

NUVEEN TAX ADVANTAGED TOTAL RETURN STRATEGY FUND

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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 *

Â UBS AG

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BAHNHOFSTRASSE 45,Â PO
BOX CH-8021

(Street)

ZURICH,Â V8Â

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/31/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading SymbolNUVEEN 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 Preferred Stock (CUSIP No[s].
67090H201)411 ⁽²⁾I By subsidiary - see footnote ⁽¹⁾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)4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
UBS AG BAHNHOFSTRASSE 45 PO BOX CH-8021 ZURICH, V8	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Anthony
DeFilippis 02/10/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

/s/ Joseph
Gallichio 02/10/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) This Statement is filed by UBS AG for the benefit and on behalf of UBS Securities LLC and UBS Financial Services Inc., two-wholly owned subsidiaries of UBS AG to which UBS AG has delegated portions of its performance obligations with respect to the Auction Rate Securities Rights issued by UBS AG to certain clients and pursuant to which the securities reported herein have been purchased from such clients.

(2) Pursuant to the Global Relief Letter referred to below, this filing reports holdings of the Series of Auction Preferred Stock identified in Item 1 of this Table I on an aggregated basis.

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Remarks:

TheÂ SharesÂ reportedÂ hereinÂ representÂ UBSÂ AG'sÂ combinedÂ holdingsÂ inÂ multipleÂ seriesÂ ofÂ auctionÂ pref
areÂ treatedÂ hereinÂ asÂ oneÂ classÂ ofÂ securitiesÂ inÂ accordanceÂ withÂ theÂ AuctionÂ RateÂ SecuritiesÂ --Â Glob
ReliefÂ Letter")Â issuedÂ byÂ theÂ staffÂ ofÂ theÂ SecuritiesÂ andÂ ExchangeÂ CommissionÂ (SEC)Â onÂ SeptemberÂ
undertakesÂ toÂ provide,Â uponÂ requestÂ byÂ theÂ SECÂ staff,Â theÂ issuer,Â orÂ aÂ securityÂ holderÂ ofÂ theÂ issue
theÂ numberÂ ofÂ securitiesÂ identifiedÂ inÂ TableÂ IÂ purchasedÂ andÂ soldÂ atÂ eachÂ differentÂ priceÂ andÂ dateÂ
onÂ whichÂ beneficialÂ ownershipÂ exceededÂ tenÂ percentÂ andÂ JanuaryÂ 31,Â 2009,Â asÂ requiredÂ byÂ theÂ Glob

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