# Nuveen Nasdaq 100 Dynamic Overwrite Fund (QQQX)

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- The Fund underperformed the QQQX Blended Benchmark (55% CBOE Nasdaq-100 BuyWrite Index and 45% Nasdaq-100 Index) 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 guarter 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. As a result, the tech-heavy Nasdaq-100 was one of the worst-performing indexes for the quarter with a -8.07% return. Investors rapidly rotated into more defensive and value-oriented sectors such as real estate, health care, utilities and consumer staples, which posted gains.

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 option overwrite management team uses statistical methods, including optimization and other quantitative modeling techniques, to construct an equity portfolio designed to match characteristics of the Nasdaq-100 Index with limited tracking error. Opportunities for tax-loss harvesting and other tax management considerations are also considered to improve after-tax shareholder outcomes. 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 58% and 71% of the equity portfolio's value with an average level of 63%. 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 out the overwrite coverage over the coming month creates a ladder of expiration dates, which 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 for the quarter. Maintaining a healthy level of option writing while also being further out in strike and time helped performance. The Fund also profited from several successful VIX and protective S&P  $500^{\circ}$  put option trades. However, the Nasdaq-100 underperformed the S&P  $500^{\circ}$  during the quarter, resulting in a negative contribution to overall performance from our S&P  $500^{\circ}$  Index options.

#### **Detractors**

The underlying equity portfolio detracted due to security selection, primarily in the communication services, information technology and consumer discretionary sectors. In particular, the Fund's lack of exposure to T-Mobile US and Netflix in the communication services sector was a drag on results.

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#### Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception						Since	
	date	QTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	inception	
Share price	30 Jan 07	-10.13	6.25	1.90	12.48	10.08	9.76	
NAV	30 Jan 07	-8.64	7.20	6.41	13.33	10.41	10.35	

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.

Historical distribution sources have included net investment income, realized gains and return of capital.

#### **Distribution information**

Current Distribution (Quarterly)	\$0.5600
Monthly Equivalent Distribution	\$0.1867
Distribution Rate on NAV	8.51%
Distribution Rate on Market Price	9.43%

Distributions are currently estimated to include the following amounts from sources other than net investment income: 40% capital gains and 60% 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
Apple Inc	11.4%
Microsoft Corp	9.9%
Nvidia Corp	7.5%
Amazon.Com Inc	5.3%
Meta Platforms Inc	4.4%
Alphabet Inc	4.0%
Broadcom Inc	3.7%
Alphabet Inc	3.1%
Tesla Inc	2.9%
Cisco Systems Inc	2.4%

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 Nasdaq 100 Index by investing in a U.S. equity portfolio that seeks to substantially replicate the price movements of the Nasdaq 100 Index, 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. The strategy will consider the Fund's tax position and employ techniques to improve after-tax shareholder outcomes.

#### 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/QQQX.

**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 QQQX Blended Benchmark consists of 55% CBOE Nasdaq 100 BuyWrite Index (BXN) and 45% Nasdaq 100 Index. The CBOE Nasdaq 100 BuyWrite Index (the "BXN") is a benchmark index that measures the performance of a theoretical portfolio that owns a basket of the stocks included in the Nasdaq 100 Index, and writes (or sells) Nasdaq 100 Index covered call options each month. The Nasdaq-100 Index includes 100 of the largest domestic and international non-financial companies listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market based on market capitalization. The Index reflects companies across major industry groups including computer hardware and software, telecommunications, retail/wholesale trade and biotechnology. It does not contain securities of financial companies including investment companies. 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. Overwriting is a strategy to sell (write) options that are overpriced under the assumption that the options won't get exercised. Overwriting is generally intended to generate income and reduce the volatility and risk of owning securities. Implied volatility refers to a metric that captures the market's view of the likelihood of changes in a given security's price. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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