NUVEEN MARYLAND DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3 Form N-O October 30, 2008

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FORM N-Q

Investment Company Act file number 811-21153
Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)
Nuveen Investments
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700
Date of fiscal year end:5/31
Date of reporting period: 8/31/08
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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited) Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NWI)

August 31, 2008

Principal

Amount (000) Description (1)

Consumer Discretionary [] **3.9%** (2.5% of Total Investments)

- \$ 2,385 Baltimore, Maryland, Senior Lien Convention Center Hotel Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.250%, 9/01/39 ☐ XLCA Insured
 - 380 Baltimore, Maryland, Subordinate Lien Convention Center Hotel Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.875%, 9/01/39
 - 700 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Revenue Bonds, Chesapeake Bay Hyatt Conference Center, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 12/01/31
 - 3,465 Total Consumer Discretionary

Consumer Staples ☐ 3.2% (2.0% of Total Investments)

2,515 Puerto Rico, The Children s Trust Fund, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.375%, 5/15/33

Education and Civic Organizations [] 12.3% (7.8% of Total Investments)

- 225 Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Community College Project, Series 2002, 5.125%, 9/01/22
- 625 Frederick County, Maryland, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Mount Saint Mary

 Series 2006, 5.625%, 9/01/38
- 690 Hartford County, Maryland, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Battelle Memorial Institute, Series 2004, 5.250%, 4/01/34
- 625 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Goucher College, Series 2004, 5.125%, 7/01/34
- 1,000 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Johns Hopkins University, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/32
 - 925 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Maryland Institute College of Art, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/30
 - Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Series 2005A, 6.000%, 5/01/35
 - 710 Montgomery County Revenue Authority, Maryland, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery College Arts Center Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 5/01/18
- 1,000 Morgan State University, Maryland, Student Tuition and Fee Revenue Bonds, Academic Fees and Auxiliary Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/32 [] FGIC Insured
 - 985 University of Maryland, Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 4.625%, 4/01/21
 - 800 University of Maryland, Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 10/01/22
 - 890 Westminster, Maryland, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, McDaniel College, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/01/31
- 9,100 Total Education and Civic Organizations

Health Care 28.3% (18.1% of Total Investments)

- 700 Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Maryland Medical System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 7/01/31
- 1,000 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Series 1998, 5.125%, 7/01/33 ☐ FSA Insured
- 775 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Calvert Memorial

- Hospital, Series 2004, 5.500%, 7/01/36
- 1,250 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Carroll County General Hospital, Series 2002, 5.800%, 7/01/32
- 1,750 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Carroll Hospital Center, Series 2006, 5.000%, 7/01/40
 - 870 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Civista Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/37

 RAAI Insured
 - 885 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Doctors Community Hospital, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/29
 - 700 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Series 2002, 5.125%, 7/01/35
 - 800 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.000%, 7/01/34 ☐ MBIA Insured
- 1,000 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Series 2001, 5.000%, 5/15/21
 - 735 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Series 2004, Inverse 1003, 10.840%, 7/01/33 (IF)
- 1,000 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kennedy Krieger Institute, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/33
 - 595 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, LifeBridge Health System, Series 2008, 5.000%, 7/01/28 [] AGC Insured
 - 900 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, MedStar Health, Series 2004, 5.375%, 8/15/24
- 1,690 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, MedStar Health, Series 2007, 5.250%, 5/15/46 ☐ BHAC Insured Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Medical Center Project, Series 2007A:
 - 525 5.000%, 7/01/37
 - 340 5.500%, 7/01/42
 - 650 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.625%, 7/01/31
 - 850 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Series 2006, 5.000%, 7/01/36
- 1,845 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Union Hospital of Cecil County, Series 2002, 5.625%, 7/01/32
- 1,220 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Washington County Hospital, Series 2008, 5.750%, 1/01/38
 - 775 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Adventist Healthcare, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 1/01/25
 - 900 Prince George⊡s County, Maryland, Revenue Bonds, Dimensions Health Corporation, Series 1994, 5.300%, 7/01/24

21,755 Total Health Care

Housing/Multifamily \square 14.2% (9.1% of Total Investments)

- 980 Maryland Community Development Administration, Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B, 4.950%, 7/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 1,250 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Senior Lien Student Housing Revenue Bonds,

- University of Maryland [] Baltimore, Series 2003A, 5.625%, 10/01/23 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Student Housing Revenue Bonds, Sheppard Pratt University Village, Series 2001:
- 150 6.000%, 7/01/33 ☐ ACA Insured
- 475 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Student Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, University of Maryland College Park Projects, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/33

 CIFG Insured Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, Maryland, Multifamily Housing Development Bonds, Series 2002B:
- 515 5.100%, 7/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 3,000 5.200%, 7/01/44 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 4,860 Prince George S County Housing Authority, Maryland, GNMA Collateralized Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Fairview and Hillside Projects, Series 2002A, 4.700%, 11/20/22

11,250 Total Housing/Multifamily

Housing/Single Family [] 7.4% (4.8% of Total Investments)

- 350 Maryland Community Development Administration Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2007H, 5.000%, 9/01/27 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 1,280 Maryland Community Development Administration Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2008C, 5.375%, 9/01/39 (WI/DD, Settling 9/04/08)
 - 595 Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2006F, 4.900%, 9/01/26 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 1,200 Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2006l, 4.875%, 9/01/26 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
 - Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community
 Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2006L, 4.900%, 9/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
 - 620 Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 4.850%, 9/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
 - 190 Maryland Community Development Administration, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2005E, 4.900%, 9/01/36 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
 - 400 Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, Maryland, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2005D, 5.000%, 7/01/36
 - 570 Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, Maryland, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 4.700%, 7/01/37

6,020 Total Housing/Single Family

Industrials [] 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)

- 510 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Waste Management Inc., Series 2002, 4.600%, 4/01/16 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
- 1,000 Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, Baltimore, Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, RESCO Retrofit Project, Series 1998, 4.750%, 1/01/12 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

1,510 Total Industrials

Long-Term Care □ 3.4% (2.2% of Total Investments)

1,050 Baltimore County, Maryland, Revenue Bonds, Oak Crest Village, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 1/01/37

- 400 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Edenwald, Series 2006A, 5.400%, 1/01/31
 - Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, King Farm Presbyterian Community, Series 2007A:
- 280 5.000%, 1/01/17
- 520 5.250%, 1/01/27
- 540 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Ridge Retirement Community, Series 2007, 4.750%, 7/01/34

2,790 Total Long-Term Care

Tax Obligation/General 22.4% (14.3% of Total Investments)

- 1,000 Annapolis, Maryland, General Obligation Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 4.375%, 4/01/17
 - Anne Arundel County, Maryland, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006:
 - 845 5.000%, 3/01/21
 - 650 5.000%, 3/01/21
 - 380 Carroll County, Maryland, Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/16
- 1,260 Charles County, Maryland, Consolidated General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2002, 4.400%, 1/15/16
 - 500 Frederick County, Maryland, General Obligation Public Facilities Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/01/20
 - Frederick, Maryland, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005:
 - 710 5.000%, 8/01/16 [] MBIA Insured
- 1,000 Maryland National Capital Park Planning Commission, Prince George

 S County, General Obligation Bonds, Park Acquisition and Development, Series 2004EE-2, 5.000%, 1/15/17
- 1,850 Montgomery County, Maryland, Consolidated General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 7/01/15
- 1,440 Montgomery County, Maryland, Consolidated General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 5/01/16
- 1,000 Prince George

 S County, Maryland, General Obligation Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 10/01/17
- 1,000 Prince George

 S County, Maryland, General Obligation Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2004C, 5.000%, 12/01/11
- 1,000 St. Mary Scounty, Maryland, General Obligation Hospital Bonds, Series 2002, 5.000%, 10/01/12
- 1,000 Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Montgomery and Prince George□s Counties, Maryland, Sewerage Disposal Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 6/01/16
- 1,000 Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Montgomery and Prince George⊡s Counties, Maryland, Water Supply Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 6/01/16

15,170 Total Tax Obligation/General

Tax Obligation/Limited [] 31.7% (20.3% of Total Investments)

- 750 Annapolis, Maryland, Special Obligation Bonds, Park Place Project, Series 2005A, 5.350%, 7/01/34
- 1,000 Baltimore Board of School Commissioners, Maryland, Revenue Bonds, City Public School System, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/01/15

- 135 Frederick County, Maryland, Lake Linganore Village Community Development Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.600%, 7/01/20 ☐ RAAI Insured
- 450 Hyattsville, Maryland, Special Obligation Bonds, University Town Center Project, Series 2004, 5.750%, 7/01/34
- 5,000 Maryland Department of Transportation, Consolidated Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, 5.500%, 2/01/16
- 2,200 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, Series 2002, 4.750%, 6/01/22
 - 450 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery County Town Square Parking Garage, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 9/15/13
- 2,935 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery County Wayne Avenue Parking Project, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 9/15/16 Maryland Stadium Authority, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery County Conference Center Facilities, Series 2003:
- 1,465 5.000%, 6/15/21
- 1,620 5.000%, 6/15/23
 - 460 Prince George

 S County, Maryland, Special Obligation Bonds, National Harbor Project, Series 2005, 5.200%, 7/01/34
 - 575 Prince George S County, Maryland, Special Tax District Bonds, Victoria Falls Project, Series 2005, 5.250%, 7/01/35
- 1,200 Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2007N, 5.250%, 7/01/31
 AMBAC Insured Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority, Guaranteed Government Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2002G:
- 1,000 5.250%, 7/01/17
- 1,205 5.250%, 7/01/20
- 1,275 5.250%, 7/01/21