

# 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.
- Elevated option premium income provided a meaningful cushion during a quarter dominated by geopolitical shock and equity market declines.

## Portfolio review

Geopolitical conflict in the Middle East dominated the first quarter of 2026. The onset of the joint U.S.-Israeli military campaign against Iran led to sharply deteriorating macro conditions in March as the Strait of Hormuz closure threatened global oil supply, sending oil prices as much as 70% higher. Amid rising inflation expectations, the Federal Reserve (Fed) held rates steady at its March meeting, while other global central banks generally struck a more hawkish tone. The conflict triggered a broad risk-off rotation in the market that hit growth and mega-cap technology stocks hardest. Despite a rally on the final trading day of the quarter, the stock market ended the first quarter firmly in the red. The Nasdaq-100 declined by -5.82% as the tech-heavy index was more negatively impacted by the broader selloff. Energy was the standout sector, surging more than 33% in the index, as investors rotated toward commodity producers and defensive names. However, persistent inflation reignited a higher-for-longer interest rate narrative, challenging rate-sensitive sectors such as financials and real estate, which declined sharply.

Market volatility experienced a dramatic spike, driven by the Iran conflict, oil supply disruption, hawkish Fed signaling and sharp rotation out of mega-cap technology into energy and defensives. The Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE)

Volatility Index (VIX) spiked to a multi-year high in March, trading within a range of 14.49% to 31.05% during the quarter. For the quarter, the VIX averaged 20.34%, well above fourth-quarter's average of 17.72%.

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.

During the first quarter, we increased levels of both Nasdaq-100 exposure and option writing, and the option premium income helped cushion bouts of volatility. The core option overwrite level varied between 44% and 64% of the equity portfolio's value with an average level of 59%. The team continued to sell deeper out-of-the-money calls, while also employing a technique that involved more frequent rebalancing and more diversified option expiration dates by selling weekly and end-of-month options. Spreading out the overwrite coverage over the coming month created a ladder of expiration dates.

## Contributors

The option overwrite portfolio benefited from the elevated volatility environment during the quarter, with option premium income offsetting some equity losses. The overwrite structure captured rich premiums as implied volatility surged, particularly in March when the VIX peaked at 31.05%.

The Fund's option overwrite percentage was above the benchmark level, which contributed given the equity market decline over the reporting period.

The Fund benefited from several successful Russell 2000® Index tactical options trades during the quarter.

## Detractors

Holding options with lower sensitivity to the market detracted during March as index prices declined sharply.

Equity holdings underperformed the equity component (the Nasdaq-100 Index) of the QQQX Blended Benchmark over the reporting period. Security selection in the information technology sector and an underweight and selection in the consumer staples sector detracted.

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## Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Share price	30 Jan 07	-4.33	22.05	11.99	7.59	11.63	10.37
NAV	30 Jan 07	-5.35	17.68	16.28	8.97	11.77	10.72

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)	\$0.6150
Monthly Equivalent Distribution	\$0.1867
Distribution Rate on NAV	8.59%
Distribution Rate on Market Price	9.22%

Distributions are currently estimated to include the following amounts from sources other than net investment income: 0% capital gains and 100% 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.

## Top 10 positions

	% of portfolio
Nvidia Corp	10.1%
Apple Inc	9.4%
Microsoft Corp	7.3%
Alphabet Inc	4.8%
Amazon.Com Inc	4.7%
Broadcom Inc	4.4%
Applied Materials Inc	4.0%
Tesla Inc	3.7%
Alphabet Inc	3.4%
Meta Platforms Inc	3.2%

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 subadvisor to the Fund and an affiliate of Nuveen, LLC.

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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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