

## Nuveen S&P 500 Buy-Write Income Fund (BXMX)

**Marketing communication** | As of 30 Sep 2025

- The Fund outperformed its benchmark, the CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (BXM), for the quarter.
- The S&P 500® Index continued to advance during the third quarter, accelerating further after the Federal Reserve's September rate cut and reaching a new all-time high despite uncertainty around trade policy.
- The Fund's outperformance during the quarter was driven by our active and diversified approach to index option management.

### Portfolio review

The investment management team was active in managing the portfolio of index call options during the quarter, focusing on maintaining cash flow and managing the weighted-average strike price of the index call option portfolio. As the market advanced, adjustments focused on managing time to expiration and weighted-average strike price in an effort to enhance cash flow and maintain typical market exposure. The Fund's diversified and active index call option writing approach generated risk-reducing cash flow throughout the quarter, and relative to the broad equity market, delivered loss mitigation during periods of decline while supporting participation during periods of advance.

At the end of the quarter, the Fund had index call options sold against more than 95% of the equity portfolio value with a weighted-average strike price between 1.5% in-the-money and 1.5% out-of-the-money, 48 days to expiration and an annualized premium to earn between 10.0% and 12.5%. Relative to the beginning of the quarter, this positioning represented similar market exposure and net cash flow potential for the Fund. The risk level of the Fund, as measured by the standard deviation of daily returns, was lower than the broad equity market but above that of the BXM during the quarter.

### Contributors

The Fund's equity portfolio, which is constructed to track the return of the broad equity market, contributed to return for the quarter. With the tariff-related market tantrum in the rearview mirror and the expectation of additional interest rate cuts in 2025, the S&P 500® reached a new all-time high in September, returning 8.12% for the full quarter.

The Fund's active and diversified approach to index option management enhanced cash flow by taking advantage of normalized levels of volatility throughout the quarter, which supported premiums from option writing activity. The Fund maintained typical levels of market exposure, which led to outperformance relative to the BXM during the quarter. The passive, rules-based timing of the BXM generated varying levels of market exposure, the timing of which significantly impacts its performance.

### Detractors

Written index call option positions detracted from the Fund's returns in each month of the quarter, which is expected when the equity market advances at an above-average rate.

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## Average annualized total returns (%)

|             | Inception date | QTD  | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | Since inception |
|-------------|----------------|------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Share price | 26 Oct 04      | 6.00 | 13.78  | 14.89   | 12.73   | 9.30     | 6.91            |
| NAV         | 26 Oct 04      | 6.68 | 11.59  | 17.51   | 11.34   | 9.10     | 7.12            |

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)  | \$0.2725 |
| Monthly Equivalent Distribution   | \$0.0908 |
| Distribution Rate on NAV          | 6.93%    |
| Distribution Rate on Market Price | 7.55%    |

Distributions are currently estimated to include the following amounts from sources other than net investment income: 6% capital gains and 88% 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](http://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.

## Fund description

The Fund seeks attractive total return with less volatility than the S&P 500 Index by investing in a global equity portfolio that seeks to substantially replicate the price movements of the S&P 500 Index and by selling index call options covering approximately 100% of the Fund's equity portfolio value with a goal of enhancing the portfolio's risk-adjusted returns.

## Portfolio management

Gateway Investment Advisers, LLC is the subadviser to the Fund and is not an affiliate of Nuveen, LLC.

## Top 10 positions

|                        | % of portfolio |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Nvidia Corp            | 8.2%           |
| Microsoft Corp         | 7.2%           |
| Apple Inc              | 6.9%           |
| Amazon.Com Inc         | 4.1%           |
| Meta Platforms Inc     | 3.1%           |
| Broadcom Inc           | 2.9%           |
| Alphabet Inc           | 2.4%           |
| Alphabet Inc           | 2.3%           |
| Tesla Inc              | 2.3%           |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc | 2.0%           |

Holdings may vary and are subject to change without notice.

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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/BXXM](http://www.nuveen.com/BXXM).

**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 **CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (BXM)** is a passive total return index designed to track the performance of a hypothetical buy-write strategy on the S&P 500 Index. The construction methodology of the index includes buying an equity portfolio replicating the holdings of the S&P 500 Index and selling a single one-month S&P 500 Index call option with a strike price approximately at-the-money each month on the Friday of the standard index option expiration cycle and holding that position until the next expiration. 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. **It is not possible to invest directly in an index.**

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