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Chairman's  
Letter to Shareholders

Dear Shareholders,

After nine years of serving as lead director and independent chairman of the Nuveen Fund Board, my term of office is coming to an end. It has been a privilege to use this space to communicate with you on some of the broad economic trends in the U.S. and abroad and how they are impacting the investment environment in which your funds operate. In addition, I have enjoyed offering some perspective on how your Board views the various Nuveen investment teams as they apply their investment disciplines in that investment environment.

My term has coincided with a particularly challenging period for both mutual fund sponsors and investors. Since 2000 there have been three periods of unusually strong stock market growth and two major market declines. Recent years have been characterized by a search for yield in fixed income securities to compensate for an extended period of very low interest rates. Funds are investing more in foreign and emerging markets that require extensive research capabilities to overcome the more limited transparency and higher volatility in those markets. New fund concepts often incorporate derivative financial instruments that offer efficient ways to hedge investment risk or gain exposure to selected markets. Fund trading teams operate in many new domestic and international venues with quite different characteristics. Electronic trading and global communication networks mean that fund managers must be able to thrive in financial markets that react instantaneously to newsworthy events and are more interconnected than ever.

Nuveen has committed additional resources to respond to these changes in the fund industry environment. It has added IT and research resources to assemble and evaluate the increased flow of detailed information on economies, markets and individual companies. Based on its experience during the financial crisis of 2008-09, Nuveen has expanded its resources dedicated to valuing and trading portfolio securities with a particular focus on stressed financial market conditions. It has added systems and experienced risk management professionals to work with investment teams to better help evaluate whether their funds' risk exposures are appropriate in view of the return targets. The investment teams have also reflected on recent experience to reaffirm or modify their investment disciplines. Finally, experienced professionals and IT resources have been added to address new regulatory requirements designed to better inform and protect investors. The Board has enthusiastically encouraged these initiatives.

The Nuveen Fund Board has always viewed itself as your representatives to assure that Nuveen brings together experienced people, proven technologies and effective processes designed to produce results that meet investor expectations. It is important to note that our activities are highlighted by the annual contract renewal process. Despite its somewhat formal language, I strongly encourage you to read the summary because it offers an insight into our oversight process. The report is included in the back of this or a subsequent shareholder report. The renewal process is very comprehensive and includes a number of evaluations and discussions between the Board and Nuveen during the year. The summary also describes what has been achieved across the Nuveen fund complex and at individual funds such as yours.

As I leave the chairmanship and resume my role as a member of the Board, please be assured that I and my fellow Board members will continue to hold your interests uppermost in our minds as we oversee the management of your funds and that we greatly appreciate your confidence in your Nuveen fund.

Very sincerely,

Robert P. Bremner

Chairman of the Board  
June 21, 2013

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Portfolio Managers' Comments

Nuveen Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (NPP)  
Nuveen Municipal Advantage Fund, Inc. (NMA)  
Nuveen Municipal Market Opportunity Fund, Inc. (NMO)  
Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAD)  
Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NXZ)  
Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZF)

Portfolio managers Tom Spalding and Paul Brennan discuss key investment strategies and the six-month performance of these six national Funds. Tom has managed NXZ since its inception in 2001 and NPP, NMA, NMO and NAD since 2003. Paul assumed portfolio management responsibility for NZF in 2006.

What key strategies were used to manage these Funds during the six-month reporting period ended April 30, 2013?

During this reporting period, municipal bond prices generally rallied, as strong demand and tight supply combined to create favorable market conditions for municipal bonds. However, the municipal market also encountered some additional volatility generated by the political environment, particularly the “fiscal cliff” at the end of 2012 and the approach of federal tax season. Although the total volume of tax-exempt supply improved, the issuance pattern remained light compared with long-term historical trends. This supply/demand dynamic served as a key driver of performance. Concurrent with rising prices, yields continued to decline across most maturities, especially at the longer end of the municipal yield curve. On the revenue side, state tax collections have grown for eleven straight quarters, exceeding pre-recession levels beginning in September 2011, while on the expense side, the states made headway in cutting and controlling costs. The current low level of municipal issuance reflects the current political distaste for additional borrowing by state and local governments facing fiscal constraints and the prevalent atmosphere of municipal budget austerity. During this period, we continued to see municipal yields remain relatively low. Borrowers seeking to take advantage of the low rate environment sparked an increase in refunding activity, with approximately 50% of municipal paper issued by borrowers that were calling existing debt and refinancing at lower rates.

Overall, we emphasized bonds with longer maturities. This enabled us to take advantage of more attractive yields at the longer end of the municipal yield curve and also

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provided some protection for the Funds' duration and yield curve positioning. Our efforts in this area were somewhat constrained by the structure of bonds typically issued as part of refinancing deals, which tend to be characterized by shorter maturities. Across most of the Funds, our credit purchases focused on higher quality bonds with the goal of positioning the Funds slightly more defensively. In NZF, we also continued to purchase lower rated bonds when we found attractive opportunities, as we believed these bonds still offered relative value.

Cash for new purchases during this reporting period was generated primarily by the proceeds from an increased number of bond calls resulting from the growth in refinancings. We worked to redeploy these proceeds as well as those from maturing bonds to keep the Funds as fully invested as possible. Overall, selling was relatively limited because the bonds in our portfolios generally offered higher yields than those available in the current marketplace.

As of April 30, 2013, all six of these Funds continued to use inverse floating rate securities. We employ inverse floaters for a variety of reasons, including duration management, income enhancement and total return enhancement.

How did the Funds perform during the six-month reporting period ended April 30, 2013?

The tables in each Fund's Performance Overview and Holding Summaries section of this report provide total returns for the Funds for the six-month, one-year, five-year and ten-year periods ended April 30, 2013. Each Fund's total returns are compared with the performance of a corresponding market index and Lipper classification average.

For the six-months ended April 30, 2013 the total returns on common share net asset value (NAV) for all six of these Nuveen Funds exceeded the return for the S&P Municipal Bond Index. For this same period, NPP, NMA, NMO, NAD and NXZ outperformed the average return for the Lipper General & Insured Leveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average and NZF lagged the Lipper General & Insured Leveraged Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average.

Key management factors that influenced the Funds' returns during this period included duration and yield curve positioning, credit exposure and sector allocation. In addition, the use of regulatory leverage was an important positive factor affecting the Funds' performance over this period. NZF had slightly less leverage, which detracted from its performance. Leverage is discussed in more detail later in this report.

During the reporting period, municipal bonds with longer maturities generally outperformed those with shorter maturities during this period. Overall, credits at the longest end of the municipal yield curve posted the strongest returns, while bonds at the shortest

end produced the weakest results. For this period, duration and yield curve positioning was a major positive contributor to the performance of these Funds, with the net impact varying according to each Fund's individual weightings along the yield curve. Overall, NPP, NAD and NZF were the most advantageously positioned in terms of duration and yield curve. In particular, the Funds benefited from their holdings of long duration bonds, many of which had zero percent coupons, which generally outperformed the market during this period. This was especially true in NPP, NMA, NMO, NAD and NXZ, all of which were overweight in zero coupon bonds.

Credit exposure was another important factor in the Funds' performance during these six-months, as lower quality bonds generally outperformed higher quality bonds. This outperformance was due in part to the greater demand for lower rated bonds as investors looked for investment vehicles offering higher yields. As investors became more comfortable taking on additional investment risk, credit spreads or the difference in yield spreads between U.S. Treasury securities and comparable investments such as municipal bonds, narrowed through a variety of rating categories. As a result of this spread compression, these Funds benefited from their holdings of lower rated credits. NZF, on the other hand, had the heaviest weighting of bonds rated AAA and the smallest weighting of BBB bonds, which detracted from its performance.

During this reporting period, revenue bonds as a whole outperformed the general municipal market. Holdings that generally made positive contributions to the Funds' returns included health care (together with hospitals), transportation, education and water and sewer bonds. All of these Funds, particularly NMA, NMO and NXZ, had strong weightings in health care, which added to their performance. NZF had the smallest allocation of these bonds, which limited the positive impact of these holdings.

Tobacco credits backed by the 1998 master tobacco settlement agreement also performed extremely well, helped in part by their longer effective durations. These bonds also benefited from market developments, including increased demand for higher yielding investments by investors who had become less risk averse. In addition, based on recent data showing that cigarette sales had fallen less steeply than anticipated, the 46 states participating in the agreement stand to receive increased payments from the tobacco companies. As of April 30, 2013, all of these Funds, especially NXZ, were overweight in tobacco bonds, which benefited their performance as tobacco credits rallied.

In contrast, pre-refunded bonds, which are often backed by U.S. Treasury securities, were the poorest performing market segment during this period. The underperformance of these bonds can be attributed primarily to their shorter effective maturities and higher credit quality. As of April 30, 2013, NPP and NZF held the heaviest weighting of pre-refunded bonds, which detracted from its performance during this period.

General obligation (GO) bonds and utilities (e.g., resource recovery, public power) credits also lagged the performance of the general municipal market for this period.

Shareholders also should be aware of issues impacting some of the Funds' non-state holdings. In December 2012, Moody's down-graded Puerto Rico GO bonds to Baa3 from Baa1 based on Puerto Rico's ongoing economic problems, unfunded pension liabilities, elevated debt levels and structural budget gaps. In addition, during July 2012, bonds issued by the Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (COFINA) also were downgraded by Moody's to Aa3 from Aa2. The downgrade of the COFINA bonds was due mainly to the performance of Puerto Rico's economy and its impact on the projected growth of sales tax revenues, and not to any sector or structural issues. In addition, the COFINA bonds were able to maintain a higher rating than the GOs because, unlike the revenue streams supporting some Puerto Rican issues, the sales taxes supporting the COFINA bonds cannot be diverted and used to support the commonwealth's GO bonds. All of these Funds have exposure to Puerto Rico bonds, the majority of which are dedicated sales tax bonds issued by COFINA, but no exposure to Puerto Rico GOs.

During the reporting period, Puerto Rico paper generally underperformed the market as whole. Because most of our holdings were the COFINA bonds, the overall impact on performance was minimal, differing from Fund to Fund in line with the type and amount of its holdings. As we continue to emphasize Puerto Rico's stronger credits, we view the COFINA bonds as potentially long-term holdings and note that the commonwealth recently introduced various sales tax enforcement initiatives aimed at improving future collections.

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## Fund Leverage

## IMPACT OF THE FUNDS' LEVERAGE STRATEGIES ON PERFORMANCE

One important factor impacting the returns of all these Funds relative to the comparative indexes was the Funds' use of leverage. The Funds use leverage because their managers believe that, over time, leveraging provides opportunities for additional income and total return for common shareholders. However, use of leverage also can expose common shareholders to additional volatility. For example, as the prices of securities held by a Fund decline, the negative impact of these valuation changes on common share net asset value and common shareholder total return is magnified by the use of leverage. Conversely, leverage may enhance common share returns during periods when the prices of securities held by a Fund generally are rising. Leverage made a positive contribution to the performance of these Funds over this reporting period.

As of April 30, 2013, the Funds' percentages of effective and regulatory leverage are shown in the accompanying table.

	Effective Leverage*	Regulatory Leverage*
NPP	36.74%	34.51%
NMA	34.49%	29.84%
NMO	36.47%	33.15%
NAD	34.33%	29.27%
NXZ	33.01%	28.93%
NZF	32.76%	26.97%

\* Effective Leverage is a Fund's effective economic leverage, and includes both regulatory leverage and the leverage effects of certain derivative and other investments in a Fund's portfolio that increase the Fund's investment exposure. Currently, the leverage effects of Tender Option Bond (TOB) inverse floater holdings are included in effective leverage values, in addition to any regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of preferred shares issued or borrowings of a Fund. Both of these are part of a Fund's capital structure. Regulatory leverage is sometimes referred to as "40 Act Leverage" and is subject to asset coverage limits set forth in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

## THE FUNDS' REGULATORY LEVERAGE

As of April 30, 2013, the Funds have issued and outstanding MuniFund Term Preferred (MTP) Shares, Variable Rate MuniFund Term Preferred (VMTP) Shares and Variable Rate Demand Preferred (VRDP) Shares as shown in the accompanying tables.

## MTP Shares

Fund	Series	MTP Shares Issued at Liquidation Value	Annual Interest Rate	NYSE Ticker
NAD	2015	\$ 144,300,000	2.70%	NAD PrC
NZF	2016	\$ 70,000,000	2.80%	NZF PrC

## VMTP Shares

Fund	Series	VMTP Shares Issued at Liquidation Value
NPP	2015	\$535,000,000
NAD	2014	\$120,400,000
NZF	2014	\$169,200,000

During the current reporting period, NPP successfully exchanged all of its outstanding 4,217 Series 2014 VMTP Shares for 4,217 Series 2015 VMTP Shares. Concurrent with this exchange, the Fund also issued an additional \$113,300,000, at liquidation value, of Series 2015 VMTP Shares. Both of these transactions were completed in privately negotiated offerings.

The Fund completed the exchange offer in which it refinanced its existing VMTP Shares with new VMTP Shares at a reduced cost and with a term redemption date of December 1, 2015. The proceeds from the additional VMTP Shares were used to take advantage of opportunities in the current municipal market. Dividends on the VMTP Shares are set weekly at a fixed spread to the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index (SIFMA).

## VRDP Shares

Fund	VRDP Shares Issued at Liquidation Value
NMA	\$296,800,000
NMO	\$350,900,000
NXZ	\$196,000,000

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Footnote 1 – General Information and Significant Accounting Policies for further details on MTP Shares, VMTP Shares and VRDP Shares.

Common Share Information

COMMON SHARE DIVIDEND INFORMATION

During the current reporting period ended April 30, 2013, the Funds' monthly dividends to shareholders were as shown in the accompanying table.

Per Common Share Amounts			
NPP	NMA	NMO	NAD&#16