

NUVEEN REAL ESTATE INCOME FUND

Form N-Q

November 29, 2010

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 811-10491

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy 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: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 9/30/2010

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

Item 1. Schedule of Investment**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)****Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (JRS)***September 30, 2010*

| Shares | Description (1) | Value |
|--|--|--------------|
| Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks - 78.1% (62.0% of Total Investments) | | |
| Diversified 1.7% | | |
| 53,281 | Vornado Realty Trust | \$ 4,557,125 |
| Industrial 6.7% | | |
| 426,100 | AMB Property Corp. | 11,278,867 |
| 562,700 | ProLogis | 6,628,606 |
| | Total Industrial | 17,907,473 |
| Office 16.1% | | |
| 136,650 | Boston Properties, Inc. | 11,358,348 |
| 374,900 | Brandywine Realty Trust | 4,592,525 |
| 194,900 | HRPT Properties Trust | 4,989,440 |
| 145,000 | Corporate Office Properties | 5,409,950 |
| 259,900 | Douglas Emmett Inc. | 4,550,849 |
| 200,350 | Mack-Cali Realty Corporation | 6,553,449 |
| 87,600 | SL Green Realty Corporation | 5,547,708 |
| | Total Office | 43,002,269 |
| Residential 15.8% | | |
| 404,300 | Apartment Investment & Management Company, Class A | 8,643,934 |
| 65,638 | AvalonBay Communities, Inc. | 6,821,757 |
| 337,000 | Equity Residential | 16,031,090 |
| 99,500 | Essex Property Trust Inc. | 10,889,280 |
| | Total Residential | 42,386,061 |

Retail 15.7%

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| 54,150 | Federal Realty Investment Trust | 4,421,889 |
| 165,827 | Macerich Company | 7,122,270 |
| 189,950 | Regency Centers Corporation | 7,497,327 |
| 185,369 | Simon Property Group, Inc. | 17,191,121 |
| 128,850 | Taubman Centers Inc. | 5,747,999 |
| | Total Retail | 41,980,606 |

Specialized 22.1%

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|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 424,250 | Health Care Property Investors Inc. | 15,264,515 |
| 721,475 | Host Hotels & Resorts Inc. | 10,446,958 |
| 178,700 | Public Storage, Inc. | 17,341,044 |
| 239,900 | Senior Housing Properties Trust | 5,637,650 |
| 364,750 | Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc., (2) | 3,308,283 |
| 134,550 | Ventas Inc. | 6,938,744 |
| | Total Specialized | 58,937,194 |

Total Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks (cost \$160,616,470) 208,770,728

| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Ratings (3) | Value |
|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|-------|

Convertible Preferred Securities 2.8% (2.3% of Total Investments)

Office 2.8%

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|---------|--|--------|------|--------------|
| 340,756 | HRPT Properties Trust, Preferred Convertible Bonds | 6.500% | Baa3 | \$ 7,571,598 |
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Total Convertible Preferred Securities (cost \$6,642,673) 7,571,598

| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Value |
|--------|-----------------|--------|-------|
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Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks 31.4% (25.1% of Total Investments)

Diversified 1.1%

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| 111,400 | PS Business Parks, Inc., Series O | 7.375% | \$ 2,879,689 |
| Office 12.5% | | | |
| 34,951 | HRPT Properties Trust, Series B | 9.875% | 886,008 |
| 181,000 | HRPT Properties Trust, Series C | 7.125% | 4,472,510 |
| 12,141 | Highwoods Properties, Inc., Series A | 8.625% | 12,159,212 |
| 335,978 | Lexington Realty Trust | 7.550% | 7,935,800 |
| 314,000 | Parkway Properties, Inc. | 8.000% | 8,007,000 |
| | Total Office | | 33,460,530 |
| Residential 6.5% | | | |
| 511,100 | Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series U | 7.750% | 12,966,607 |
| 179,300 | Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series Y | 7.875% | 4,575,736 |
| | Total Residential | | 17,542,343 |
| Retail 2.3% | | | |
| 5,842 | CBL & Associates Properties Inc., Series C | 7.750% | 143,129 |
| 21,151 | CBL & Associates Properties Inc., Series D | 7.375% | 504,240 |
| 70,550 | Glimcher Realty Trust, Series G | 8.125% | 1,724,948 |
| 152,800 | Saul Centers, Inc. | 8.000% | 3,888,760 |
| | Total Retail | | 6,261,077 |
| Specialized 9.0% | | | |
| 103,300 | Hersha Hospitality Trust, Series A | 8.000% | 2,530,850 |
| 611,000 | Hospitality Properties Trust, Series C | 7.000% | 15,042,820 |
| 271,452 | Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc., Series A | 8.000% | 6,666,861 |

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| Total Specialized | 24,240,531 |
| Total Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks (cost \$82,182,654) | 84,384,170 |

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Ratings (3) | Value |
|---|---|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Convertible Bonds 9.6% (7.7% of Total Investments) | | | | | |
| Industrial 2.3% | | | | | |
| \$ 6,300 | Prologis Trust, Convertible Bonds | 2.250% | 4/01/37 | BBB- | \$ 6,126,750 |
| Office 4.0% | | | | | |
| 7,750 | Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc., Convertible Bonds, 144A | 3.700% | 1/15/27 | N/R | 7,643,438 |
| 2,000 | Kilroy Realty Limited Partnership, Convertible Bond, 144A | 3.250% | 4/15/12 | N/R | 1,995,000 |
| 1,200 | SL Green Realty Corporation, Convertible Bond, 144A | 3.000% | 3/30/27 | N/R | 1,170,000 |
| 10,950 | Total Office | | | | 10,808,438 |
| Retail 3.3% | | | | | |
| 9,000 | Macerich Company, Convertible Bond, 144A | 3.250% | 3/15/12 | N/R | 8,966,250 |
| \$ 26,250 | Total Convertible Bonds (cost \$23,871,237) | | | | 25,901,438 |

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Value |
|--|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Short-Term Investments 3.6% (2.9% of Total Investments) | | | | |
| \$ 9,734 | Repurchase Agreement with Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, dated 9/30/10, repurchase price \$9,734,323, collateralized by \$9,215,000 | 0.080% | 10/01/10 | \$ 9,734,301 |

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U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.125%,
due 5/15/19, value \$9,929,163

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| Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$9,734,301) | 9,734,301 |
| Total Investments (cost \$283,047,335) 125.5% | 336,362,235 |
| Borrowings (24.1)% (4)(5) | (64,710,000) |
| Other Assets Less Liabilities (1.4)% | (3,560,812) |
| Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares 100% | \$ 268,091,423 |

Fair Value Measurements

In determining the fair value of the Fund's investments, various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of September 30, 2010:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| Investments: | | | | |
| Real Estate Investment Trust | | | | |
| Common Stocks | \$ 208,770,728 | \$ | \$ | \$ 208,770,728 |
| Preferred Securities* | 7,571,598 | | | 7,571,598 |
| Real Estate Investment Trust | | | | |
| Preferred Stocks | 72,224,958 | 12,159,212 | | 84,384,170 |
| Convertible Bonds | | 25,901,438 | | 25,901,438 |
| Short-Term Investments | 9,734,301 | | | 9,734,301 |
| Total | \$ 298,301,585 | \$ 38,060,650 | \$ | \$ 336,362,235 |

*Preferred Securities includes Convertible Preferred Securities, \$25 par (or similar) Preferred Securities and Capital Preferred Securities held by the Fund at the end of the reporting period, if any.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At September 30, 2010, the cost of investments was \$286,833,397.

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Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at September 30, 2010, were as follows:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Gross unrealized: | |
| Appreciation | \$ 54,793,483 |
| Depreciation | (5,264,645) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$ 49,528,838 |

For Fund portfolio compliance purposes, the Fund's industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, as/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications into sectors for reporting ease.

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Non-income producing; issuer has not declared a dividend within the past twelve months.
- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group (Standard & Poor's), Moody's Investor Service, Inc. (Moody's) or Fitch, Inc. (Fitch) rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
- (4) Borrowings Payable as a percentage of total investments is 19.2%.
- (5) The Fund may pledge up to 100% of its eligible investments in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for Borrowings. As of September 30, 2010, investments with a value of \$138,895,784 have been pledged as collateral for Borrowings.

N/R Not rated.

144A Investment is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These investments may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date November 29, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date November 29, 2010

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date November 29, 2010