

Nuveen Dow 30SM Dynamic Overwrite Fund (DIAX)

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- The Fund underperformed the DIAX Blended Benchmark [55% CBOE DJIA BuyWrite Index (BXD) and 45% Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA)] for the quarter.
- The Fund's option overwrite strategy contributed to quarterly results while its underlying equity portfolio management detracted.

Portfolio review

The Federal Reserve kept rates on hold in the 4.25%-4.50% range during the quarter as policymakers paused to assess the impact of the new Trump administration's aggressive economic agenda. After reaching record highs in mid-February, the stock market rapidly sold off into correction territory by quarter end as elevated policy uncertainty and rising geopolitical tensions weighed on sentiment. Almost all major U.S. stock market indexes ended the quarter in the red as investors worried about the economic fallout from tariffs and the possibility of stagflation gripping the U.S. economy. Some of the hottest stocks of 2024, especially U.S. technology-related companies at the center of the artificial intelligence (AI) boom, were the hardest hit. The consumer discretionary sector also posted a steep decline. The energy sector led for the quarter as investors favored these stocks in the face of persistent inflationary pressures and constrained oil supply. Investors also rapidly rotated into more defensive and value-oriented sectors, including health care and consumer staples, which also posted gains. The S&P 500 Index was not immune to the selloff, ending the quarter with a -4.27% return, while the DJIA fared slightly better, returning -0.85%.

Index implied volatility levels increased during the quarter as investors feared that trade tariffs and federal government job cuts would pressure U.S. consumer spending. The Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index (VIX) jumped in March following an announcement that tariffs on Canada and Mexico would go into effect. Over the full quarter, the VIX ranged from a high of 27.9% to a low of 14.8%.

The Fund's equity portfolio held all 30 stocks in the DJIA in weights equal to the index. In addition, the investment team sells (writes) call options on a portion of the Fund's equity portfolio. Given the various macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainties during the quarter, the team increased the portfolio's overwrite level. The core option overwrite level varied between 55% and 69% of the equity portfolio's value with an average level of 62%. The team sold deeper out-of-the-money (OTM) calls, while continuing to employ a technique that involves more frequent rebalancing and more diversified option expiration dates by selling weekly and end-of-month (EOM) options. Spreading the overwrite coverage out over the coming month creates a ladder of expiration dates. This helps performance in a rising market because part of the overwrite coverage is always being rolled upward to the current market level.

Contributors

The Fund's option overwrite strategy contributed to overall results. Maintaining a healthy level of option writing while also being further out in strike and time helped performance. The team also sold call options on the S&P 500[®], which contributed because the spread between the S&P 500[®] and the DJIA reversed during the quarter, with the DJIA outperforming by more than 3%. Because of the Fund's investment policies, the investment team is precluded from trading DJIA options directly. In addition, the Fund profited from several successful VIX and protective S&P 500[®] put option trades.

Detractors

The underlying equity portfolio slightly detracted from performance for the quarter.

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Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Share price	29 Apr 05	-1.79	7.04	3.43	11.00	7.02	6.70
NAV	29 Apr 05	-0.35	6.18	5.05	11.24	6.85	7.26

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. NAV returns are net of fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions.

Distribution information

Current Distribution (Quarterly)	\$0.3010
Monthly Equivalent Distribution	\$0.1003
Distribution Rate on NAV	7.35%
Distribution Rate on Market Price	8.31%

Distributions are currently estimated to include the following amounts from sources other than net investment income: 90% capital gains and 0% return of capital. If a distribution is estimated to include anything other than net investment income, the Fund provides a Section 19(a) notice of the best estimate of its distribution sources at that time which may be viewed at nuveen.com/CEFDistributions or within the Fund's literature section under 19(a) notices. These estimates may not match the final tax characterization (for the full year's distributions) contained in shareholders' 1099-DIV forms after the end of the year. The distribution rate should not be confused with yield or performance.

Top 10 positions

	% of portfolio
Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The	7.9%
Unitedhealth Group Inc	7.6%
Microsoft Corp	5.4%
Home Depot Inc/The	5.3%
Visa Inc	5.1%
Sherwin-Williams Co/The	5.0%
Caterpillar Inc	4.8%
Mcdonald's Corp	4.5%
Amgen Inc	4.5%
American Express Co	3.9%

Holdings may vary and are subject to change without notice.

Fund description

The Fund is designed to offer regular distributions through a strategy that seeks attractive total return with less volatility than the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA or "Dow 30") by investing in an equity portfolio that seeks to substantially replicate the price movements of the DJIA, as well as selling call options on 35%-75% of the notional value of the Fund's equity portfolio (with a 55% long-term target) in an effort to enhance the Fund's risk-adjusted returns.

Portfolio management

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC is the subadviser to the Fund and an affiliate of Nuveen, LLC.

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Important information on risk

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Common stock** returns often have experienced significant volatility. The Fund may not participate in any appreciation of its equity portfolio as fully as it would if the Fund did not sell **call options**. In addition, the Fund will continue to bear the risk of declines in the value of the equity portfolio. Because **index options** are settled in cash, sellers of index call options, such as the Fund, cannot provide in advance for their potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the underlying securities. For these and other risks, including **tax risk**, please see the Fund's web page at www.nuveen.com/DIAX.

Distribution Rate at market price and NAV is calculated by annualizing the most recent declared regular distribution and dividing by the fund's market price or NAV, respectively. Special distributions, including special capital gains distributions, are not included in the calculation.

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Glossary

The **DIAX Blended Benchmark** consists of 55% CBOE DJIA Buy-Write Index (BXD) and 45% Dow Jones Industrial Average. The **Chicago Board Options Exchange (Cboe) Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) BuyWrite Index (BXD)**: A benchmark index that measures the performance of a theoretical portfolio that sells call options on the Dow Jones Industrial Average (the Dow), against a portfolio of the stocks included in the Dow. Index returns assume reinvestment of distributions, but do not include the effects of any applicable sales charges or management fees. The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is the best known U.S. index of stocks. A price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip stocks, primarily industrials including stocks that trade on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow, as it is called, is a barometer of how shares of the largest US companies are performing. There are hundreds of investment indexes around the world for stocks, bonds, currencies, and commodities. The **Cboe Volatility Index (the "VIX")** is a key measure of market expectations of near-term volatility conveyed by S&P 500 stock index option prices. Since its introduction in 1993, the VIX has been considered by many to be the world's premier barometer of investor sentiment and market volatility. The **S&P 500[®]** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization. **Overwriting** is a strategy to sell (write) options that are overpriced under the assumption that the options won't get exercised. **It is not possible to invest directly in an index.**

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