

NUVEEN TAX ADVANTAGED TOTAL RETURN STRATEGY FUND

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD 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)

Gifford R. Zimmerman Chief Administrative Officer

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year-end: December 31

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2009

Item 1. Proxy Voting Record**Vote Summary Report**

July 01, 2008 June 30, 2009

Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund (NWQ)

Meeting	Company/		Management		
Date/Type	Ballot Issues	Security	Recommendation	Vote Cast	Proponent
02/27/09 - A	POSCO (formerly Pohang Iron & Steel) *PKX*	693483109			
	Meeting for ADR Holders				
	1 Approve Appropriation of Income and Year-End Dividend of KRW 7500 per Share		For	For	Management
	2 Amend Articles of Incorporation regarding Pre-Emptive Rights, Public Offerings, Meeting Notice, Election of Directors and Appointment of Audit Committee Members		For	For	Management
	3 Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	3.2 Elect Lee Chang-Hee as Member of Audit Committee		For	For	Management
	3 Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	4 Approve Total Remuneration of Inside Directors and Outside Directors		For	For	Management
03/26/09 - S	The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. *HIG*	416515104			
	1 Approve Conversion of Securities		For	For	Management
04/15/09 - A	EDP-Energias de Portugal S.A *EDP*	268353109			
	Meeting for ADR Holders				
	1 Ratify Decisions Made by the Board of Directors in March 5, 2009		For		Management
	2 Accept Consolidated and Individual Financial Statements and Statutory Reports for Fiscal 2008		For		Management
	3 Approve Allocation of Income and Dividends		For		Management
	4 Approve Discharge of Management and Supervisory Board		For		Management
	5 Elect Directors for the 2009-2011 Term		For		Management
	6 Authorize Share Repurchase Program and Reissuance of Repurchased Shares		For		Management
	7 Authorize Share Repurchase Program and Reissuance of Repurchased Debt Instruments		For		Management
	8 Approve Remuneration Report <i>Not voted per client instruction.</i>		For		Management

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04/17/09 - A/S	Sanofi Aventis *SNY*	80105N105			
	Meeting for ADR Holders				
	Ordinary Business				
1	Approve Financial Statements and Statutory Reports		For	For	Management
2	Accept Consolidated Financial Statements and Statutory Reports		For	For	Management
3	Approve Allocation of Income and Dividends of EUR 2.20 per Share		For	For	Management
4	Ratify Appointment of Chris Viehbacher as Director		For	For	Management
5	Approve Auditors' Special Report Regarding Related-Party Transactions		For	Against	Management
6	Approve Transaction with Chris Viehbacher Re: Severance Payments		For	Against	Management
7	Authorize Repurchase of Up to 10 Percent of Issued Share Capital		For	For	Management
	Special Business				
8	Authorize Issuance of Equity or Equity-Linked Securities with Preemptive Rights up to Aggregate Nominal Amount of EUR 1.3 Billion		For	For	Management
9	Authorize Issuance of Equity or Equity-Linked Securities without Preemptive Rights up to Aggregate Nominal Amount of EUR 500 Million		For	For	Management
10	Authorize Capital Increase of up to 10 Percent of Issued Capital for Future Acquisitions		For	For	Management
11	Authorize Board to Increase Capital in the Event of Additional Demand Related to Delegation Submitted to Shareholder Vote Above		For	For	Management
12	Authorize Capitalization of Reserves of Up to EUR 500 Million for Bonus Issue or Increase in Par Value		For	For	Management
13	Approve Employee Stock Purchase Plan		For	For	Management
14	Authorize up to 2.5 Percent of Issued Capital for Use in Stock Option Plan		For	Against	Management
15	Authorize up to 1.0 Percent of Issued Capital for Use in Restricted Stock Plan		For	Against	Management
16	Approve Reduction in Share Capital via Cancellation of Repurchased Shares		For	For	Management
17	Amend Article 15 of the Bylaws Re: Audit Committee		For	For	Management
18	Authorize Filing of Required Documents/Other Formalities		For	For	Management
04/22/09 - A	General Electric Co. *GE*	369604103			
1	Elect Directors		For	Split	Management
1.1	Elect Director James I. Cash, Jr.	For			
1.2	Elect Director William M. Castell	For			
1.3	Elect Director Ann M. Fudge	For			
1.4	Elect Director Susan Hockfield	For			
1.5	Elect Director Jeffrey R. Immelt	For			
1.6	Elect Director Andrea Jung	For			
1.7	Elect Director Alan G. (A.G.) Lafley	Against			
1.8	Elect Director Robert W. Lane	For			
1.9	Elect Director Ralph S. Larsen	For			
1.10	Elect Director Rochelle B. Lazarus	For			
1.11	Elect Director James J. Mulva	For			

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	1.12	Elect Director Sam Nunn	For			
	1.13	Elect Director Roger S. Penske	Against			
	1.14	Elect Director Robert J. Swieringa	For			
	1.15	Elect Director Douglas A. Warner III	For			
	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For		Management
	3	Provide for Cumulative Voting	Against	For		Shareholder
	4	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	Against	For		Shareholder
	5	Evaluate the Potential Conversion of the Corporation's Business Units into Four or More Public Corporations and Distribute New Shares	Against	Against		Shareholder
	6	Adopt Policy to Cease the Payments of Dividends or Equivalent Payments to Senior Executives for Shares Not Owned	Against	For		Shareholder
	7	Submit Severance Agreement (Change in Control) to shareholder Vote	Against	For		Shareholder
04/23/09 - A		Lockheed Martin Corp. *LMT*				539830109
	1	Elect Directors	For	Split		Management
	1.1	Elect Director E. C. Pete Aldrige, Jr.	Against			
	1.2	Elect Director Nolan D. Archibald	Against			
	1.3	Elect Director David B. Burritt	For			
	1.4	Elect Director James O. Ellis, Jr.	For			
	1.5	Elect Director Gwendolyn S. King	For			
	1.6	Elect Director James M. Loy	For			
	1.7	Elect Director Douglas H. McCorkindale	Against			
	1.8	Elect Director Joseph W. Ralston	For			
	1.9	Elect Director Frank Savage	For			
	1.10	Elect Director James Schneider	Against			
	1.11	Elect Director Anne Stevens	Against			
	1.12	Elect Director Robert J. Stevens	For			
	1.13	Elect Director James R. Ukropina	For			
	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For		Management
	3	Reduce Supermajority Vote Requirement	For	For		Management
	4	Report on Space-based Weapons Program	Against	Against		Shareholder
	5	Adopt a Policy in which the Company will not Make or Promise to Make Any Death Benefit Payments to Senior Executives	Against	For		Shareholder
	6	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	Against	For		Shareholder
04/23/09 - A		Pfizer Inc. *PFE*				717081103
	1	Elect Directors	For	For		Management
	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For		Management
	3	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For		Management
	4	Limit/Prohibit Executive Stock-Based Awards	Against	Against		Shareholder
	5	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	Against	For		Shareholder
	6	Provide for Cumulative Voting	Against	For		Shareholder
	7	Amend Bylaws Call Special Meetings	Against	For		Shareholder
04/24/09 - A		AT&T Inc *T*				00206R102
	1	Elect Directors	For	Split		Management
	1.1	Elect Director Randall L. Stephenson	For			
	1.2	Elect Director William F. Aldinger III	Against			

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1.3	Elect Director Gilbert F. Amelio	Against		
1.4	Elect Director Reuben V. Anderson	For		
1.5	Elect Director James H. Blanchard	Against		
1.6	Elect Director August A. Busch III	For		
1.7	Elect Director Jaime Chico Pardo	For		
1.8	Elect Director James P. Kelly	For		
1.9	Elect Director Jon C. Madonna	For		
1.10	Elect Director Lynn M. Martin	For		
1.11	Elect Director John B. McCoy	For		
1.12	Elect Director Mary S. Metz	For		
1.13	Elect Director Joyce M. Roch	For		
1.14	Elect Director Laura D Andrea Tyson	For		
1.15	Elect Director Patricia P. Upton	Against		
2	Ratify Auditors		For	For Management
3	Increase Authorized Common Stock		For	For Management
4	Report on Political Contributions		Against	For Shareholder
5	Amend Articles/Bylaws/Charter Special Meetings		Against	For Shareholder
6	Provide for Cumulative Voting		Against	For Shareholder
7	Require Independent Board Chairman		Against	For Shareholder
8	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation		Against	For Shareholder
9	Exclude Pension Credits from Earnings Performance Measure		Against	For Shareholder
04/28/09 - A	Merck & Co., Inc. *MRK*		589331107	
1	Elect Director Leslie A. Brun		For	For Management
2	Elect Director Thomas R. Cech		For	For Management
3	Elect Director Richard T. Clark		For	For Management
4	Elect Director Thomas H. Glocer		For	For Management
5	Elect Director Steven F. Goldstone		For	For Management
6	Elect Director William B. Harrison, Jr.		For	For Management
7	Elect Director Harry R. Jacobson		For	For Management
8	Elect Director William N. Kelley		For	For Management
9	Elect Director Rochelle B. Lazarus		For	For Management
10	Elect Director Carlos E. Represas		For	For Management
11	Elect Director Thomas E. Shenk		For	For Management
12	Elect Director Anne M. Tatlock		For	For Management
13	Elect Director Samuel O. Thier		For	For Management
14	Elect Director Wendell P. Weeks		For	For Management
15	Elect Director Peter C. Wendell		For	For Management
16	Ratify Auditors		For	For Management
17	Fix Number of Directors		For	For Management
18	Amend Bylaws Call Special Meetings		Against	For Shareholder
19	Require Independent Lead Director		Against	Against Shareholder
20	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation		Against	For Shareholder
04/28/09 - A	MetLife, Inc *MET*		59156R108	
1	Elect Directors		For	For Management
2	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For Management
3	Ratify Auditors		For	For Management
04/28/09 - A	Wells Fargo and Company *WFC*		949746101	
1	Elect Director John D. Baker II		For	For Management
2	Elect Director John S. Chen		For	For Management
3	Elect Director Lloyd H. Dean		For	For Management
4	Elect Director Susan E. Engel		For	For Management
5	Elect Director Enrique Hernandez, Jr.		For	For Management
6	Elect Director Donald M. James		For	For Management

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	7	Elect Director Robert L. Joss		For	For	Management
	8	Elect Director Richard M. Kovacevich		For	For	Management
	9	Elect Director Richard D. McCormick		For	For	Management
	10	Elect Director Mackey J. McDonald		For	For	Management
	11	Elect Director Cynthia H. Milligan		For	For	Management
	12	Elect Director Nicholas G. Moore		For	For	Management
	13	Elect Director Philip J. Quigley		For	Against	Management
	14	Elect Director Donald B. Rice		For	For	Management
	15	Elect Director Judith M. Runstad		For	For	Management
	16	Elect Director Stephen W. Sanger		For	For	Management
	17	Elect Director Robert K. Steel		For	For	Management
	18	Elect Director John G. Stumpf		For	For	Management
	19	Elect Director Susan G. Swenson		For	For	Management
	20	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation		For	For	Management
	21	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	22	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For	Management
	23	Require Independent Board Chairman		Against	For	Shareholder
	24	Report on Political Contributions		Against	For	Shareholder
04/29/09 - A		Barrick Gold Corp. *ABX*	067901108			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Approve PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors and Authorize Board to Fix Their Remuneration		For	For	Management
	3	Convene an Independent Third Party to Review Company's Community Engagement Practices		Against	Against	Shareholder
04/30/09 - A		Kimberly-Clark Corp. *KMB*	494368103			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3	Provide Right to Call Special Meeting		For	For	Management
	4	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For	Management
	5	Provide for Cumulative Voting		Against	Against	Shareholder
05/05/09 - A		Philip Morris International Inc. *PM*	718172109			
	1	Elect Directors		For	Split	Management
	1.1	Elect Director Harold Brown	For			
	1.2	Elect Director Mathis Cabiallavetta	For			
	1.3	Elect Director Louis C. Camilleri	For			
	1.4	Elect Director J. Dudley Fishburn	For			
	1.5	Elect Director Graham Mackay	For			
	1.6	Elect Director Sergio Marchionne	Against			
	1.7	Elect Director Lucio A. Noto	For			
	1.8	Elect Director Carlos Slim Hel	For			
	1.9	Elect Director Stephen M. Wolf	For			
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For	Management
05/05/09 - A		The Travelers Companies, Inc. *TRV*	89417E109			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For	Management
	4	Report on Political Contributions		Against	For	Shareholder
05/07/09 - A		Verizon Communications *VZ*	92343V104			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation		For	For	Management

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	4	Approve Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For	Management
	5	Approve Executive Incentive Bonus Plan		For	For	Management
	6	Prohibit Executive Stock-Based Awards		Against	Against	Shareholder
	7	Amend Articles/Bylaws/Charter Call Special Meetings		Against	Against	Shareholder
	8	Require Independent Board Chairman		Against	Against	Shareholder
	9	Provide for Cumulative Voting		Against	For	Shareholder
	10	Adopt a Policy in which the Company will not Make or Promise to Make Any Death Benefit Payments to Senior Executives		Against	For	Shareholder
05/11/09 - A		Pitney Bowes Inc. *PBI*	724479100			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
05/13/09 - A		ConocoPhillips *COP*	20825C104			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3	Approve Omnibus Stock Plan		For	For	Management
	4	Adopt Principles for Health Care Reform		Against	Against	Shareholder
	5	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation		Against	For	Shareholder
	6	Report on Political Contributions		Against	For	Shareholder
	7	Adopt Quantitative GHG Goals for Products and Operations		Against	For	Shareholder
	8	Report on Environmental Impact of Oil Sands Operations in Canada		Against	For	Shareholder
	9	Require Director Nominee Qualifications		Against	Against	Shareholder
05/14/09 - A		Union Pacific Corp. *UNP*	907818108			
	1	Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2	Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3	Report on Political Contributions		Against	For	Shareholder
05/15/09 - A/S		Total SA *TOT*	89151E109			
		Meeting for ADR Holders				
		Ordinary Business				
	1	Approve Financial Statements and Statutory Reports		For	For	Management
	2	Approve Consolidated Financial Statements and Statutory Reports		For	For	Management
	3	Approve Allocation of Income and Dividends of EUR 2.28 per Share		For	For	Management
	4	Approve Special Auditors Report Presenting Ongoing Related-Party Transactions		For	For	Management
	5	Approve Transaction with Thierry Desmarest		For	For	Management
	6	Approve Transaction with Christophe de Margerie		For	For	Management
	7	Authorize Repurchase of Up to 10 Percent of Issued Share Capital		For	For	Management
	8	Reelect Anne Lauvergeon as Director		For	For	Management
	9	Reelect Daniel Bouton as Director		For	For	Management
	10	Reelect Bertrand Collomb as Director		For	For	Management
	11	Reelect Christophe de Margerie as Director		For	For	Management
	12	Reelect Michel Pebereau as Director		For	For	Management
	13	Electe Patrick Artus as Director		For	For	Management
		Special Business				
	14			For	For	Management

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	Amend Article 12 of Bylaws Re: Age Limit for Chairman			
	Shareholder Proposals			
A	Amend Article 19 of Bylaws Re: Disclosure of Individual Stock Option Plans	Against	Against	Shareholder
B	Amend Article 11 of Bylaws Re: Nomination of Employee s Shareholder Representative to the Board of Directors	Against	Against	Shareholder
C	Approve Restricted Stock Plan for Employee	Against	Against	Shareholder
05/19/09 - A	JPMorgan Chase & Co. *JPM*	46625H100		
1	Elect Directors	For	For	Management
2	Ratify Auditors	For	For	Management
3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For	Management
4	Disclose Prior Government Service	Against	Against	Shareholder
5	Provide for Cumulative Voting	Against	For	Shareholder
6	Amend Articles/Bylaws/Charter Call Special Meetings	Against	For	Shareholder
7	Report on Predatory Lending Policies	Against	Against	Shareholder
8	Amend Key Executive Performance Plan	Against	For	Shareholder
9	Stock Retention/Holding Period	Against	For	Shareholder
10	Prepare Carbon Principles Report	Against	Against	Shareholder
05/20/09 - A/S	GlaxoSmithKline plc *GSK*	37733W105		
	Meeting for ADR Holders			
	Ordinary Business			
1	Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	For	For	Management
2	Approve Remuneration Report	For	For	Management
3	Elect James Murdoch as Director	For	For	Management
4	Re-elect Larry Culp as Director	For	For	Management
5	Re-elect Sir Crispin Davis as Director	For	For	Management
6	Re-elect Dr Moncef Slaoui as Director	For	For	Management
7	Re-elect Tom de Swaan as Director	For	For	Management
8	Reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors of the Company	For	For	Management
9	Authorise the Audit Committee to Fix Remuneration of Auditors	For	For	Management
	Special Business			
10	Authorise the Company and its Subsidiaries to Make EU Political Donations to Political Organisations Other than Political Parties up to GBP 50,000 and to Incur EU Political Expenditure up to GBP 50,000	For	For	Management
11	Authorise Issue of Equity with Pre-emptive Rights Under a General Authority up to GBP 432,359,137 and an Additional Amount Pursuant to a Rights Issue of up to GBP 864,692,333 After Deducting Any Securities Issued Under the General Authority	For	For	Management
12	Authorise Issue of Equity or Equity-Linked Securities without Pre-emptive Rights up to Aggregate Nominal Amount of GBP 64,854,519	For	For	Management
13	Authorise 518,836,153 Ordinary Shares for Market Purchase	For	For	Management
14		For	For	Management

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	Approve the Exemption from Statement of the Name of the Senior Statutory Auditor in Published Copies of the Auditor's Reports				
15	Approve That a General Meeting of the Company Other Than an Annual General Meeting May Be Called on Not Less Than 14 Clear Days' Notice	For	For	Management	
16	Approve GlaxoSmithKline 2009 Performance Share Plan	For	For	Management	
17	Approve GlaxoSmithKline 2009 Share Option Plan	For	For	Management	
18	Approve GlaxoSmithKline 2009 Deferred Annual Bonus Plan	For	For	Management	
05/20/09 - A	Kraft Foods Inc *KFT*	50075N104			
1	Elect Directors	For	For	Management	
2	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For	Management	
3	Ratify Auditors	For	For	Management	
4	Amend Articles/Bylaws/Charter Call Special Meetings	Against	For	Shareholder	
05/20/09 - A	Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated *RGA*	759351604			
1	Elect Directors	For	For	Management	
2	Ratify Auditors	For	For	Management	
05/21/09 - A	Lorillard, Inc. *LO*	544147101			
1	Elect Directors	For	Withhold	Management	
2	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For	Management	
3	Ratify Auditors	For	For	Management	
05/27/09 - A	Chevron Corporation *CVX*	166764100			
1	Elect Directors	For	For	Management	
2	Ratify Auditors	For	For	Management	
3	Amend Executive Incentive Bonus Plan	For	For	Management	
4	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For	Management	
5	Amend Articles/Bylaws/Charter Call Special Meetings	Against	For	Shareholder	
6	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers' Compensation	Against	For	Shareholder	
7	Adopt Quantitative GHG Goals for Products and Operations	Against	Against	Shareholder	
8	Adopt Guidelines for Country Selection	Against	For	Shareholder	
9	Adopt Human Rights Policy	Against	For	Shareholder	
10	Report on Market Specific Environmental Laws	Against	Against	Shareholder	
05/27/09 - A	Packaging Corporation of America *PKG*	695156109			
1	Elect Directors	For	Split	Management	
1.1	Elect Director Cheryl K. Beebe	For			
1.2	Elect Director Henry F. Frigon	For			
1.3	Elect Director Hasan Jameel	For			
1.4	Elect Director Samuel M. Mencoff	Withhold			
1.5	Elect Director Roger B. Porter	Withhold			
1.6	Elect Director Paul T. Stecko	For			
1.7	Elect Director James D. Woodrum	For			
2	Ratify Auditors	For	For	Management	
3	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For	Management	

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05/27/09 - A	The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. *HIG*	416515104			
	1 Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2 Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3 Increase Authorized Common Stock		For	For	Management
	4 Amend Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan		For	For	Management
05/28/09 - A	Raytheon Co. *RTN*	755111507			
	1 Elect Director Vernon E. Clark		For	For	Management
	2 Elect Director John M. Deutch		For	For	Management
	3 Elect Director Frederic M. Poses		For	For	Management
	4 Elect Director Michael C. Ruetters		For	For	Management
	5 Elect Director Ronald L. Skates		For	For	Management
	6 Elect Director William R. Spivey		For	For	Management
	7 Elect Director Linda G. Stuntz		For	For	Management
	8 Elect Director William H. Swanson		For	For	Management
	9 Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	10 Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation		Against	For	Shareholder
	11 Amend Articles/Bylaws/Charter Call Special Meetings		Against	For	Shareholder
	12 Provide for Cumulative Voting		Against	For	Shareholder
	13 Adopt Principles for Health Care Reform		Against	Against	Shareholder
	14 Submit SERP to Shareholder Vote		Against	For	Shareholder
06/10/09 - A	Caterpillar Inc. *CAT*	149123101			
	1 Elect Directors		For	For	Management
	2 Ratify Auditors		For	For	Management
	3 Declassify the Board of Directors		Against	For	Shareholder
	4 Require a Majority Vote for the Election of Directors		Against	For	Shareholder
	5 Report on Foreign Military Sales		Against	Against	Shareholder
	6 Adopt Simple Majority Vote Standard		Against	For	Shareholder
	7 Limitation on Compensation Consultant Services		Against	For	Shareholder
	8 Require Independent Board Chairman		Against	For	Shareholder
	9 Report on Lobbying Priorities		Against	Against	Shareholder

EDP was not voted due to shareblocking restrictions.

SIGNATURES:

Pursuant to the requirements of 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.

Nuveen Tax - Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund

By /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman

Gifford R. Zimmerman Chief Administrative Officer

Date

August 26, 2009