

NUVEEN MARYLAND DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3  
Form N-8F  
December 20, 2013

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form N-8F

Application for Deregistration of Certain Registered Investment Companies.

I. General Identifying Information

1. Reason fund is applying to deregister (check only one; for descriptions, see Instruction 1 above):

- Merger  
 Liquidation  
 Abandonment of Registration  
(Note: Abandonments of Registration answer only questions 1 through 15, 24 and 25 of this form and complete verification at the end of the form.)  
 Election of status as a Business Development Company  
(Note: Business Development Companies answer only questions 1 through 10 of this form and complete verification at the end of the form.)

2. Name of fund: Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

3. Securities and Exchange Commission File No.: 811-21153

4. Is this an initial Form N-8F or an amendment to a previously filed Form N-8F?

- Initial Application       Amendment

5. Address of Principal Executive Office (include No. & Street, City, State, Zip Code):

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

6. Name, address, and telephone number of individual the Commission staff should contact with any questions regarding this form:

Fatima Sulaiman  
K&L Gates LLP  
1601 K Street, NW  
Washington DC 20006  
(202) 778-9000

7. Name, address and telephone number of individual or entity responsible for maintenance and preservation of fund records in accordance with rules 31a-1 and 31a-2 under the Act [17 CFR 270.31a-1, .31a-2]:

Nuveen Investments

333 W. Wacker Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60606  
1-800-257-8787

NOTE: Once deregistered, a fund is still required to maintain and preserve the records described in rules 31a-1 and 31a-2 for the periods specified in those rules.

8. Classification of fund (check only one):

- Management company;
- Unit investment trust; or
- Face-amount certificate company.

9. Subclassification if the fund is a management company (check only one):

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Open-end       Closed-end

10. State law under which the fund was organized or formed (e.g., Delaware, Massachusetts):  
Massachusetts

11. Provide the name and address of each investment adviser of the fund (including sub-advisers) during the last five years, even if the fund's contracts with those advisers have been terminated:

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (333 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606) [previously, Nuveen Asset Management, Inc. ]

12. Provide the name and address of each principal underwriter of the fund during the last five years, even if the fund's contracts with those underwriters have been terminated:

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036)

13. If the fund is a unit investment trust ("UIT") provide: Not Applicable

(a) Depositor's name(s) and address(es):

(b) Trustee's name(s) and address(es):

14. Is there a UIT registered under the Act that served as a vehicle for investment in the fund (e.g., an insurance company separate account)?

Yes       No

If Yes, for each UIT state:

Name(s):

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Business Address:

15. (a) Did the fund obtain approval from the board of directors concerning the decision to engage in a Merger, Liquidation or Abandonment of Registration?

Yes       No

If Yes, state the date on which the board vote took place:

At a meeting held on October 28, 2011

If No, explain:

(b) Did the fund obtain approval from the shareholders concerning the decision to engage in a Merger, Liquidation or Abandonment of Registration?

Yes       No

If Yes, state the date on which the shareholder vote took place:

07/17/2012

If No, explain:

II. Distributions to Shareholders

16. Has the fund distributed any assets to its shareholders in connection with the Merger or Liquidation?

Yes     No

(a) If Yes, list the date(s) on which the fund made those distributions:

08/06/2012

(b) Were the distributions made on the basis of net assets?

Yes     No

(c) Were the distributions made pro rata based on share ownership?

Yes     No

(d) If No to (b) or (c) above, describe the method of distributions to shareholders. For Mergers, provide the exchange ratio(s) used and explain how it was calculated:

(e) Liquidations only:  
Were any distributions to shareholders made in kind?

Yes     No

If Yes, indicate the percentage of fund shares owned by affiliates, or any other affiliation of shareholders:

17. Closed-end funds only:  
Has the fund issued senior securities?

Yes     No

If Yes, describe the method of calculating payments to senior securityholders and distributions to other shareholders:

Shareholders of MuniFund Term Preferred shares (“MuniPreferred”) received one share of the acquiring fund’s MuniPreferred for each share of the fund’s MuniPreferred held. The fixed per annum dividend rate, mandatory redemption term and liquidation preference of each share of the fund’s MuniPreferred is the same as the fixed per annum dividend rate, mandatory redemption term and liquidation preference of the acquiring fund’s MuniPreferred.

Holders of common shares received newly issued common shares of the acquiring fund, the aggregate net asset value of which was equal to the aggregate net asset value of the common shares of the fund held immediately prior to the Reorganization. Fractional shares were sold on the open market and shareholders received cash in lieu of such fractional shares.

18. Has the fund distributed all of its assets to the fund’s shareholders?

Yes     No

If No,

(a) How many shareholders does the fund have as of the date this form is filed?

(b) Describe the relationship of each remaining shareholder to the fund:

19. Are there any shareholders who have not yet received distributions in complete liquidation of their interests?

Yes  No

If Yes, describe briefly the plans (if any) for distributing to, or preserving the interests of, those shareholders:

III. Assets and Liabilities

20. Does the fund have any assets as of the date this form is filed?  
(See question 18 above)

Yes  No

If Yes,

(a) Describe the type and amount of each asset retained by the fund as of the date this form is filed:

(b) Why has the fund retained the remaining assets?

(c) Will the remaining assets be invested in securities?

Yes  No

21. Does the fund have any outstanding debts (other than face-amount certificates if the fund is a face-amount certificate company) or any other liabilities?

Yes  No

If Yes,

(a) Describe the type and amount of each debt or other liability:

(b) How does the fund intend to pay these outstanding debts or other liabilities?

IV. Information About Event(s) Leading to Request For Deregistration

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