NUVEEN TAX ADVANTAGED TOTAL RETURN STRATEGY FUND Form N-Q May 27, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-O

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21471

Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy 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: <u>December 31</u>

Date of reporting period: March 31, 2016

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

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Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund Portfolio of Investments

March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

| Shares | Description (1) | Value |
|---------|---|--------------|
| | LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 141.6% (97.2% of Total Investments) | |
| | COMMON STOCKS 93.4% (64.2% of Total Investments) | |
| | Air Freight & Logistics 4.0% | |
| 153,900 | Deutsche Post AG | \$ 4,276,498 |
| 26,900 | United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B, (2) | 2,837,143 |
| | Total Air Freight & Logistics | 7,113,641 |
| | Airlines 0.8% | |
| 20,000 | Copa Holdings S.A. | 1,355,000 |
| | Automobiles 1.6% | |
| 36,800 | Daimler AG, Sponsored ADR, (3) | 2,868,928 |
| | Banks 9.1% | |
| 199,300 | Barclays PLC, Sponsored ADR | 1,717,966 |
| 84,000 | CIT Group Inc. | 2,606,520 |
| 88,000 | Citigroup Inc. | 3,674,000 |
| 228,000 | ING Groep N.V., Sponsored ADR | 2,720,040 |
| 46,500 | JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 2,753,730 |
| 52,500 | Wells Fargo & Company | 2,538,900 |
| | Total Banks | 16,011,156 |
| | Biotechnology 1.9% | |
| 57,500 | AbbVie Inc. | 3,284,400 |
| | Capital Markets 4.1% | |
| 190,000 | Ares Capital Corporation | 2,819,600 |
| 74,000 | Bank New York Mellon | 2,725,420 |
| 108,500 | UBS Group AG | 1,747,871 |
| | Total Capital Markets | 7,292,891 |
| | Chemicals 3.2% | |
| 45,600 | Agrium Inc. | 4,026,024 |
| 195,000 | CVR Partners LP | 1,630,200 |
| | Total Chemicals | 5,656,224 |
| | Communications Equipment 3.0% | |
| 98,000 | Cisco Systems, Inc. | 2,790,060 |
| 242,000 | Ericsson, Sponsored ADR | 2,427,260 |
| | Total Communications Equipment | 5,217,320 |
| | Containers & Packaging 0.9% | |
| 22,000 | Avery Dennison Corporation | 1,586,420 |

Diversified Financial Services 3.6%

| 325,100 | Challenger Limited | 2,090,834 |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| 498,800 | Deutsche Boerse AG, (3) | 4,224,836 |
| | Total Diversified Financial Services | 6,315,670 |
| | Diversified Telecommunication Services 4.6% | |
| | | |
| 146,000 | Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, ADR | 6,313,040 |
| 146,000 144,000 | Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, ADR Telefonica Brasil S.A. | 6,313,040 1,811,789 |

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| Po | ortfolio of Investments (continued) | March 31, 2016 (Unaudited) |
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| Shares | Description (1) | Value |
| | Electric Utilities 2.1% | |
| 25,700 | Edison International | \$ 1,847,573 |
| 530,000 | | 1,885,250 |
| · | Total Electric Utilities | 3,732,823 |
| | Electrical Equipment 1.1% | |
| 29,800 | Eaton PLC | 1,864,288 |
| | Food & Staples Retailing 1.9% | |
| 31,400 | CVS Health Corporation | 3,257,122 |
| | Food Products 2.2% | |
| 438,600 | Orkla ASA, Sponsored ADR | 3,940,821 |
| | Health Care Providers & Services 0.1% | |
| 10,108 | Millenium Health LLC, (3), (4) | 152,884 |
| | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 0.8% | |
| 23,300 | Cedar Fair LP, (2) | 1,385,185 |
| · | Household Durables 1.0% | |
| 105,000 | Sekisui House, Ltd. | 1,772,158 |
| | Industrial Conglomerates 2.4% | |
| 60,000 | General Electric Company, (2) | 1,907,400 |
| 83,700 | Philips Electronics | 2,389,635 |
| | Total Industrial Conglomerates | 4,297,035 |
| | Insurance 8.6% | |
| 171,200 | Allinaz S.E, Sponsored ADR, (3) | 2,790,560 |
| 171,800 | Aviva PLC, Sponsored ADR | 2,243,708 |
| | Swiss Re AG, Sponsored ADR, (3) | 4,656,665 |
| 177,000 | Unum Group | 5,472,840 |
| | Total Insurance | 15,163,773 |
| | Media 7.6% | |
| 109,500 | Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. | 2,513,025 |
| 2,099 | Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, (3), (4) | 147,980 |
| 93,000 138,000 | National CineMedia, Inc. ProSiebenSat.1 Media AG, (3) | 1,414,530 |
| 270,500 | RTL Group S.A., (3) | 1,760,880 2,287,213 |
| 45,500 | Time Warner Inc. | 3,301,025 |
| 3,958 | Tribune Media Company | 151,789 |
| 3,185 | Tribune Media Company, (5) | 131,709 |
| 989 | Tribune Publishing Company | 7,635 |
| 46,100 | Viacom Inc., Class B | 1,903,008 |
| ŕ | Total Media | 13,487,085 |

Multiline Retail 2.1%

| 44,300 | Target Corporation | 3,645,004 |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Multi-Utilities 2.2% | |
| 163,000 | Veolia Environment S.A., ADR | 3,926,562 |
| | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 2.3% | |
| 15,600 | Phillips 66 | 1,350,804 |
| 50,500 | Suncor Energy, Inc. | 1,404,405 |
| 30,000 | Total SA, Sponsored ADR | 1,362,600 |
| | Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | 4,117,809 |

| Shares | Description (1) | | | | Value |
|---------|---|--------------|-------------|----|------------|
| | Pharmaceuticals 8.7% | | | | |
| 146,500 | AstraZeneca PLC, Sponsored ADR, (4), (6) | | | \$ | 4,125,440 |
| 161,000 | GlaxoSmithKline PLC, Sponsored ADR | | | | 6,528,550 |
| 107,000 | Roche Holdings AG, Sponsored ADR, (3) | | | | 3,276,875 |
| 27,800 | Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, Sponsored ADR | | | | 1,487,578 |
| | Total Pharmaceuticals | | | | 15,418,443 |
| | Real Estate Investment Trust 2.2% | | | | |
| 43,500 | National Storage Affiliates Trust | | | | 922,200 |
| 103,500 | Paramount Group Inc. | | | | 1,650,825 |
| 97,000 | PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust | | | | 1,323,080 |
| | Total Real Estate Investment Trust | | | | 3,896,105 |
| | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 1.1% | | | | |
| 140,200 | Infineon Technologies AG | | | | 1,994,967 |
| | Software 6.1% | | | | |
| 77,000 | Microsoft Corporation, (2) | | | | 4,252,710 |
| 160,500 | Oracle Corporation | | | | 6,566,054 |
| | Total Software | | | | 10,818,764 |
| | Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 0.8% | | | | |
| 40,300 | Seagate Technology | | | | 1,388,335 |
| | Tobacco 3.3% | | | | |
| 52,400 | Imperial Brands PLC, Sponsored ADR, (3) | | | | 5,819,020 |
| | Total Common Stocks (cost \$149,973,692) | | | 1 | 64,904,662 |
| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Ratings (7) | | Value |
| | CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED SECURITY (4.0% of Total Investments) | ΓΙΕS 5.9% | | | |
| | Banks 0.3% | | | | |
| 375 | Wells Fargo & Company | 7.500% | BBB | \$ | 451,879 |
| | Diversified Telecommunication Services | 1.8% | | | |
| 30,940 | Frontier Communications Corporation | 11.125% | N/R | | 3,230,136 |
| | Pharmaceuticals 3.8% | | | | |
| 7,665 | Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, (3) | 7.000% | N/R | | 6,729,870 |
| | Total Convertible Preferred Securities (cost \$ | 510,838,799) | | | 10,411,885 |
| | | | Ratings | | |
| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | (7) | | Value |
| | \$25 PAR (OR SIMILAR) RETAIL PREFI (5.4% of Total Investments) | - | | | |
| | Banks 2.9% | | | | |
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| 12,020 | Boston Private Financial Holdings Inc. | 6.950% | N/R | \$ 305,909 |
|--------|--|--------|------|---------------|
| 4,625 | Cobank Agricultural Credit Bank, (3) | 6.250% | BBB+ | 472,906 |
| 3,250 | Cobank Agricultural Credit Bank, (3) | 6.125% | BBB+ | 308,242 |
| 14,122 | Fifth Third Bancorp. | 6.625% | Baa3 | 410,668 |
| 7,700 | First Republic Bank of San Francisco | 7.000% | BBB | 213,752 |
| 4,450 | HSBC Holdings PLC | 8.000% | Baa1 | 116,590 |
| 2,873 | PNC Financial Services | 6.125% | Baa2 | 83,662 |
| 97,370 | RBS Capital Trust | 6.080% | BB | 2,348,564 |
| 11,644 | Regions Financial Corporation | 6.375% | BB | 315,087 |
| 21 | TCF Financial Corporation | 7.500% | BB | 557 |
| 18,400 | U.S. Bancorp. | 6.500% | A3 | 541,328 |
| 1,300 | Zions Bancorporation | 7.900% | BB | 35,191 |
| | Total Banks | | | 5,152,456 |

| | een Tax-Advantaged Total Return Str | ategy Fund | March 31, 20 | 16 (Unaudited) |
|--------|--|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Ratings (7) | Value |
| | Capital Markets 0.8% | | | |
| 11,400 | Charles Schwab Corporation | 6.000% | BBB | \$ 300,732 |
| 575 | Charles Schwab Corporation | 5.950% | BBB | 14,921 |
| 19,750 | Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. | 8.000% | N/R | 474,198 |
| 24,175 | Morgan Stanley | 7.125% | Ba1 | 687,779 |
| | Total Capital Markets | | | 1,477,630 |
| | Consumer Finance 0.8% | | | |
| 9,200 | Capital One Financial Corporation | 6.700% | Baa3 | 249,872 |
| 35,460 | HSBC Finance Corporation | 6.360% | BBB | 889,337 |
| 6,730 | SLM Corporation, Series A | 6.970% | Ba3 | 312,272 |
| | Total Consumer Finance | | | 1,451,481 |
| | Diversified Financial Services 0.1% | | | |
| 8,100 | KKR Financial Holdings LLC | 7.375% | BBB | 217,890 |
| | Electric Utilities 0.4% | | | |
| 3,035 | Alabama Power Company, (3) | 6.500% | A3 | 82,799 |
| 1,300 | Alabama Power Company, (3) | 6.450% | A3 | 35,344 |
| 5,000 | Gulf Power Company, (3) | 6.450% | Baa1 | 519,517 |
| | Total Electric Utilities | | | 637,660 |
| | Food Products 0.4% | | | |
| 14,600 | CHS Inc. | 7.100% | N/R | 404,274 |
| 11,205 | CHS Inc. | 6.750% | N/R | 297,717 |
| | Total Food Products | | | 701,991 |
| | Insurance 1.9% | | | |
| 14,089 | Allstate Corporation | 6.750% | BBB | 390,970 |
| 13,300 | Arch Capital Group Limited | 6.750% | BBB+ | 353,913 |
| 4,000 | Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited | 7.401% | BBB | 98,560 |
| 16,310 | Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited | 7.250% | BBB | 430,584 |
| 13,193 | Axis Capital Holdings Limited | 6.875% | BBB | 341,435 |
| 15,000 | Endurance Specialty Holdings Limited | 7.500% | BBB | 382,950 |
| 15,350 | Endurance Specialty Holdings Limited | 6.350% | BBB | 402,324 |
| 19,101 | Maiden Holdings Limited | 8.250% | ВВ | 497,390 |
| 9,600 | National General Holding Company | 7.500% | N/R | 246,336 |
| 6,035 | National General Holding Company | 7.500% | N/R | 154,858 |

Thrifts & Mortgage Finance 0.5%

Total Insurance

3,299,320

| 4,631 | Astoria Financial Corporation | 6.500% | | Ba2 | | 120,405 |
|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----|----------------------|
| 25,037 | Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation | 6.875% | | N/R | | 657,220 |
| | Total Thrifts & Mortgage Finance | | | | | 777,625 |
| | Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.1% | | | | | |
| 8,400 | United States Cellular Corporation | 7.250% | | Ba1 | | 214,872 |
| | Total \$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred Securities (cost \$13,212,045) | | | | 13 | 3,930,925 |
| | | | | | | |
| Principal Amount | | Coupon (8) | Moturity (0) | Patings (7) | | Voluo |
| - | Description (1) | Coupon (8) | Maturity (9) | Ratings (7) | | Value |
| Amount | | ERESTS | Maturity (9) | Ratings (7) | | Value |
| Amount | Description (1) VARIABLE SENIOR LOAN INTE | ERESTS | Maturity (9) | Ratings (7) | | Value |
| Amount | Description (1) VARIABLE SENIOR LOAN INTI 27.1% (18.6% of Total Investments Aerospace & Defense 0.3% | ERESTS | Maturity (9) 12/16/21 | Ratings (7) BB+ | \$ | Value 612,406 |
| Amount (000) | Description (1) VARIABLE SENIOR LOAN INTI 27.1% (18.6% of Total Investments Aerospace & Defense 0.3% B/E Aerospace, Inc., Term Loan B, | ERESTS s) (8) | | G , , , | \$ | |

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|------------------|---|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| (000) | Description (1) | Coupon (8) | Maturity (9) | Ratings (7) | Value |
| | Automobiles 0.9% | | | | |
| \$ 574 | Chrysler Group LLC, Term Loan B | 3.500% | 5/24/17 | BBB | \$ 574,380 |
| 1,114 | Formula One Group, Term Loan, First Lien | 4.750% | 7/30/21 | В | 1,083,011 |
| 1,688 | Total Automobiles | | | | 1,657,391 |
| | Building Products 0.2% | | | | |
| 294 | Gates Global LLC, Term Loan | 4.250% | 7/06/21 | B+ | 278,253 |
| | Capital Markets 0.3% | | | | |
| 488 | Guggenheim Partners LLC, Initial Term Loan | 4.250% | 7/22/20 | N/R | 487,296 |
| | Chemicals 1.0% | | | | |
| 199 | Mineral Technologies, Inc., Term Loan B2 | 4.750% | 5/07/21 | ВВ | 199,246 |
| 783 | Univar, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien | 4.250% | 7/01/22 | ВВ | 772,975 |
| 886 | US Coatings Acquisition, Term Loan B | 3.750% | 2/01/20 | BB | 881,047 |
| 1,868 | Total Chemicals | | | | 1,853,268 |
| | Communications Equipment 0.2% | | | | |
| 269 | Commscope, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien | 3.828% | 12/29/22 | BB | 268,468 |
| | Consumer Finance 0.6% | | | | |
| 1,000 | First Data Corporation, Term Loan B, First Lien, (DD1) | 3.918% | 3/24/21 | ВВ | 998,813 |
| | Containers & Packaging 1.1% | | | | |
| 463 | Berry Plastics Holding Corporation, Term Loan F | 4.000% | 10/03/22 | ВВ | 463,743 |
| 1,527 | Reynolds Group Holdings, Inc., Incremental US Term Loan, First Lien | 4.500% | 12/01/18 | B+ | 1,528,322 |
| 1,990 | Total Containers & Packaging | | | | 1,992,065 |
| | Diversified Consumer Services 0.6% | | | | |
| 556 | Hilton Hotels Corporation, Term Loan B2 | 3.500% | 10/25/20 | BBB | 556,755 |
| 452 | ServiceMaster Company, Term Loan | 4.250% | 7/01/21 | BB | 452,598 |
| 1,008 | Total Diversified Consumer Services | | | | 1,009,353 |
| | Diversified Telecommunication Service | es 0.3% | | | |
| 148 | Intelsat Jackson Holdings, S.A., Tranche B2, Term Loan | 3.750% | 6/30/19 | B1 | 138,322 |
| 341 | WideOpenWest Finance LLC, Term Loan B | 4.500% | 4/01/19 | Ba3 | 338,758 |

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| 489 | Total Diversified Telecommunication Services | | | | 477,080 |
|-------|---|--------|----------|------|-----------|
| | Energy Equipment & Services 0.0% | | | | |
| 150 | Drill Rigs Holdings, Inc., Tranche B1, Term Loan | 6.000% | 3/31/21 | CCC+ | 54,715 |
| | Food & Staples Retailing 0.6% | | | | |
| 990 | Albertson s LLC, Term Loan B4 | 5.500% | 8/25/21 | BB | 992,166 |
| | Food Products 1.0% | | | | |
| 900 | Jacobs Douwe Egberts, Term Loan B | 4.250% | 7/02/22 | BB | 901,895 |
| 947 | US Foods, Inc., Incremental Term Loan | 4.500% | 3/31/19 | В | 943,501 |
| 1,847 | Total Food Products | | | | 1,845,396 |
| | Health Care Equipment & Supplies 1.1% | | | | |
| 1,437 | Kinetic Concepts, Inc., Incremental Term Loan E1 | 4.500% | 5/04/18 | ВВ | 1,431,030 |
| 430 | Sterigenics International, Inc., Term Loan B | 4.250% | 5/16/22 | B1 | 424,868 |
| 1,867 | Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies | | | | 1,855,898 |
| | Health Care Providers & Services 2.0% | | | | |
| 260 | Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan G | 3.750% | 12/31/19 | ВВ | 255,666 |
| 520 | Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan H | 4.000% | 1/27/21 | BB | 511,905 |
| 817 | DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan | 3.500% | 6/24/21 | Ba1 | 819,441 |
| 558 | Drumm Investors LLC, Term Loan | 6.750% | 5/04/18 | В | 541,871 |

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March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

| | rincipal Amount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon (8) | Maturity (9) | Ratings (7) | Value |
|----|-----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | (000) | Health Care Providers & Services | Coupon (o) | Maturity () | Ratings (7) | vaiuc |
| Φ. | 07.5 | (continued) | 2 201 % | 5 (0.1 (1.0) | DDD | Φ 076100 |
| \$ | 975 | HCA, Inc., Tranche B4, Term Loan | 3.381% | 5/01/18 | BBB | \$ 976,108 |
| | 57 345 | HCA, Inc., Term Loan B6, First Lien Millennium Laboratories, Inc., Term | 3.683% 7.500% | 3/17/23 12/21/20 | BBB N/R | 57,254 330,032 |
| | 343 | Loan B, First Lien | 7.50070 | 12/21/20 | 14/10 | 330,032 |
| | 3,532 | Total Health Care Providers & Services | | | | 3,492,277 |
| | | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 1.8% | | | | |
| | 1,045 | Burger King Corporation, Term Loan B | 3.750% | 12/10/21 | Ba3 | 1,045,000 |
| | 969 | MGM Resorts International, Term Loan B | 3.500% | 12/20/19 | BB+ | 967,906 |
| | 1,149 | Seaworld Parks and Entertainment, Inc., Term Loan B2 | 3.000% | 5/14/20 | ВВ | 1,118,618 |
| | 3,163 | Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | | | | 3,131,524 |
| | | Household Durables 0.1% | | | | |
| | 93 | Tempur-Pedic International, Inc., New Term Loan B | 3.500% | 3/18/20 | BBB | 92,829 |
| | | Household Products 0.2% | | | | |
| | 421 | Spectrum Brands, Inc., Term Loan | 3.500% | 6/23/22 | BB+ | 422,930 |
| | | Independent Power & Renewable Electricity Producers 0.5% | | | | |
| | 978 | Calpine Corporation, Delayed Term Loan | 4.000% | 10/31/20 | BB+ | 972,612 |
| | | Internet & Catalog Retail 0.3% | | | | |
| | 493 | Travelport LLC, Term Loan B, First Lien | 5.750% | 9/02/21 | B+ | 493,431 |
| | | Internet Software & Services 0.4% |) | | | |
| | 825 | Tibco Software, Inc., Term Loan B | 6.500% | 12/04/20 | B1 | 753,843 |
| | | IT Services 0.4% | | | | |
| | 728 | Vantiv, Inc., Term Loan B | 3.750% | 6/13/21 | BBB | 729,107 |
| | | Leisure Products 0.4% | | | | |
| | 747 | 24 Hour Fitness Worldwide, Inc., Term Loan B | 4.750% | 5/28/21 | Ba3 | 726,705 |
| | | Machinery 0.3% | | | | |

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| 488 | Rexnord LLC, Term Loan B | 4.000% | 8/21/20 | BB | 481,507 |
|-------|--|--------|----------|------|-----------|
| | Media 3.1% | | | | |
| 497 | Cequel Communications LLC, Extended Term Loan | 4.250% | 12/14/22 | ВВ | 496,549 |
| 486 | Charter Communications Operating Holdings LLC, Term Loan E | 3.000% | 7/01/20 | Baa3 | 485,148 |
| 92 | Clear Channel Communications, Inc., Term Loan E | 7.933% | 7/30/19 | Caa1 | 63,487 |
| 747 | Clear Channel Communications, Inc., Tranche D, Term Loan | 7.183% | 1/30/19 | Caa1 | 513,589 |
| 940 | Cumulus Media, Inc., Term Loan B | 4.250% | 12/23/20 | В3 | 639,326 |
| 292 | Media General, Inc., Term Loan B | 4.000% | 7/31/20 | BB+ | 291,548 |
| 529 | Numericable Group S.A., Term Loan B1 | 4.500% | 5/21/20 | B+ | 526,621 |
| 458 | Numericable Group S.A., Term Loan B2 | 4.500% | 5/21/20 | B+ | 455,599 |
| 547 | Springer Science & Business Media, Inc., Term Loan B9, First Lien | 4.750% | 8/14/20 | B1 | 530,069 |
| 1,516 | Univision Communications, Inc., Replacement Term Loan, First Lien | 4.000% | 3/01/20 | B+ | 1,503,186 |
| 6,104 | Total Media | | | | 5,505,122 |
| | Multiline Retail 0.7% | | | | |
| 495 | Bass Pro Group LLC, Term Loan B, First Lien | 4.000% | 6/05/20 | ВВ | 477,675 |
| 526 | Dollar Tree, Inc., Term Loan B1 | 3.500% | 7/06/22 | BBB | 527,351 |
| 240 | Dollar Tree, Inc., Term Loan B2 | 4.250% | 7/06/22 | BBB | 240,113 |
| 1,261 | Total Multiline Retail | | | | 1,245,139 |
| | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 0.3% | | | | |
| 500 | Energy Transfer Equity L.P., Term Loan, First Lien | 3.250% | 12/02/19 | BB+ | 447,813 |
| 214 | Fieldwood Energy LLC, Term Loan, Second Lien | 8.375% | 9/30/20 | CCC | 38,029 |
| 152 | Harvey Gulf International Marine, Inc., Term Loan B | 5.500% | 6/18/20 | В | 82,192 |
| 61 | Southcross Holdings Borrower L.P., Holdco Term Loan, (11) | 6.000% | 8/04/21 | D | 7,104 |
| 927 | Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | | | | 575,138 |
| | | | | | |

| incipal mount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon (8) | Maturity (9) | Ratings (7) | Value |
|---------------------------|---|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| (000) | Pharmaceuticals 1.1% | Coupon (a) | Maturity (9) | Kaungs (7) | value |
| \$ 748 | Endo Health Solutions, Inc., Term Loan B | 3.750% | 9/26/22 | Ba1 | \$ 737,838 |
| 233 | Quintiles Transnational Corp., Term Loan B | 3.250% | 5/06/22 | BBB | 232,775 |
| 994 | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan E | 3.750% | 8/05/20 | ВВ | 936,899 |
| 1,975 | Total Pharmaceuticals | | | | 1,907,512 |
| | Professional Services 0.1% | | | | |
| 180 | Nielsen Finance LLC, Dollar Term Loan B2 | 3.441% | 4/15/21 | BBB | 180,245 |
| | Real Estate Investment Trust 0.5% | | | | |
| 893 | Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien | 5.000% | 10/24/22 | BB+ | 866,675 |
| | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 1.8% | | | | |
| 1,500 | Avago Technologies, Term Loan B, First Lien | 4.250% | 2/01/23 | BBB | 1,494,479 |
| 998 | NXP Semiconductor LLC, Term Loan B, First Lien | 3.750% | 12/07/20 | BBB | 1,001,319 |
| 721 | NXP Semiconductor LLC, Term Loan D | 3.250% | 1/11/20 | BBB | 718,248 |
| 3,219 | Total Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | | | | 3,214,046 |
| 172 | Software 2.1% PMC Software Inc. Initial Terms | 5.000% | 9/10/20 | B1 | 205 779 |
| 473 | BMC Software, Inc., Initial Term Loan | 3.000% | 9/10/20 | DI | 395,778 |
| 791 | Ellucian, Term Loan B, First Lien | 4.750% | 9/30/22 | В | 779,467 |
| 951 | Emdeon Business Services LLC, Term Loan B2 | 3.750% | 11/02/18 | Ba3 | 947,982 |
| 753 | Infor Global Solutions Intermediate Holdings, Ltd., Term Loan B5 | 3.750% | 6/03/20 | B+ | 732,045 |
| 762 | SS&C Technologies, Inc./ Sunshine Acquisition II, Inc., Term Loan B1 | 4.007% | 7/08/22 | ВВ | 764,715 |
| 110 | SS&C Technologies, Inc./ Sunshine Acquisition II, Inc., Term Loan B2 | 4.018% | 7/08/22 | ВВ | 110,850 |
| 3,840 | Total Software | | | | 3,730,837 |
| <i>55</i> 0 | Specialty Retail 1.1% | 4.0500 | 0110101 | D.D. | 550.050 |
| 558 | Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, Term Loan B3 | 4.250% | 8/13/21 | BB | 558,850 |
| 950 | | 5.750% | 1/26/23 | B1 | 949,727 |

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| | Petco Animal Supplies, Inc., Term Loan B1 | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----|--|
| 446 | Petsmart, Inc., Term Loan B | 4.250% | 3/11/22 | BB | | 445,341 |
| 1,954 | Total Specialty Retail | | 2,23,22 | | | 1,953,918 |
| | Technology Hardware, Storage & Perij | pherals | | | | |
| 980 | Dell, Inc., Term Loan B2 | 4.000% | 4/29/20 | BBB | | 979,911 |
| 1,000 | Western Refining, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien, (WI/DD) | TBD | TBD | Ba1 | | 989,376 |
| 1,980 | Total Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | | | | | 1,969,287 |
| | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 0.3% | | | | |
| 449 | T-Mobile USA, Term Loan B | 3.500% | 11/09/22 | BBB | | 451,181 |
| 49,292 | Total Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests \$49,379,942) | s (cost | | | ۷ | 47,762,888 |
| | | | | | | |
| Principal Amount | | | | Ratings | | |
| - | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Ratings (7) | | Value |
| Amount | Description (1) CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% of the latest terms) | - | Maturity | _ | | Value |
| Amount | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% | - | Maturity | _ | | Value |
| Amount | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) | - | Maturity 3/05/65 | _ | \$ | Value 465,500 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation | 6.250% 6.300% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 | (7) BB+ BB+ | \$ | 465,500 25,810 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 250 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Inc. | 6.250% 6.300% 5.950% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 12/31/49 | BB+ BB+ BB+ | \$ | 465,500 25,810 240,625 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 250 150 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Inc. JPMorgan Chase & Company | 6.250% 6.300% 5.950% 6.750% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 12/31/49 12/31/49 | BB+ BB+ BB+ BBB | \$ | 465,500 25,810 240,625 164,700 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 250 150 525 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Inc. JPMorgan Chase & Company M&T Bank Corporation | 6.250% 6.300% 5.950% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 12/31/49 | BB+ BB+ BB+ | \$ | 465,500 25,810 240,625 164,700 563,063 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 250 150 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Inc. JPMorgan Chase & Company M&T Bank Corporation Total Banks | 6.250% 6.300% 5.950% 6.750% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 12/31/49 12/31/49 | BB+ BB+ BB+ BBB | \$ | 465,500 25,810 240,625 164,700 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 250 150 525 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Inc. JPMorgan Chase & Company M&T Bank Corporation | 6.250% 6.300% 5.950% 6.750% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 12/31/49 12/31/49 | BB+ BB+ BB+ BBB | \$ | 465,500 25,810 240,625 164,700 563,063 |
| Amount (000) \$ 475 25 250 150 525 | CORPORATE BONDS 0.9% (0.6% Investments) Banks 0.8% Bank of America Corporation Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Inc. JPMorgan Chase & Company M&T Bank Corporation Total Banks | 6.250% 6.300% 5.950% 6.750% | 3/05/65 3/10/66 12/31/49 12/31/49 | BB+ BB+ BB+ BBB | \$ | 465,500 25,810 240,625 164,700 563,063 |

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| Principal Amount | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| (000)/ Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Ratings (7) | Value |
| | \$1,000 PAR (OR SIMILAR) INST | ITUTIONAL PR | EFERRED (| 6.4% | |
| | (4.4% of Total Investments) | | | | |
| | Banks 5.1% | | | | |
| 2,367 | Bank of America Corporation | 6.100% | N/A (10) | BB+ | \$ 2,331,495 |
| 450 | Citigroup Inc. | 5.800% | N/A (10) | BB+ | 430,425 |
| 764 | Citigroup Inc. | 5.950% | N/A (10) | BB+ | 736,066 |
| 1,174 | Citigroup Inc. | 5.950% | N/A (10) | BB+ | 1,123,518 |
| 200 | Citizens Financial Group Inc., 144A | 5.500% | N/A (10) | BB+ | 190,000 |
| 250 | JPMorgan Chase & Company | 6.100% | N/A (10) | BBB | 254,753 |
| 200 | JPMorgan Chase & Company | 7.900% | N/A (10) | BBB | 200,000 |
| 500 | PNC Financial Services Inc. | 6.750% | N/A (10) | Baa2 | 546,825 |
| 450 | SunTrust Bank Inc. | 5.625% | N/A (10) | Baa3 | 445,500 |
| 2,367 | Wells Fargo & Company, (2) | 5.875% | N/A (10) | BBB | 2,527,483 |
| 225 | Zions Bancorporation | 7.200% | N/A (10) | BB | 230,063 |
| | Total Banks | | | | 9,016,128 |
| | Capital Markets 0.1% | | | | |
| 100 | Morgan Stanley | 5.550% | N/A (10) | Ba1 | 98,575 |
| | Consumer Finance 0.4% | | | | |
| 275 | American Express Company | 5.200% | N/A (10) | Baa2 | 261,249 |
| 400 | Capital One Financial Corporation | 5.500% | N/A (10) | Baa3 | 399,999 |
| | Total Consumer Finance | | | | 661,248 |
| | Food Products 0.4% | | | | |
| 715 | Land O Lakes Incorporated, 144A | 8.000% | N/A (10) | BB | 736,450 |
| | Industrial Conglomerates 0.4% | | | | |
| 740 | General Electric Company | 5.000% | N/A (10) | AA | 762,200 |
| | Total \$1,000 Par (or similar) | | | | 11,274,601 |
| | Institutional Preferred (cost | | | | , , |
| | \$11,130,659) | | | | |
| | Total Long-Term Investments (cos | t | | | 249,843,079 |
| | \$236,088,044) | | | | |
| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | | Value |
| (000) | • ' ' | - | 1v1atul Ity | | v alue |
| | SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (2.8% of Total Investments) | 4.0% | | | |
| | REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (2.8% of Total Investments) | 4.0% | | | |

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| \$ | 4,776 | Repurchase Agreement with Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, dated 3/31/16, repurchase price \$4,776,408, collateralized by \$4,810,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 2.000%, due 8/15/25, value \$4,876,138 | 0.030% | 4/01/16 | \$ 4,776,404 |
|----|-------|---|--------|---------|----------------|
| | 2,317 | Repurchase Agreement with Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, dated 3/31/16, repurchase price \$2,316,869, collateralized by \$2,315,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.875%, due 8/31/22, value \$2,367,088 | 0.030% | 4/01/16 | 2,316,867 |
| | | Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$7,093,271) | | | 7,093,271 |
| | | Total Investments (cost \$243,181,315) 145.6% | | | 256,936,350 |
| | | Borrowings (43.3)% (12), (13) | | | (76,400,000) |
| | | Other Assets Less Liabilities (2.3)% | | | (4,038,723) |
| | | (14) | | | |
| | | Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares | s 100% | | \$ 176,497,627 |
| т. | | ' D ' ' CM 1 21 2016 | | | |

Investments in Derivatives as of March 31, 2016

Options Written outstanding:

| Νι | umber of | | Notional | Expiration | Strike | |
|----|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| C | Contracts | Description | Amount (15) | Date | Price | Value |
| | (220) | Avery Dennison Corporation | \$ (1,540,000) | 4/15/16 | \$ 70.0 | \$ (55,550) |
| | (278) | Teva Pharmaceutical Industries | | | | |
| | | Limited | (1,598,500) | 4/15/16 | 57.5 | (2,641) |
| | | Total Options Written (premiums | | | | |
| | (498) | received \$54,366) | \$ (3,138,500) | | | \$ (58,191) |

⁸ Nuveen Investments

Interest Rate Swaps outstanding:

| | | Fund | | | Fixed Rate | | Optional | |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| | Notionala | y/Receive | Fixe | ed Rate | Payment | Effectiv T e | rminatiofTe | rminati |
| Counterparty | Amoufiloa | ting Rate | Floating Rate Indexnu | alized) | Frequency | Date (16) | Date | Da |
| JPMorgan | | | | | | | | |
| Chase | | | | | | | | |
| Bank, N.A. | \$ 18,475,000 | Receive | 1-Month USD-LIBOR-ICE | 1.462% | Monthly | 6/01/16 | 12/01/18 | 12/01/ |
| JPMorgan | | | | | | | | |
| Chase | | | | | | | | |
| Bank, N.A. | 18,475,000 | Receive | 1-Month USD-LIBOR-ICE | 1.842 | Monthly | 6/01/16 | 12/01/20 | 12/01/ |
| | \$ 36,950,000 | | | | | | | |

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity s own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

- Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.
- Level 2 Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).
- Level 3 Prices are determined using 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 risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund s fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| Long-Term Investments: | | | | |
| Common Stocks | \$136,918,821 | \$ 27,985,841 | \$ * | \$ 164,904,662 |
| Convertible Preferred Securities | 3,682,015 | 6,729,870 | | 10,411,885 |
| \$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred | 12,512,117 | 1,418,808 | | 13,930,925 |
| Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests | | 47,762,888 | | 47,762,888 |
| Corporate Bonds | | 1,558,118 | | 1,558,118 |
| \$1,000 Par (or similar) Institutional Preferred | | 11,274,601 | | 11,274,601 |

Short-Term Investments:

| Repurchase Agreements | | 7,093,271 | 7,093,271 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Investments in Derivatives: | | | |
| Options Written | (58,191) | | (58,191) |
| Interest Rate Swaps** | | (1,657,827) | (1,657,827) |
| Total | \$ 153,054,762 | \$ 102,165,570 | \$ * \$255,220,332 |

^{*} Value equals zero as of the end of the reporting period.

The table below presents the transfers in and out of the three valuation levels for the Funds as of the end of the reporting period when compared to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year. Changes in valuation inputs or methodologies may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the fair value hierarchy. Transfers in or out of levels are generally due to the availability of publicly available information and to the significance or extent the Adviser determines that the valuation inputs or methodologies may impact the valuation of those securities.

| | Level 1 | | Level 2 |] | Level 3 |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Transfers InTransfers OutTransfe | rs In | (Transfers Out)Tran | sfers InTra | ansfers Out) |
| Common Stocks | \$11,812,242 \$ | \$ | \$ (11,812,242) | \$ | \$ |

^{**}Represents net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

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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 premium amortization 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.

As of March 31, 2016, the cost of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) was \$244,768,097.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) as of March 31, 2016, were as follows:

| Gross unrealized: | |
|---|---------------|
| Appreciation | \$ 25,357,872 |
| Depreciation | (13,189,619) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$ 12,168,253 |

For Fund portfolio compliance purposes, the Fund s industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications into sectors for reporting ease.

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in derivatives.
- (3) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment classified as Level 2.
- (4) Non-income producing; issuer has not declared a dividend within the past twelve months.
- (5) Investment valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by, or at the discretion of, the Board. For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment classified as Level 3.

(6)

Investment, or portion of investment, is hypothecated. The total value of investments hypothecated as of the end of the reporting period was \$28,160.

- Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor s Group (Standard & Poor s), Moody s Investors Service, Inc. (Moody s) or Fitch, Inc. (Fitch) rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor s, Baa by Moody s o BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
- (8) Senior loans generally pay interest at rates which are periodically adjusted by reference to a base short-term, floating lending rate plus an assigned fixed rate. These floating lending rates are generally (i) the lending rate referenced by the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR), or (ii) the prime rate offered by one or more major United States banks. Senior loans may be considered restricted in that the Fund ordinarily is contractually obligated to receive approval from the agent bank and/or borrower prior to the disposition of a senior loan. The rate shown is the coupon as of the end of the reporting period.
- (9) Senior loans generally are subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment. Because of these mandatory prepayment conditions and because there may be significant economic incentives for a borrower to prepay, prepayments of senior loans may occur. As a result, the actual remaining maturity of senior loans held may be substantially less than the stated maturities shown.
- (10) Perpetual security. Maturity date is not applicable.
- As of, or subsequent to, the end of the reporting period, this security is non-income producing.

 Non-income producing, in the case of a fixed-income security, generally denotes that the issuer has

 (1) defaulted on the payment of principal or interest, (2) is under the protection of the Federal

 Bankruptcy Court or (3) the Fund s Adviser has concluded that the issue is not likely to meet its future interest payment obligations and has ceased accruing additional income on the Fund s records.
- (12) Borrowings as a percentage of Total Investments is 29.7%.
- (13) The Fund may pledge up to 100% of its eligible investments (excluding any investments separately pledged as collateral for specific investments in derivatives) in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for borrowings. As of the end of the reporting period, investments with a value of \$158,901,661 have been pledged as collateral for borrowings.
- Other assets less liabilities includes the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of certain over-the-counter derivatives as well as the exchange-cleared and exchange-traded derivatives, when applicable. Other assets less liabilities also includes the value of options.
- (15) For disclosure purposes, Notional Amount is calculated by multiplying the Number of Contracts by the Strike Price by 100.

- (16) Effective date represents the date on which both the Fund and Counterparty commence interest payment accruals on each contract.
- (DD1) Portion of investment purchased on a delayed delivery basis.
- (WI/DD) Purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
- Investment is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These investments may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.
- ADR American Depositary Receipt
- TBD Senior loan purchased on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis. Certain details associated with this purchase are not known prior to the settlement date of the transaction. In addition, senior loans typically trade without accrued interest and therefore a coupon rate is not available prior to settlement. At settlement, if still unknown, the borrower or counterparty will provide the Fund with the final coupon rate and maturity date.

USD-LIBOR-ICE United States Dollar - London Inter-Bank Offered Rate Intercontinental Exchange

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.

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 Total Return Strategy Fund

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

Kevin J. McCarthy

Vice President and Secretary

Date: May 27, 2016

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: May 27, 2016

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy

Stephen D. Foy

Vice President and Controller (principal financial

officer)

Date: May 27, 2016