

NUVEEN TAX ADVANTAGED TOTAL RETURN STRATEGY FUND

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

CITIGROUP INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

399 PARK AVENUE, 3RD
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10043

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement(Month/Day/Year)
11/30/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NUVEEN TAX ADVANTAGED TOTAL RETURN
STRATEGY FUND [JTA]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed (Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☒ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing (Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Auction Rate Preferred

248 ⁽¹⁾

I By Subsidiary

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)
Title4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CITIGROUP INC 399 PARK AVENUE 3RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10043	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

Citigroup Inc., By: /s/ Riqueza V. Feaster, Assistant Secretary

12/10/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The Auction Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent 248 Shares beneficially owned by Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ("CGMI"). Citigroup Financial Products Inc. ("CFP") is the sole stockholder of CGMI. Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. ("CGMHI") is the sole stockholder of CFP. Citigroup Inc. ("Citigroup") is the sole stockholder of CGMHI.

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Remarks:

The 248 Shares reported herein represent Citigroup's combined holdings in multiple series of auction

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