

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund  
Form N-Q  
December 30, 2014

**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)

**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: 7/31

Date of reporting period: 10/31/2014

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

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**Portfolio of Investments**  
**Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (JQC)**  
 October 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1)  | Coupon (4) | Maturity (2) | Ratings (3) | Value        |
|------------------------|--|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                        | <b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS - 138.5% (97.1% of Total Investments)</b>                   |            |              |             |              |
|                        | <b>VARIABLE RATE SENIOR LOAN INTERESTS - 104.9% (73.5% of Total Investments) (4)</b> |            |              |             |              |
|                        | <b>Airlines - 2.9% (2.1% of Total Investments)</b>                                   |            |              |             |              |
| \$ 7,406               | American Airlines, Inc., Term Loan   | 3.750%     | 6/27/19      | Ba2         | \$ 7,313,672 |
| 16,703                 | Delta Air Lines, Inc., Term Loan B1  | 3.250%     | 10/18/18     | BBB-        | 16,392,802   |
| 17,182                 | Delta Air Lines, Inc., Term Loan B   | 3.250%     | 4/20/17      | BBB-        | 17,088,228   |
| 41,291                 | Total Airlines   |            |              |             | 40,794,702   |
|                        | <b>Automobiles - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)</b>                                |            |              |             |              |
| 3,581                  | Chrysler Group LLC, Term Loan B  | 3.500%     | 5/24/17      | BB+         | 3,566,125    |
| 7,795                  | Formula One Group, Term Loan, First Lien   | 4.750%     | 7/30/21      | B           | 7,734,556    |
|                        | Formula One Group, Term Loan, Second Lien  | 7.750%     | 7/29/22      | CCC+        | 1,998,750    |
| 13,376                 | Total Automobiles  |            |              |             | 13,299,431   |
|                        | <b>Chemicals - 4.0% (2.8% of Total Investments)</b>                                  |            |              |             |              |
| 13,526                 | Ineos US Finance LLC, Cash Dollar, Term Loan   | 3.750%     | 5/04/18      | BB-         | 13,352,998   |
| 35,060                 | Univar, Inc., Term Loan  | 5.000%     | 6/30/17      | B+          | 34,884,752   |
| 7,540                  | US Coatings Acquisition, Term Loan B   | 3.750%     | 2/01/20      | B+          | 7,431,952    |
| 56,126                 | Total Chemicals  |            |              |             | 55,669,702   |
|                        | <b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies - 3.3% (2.3% of Total Investments)</b>         |            |              |             |              |
| 9,825                  | ADS Waste Holdings, Inc., Initial Term Loan, Tranche B2                              | 3.750%     | 10/09/19     | B+          | 9,626,044    |
| 584                    | CCS Income Trust, Term Loan, First Lien  | 6.250%     | 5/12/18      | B-          | 568,443      |
| 35,910                 | Millennium Laboratories, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan                                  | 5.250%     | 4/16/21      | B+          | 35,977,331   |
| 46,319                 | Total Commercial Services & Supplies   |            |              |             | 46,171,818   |
|                        | <b>Communications Equipment - 1.1% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b>                   |            |              |             |              |
| 14,933                 | Telesat Canada Inc., Term Loan B   | 3.500%     | 3/28/19      | BB-         | 14,743,687   |
|                        | <b>Computers &amp; Peripherals - 1.9% (1.3% of Total Investments)</b>                |            |              |             |              |
| 25,740                 | Dell, Inc., Term Loan B  | 4.500%     | 4/29/20      | BB+         | 25,811,660   |
|                        | <b>Consumer Finance - 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)</b>                           |            |              |             |              |
| 15,000                 | First Data Corporation, Second New Dollar, Term Loan                                 | 3.653%     | 3/24/17      | BB-         | 14,906,250   |
| 3,500                  | First Data Corporation, Term Loan  | 3.653%     | 3/23/18      | BB-         | 3,472,438    |
| 18,500                 | Total Consumer Finance   |            |              |             | 18,378,688   |
|                        | <b>Containers &amp; Packaging - 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)</b>                 |            |              |             |              |
| 18,145                 | Reynolds Group Holdings, Inc., Incremental US Term Loan, First Lien                  | 4.000%     | 12/01/18     | B+          | 18,070,884   |
|                        | <b>Diversified Consumer Services - 4.7% (3.3% of Total Investments)</b>              |            |              |             |              |
| 10,296                 | Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc., Exit Term Loan                                  | 7.000%     | 3/31/20      | B+          | 10,325,494   |
| 31,851                 | Hilton Hotels Corporation, Term Loan B2  | 3.500%     | 10/25/20     | BB+         | 31,582,451   |
| 8,060                  | Laureate Education, Inc., Term Loan B  | 5.000%     | 6/15/18      | B           | 7,797,790    |
| 15,875                 | ServiceMaster Company, Term Loan   | 4.250%     | 7/01/21      | B+          | 15,752,493   |
| 66,082                 | Total Diversified Consumer Services  |            |              |             | 65,458,228   |
|                        | <b>Diversified Financial Services - 0.1% (0.1% of Total Investments)</b>             |            |              |             |              |
| 1,253                  | Ocwen Financial Corporation, Term Loan B   | 5.000%     | 2/15/18      | B1          | 1,210,253    |
|                        | <b>Diversified Telecommunication Services - 5.4% (3.8% of Total Investments)</b>     |            |              |             |              |
| 10,440                 | Intelsat Jackson Holdings, S.A., Tranche B2, Term Loan                               | 3.750%     | 6/30/19      | BB-         | 10,374,742   |
| 9,000                  | Level 3 Financing, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien, WI/DD                              | TBD        | TBD          | BB+         | 9,042,192    |
| 20,685                 | WideOpenWest Finance LLC, Term Loan B  | 4.750%     | 4/01/19      | Ba3         | 20,695,777   |
| 12,943                 | Ziggo N.V., Term Loan B1, DD1  | 3.250%     | 1/15/22      | BB-         | 12,624,762   |
| 8,340                  | Ziggo N.V., Term Loan B2, DD1  | 3.210%     | 1/15/22      | BB-         | 8,135,635    |
| 13,717                 | Ziggo N.V., Term Loan B3, Delayed Draw, DD1, (5)                                     | 2.750%     | 1/15/22      | BB-         | 13,380,214   |

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|--------|--|--------|----------|-----|--|------------|
| 75,125 | Total Diversified Telecommunication Services                                   |        |          |     |  | 74,253,322 |
|        | <b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services - 0.9% (0.7% of Total Investments)</b>      |        |          |     |  |            |
| 7,406  | Drill Rigs Holdings, Inc., Tranche B1, Term Loan                               | 6.000% | 3/31/21  | B+  |  | 7,113,095  |
| 6,404  | Vantage Drilling Company, Term Loan B  | 5.750% | 3/28/19  | B-  |  | 5,763,430  |
| 13,810 | Total Energy Equipment & Services  |        |          |     |  | 12,876,525 |
|        | <b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing - 4.7% (3.3% of Total Investments)</b>         |        |          |     |  |            |
| 13,365 | Albertson's LLC, Term Loan B2  | 4.750% | 3/21/19  | BB- |  | 13,348,613 |
| 29,000 | Albertson's LLC, Term Loan B4  | 4.500% | 8/25/21  | BB- |  | 29,038,251 |
| 12,903 | BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., Replacement Loan, First Lien                        | 4.500% | 9/26/19  | B-  |  | 12,778,081 |
| 7,500  | BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., Replacement Loan, Second Lien                       | 8.500% | 3/26/20  | CCC |  | 7,522,500  |
| 1,961  | Supervalu, Inc., New Term Loan   | 4.500% | 3/21/19  | B+  |  | 1,937,511  |
| 64,729 | Total Food & Staples Retailing   |        |          |     |  | 64,624,956 |
|        | <b>Food Products - 6.4% (4.5% of Total Investments)</b>                        |        |          |     |  |            |
| 32,884 | H.J Heinz Company, Term Loan B2  | 3.500% | 6/05/20  | BB  |  | 32,719,331 |
| 12,000 | Jacobs Douwe Egberts, Term Loan B  | 3.500% | 7/23/21  | BB  |  | 11,850,000 |
| 1,365  | NPC International, Inc., Term Loan B   | 4.000% | 12/28/18 | B1  |  | 1,306,987  |
| 42,623 | US Foods, Inc., Incremental Term Loan  | 4.500% | 3/31/19  | B2  |  | 42,560,925 |
| 88,872 | Total Food Products  |        |          |     |  | 88,437,243 |
|        | <b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies - 5.0% (3.5% of Total Investments)</b> |        |          |     |  |            |
| 15,710 | Kinetic Concepts, Inc., Term Loan D1   | 4.000% | 5/04/18  | BB- |  | 15,621,460 |
| 10,197 | Onex Carestream Finance LP, Term Loan, First Lien                              | 5.000% | 6/07/19  | B+  |  | 10,222,289 |
| 11,672 | Onex Carestream Finance LP, Term Loan, Second Lien                             | 9.500% | 12/07/19 | B-  |  | 11,589,046 |
| 32,425 | United Surgical Partners International, Inc., Incremental Term Loan            | 4.750% | 4/03/19  | B1  |  | 32,490,216 |
| 70,004 | Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies   |        |          |     |  | 69,923,011 |
|        | <b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services - 3.7% (2.6% of Total Investments)</b> |        |          |     |  |            |
| 21,652 | Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan D                                    | 4.250% | 1/27/21  | BB  |  | 21,699,495 |
| 441    | Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan E                                    | 3.485% | 1/25/17  | BB  |  | 440,094    |
| 21,592 | Drumm Investors LLC, Term Loan   | 6.750% | 5/04/18  | B   |  | 21,798,903 |
| 367    | HCA, Inc., Tranche B5, Term Loan   | 2.904% | 3/31/17  | BB  |  | 366,405    |
| 7,573  | National Mentor Holdings, Inc., Term Loan B                                    | 4.750% | 1/31/21  | B1  |  | 7,525,464  |
| 51,625 | Total Health Care Providers & Services   |        |          |     |  | 51,830,361 |
|        | <b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure - 4.4% (3.1% of Total Investments)</b>    |        |          |     |  |            |
| 15,722 | Burger King Corporation, Term Loan B, First Lien                               | 4.500% | 10/27/21 | B+  |  | 15,734,234 |
| 1,843  | CCM Merger, Inc., Term Loan B  | 4.500% | 8/08/21  | B+  |  | 1,838,601  |
| 7,102  | Landry's Restaurants, Inc., Term Loan B  | 4.000% | 4/24/18  | BB- |  | 7,091,007  |
| 3,424  | MGM Resorts International, Term Loan B   | 3.500% | 12/20/19 | BB  |  | 3,388,093  |
| 7,500  | Scientific Games Corporation, Term Loan B2                                     | 6.000% | 10/01/21 | BB- |  | 7,355,858  |
| 8,933  | Scientific Games Corporation, Term Loan  | 4.250% | 10/18/20 | BB- |  | 8,770,598  |
| 17,169 | Station Casino LLC, Term Loan B  | 4.250% | 3/02/20  | B1  |  | 16,954,104 |
| 61,693 | Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure  |        |          |     |  | 61,132,495 |
|        | <b>Household Durables - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)</b>                   |        |          |     |  |            |
| 12,574 | Serta Simmons Holdings LLC, Term Loan  | 4.250% | 10/01/19 | B+  |  | 12,478,054 |
|        | <b>Insurance - 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)</b>                            |        |          |     |  |            |
| 10,890 | Hub International Holdings, Inc., Initial Term Loan                            | 4.250% | 10/02/20 | B1  |  | 10,751,424 |
| 7,861  | USI Holdings Corporation, Initial Term Loan                                    | 4.250% | 12/27/19 | B1  |  | 7,781,994  |
| 18,751 | Total Insurance  |        |          |     |  | 18,533,418 |
|        | <b>Internet &amp; Catalog Retail - 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)</b>        |        |          |     |  |            |
| 22,000 | Travelport LLC, Term Loan B, First Lien  | 6.000% | 9/02/21  | B2  |  | 21,964,250 |
|        | <b>Internet Software &amp; Services - 2.6% (1.8% of Total Investments)</b>     |        |          |     |  |            |
| 36,954 | Sabre Inc., Term Loan  | 4.000% | 2/18/19  | Ba3 |  | 36,459,971 |
|        | <b>IT Services - 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>                          |        |          |     |  |            |
| 5,791  | Zayo Group LLC, Term Loan B  | 4.000% | 7/02/19  | B1  |  | 5,747,882  |
|        | <b>Leisure Equipment &amp; Products - 0.5% (0.4% of Total Investments)</b>     |        |          |     |  |            |
| 7,543  | Bombardier Recreational Products, Inc., Term Loan                              | 4.000% | 1/30/19  | B+  |  | 7,425,943  |
|        | <b>Machinery - 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>                            |        |          |     |  |            |

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| 5,940   | Rexnord LLC, Term Loan B   | 4.000% | 8/21/20  | BB-  | 5,862,038   |
|         | <b>Media - 10.4% (7.3% of Total Investments)</b>                                       |        |          |      |             |
| 7,527   | Acquisitions Cogeco Cable II L.P., Term Loan B   | 3.250% | 11/30/19 | BB   | 7,439,155   |
| 118     | Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc., Delayed Draw, Term Loan, (5)                        | 3.750% | 7/23/21  | B1   | 116,771     |
| 3,532   | Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien                               | 4.250% | 7/25/21  | B1   | 3,503,117   |
| 2,950   | Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc., Term Loan, Second Lien                              | 7.500% | 7/25/22  | CCC+ | 2,941,395   |
| 563     | Charter Communications Operating Holdings LLC, Term Loan F                             | 3.000% | 1/03/21  | Baa3 | 554,883     |
| 729     | Clear Channel Communications, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan                               | 3.804% | 1/29/16  | CCC+ | 723,856     |
| 3,535   | Clear Channel Communications, Inc., Tranche D, Term Loan                               | 6.904% | 1/30/19  | CCC+ | 3,348,890   |
| 1,358   | Clear Channel Communications, Inc. Term Loan E   | 7.654% | 7/30/19  | CCC+ | 1,315,695   |
| 34,736  | Cumulus Media, Inc., Term Loan B   | 4.250% | 12/23/20 | B+   | 34,288,335  |
| 31,183  | EMI Music Publishing LLC, Term Loan B  | 3.750% | 6/29/18  | BB-  | 30,854,379  |
| 17,207  | Interactive Data Corporation, Term Loan B  | 4.750% | 5/02/21  | B+   | 17,228,384  |
| 4,858   | Springer Science & Business Media, Inc., Term Loan B3                                  | 4.750% | 8/14/20  | B    | 4,829,846   |
| 32,143  | Tribune Company, Term Loan B   | 4.000% | 12/27/20 | BB+  | 31,961,776  |
| 4,313   | Univision Communications, Inc., Replacement Term Loan, First Lien                      | 4.000% | 3/01/20  | B+   | 4,275,642   |
| 144,752 | Total Media  |        |          |      | 143,382,124 |
|         | <b>Multiline Retail - 1.2% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b>                             |        |          |      |             |
| 16,650  | Hudson's Bay Company, Term Loan B, First Lien  | 4.750% | 11/04/20 | BB   | 16,699,434  |
|         | <b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels - 1.2% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b>              |        |          |      |             |
| 4,351   | Crestwood Holdings LLC, Term Loan B  | 7.000% | 6/19/19  | B    | 4,353,080   |
| 3,249   | Fieldwood Energy LLC, Term Loan, First Lien  | 3.875% | 9/28/18  | Ba2  | 3,185,048   |
| 8,778   | Fieldwood Energy LLC, Term Loan, Second Lien   | 8.375% | 9/30/20  | B2   | 8,483,673   |
| 472     | Samson Investment Company, Tranche 1, Term Loan, Second Lien                           | 5.000% | 9/25/18  | B1   | 439,167     |
| 16,850  | Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels  |        |          |      | 16,460,968  |
|         | <b>Pharmaceuticals - 6.3% (4.4% of Total Investments)</b>                              |        |          |      |             |
| 34,533  | Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien                      | 4.000% | 12/01/18 | Ba3  | 34,331,357  |
| 27,741  | Quintiles Transnational Corp., Term Loan B3  | 3.750% | 6/08/18  | BB   | 27,532,894  |
| 15,512  | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Term Loan E                               | 3.500% | 8/05/20  | Ba1  | 15,414,882  |
| 8,528   | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan C2                   | 3.500% | 12/11/19 | Ba1  | 8,462,448   |
| 1,279   | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan D2                   | 3.500% | 2/13/19  | Ba1  | 1,270,307   |
| 87,593  | Total Pharmaceuticals  |        |          |      | 87,011,888  |
|         | <b>Professional Services - 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>                        |        |          |      |             |
| 4,731   | Ceridian Corporation, Term Loan B1   | 4.121% | 5/01/17  | B1   | 4,732,665   |
| 935     | Ceridian Corporation, Term Loan B2   | 4.500% | 9/15/20  | B1   | 928,116     |
| 5,666   | Total Professional Services  |        |          |      | 5,660,781   |
|         | <b>Real Estate Investment Trust - 3.6% (2.5% of Total Investments)</b>                 |        |          |      |             |
| 28,224  | iStar Financial, Inc., Term Loan, Tranche A2, First Lien                               | 7.000% | 3/19/17  | BB-  | 28,947,618  |
| 17,268  | Realogy Corporation, Initial Term Loan B   | 3.750% | 3/05/20  | BB   | 17,108,528  |
| 4,351   | Walter Investment Management Corporation, Tranche B, Term Loan, First Lien             | 4.750% | 12/18/20 | B+   | 4,122,178   |
| 49,843  | Total Real Estate Investment Trust   |        |          |      | 50,178,324  |
|         | <b>Real Estate Management &amp; Development - 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)</b>     |        |          |      |             |
| 21,714  | Capital Automotive LP, Term Loan, Tranche B1   | 4.000% | 4/10/19  | Ba2  | 21,632,128  |
|         | <b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment - 4.6% (3.2% of Total Investments)</b> |        |          |      |             |
| 37,905  | Avago Technologies, Term Loan B  | 3.750% | 5/06/21  | BBB- | 37,837,301  |
| 25,649  | Freescale Semiconductor, Inc., Term Loan, Tranche B4                                   | 4.250% | 2/28/20  | B1   | 25,340,102  |

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| 63,554       | Total Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment                                 |         |          |      |  | 63,177,403    |
|              | <b>Software - 13.3% (9.3% of Total Investments)</b>                            |         |          |      |  |               |
| 5,812        | Blackboard, Inc., Term Loan B3   | 4.750%  | 10/04/18 | B+   |  | 5,825,466     |
| 38,310       | BMC Software, Inc., Initial Term Loan  | 5.000%  | 9/10/20  | B1   |  | 37,888,807    |
| 28,609       | Datatel Parent Corp, Term Loan B1  | 4.000%  | 7/19/18  | B+   |  | 28,406,535    |
| 17,067       | Emdeon Business Services LLC, Term Loan B2                                     | 3.750%  | 11/02/18 | BB-  |  | 16,942,127    |
| 24,769       | Infor Global Solutions Intermediate Holdings, Ltd., Term Loan B5               | 3.750%  | 6/03/20  | Ba3  |  | 24,428,340    |
| 18,169       | Kronos Incorporated, Initial Term Loan, Second Lien                            | 9.750%  | 4/30/20  | CCC  |  | 18,684,124    |
| 10,350       | Micro Focus International PLC, Term Loan B, WI/DD                              | TBD     | TBD      | BB-  |  | 10,029,150    |
| 1,650        | Micro Focus International PLC, Term Loan C, WI/DD                              | TBD     | TBD      | BB-  |  | 1,600,500     |
| 15,000       | Misys PLC, Term Loan, Second Lien  | 12.000% | 6/12/19  | CCC+ |  | 16,565,625    |
| 4,794        | SunGard Data Systems, Inc., Term Loan E  | 4.000%  | 3/08/20  | BB   |  | 4,779,317     |
| 10,000       | Vertafore, Inc., Term Loan, Second Lien  | 9.750%  | 10/27/17 | CCC+ |  | 10,081,250    |
| 8,976        | Zebra Technologies Corporation, Term Loan B, First Lien, WI/DD                 | TBD     | TBD      | BB+  |  | 9,054,146     |
| 183,506      | Total Software   |         |          |      |  | 184,285,387   |
|              | <b>Specialty Retail - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)</b>                     |         |          |      |  |               |
| 7,980        | Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, Term Loan B3                    | 4.250%  | 8/13/21  | B1   |  | 7,935,111     |
| 842          | Gardner Denver, Inc., Term Loan  | 4.250%  | 7/30/20  | B1   |  | 830,163       |
| 1,732        | Jo-Ann Stores, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien                                     | 4.000%  | 3/16/18  | B+   |  | 1,667,651     |
| 2,877        | Michaels Stores, Inc. Term Loan, First Lien                                    | 3.750%  | 1/28/20  | Ba3  |  | 2,833,066     |
| 13,431       | Total Specialty Retail   |         |          |      |  | 13,265,991    |
|              | <b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors - 1.5% (1.0% of Total Investments)</b> |         |          |      |  |               |
| 20,528       | HD Supply, Inc., Term Loan   | 4.000%  | 6/28/18  | B+   |  | 20,394,933    |
| \$ 1,461,263 | Total Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests (cost \$1,453,408,371)               |         |          |      |  | 1,453,307,883 |

| Shares  | Description (1)   |  |  |  | Value         |
|---------|---|--|--|--|---------------|
|         | <b>COMMON STOCKS - 0.9% (0.7% of Total Investments)</b>                 |  |  |  |               |
|         | <b>Diversified Consumer Services - 0.8% (0.6% of Total Investments)</b> |  |  |  |               |
| 403,318 | Cengage Learning Holdings II LP   |  |  |  | \$ 11,292,904 |
|         | <b>Media - 0.1% (0.1% of Total Investments)</b>                         |  |  |  |               |
| 2,174   | Cumulus Media, Inc., (6)  |  |  |  | 8,392         |
| 22,352  | Tribune Company   |  |  |  | 1,497,584     |
| 17,987  | Tribune Company, (7)  |  |  |  |               |
| 5,588   | Tribune Publishing Company  |  |  |  | 106,507       |
|         | Total Media   |  |  |  | 1,612,483     |
|         | Total Common Stocks (cost \$14,291,428)                                 |  |  |  | 12,905,387    |

| Shares  | Description (1), (8)  |  |  | Value         |
|---------|---|--|--|---------------|
|         | <b>EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS - 2.2% (1.5% of Total Investments)</b> |  |  |               |
| 149,300 | SPDR® S&P 500® ETF  |  |  | \$ 30,107,838 |
|         | Total Exchange-Traded Funds (cost \$28,950,566)                 |  |  | 30,107,838    |

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1)  | Coupon  | Maturity | Ratings (3) | Value        |
|------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------------|--------------|
|                        | <b>CORPORATE BONDS - 29.4% (20.6% of Total Investments)</b>                      |         |          |             |              |
|                        | <b>Chemicals - 0.5% (0.4% of Total Investments)</b>                              |         |          |             |              |
| \$ 7,500               | Hexion US Finance  | 6.625%  | 4/15/20  | B1          | \$ 7,500,000 |
|                        | <b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies - 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)</b>     |         |          |             |              |
| 3,900                  | NES Rental Holdings Inc., 144A   | 7.875%  | 5/01/18  | CCC+        | 4,046,250    |
|                        | <b>Communications Equipment - 2.0% (1.4% of Total Investments)</b>               |         |          |             |              |
| 19,000                 | Avaya Inc., 144A   | 7.000%  | 4/01/19  | B1          | 18,667,500   |
| 10,000                 | Avaya Inc., 144A   | 10.500% | 3/01/21  | CCC+        | 8,762,500    |
| 29,000                 | Total Communications Equipment   |         |          |             | 27,430,000   |
|                        | <b>Diversified Telecommunication Services - 3.6% (2.5% of Total Investments)</b> |         |          |             |              |

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|           |  |         |          |      |             |
|-----------|--|---------|----------|------|-------------|
| 23,355    | IntelSat Limited   | 8.125%  | 6/01/23  | B-   | 24,814,688  |
|           | WideOpenWest Finance Capital   |         |          |      |             |
| 22,750    | Corporation  | 10.250% | 7/15/19  | CCC+ | 24,968,125  |
|           | Total Diversified Telecommunication  |         |          |      |             |
| 46,105    | Services   |         |          |      | 49,782,813  |
|           | <b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components - 1.1% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b> |         |          |      |             |
| 14,500    | Zebra Technologies Corporation   | 7.250%  | 10/15/22 | B    | 15,261,250  |
|           | <b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies - 3.7% (2.6% of Total Investments)</b>               |         |          |      |             |
| 1,000     | Convatec Finance International SA, 144A  | 8.250%  | 1/15/19  | B-   | 1,021,375   |
| 19,000    | Kinetic Concepts   | 12.500% | 11/01/19 | CCC+ | 20,947,500  |
| 25,460    | Tenet Healthcare Corporation   | 8.125%  | 4/01/22  | B3   | 29,183,525  |
| 45,460    | Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies   |         |          |      | 51,152,400  |
|           | <b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)</b>               |         |          |      |             |
| 10,000    | Community Health Systems, Inc.   | 6.875%  | 2/01/22  | B    | 10,775,000  |
| 2,800     | Wellcare Health Plans Inc.   | 5.750%  | 11/15/20 | BB   | 2,883,440   |
| 12,800    | Total Health Care Providers & Services   |         |          |      | 13,658,440  |
|           | <b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure - 0.2% (0.1% of Total Investments)</b>                  |         |          |      |             |
| 2,000     | MGM Resorts International Inc.   | 7.750%  | 3/15/22  | BB   | 2,305,000   |
|           | <b>Media - 4.4% (3.1% of Total Investments)</b>  |         |          |      |             |
| 2,500     | Affinion Investments LLC, 144A   | 13.500% | 8/15/18  | CCC- | 2,100,000   |
| 4,700     | CCOH Safari LLC, WI/DD   | TBD     | TBD      | B+   | 4,726,438   |
| 10,609    | Clear Channel Communications, Inc.   | 9.000%  | 12/15/19 | CCC+ | 10,721,721  |
| 36,415    | Clear Channel Communications, Inc.   | 14.000% | 2/01/21  | CCC- | 31,681,014  |
| 300       | Clear Channel Communications, Inc.   | 9.000%  | 3/01/21  | CCC+ | 300,000     |
| 10,000    | McGraw-Hill Global Education Holdings  | 9.750%  | 4/01/21  | BB   | 11,300,000  |
| 64,524    | Total Media  |         |          |      | 60,829,173  |
|           | <b>Oil, Gas, &amp; Consumable Fuels - 0.5% (0.4% of Total Investments)</b>                   |         |          |      |             |
| 5,000     | Oasis Petroleum Inc.   | 6.875%  | 3/15/22  | B+   | 5,200,000   |
| 2,000     | Oasis Petroleum Inc.   | 6.875%  | 1/15/23  | B+   | 2,080,000   |
| 7,000     | Total Oil, Gas, & Consumable Fuels   |         |          |      | 7,280,000   |
|           | <b>Pharmaceuticals - 2.1% (1.5% of Total Investments)</b>                                    |         |          |      |             |
| 14,000    | Jaguar Holding Company I, 144A   | 9.375%  | 10/15/17 | CCC+ | 14,332,500  |
| 13,887    | Salix Pharmaceuticals Limited, 144A  | 6.000%  | 1/15/21  | B    | 15,032,678  |
| 27,887    | Total Pharmaceuticals  |         |          |      | 29,365,178  |
|           | <b>Professional Services - 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)</b>                              |         |          |      |             |
| 4,000     | Ceridian Corporation, 144A   | 8.125%  | 11/15/17 | CCC  | 4,000,000   |
|           | <b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)</b>       |         |          |      |             |
| 14,000    | Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.   | 7.000%  | 7/01/24  | B    | 12,285,000  |
|           | <b>Software - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)</b>   |         |          |      |             |
| 5,000     | BMC Software Finance Inc., 144A  | 8.125%  | 7/15/21  | CCC+ | 4,787,500   |
| 2,000     | Emdeon Inc.  | 11.000% | 12/31/19 | CCC+ | 2,217,500   |
| 3,000     | Infor Us Inc.  | 11.500% | 7/15/18  | B-   | 3,315,000   |
| 3,375     | Infor Us Inc.  | 9.375%  | 4/01/19  | B-   | 3,670,313   |
| 13,375    | Total Software   |         |          |      | 13,990,313  |
|           | <b>Specialty Retail - 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)</b>                                   |         |          |      |             |
| 7,000     | 99 Cents Only Stores   | 11.000% | 12/15/19 | CCC+ | 7,577,500   |
| 9,500     | Claire's Stores, Inc., 144A  | 9.000%  | 3/15/19  | B2   | 9,690,000   |
| 1,200     | Claire's Stores, Inc.  | 10.500% | 6/01/17  | CCC  | 1,140,000   |
| 17,700    | Total Specialty Retail   |         |          |      | 18,407,500  |
|           | <b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors - 1.2% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b>               |         |          |      |             |
| 14,650    | HD Supply Inc.   | 11.500% | 7/15/20  | CCC+ | 17,067,250  |
|           | <b>Wireless Telecommunication Services - 5.3% (3.7% of Total Investments)</b>                |         |          |      |             |
| 10,000    | Frontier Communications Corporation  | 6.250%  | 9/15/21  | BB   | 10,331,251  |
| 2,500     | Sprint Corporation, 144A   | 7.250%  | 9/15/21  | BB-  | 2,643,750   |
| 40,000    | Sprint Corporation, 144A   | 7.875%  | 9/15/23  | BB-  | 43,299,997  |
| 5,000     | T-Mobile USA Inc.  | 6.250%  | 4/01/21  | BB   | 5,218,750   |
| 12,000    | T-Mobile USA Inc.  | 6.375%  | 3/01/25  | BB   | 12,330,000  |
|           | Total Wireless Telecommunication   |         |          |      |             |
| 69,500    | Services   |         |          |      | 73,823,748  |
|           | Total Corporate Bonds (cost  |         |          |      |             |
| \$393,901 | \$395,935,685)   |         |          |      | 408,184,315 |

| Shares | Description (1) | Coupon | Maturity | Value |
|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|
|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|



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**STRUCTURED NOTES - 1.1% (0.8% of**

**Total Investments)**

|         |   |        |         |    |                      |
|---------|---|--------|---------|----|----------------------|
| 234,000 | Barclays Bank PLC, 144A                                       | 8.200% | 9/04/15 | \$ | 5,021,640            |
| 132,000 | Barclays Bank PLC   | 6.300% | 3/25/15 |    | 10,001,640           |
|         | Total Structured Notes (cost<br>\$15,024,660)                 |        |         |    | 15,023,280           |
|         | <b>Total Long-Term Investments (cost<br/>\$1,907,610,710)</b> |        |         |    | <b>1,919,528,703</b> |

| Principal<br>Amount (000) | Description (1)  | Coupon | Maturity |    | Value                |
|---------------------------|--|--------|----------|----|----------------------|
|                           | <b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 4.2% (2.9% of Total Investments)</b>   |        |          |    |                      |
| \$ 57,793                 | Repurchase Agreement with Fixed<br>Income Clearing Corporation, dated<br>10/31/14, repurchase price \$57,792,605,<br>collateralized by \$58,510,000 U.S.<br>Treasury Notes, 2.125%, due 9/30/21,<br>value \$58,948,825 | 0.000% | 11/03/14 | \$ | 57,792,605           |
|                           | <b>Total Short-Term Investments (cost<br/>\$57,792,605)</b>  |        |          |    | <b>57,792,605</b>    |
|                           | <b>Total Investments (cost<br/>\$1,965,403,315) - 142.7%</b>   |        |          |    | <b>1,977,321,308</b> |
|                           | <b>Borrowings - (43.7)% (9), (10)</b>  |        |          |    | <b>(606,000,000)</b> |
|                           | <b>Other Assets Less Liabilities - 1.0%<br/>(11)</b>   |        |          |    | <b>14,051,224</b>    |
|                           | <b>Net Assets Applicable to Common<br/>Shares - 100%</b>   |        |          | \$ | <b>1,385,372,532</b> |

**Investments in Derivatives as of October 31, 2014**

**Interest Rate Swaps outstanding:**

| Counterparty   | Notional<br>Amount | Fund<br>Pay/Receive<br>Floating Rate | Floating Rate Index      | Fixed Rate<br>(Annualized) | Fixed Rate<br>Payment<br>Frequency | Termination<br>Date | Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation) (11) |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Morgan Stanley | \$103,075,000      | Receive                              | 1-Month<br>USD-LIBOR-BBA | 2.064%                     | Monthly                            | 3/21/16 \$          | (2,480,718)                                       |

**Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 - Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

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Level 3 - Prices are determined using 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 risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

|                                     | Level 1 |            | Level 2 |               | Level 3 |   | Total            |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------------|---------|---|------------------|
| Long-Term Investments:              |         |            |         |               |         |   |                  |
| Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests | \$      |            | \$      | 1,453,307,883 | \$      |   | \$ 1,453,307,883 |
| Common Stocks                       |         | 12,905,387 |         |               |         | * | 12,905,387       |
| Exchange-Traded Funds               |         | 30,107,838 |         |               |         |   | 30,107,838       |
| Corporate Bonds                     |         |            |         | 408,184,315   |         |   | 408,184,315      |
| Structured Notes                    |         |            |         | 15,023,280    |         |   | 15,023,280       |
| Short-Term Investments:             |         |            |         |               |         |   |                  |
| Repurchase Agreements               |         |            |         | 57,792,605    |         |   | 57,792,605       |
| Investments in Derivatives:         |         |            |         |               |         |   |                  |
| Interest Rate Swaps**               |         |            |         | (2,480,718)   |         |   | (2,480,718)      |
| Total                               | \$      | 43,013,225 | \$      | 1,931,827,365 | \$      | * | \$ 1,974,840,590 |

\*Value equals zero as of the end of the reporting period.

\*\*Represents net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

### 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 and recognition of premium amortization. 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.

As of October 31, 2014, the cost of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) was \$1,967,069,164.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) as of October 31, 2014, were as follows:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Gross unrealized:   |               |
| Appreciation  | \$ 24,837,409 |
| Depreciation  | (14,585,265)  |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$ 10,252,144 |

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, and/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) Senior loans generally are subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment. Because of these mandatory prepayment conditions and because there may be significant economic incentives for a borrower to prepay, prepayments of senior loans may occur. As a result, the actual remaining maturity of senior loans held may be substantially less than the stated maturities shown.

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- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ( Standard & Poor's ), Moody's Investors 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) Senior loans generally pay interest at rates which are periodically adjusted by reference to a base short-term, floating lending rate plus an assigned fixed rate. These floating lending rates are generally (i) the lending rate referenced by the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), or (ii) the prime rate offered by one or more major United States banks. Senior loans may be considered restricted in that the Fund ordinarily is contractually obligated to receive approval from the agent bank and/or borrower prior to the disposition of a senior loan. The rate shown is the coupon as of the end of the reporting period.
- (5) Investment, or portion of investment, represents an unfunded senior loan commitment outstanding. As of the end of the reporting period the Fund had unfunded senior loan commitments outstanding of \$7,505,254.
- (6) Non-income producing; issuer has not declared a dividend within the past twelve months.
- (7) Investment valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by, or at the discretion of, the Board. For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment classified as Level 3.
- (8) A copy of the most recent financial statements for the exchanged-traded funds in which the Fund invests can be obtained directly from the Securities and Exchange Commission on its website at <http://www.sec.gov>.
- (9) Borrowings as a percentage of Total Investments is 30.6%.
- (10) The Fund segregates 100% of its eligible investments (excluding any investments separately pledged as collateral for specific investments in derivatives, when applicable) in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for Borrowings.
- (11) Other Assets Less Liabilities includes the Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of derivative instruments as listed within Investments in Derivatives as of the end of the reporting period.

DD1 Portion of investment purchased on a delayed delivery basis.

WI/DD Purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

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.

TBD Senior loan purchased on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis. Certain details associated with this purchase are not known prior to the settlement date of the transaction. In addition, senior loans typically trade without accrued interest and therefore a coupon rate is not available prior to settlement. At settlement, if still unknown, the borrower or counterparty will provide the Fund with the final coupon rate and maturity date.

USD-LIBOR-BBA United States Dollar London Inter-Bank Offered Rate British Bankers Association.

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**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.

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**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 Credit Strategies Income Fund

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

Date: December 30, 2014

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: December 30, 2014

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

Date: December 30, 2014