Fixed Rate (Annualized)	Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation
				Fixed Rate Payment Frequency	Termination Date

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Citigroup Inc. \$ 43,000,000 Receive 1-Month 5.190% Monthly 2/06/09 \$ (263,924)
USD-LIBOR

USD-LIBOR (United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rate)

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Borrowings and Taxable Auction Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments are 24.1% and 11.5%, respectively.
- (4) The Fund may pledge up to 100% of its eligible securities in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for Borrowings.

N/R Not rated.

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 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	\$ 576,418,886	\$ 47,154,814	\$	\$ 623,573,700
Derivatives*		(263,924)		(263,924)
 Total	 \$ 576,418,886	 \$ 46,890,890	 \$	 \$ 623,309,776

* Represents net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

Income Tax Information

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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 recognition of income on REIT investments 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 was \$704,409,503.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at September 30, 2008, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 93,948,140
Depreciation	(174,783,943)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ (80,835,803)

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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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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 Real Estate Income 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.