Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund Form N-Q December 28, 2018

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### Washington, DC 20549

#### **FORM N-Q**

# QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21333

#### **Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Gifford R. Zimmerman Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: July 31

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2018

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#### **Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

#### JQC Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund

# **Portfolio of Investments** October 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	Principal	Description (1) C	January (2)	Reference	Samuel (2)M	aturity (Pat	inga (4)	Value
AIIIC	աու (ԾԾԾ)	LONG-TERM INVEST	oupon (2)	155.8% (97.9% o	Spread (2)M	•	mgs (4)	value
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	¢ 2.462	-				0/01/04	DD.	¢ 2.469.469
	\$ 2,462	Rexnord LLC/ RBS Global, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	4.295%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	8/21/24	BB+	\$ 2,468,468
	11,940	Transdigm, Inc., Term Loan E	4.802%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	5/30/25	Ba2	11,900,061
	14,402	Total Aerospace & Defense						14,368,529
		Airlines 3.5% (2.2%	of Total In	vestments)				
	2,939	American Airlines, Inc., Replacement Term Loan	4.277%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	10/10/21	BB+	2,939,011
	14,122	American Airlines, Inc., Term Loan 2025	4.045%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	6/27/25	BB+	13,850,517
	3,473	American Airlines, Inc., Term Loan B	4.280%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	12/14/23	BB+	3,455,283
	7,840	American Airlines, Inc., Term Loan B	4.295%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	4/28/23	BB+	7,797,860
	14,745	United Air Lines, Inc., Term Loan B	4.052%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	4/01/24	BBB	14,726,794
	43,119	Total Airlines						42,769,465
		Automobiles 2.2% (1	.4% of Tot	al Investments)				
	12,356	Chrysler Group LLC, Term Loan	4.300%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	12/31/18	Baa2	12,383,086
	14,888	Navistar, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan	5.780%	1-Month LIBOR	3.500%	11/06/24	Ba3	14,937,075
	27,244	Total Automobiles						27,320,161
		Beverages 0.5% (0.3	% of Total	Investments)				
	5,756	Jacobs Douwe Egberts, Term Loan B	4.625%	3-Month LIBOR	2.250%	10/23/25	BB	5,765,175
		Biotechnology 0.2%	(0.2% of To	otal Investments)				
	2,985	Grifols, Inc., Term Loan B	4.467%	1-Week LIBOR	2.250%	1/31/25	BB+	2,990,953
		<b>Building Products</b> 0.3	2% (0.1% (	of Total Investmen	ts)			

2,378	Quikrete Holdings, Inc., Term Loan B	5.052%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	11/15/23	ВВ	2,371,849				
	Capital Markets 2.5% Total Investments)	% (1.6% of									
14,848	Capital Automotive LP, Term Loan, First Lien	4.810%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	3/25/24	В1	14,870,378				
15,958	RPI Finance Trust, Term Loan B6, (5)	4.386%	3-Month LIBOR	2.000%	3/27/23	BBB	15,990,857				
30,806	Total Capital Markets						30,861,235				
	Chemicals 3.5% (2.29)	% of Total	Investments)								
10,758	Axalta Coating Systems, Term Loan, First Lien	4.136%	3-Month LIBOR	1.750%	6/01/24	BBB	10,745,556				
9,136	Ineos US Finance LLC, Term Loan	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	4/01/24	BBB	9,135,006				
23,676	Univar, Inc., Term Loan B	4.552%	1-Month LIBOR	2.250%	7/01/24	BB	23,701,409				
43,570	Total Chemicals						43,581,971				
	<b>Commercial Services &amp;</b>	Supplies	4.4% (2.8% of Tot	tal Investme	ents)		18,256,533				
18,227	ADS Waste Holdings, Inc., Term Loan B	4.460%	1-Week LIBOR	2.250%	11/10/23	BB+	18,256,533				
15,123	•	4.802%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	2/01/24	B+	14,984,418				
4,342	Getty Images, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	5.802%	1-Month LIBOR	3.500%	10/18/19	В3	4,300,317				
10,083	Monitronics International, Inc., Term Loan B2, First Lien	7.886%	3-Month LIBOR	5.500%	9/30/22	Caa1	9,902,651				
4,477	Trans Union LLC, Term Loan B3	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	4/10/23	BB+	4,476,872				
2,145	West Corporation, Incremental Term Loan B1	6.026%	3-Month LIBOR	3.500%	10/10/24	Ba3	2,123,765				
54,397	Total Commercial Services & Supplies						54,044,556				
	Communications Equip	ment 3.7	7% (2.3% of Total I	nvestments	)						
6,948	Avaya, Inc., Tranche B Term Loan	6.530%	1-Month LIBOR	4.250%	12/15/24	BB	6,983,870				
737	CommScope, Inc., Term Loan B	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	12/29/22	Baa3	740,709				
5,000	Mitel US Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien, (WI/DD)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	В	5,041,250				
14,981	MultiPlan, Inc., Term Loan B	5.136%	3-Month LIBOR	2.750%	6/07/23	B+	14,961,493				

13,976 Plantronics Inc., Term	4.802%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	7/02/25	Ba1	13,958,617
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	Principal ount (000)	Description (1) Co	upon (2)	Reference Rate (2) S	pread (2)M	aturity ( <b>3R</b> at	ings (4)	Value							
		<b>Communications Equip</b>	ment (cont	inued)											
	\$ 3,887	Univision Communications, Inc., Term Loan C5	5.052%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	3/15/24	ВВ	\$ 3,739,455							
	45,529	Total Communications Equipment	- 0.50 (I	0.20/	4			45,425,394							
	1.200	Containers & Packaging				10/01/00	DDD	1 200 100							
		Berry Global, Inc., Term Loan Q	4.277%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	10/01/22	BBB	1,399,100							
	5,247	Crown Americas, Inc., Term Loan B	4.283%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	4/03/25	Baa2	5,262,599							
	6,645	Total Containers & Packaging						6,661,699							
		<b>Diversified Consumer Se</b>	ervices 2	2.5% (1.6% of Total	Investmen	ts)		B \$ 3,739,455 45,425,394 B 1,399,100 2 5,262,599 6,661,699 B 6,975,015 + 19,131,078 + 4,956,250 31,062,343 2 1,263,149 + 7,459,312 2 13,759,136							
	7,487	Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc., Term Loan B	6.530%	1-Month LIBOR	4.250%	6/07/23	В	6,975,015							
	19,069	Laureate Education, Inc., Term Loan B	6.027%	3-Month LIBOR	3.500%	4/26/24	B+	19,131,078							
	5,000	Refinitiv US Holdings Inc., Term Loan B	6.052%	1-Month LIBOR	3.750%	10/01/25	BB+	4,956,250							
	31,556	Total Diversified Consumer Services						31,062,343							
		<b>Diversified Financial Ser</b>	rvices 1.	8% (1.2% of Total )	Investment	s)									
	1,266	Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., Term Loan B	4.552%	1-Month LIBOR	2.250%	3/24/25	Ba2	1,263,149							
	7,459	Travelport LLC, Term Loan B	4.814%	3-Month LIBOR	2.500%	3/17/25	B+	7,459,312							
	14,755	Walter Investment Management Corporation, Tranche B, Term Loan, First Lien	8.302%	1-Month LIBOR	6.000%	6/30/22	Caa2	13,759,136							
	23,480	Total Diversified Financial Services						22,481,597							
		<b>Diversified Telecommun</b>	ication Se	ervices 4.7% (3.0%	of Total I	nvestments)									
	11,696	CenturyLink, Inc., Initial Term Loan A	5.052%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	11/01/22	BBB	11,694,097							
	1,955		5.052%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	1/31/25	BBB	1,936,821							

	CenturyLink, Inc., Term Loan B								
766	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, S.A., Term Loan B4	6.795%	1-Month LIBOR	4.500%	1/02/24	B1	798,942		
1,226	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, S.A., Term Loan B5	6.625%	N/A	N/A	1/02/24	B1	1,261,661		
11,144	Level 3 Financing, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan, (5)	4.530%	1-Month LIBOR	2.250%	2/22/24	BBB	11,165,621		
9,000	Numericable Group S.A., Term Loan B13	6.280%	1-Month LIBOR	4.000%	8/14/26	B1	8,838,765		
23,000	Ziggo B.V., Term Loan E, (5)	4.780%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	4/15/25	ВВ	22,584,390		
58,787	Total Diversified Telecommunication Services						58,280,297		
	Electric Utilities 1.8%	(1.1% of	<b>Total Investments</b> )						
12,349	Vistra Operations Co., Term Loan B1	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	8/01/23	BBB	12,336,569		
9,501	Vistra Operations Co., Term Loan B3, (DD1)	4.293%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	12/31/25	BBB	9,483,261		
21,850	Total Electric Utilities						21,819,830		
	Energy Equipment & Services 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)								
5,955	McDermott International, Term Loan	7.302%	1-Month LIBOR	5.000%	5/12/25	BB	5,893,961		
597	Ocean Rig UDW, Inc., Term Loan	8.000%	N/A	N/A	9/20/24	В	627,821		
894	Seadrill Partners LLC, Initial Term Loan	8.386%	3-Month LIBOR	6.000%	2/21/21	CCC+	832,308		
7,446	Total Energy Equipment & Services						7,354,090		
	<b>Equity Real Estate Investigation</b>	stment Tr	usts 0.8% (0.5% o	of Total Inv	vestments)				
10,609	Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc., Shortfall Term Loan	5.302%	1-Month LIBOR	3.000%	10/24/22	BB+	10,059,759		
	Food & Staples Retailin	g 2.2%	(1.4% of Total Inves	stments)					
5,085	Albertson s LLC, Term Loan B6	5.311%	3-Month LIBOR	3.000%	6/22/23	Ba2	5,071,413		
21,560	Loan B7, (DD1)	0.000%	N/A	N/A	10/29/25	Ba2	21,421,169		
26,645	Total Food & Staples Retailing						26,492,582		
	Food Products 1.5% (	0.9% of T	otal Investments)						
17,908	U.S. Foods, Inc., Term Loan B	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	6/27/23	BBB	17,902,845		

#### **Health Care Equipment & Supplies** 2.5% (1.6% of Total Investments)

4,722	Acelity, Term Loan B	5.636%	3-Month LIBOR	3.250%	2/02/24	B1	4,744,732
5,893	DJO Finance LLC, Term Loan B, First Lien	5.599%	1-Month LIBOR	3.250%	6/08/20	B+	5,890,955
12,180	Onex Carestream Finance LP, Term Loan, First Lien	6.302%	1-Month LIBOR	4.000%	6/07/19	B1	12,169,412

Principal Amount (000)		Description (1)	Coupon (2)	Reference Rate (2) S	Spread (2)M	laturity (3 <b>R</b> a	tings (4)	Value		
Amount (	(000)	Health Care Equip	_		preau (2).wi	iaturity (S <b>y</b> ka	ungs (4)	value		
\$ 7	,875	Onex Carestream Finance LP, Term Loan, Second Lien	10.802%	1-Month LIBOR	8.500%	12/07/19	В	\$ 7,865,100		
30	),670	Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies						30,670,199		
		Health Care Provid	lers & Servio	es 6.1% (3.9% of	f Total Inve	stments)				
2	2,993	Ardent Health Partners LLC, Term Loan, First Lien	6.802%	1-Month LIBOR	4.500%	6/30/25	B1	3,010,739		
6	5,564	Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan H	5.563%	3-Month LIBOR	3.250%	1/27/21	В	6,439,284		
4	1,437	ConvaTec, Inc., Term Loan B	4.636%	3-Month LIBOR	2.250%	10/25/23	BB	4,438,811		
5	5,000	Grifols, Inc., Term Loan B	6.052%	1-Month LIBOR	3.750%	10/10/25	B+	4,905,075		
		HCA, Inc., Term Loan B11	4.052%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	3/17/23	BBB	11,998,625		
12	2,706	Kindred at Home Hospice, Term Loan B	6.063%	1-Month LIBOR	3.750%	7/02/25	B1	12,777,353		
2	2,977	McGraw-Hill Education Holdings LLC, Term Loan B	4.780%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	3/06/25	Ba2	2,986,024		
11	,227	Millennium Laboratories, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	8.802%	1-Month LIBOR	6.500%	12/21/20	CCC+	6,230,939		
14	,351	Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc., Term Loan B	4.802%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	8/18/22	Ba3	14,325,729		
7	,960	PharMerica, Term Loan, First Lien	5.780%	1-Month LIBOR	3.500%	12/06/24	B1	7,994,825		
	161	Quorum Health Corp., Term Loan B	9.052%	1-Month LIBOR	6.750%	4/29/22	B1	163,204		
80	),316	Total Health Care Providers & Services						75,270,608		
		<b>Health Care Techn</b>	ology 1.2%	0.7% of Total In	vestments)					
14	1,445	Emdeon, Inc., Term Loan, (5)	5.173%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	3/01/24	Ba3	14,446,399		
		Hotels, Restaurants	s & Leisure	15.3% (9.6% of T	otal Investr	nents)				

2,805	Aramark Corporation, Term Loan B	4.052%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	3/11/25	BBB	2,808,955
34,475		4.552%	1-Month LIBOR	2.250%	2/16/24	Ba3	34,384,563
12,654	Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, Inc., Term Loan B	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	10/06/24	ВВ	12,606,921
18,361	Caesars Resort Collection, Term Loan, First Lien	5.052%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	12/23/24	BB	18,388,057
1,116	CCM Merger, Inc., Term Loan B	4.552%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	8/09/21	BB	1,119,278
16,093	Hilton Hotels, Term Loan B	4.031%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	10/25/23	BBB	16,128,654
5,473	Las Vegas Sands Corporation, Term Loan B	4.052%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	3/27/25	BBB	5,458,819
22,052	Life Time Fitness, Inc., Term Loan B	5.063%	3-Month LIBOR	2.750%	6/10/22	BB	22,067,128
12,000	Marriott Ownership Resorts Inc., Term Loan B	4.552%	1-Month LIBOR	2.250%	8/29/25	Baa3	12,060,000
4,680	MGM Growth Properties, Term Loan B	4.302%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	4/25/25	BB+	4,671,646
19,978	Scientific Games Corp., Initial Term Loan B5	5.046%	2-Month LIBOR	2.750%	8/14/24	Ba3	19,811,926
4,988	Stars Group Holdings, Term Loan B	5.886%	3-Month LIBOR	3.500%	7/10/25	B+	5,015,206
15,536	Station Casino LLC, Term Loan B	4.810%	1-Month LIBOR	2.500%	6/08/23	BB	15,546,688
2,500	Wyndham International, Inc., Term Loan B	4.052%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	5/30/25	BBB	2,502,088
14,766	YUM Brands, Term Loan B	4.037%	1-Month LIBOR	1.750%	4/03/25	BBB	14,782,681
187,477	Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure						187,352,610
	<b>Household Durables</b>	1.7% (1.1	% of Total Investn	nents)			
22,906	Serta Simmons Holdings LLC, Term Loan, First Lien	5.775%	1-Month LIBOR	3.500%	11/08/23	В	20,717,920

#### **Household Products** 2.5% (1.6% of Total Investments)

11,750	Energizer Holdings, Term Loan B, (WI/DD)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	BB+	11,783,076		
19,314	Reynolds Group Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	5.052%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	2/05/23	B+	19,351,461		
31,064	Total Household Products						31,134,537		
Independent Power & Renewable Electricity Producers 1.0% (0.6% of Total Investment									
11,939	NRG Energy, Inc., Term Loan B	4.136%	3-Month LIBOR	1.750%	6/30/23	BBB	11,909,735		
	Insurance 0.8% (0.	5% of Tota	al Investments)						
9,810	Hub International Holdings, Inc., Term Loan B	5.490%	3-Month LIBOR	3.000%	4/25/25	В	9,794,170		
	Interactive Media &	Services	0.1% (0.1% of Tota	al Investmen	nts)				
1,513	Rackspace Hosting, Inc., Refinancing Term Loan B, First Lien	5.348%	3-Month LIBOR	3.000%	11/03/23	BB+	1,471,283		

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	Principount (00		Coupon (2)	Reference Rate (2) S	Spread (2)M	aturity (3 <b>R</b> a	tings (4)	Value		
		Internet Software & S	Services 2.	6% (1.6% of Total	Investments	s)				
	\$ 18,11	3 Ancestry.com, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	5.550%	1-Month LIBOR	3.250%	10/19/23	В	\$ 18,208,466		
	10,02	3 Dynatrace, Term Loan, First Lien	5.552%	1-Month LIBOR	3.250%	8/22/25	B1	10,099,871		
	30	6 Dynatrace, Term Loan, Second Lien	9.302%	1-Month LIBOR	7.000%	8/21/26	CCC+	310,995		
	4,00	O SkillSoft Corporation, Term Loan, Second Lien	10.552%	1-Month LIBOR	8.250%	4/28/22	CCC	3,191,080		
	32,44	2 Total Internet Software & Services						31,810,412		
		IT Services 6.9% (4	.4% of Tota	l Investments)						
	10,42	2 First Data Corporation, Term Loan, First Lien	4.287%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	7/10/22	BB+	10,399,663		
	17,32	4 First Data Corporation, Term Loan, First Lien	4.287%	1-Month LIBOR	2.000%	4/26/24	BB+	17,250,029		
	11,72		5.050%	1-Month LIBOR	2.750%	6/02/25				