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Form N-CSRS  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-7056  
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Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 917-7700  
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Date of fiscal year end: March 31, 2003  
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Date of reporting period: September 30, 2003  
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Nuveen  
Investments  
Municipal Closed-End  
Exchange-Traded  
Funds

SEMIANNUAL REPORT September 30, 2003

NUVEEN SELECT  
MATURITIES  
MUNICIPAL FUND  
NIM

Photo of: Man holding up child.

Photo of: 2 women and 2 children looking at seashells.

DEPENDABLE,  
TAX-FREE INCOME  
BECAUSE  
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EARN,  
IT'S WHAT YOU KEEP. (R)

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Photo: Timothy R. Schwertfeger  
Chairman of the Board

Sidebar text: WE THINK YOUR NUVEEN FUND CAN BE AN IMPORTANT BUILDING BLOCK IN A PORTFOLIO DESIGNED TO PERFORM WELL THROUGH A VARIETY OF MARKET CONDITIONS.

Dear  
SHAREHOLDER

I am very pleased to report that for the six-month period ended September 30, 2003, your Nuveen Fund continued to provide you with attractive monthly tax-

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free income.

Your Nuveen Fund is managed with a value investing strategy that puts an emphasis on finding securities that we think are undervalued or underrated. We believe that there are always some municipal bonds that the market is not properly valuing, and that by using a consistent, research-oriented management approach we have the opportunity to find them for your Fund.

We think this is true even with interest rates at the relatively low levels we've seen over much of the past year. In this low-rate environment, many have begun to wonder whether interest rates will soon start to rise, and whether that possibility should cause them to adjust their holdings of fixed-income investments. We believe that by constructing a carefully balanced portfolio with the help of a trusted investment professional you may be able to reduce your overall investment risk and give yourself a better chance to meet your financial goals. We think that municipal bond investments like your Nuveen Fund can be important building blocks in a portfolio designed to perform well through a variety of market conditions.

Since 1898, Nuveen Investments has offered financial products and solutions that incorporate careful research, diversification, and the application of conservative risk-management principles. We are grateful that you have chosen us as a partner as you pursue your financial goals. We look forward to continuing to earn your trust in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy R. Schwertfeger

Timothy R. Schwertfeger  
Chairman of the Board

November 15, 2003

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Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund  
(NIM)

Portfolio Manager's  
COMMENTS

Portfolio manager John Miller reviews economic and market conditions, key investment strategies, and the Fund's recent performance. With nine years of municipal market experience, John has managed NIM since 2001.

WHAT FACTORS AFFECTED THE U.S. ECONOMY AND MUNICIPAL MARKET DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003?

Over the 12-month period, the two greatest influences on the general economy and the municipal market continued to be historically low interest rates and the slow pace of economic improvement. In June 2003, the Federal Reserve cut the fed funds rate to 1%, the lowest level since 1958. Much of the recent concern about economic recovery centered on the weak labor market--as of September 2003, U.S. unemployment was 6.1%, up from 5.7% 12 months earlier. At the same time, inflation remained dormant, with the 12-month advance in the core rate dropping to 1.2% in September.

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The slow rate of economic recovery, low interest rates, and lack of inflationary pressures helped many municipal bonds perform well over the majority of this reporting period. During the summer of 2003, however, stronger-than-expected economic data temporarily precipitated a spike in bond yields and a corresponding drop in bond prices that impacted overall results across all fixed-income markets, for the 12-month period ended September 30, 2003. One barometer of the recent volatility in the bond markets was the yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury, which jumped almost 150 basis points from a 45-year low of 3.10% in mid-June to a 13-month high of 4.59% in mid-August.

During January-September 2003, municipal supply nationally remained robust, with \$287 billion in new bonds--up 13% over the same period in 2002.

HOW DID NIM PERFORM OVER THIS 12-MONTH PERIOD?

Results for this Fund, as well as relevant benchmarks, are presented in the accompanying table.

MARKET YIELD		TOTAL RETURN ON NAV	LEHMAN TOTAL RETURN <sup>1</sup>	LIPPER AVERAGE <sup>2</sup>	
TAXABLE- EQUIVALENT <sup>3</sup>		1 YEAR ENDED 9/30/03	1 YEAR ENDED 9/30/03	1 YEAR ENDED 9/30/03	
NIM	5.10%	7.08%	2.40%	4.71%	3.35%

Past performance is not predictive of future results.

For additional information, see the individual Performance Overview for your Fund in this report.

For the 12 months ended September 30, 2003, the performance of NIM lagged that of both the Lehman Brothers 7-Year Municipal Bond Index and the Fund's Lipper peer group. The majority of the underperformance can be attributed to a few specific holdings within the Fund.

The price movement of specific sectors and holdings also had a negative impact on the Fund's

1 The total annual return on common share net asset value (NAV) for NIM is compared with the total annual return of the Lehman Brothers 7-Year Municipal Bond Index, an unleveraged, unmanaged index comprising a broad range of investment-grade municipal bonds with maturities ranging from six to eight years. Results for the Lehman index do not reflect any expenses.

2 The total return for NIM is compared with the average annualized return of the nine funds in the Lipper General and Insured Unleveraged Municipal Debt Funds category. Fund and Lipper returns assume reinvestment of dividends.

3 Taxable-equivalent yield represents the yield that must be earned on a taxable investment, other than an investment that generates qualified dividend income that is taxable at the maximum rate of 15%, in order to equal the yield of the Nuveen Fund on an after-tax basis. It is calculated using the current yield and a federal income tax rate of 28%.

performance during this period. For example, at the beginning of this period, NIM held \$4.5 million par value in bonds issued for a maintenance facility at Tulsa Municipal Airport and backed by American Airlines. These bonds depreciated significantly over the past two years as American and most other airlines struggled with the economic downturn and the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Although we liquidated NIM's position as of March 2003, the depreciation of the American bonds cost the Fund approximately 80 basis points in total return performance over this period.

NIM also held approximately 5% of its portfolio in tobacco bonds. Over the past year, the prices of tobacco bonds weakened. In July 2003, the credit ratings on most tobacco bonds were downgraded to BBB, and the sector as a whole produced negative results for the 12 months ended September 30, 2003, costing NIM approximately 30 basis points in performance for this period. Recently, however, these bonds have shown some recovery. Following an in-depth analysis of the tobacco sector, we believe that ongoing litigation will not affect the long-term quality and value provided by the tobacco settlement bonds.

Other holdings that impacted NIM's performance over the past 12 months included \$5 million par in bonds issued for CanFibre of Lackawanna in New York and \$1.2 million par in bonds issued for Winslow Memorial Hospital in Arizona. Although we closed out NIM's position in the CanFibre bonds in February 2003, the decline in those bonds over the previous five months cost the Fund an additional 30 basis points in performance. The Fund maintained its investment in Winslow Memorial Hospital, which depreciated in value as the hospital experienced financial and management difficulties, costing NIM 18 basis points over this reporting period. With new management in place, Winslow is currently working to resolve problems and achieve a potential turnaround. NIM's 27% weighting in BBB and non-rated bonds also contributed to its lag in performance over this period, as higher quality bonds performed better in the market.

#### HOW DID THE MARKET ENVIRONMENT AFFECT THE FUND'S DIVIDENDS AND SHARE PRICES?

Due to the sale of distressed credits as previously discussed, as well as a number of bond calls over the 12 month period, NIM was faced with reinvesting a substantial amount of proceeds from higher-coupon bonds into a market where short-term interest rates remained at historically low levels. This led to a reduction of the Fund's earning power and necessitated a dividend cut in June 2003.

NIM's discount to its common share NAV narrowed modestly (see chart on individual Performance Overview page).

#### WHAT KEY STRATEGIES WERE USED TO MANAGE NIM DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003?

Over this 12-month reporting period, we continued to place strong emphasis on strategies that could diversify the Fund's portfolio and improve call protection. Our primary area of focus was on enhancing the Fund's credit quality through purchases of high-quality bonds that would help to extend NIM's duration and support the Fund's dividend-paying capabilities. We believed that, given the current geopolitical and economic climate, maintaining strong credit quality remains a vital requirement.

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In general, the heavy issuance in the municipal market over the past year increased our opportunities to make trades that could benefit the Fund, as we concentrated on finding value in the intermediate part of the yield curve (bonds that mature 12 to 15 years).

### WHAT IS YOUR OUTLOOK FOR BOND CALLS FOR NIM?

During this reporting period, we continued to work to mitigate the call risk of NIM. As of September 30, 2003, we had worked through the majority of 2003's calls, reducing the Fund's call exposure for this period to 3%. In 2004, NIM faces potential calls on an additional 11% of its portfolio. The number of actual calls will depend largely on market interest rates in coming months. Overall, we have been holding bonds until they are actually called from our portfolio and reinvesting proceeds in higher quality issues at the long end of the maturity spectrum available to NIM.

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### Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund

#### Performance

OVERVIEW As of September 30, 2003

#### NIM

#### Pie Chart:

##### CREDIT QUALITY

AAA/U.S. Guaranteed	39%
AA	11%
A	22%
BBB	22%
NR	5%
BB or lower	1%

#### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Share Price	\$10.00
Common Share Net Asset Value	\$10.29
Market Yield	5.10%
Taxable-Equivalent Yield (Federal Income Tax Rate) <sup>1</sup>	7.08%
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (\$000)	\$127,575
Average Effective Maturity (Years)	11.47
Average Duration	4.56

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (Inception 9/18/92)

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	ON SHARE PRICE	ON NAV
1-Year	3.61%	2.40%
5-Year	2.81%	2.45%
10-Year	4.04%	4.18%

### TOP FIVE SECTORS (as a % of total investments)

Utilities	20%
Healthcare	20%
Long-Term Care	8%
U.S. Guaranteed	8%
Consumer Staples	7%

### Bar Chart:

#### 2002-2003 MONTHLY TAX-FREE DIVIDENDS PER SHARE<sup>2</sup>

Oct	0.044
Nov	0.044
Dec	0.044
Jan	0.044
Feb	0.044
Mar	0.044
Apr	0.044
May	0.044
Jun	0.0425
Jul	0.0425
Aug	0.0425
Sep	0.0425

### Line Chart:

#### SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE

10/1/02	10.35
	10.22
	9.9
	9.78
	10.08
	10.19
	10.04
	9.66
	9.8
	9.8
	9.63
	9.55
	9.61
	9.79
	9.6
	9.65
	9.65
	9.82
	9.91
	9.75



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	9.74
	9.89
	9.9
	9.88
	9.77
	9.8
	9.94
	9.87
	9.8
	9.87
	10.08
	10.1
	10.29
	10.41
	10.35
	10.1
	10.05
	10.11
	10.19
	10.02
	9.86
	9.85
	9.91
	9.94
	9.87
	9.93
	10
	9.92
9/30/03	9.92

Weekly Closing Price

Past performance is not predictive of future results.

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2 The fund also paid shareholders a net ordinary income distribution in December 2002 of \$0.0004 per share.

Shareholder  
MEETING REPORT

The Shareholder Meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois on July 28, 2003.

NIM

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APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WAS REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

	Common Shares
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William E. Bennett	
For	7,637,657
Withhold	174,855
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Total	7,812,512
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Robert P. Bremner	
For	7,648,815
Withhold	163,697
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Total	7,812,512
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Lawrence H. Brown	
For	7,654,145
Withhold	158,367
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Total	7,812,512
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Jack B. Evans	
For	7,651,545
Withhold	160,967
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Total	7,812,512
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Anne E. Impellizzeri	
For	7,650,245
Withhold	162,267
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Total	7,812,512
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William L. Kissick	
For	7,649,145
Withhold	163,367
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Total	7,812,512
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Thomas E. Leafstrand	
For	7,651,145
Withhold	161,367
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Total	7,812,512
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Peter R. Sawers	
For	7,652,145
Withhold	160,367
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Total	7,812,512
=====	
William J. Schneider	
For	7,651,045
Withhold	161,467
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Total	7,812,512
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NIM

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WAS REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

Common  
Shares

Timothy R. Schwertfeger

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For	7,649,679
Withhold	162,833
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Total	7,812,512

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Judith M. Stockdale	
For	7,649,545
Withhold	162,967
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Total	7,812,512

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Sheila W. Wellington	
For	7,647,279
Withhold	165,233
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Total	7,812,512

TO APPROVE A CHANGE TO A FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTION  
WITH RESPECT TO LENDING

For	5,110,648
Against	433,345
Abstain	208,828
Broker Non-Vote	2,059,691
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Total	7,812,512

TO APPROVE A CHANGE TO A FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTION  
WITH RESPECT TO BORROWING

For	5,098,520
Against	444,201
Abstain	210,100
Broker Non-Vote	2,059,691
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Total	7,812,512

Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund (NIM)  
Portfolio of  
INVESTMENTS September 30, 2003 (Unaudited)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIO
	ALABAMA - 1.9%	
\$ 2,000	Alabama 21st Century Authority, Tobacco Settlement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.750%, 12/01/17	12/11 at 101
500	Marshall County Health Care Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.250%, 1/01/22	1/12 at 101
	ARIZONA - 4.7%	

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2,470	Arizona Educational Loan Marketing Corporation, Educational Loan Revenue Bonds, 6.375%, 9/01/05 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/04 at 100
2,535	Industrial Development Authority of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, Statewide Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, 1998 Series C, 6.650%, 10/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	4/08 at 101
1,185	Winslow Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Winslow Memorial Hospital Project, Series 1998, 5.750%, 6/01/08	No Opt. C

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ARKANSAS - 3.0%

1,000	City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Refunding and Construction, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 10/01/17 - FSA Insured	10/11 at 100
1,000	Jonesboro, Arkansas, Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Anheuser Busch Inc. Project, Series 2002, 4.600%, 11/15/12	No Opt. C
1,380	North Little Rock, Arkansas, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1992A, 6.500%, 7/01/15 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C

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CALIFORNIA - 1.7%

2,115	Vernon, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Malburg Generating Station Project, Series 2003C, 5.250%, 4/01/17	4/08 at 100
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COLORADO - 7.4%

1,500	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, DCS Montessori Project, Douglas County School District RE-1, Series 2002A, 6.000%, 7/15/22	7/12 at 100
975	Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Single Family Program Senior Bonds, 2000 Series D-2, 6.900%, 4/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	4/10 at 105
1,000	Denver Health and Hospital Authority, Colorado, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.000%, 12/01/23	12/11 at 100
323	El Paso County, Colorado, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds, Series 1992A Class A-2, 8.750%, 6/01/11	No Opt. C
5,875	Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2001B, 0.000%, 6/15/27 - AMBAC Insured	6/11 at 38
1,000	Summit County, Colorado, Sports Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds, Keystone Resorts Management, Inc. Project, Series 1990, 7.750%, 9/01/06	No Opt. C

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2,845 University of Colorado Hospital Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.600%, 11/15/21 11/11 at 100

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CONNECTICUT - 1.6%

Eastern Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority Solid Waste Revenue Bonds, Wheelabrator Lisbon Project, Series 1993A:  
500 5.500%, 1/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/04 at 101  
1,570 5.500%, 1/01/15 (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/05 at 100

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - 4.5%

District of Columbia General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A:  
900 6.000%, 6/01/07 - MBIA Insured No Opt. C  
4,105 6.000%, 6/01/07 - MBIA Insured No Opt. C

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FLORIDA - 0.7%

865 Escambia County, Florida, Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Champion International Corporation Project, Series 1994, 6.900%, 8/01/22 (Alternative Minimum Tax) 8/04 at 102

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIO
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GEORGIA - 0.1%

\$ 140	Urban Residential Finance Authority of the City of Atlanta, Revenue Bonds, Landrum Arms Project, Series 1994, 6.750%, 7/01/04	No Opt. C
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ILLINOIS - 14.5%

2,035	Chicago Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation, Illinois, Housing Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, FHA-Insured Mortgage Loan Section 8 Assisted Project, Series 1993B, 5.700%, 1/01/13 - MBIA Insured	1/04 at 100
970	City of Chicago Tax Increment Allocation Bonds, Irving/Cicero Redevelopment Project, Series 1998, 7.000%, 1/01/14	1/09 at 100
155	City of Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993, 7.300%, 11/01/10	11/03 at 102
2,000	Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Olin Corporation Project, Series 1993D,	4/10 at 102

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	6.750%, 3/01/16	
4,985	Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Greek American Nursing Home Project, Series 2000A, 7.600%, 4/20/40	4/11 at 105
685	Illinois Development Finance Authority, Child Care Facility Revenue Bonds, Illinois Facilities Fund Project, Series 1992, 7.400%, 9/01/04	3/04 at 101
2,000	Illinois Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, The Art Institute of Chicago, Series 2000, 4.450%, 3/01/34 (Mandatory put 3/01/15)	No Opt. C
1,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Edward Hospital Project, Series 1993A, 6.000%, 2/15/19	2/04 at 102
1,210	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Silver Cross Hospital and Medical Centers, Series 1999, 5.500%, 8/15/19	8/09 at 101
1,335	Illinois Housing Development Authority, Section 8 Elderly Housing Revenue Bonds, Skyline Towers Apartments, Series 1992B, 6.625%, 11/01/07	11/03 at 101
1,000	Illinois Educational Facilities Authority, Student Housing Revenue Bonds, Educational Advancement Foundation Fund, University Center Project, Series 2002, 6.625%, 5/01/17	5/12 at 101
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	INDIANA - 0.9%	
1,000	The Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, Series 1992 D, 6.600%, 2/01/07	No Opt. C
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	IOWA - 1.1%	
1,800	Tobacco Settlement Authority, Iowa, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.300%, 6/01/25	6/11 at 101
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	KANSAS - 2.9%	
3,500	Wichita, Kansas, Hospital Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Via Christi Health System, 2001 Series III, 5.500%, 11/15/21	11/11 at 101
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	MARYLAND - 2.5%	
2,000	Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Woodside Apartments Project, Series 1994, 7.450%, 12/01/24 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (Mandatory put 12/01/03)	No Opt. C
1,100	Maryland Energy Financing Administration Limited Obligation	9/05 at 102

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Cogeneration Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project,  
Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

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MASSACHUSETTS - 0.8%		
1,000	Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, Resource Recovery Revenue Refunding Bonds, Ogden Haverhill Project, Series 1992A Remarketing, 4.850%, 12/01/05	No Opt. C

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MICHIGAN - 3.0%		
1,000	Cornell Township Economic Development Corporation, Michigan, Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, MeadWestvaco Corporation - Escanaba Project, Series 2002, 5.875%, 5/01/18	5/12 at 100
1,948	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Detroit Medical Center Collateralized Loan, Series 2001, 7.360%, 4/01/07	No Opt. C
470	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Detroit Medical Center, Series 1988A Refunding, 8.125%, 8/15/12	No Opt. C

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Portfolio of INVESTMENTS September 30, 2003 (Unaudited)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIO
MICHIGAN (continued)		
\$ 600	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sinai Hospital, Series 1995, 6.625%, 1/01/16	1/06 at 102

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MINNESOTA - 0.9%		
1,000	White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A, 7.000%, 12/01/11 - ACA Insured	No Opt. C

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NEW YORK - 8.8%		
1,500	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Facilities Revenue Bonds, Consolidated Edison Company Inc. Project, Series 2001A, 4.700%, 6/01/36 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (Mandatory put 10/01/12)	No Opt. C
1,585	New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency,	2/06 at 102

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	FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital and Nursing Home Revenue Bonds, 1995 Series C, 6.100%, 8/15/15	
2,130	City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York, General Obligation Water Treatment Plant Bonds, Series 1994, 8.500%, 11/01/07 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
4,300	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Special Project Bonds, JFK International Air Terminal LLC Project, Series 6, 7.000%, 12/01/12 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
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	NORTH CAROLINA - 1.6%	
1,880	Union County, North Carolina, Certificates of Participation, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/01/18 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 101
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	OHIO - 4.1%	
2,000	Akron, Bath, and Copley Joint Township Hospital District, Ohio, Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds, Summa Health System Project, Series 1992A, 6.250%, 11/15/07	11/03 at 101
3,000	County of Hamilton, Ohio, Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Bethesda Hospital, Inc., Series 1992A, 6.250%, 1/01/06	No Opt. C
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	OKLAHOMA - 0.8%	
1,000	Oklahoma State Industries Authority, Health System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Integris Baptist Medical Center, Series 1995D, 5.000%, 8/15/14 - AMBAC Insured	8/06 at 102
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	PENNSYLVANIA - 2.7%	
1,500	Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, Colver Project, Series 1994D, 7.150%, 12/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/04 at 102
1,475	Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, College Revenue Bonds, Ninth Series 1976, 7.625%, 7/01/15	No Opt. C
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	SOUTH CAROLINA - 1.5%	
1,250	South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Palmetto Health Alliance, Series 2000A, 7.000%, 12/15/10	No Opt. C
500	Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001B, 6.000%, 5/15/22	5/11 at 101



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TENNESSEE - 1.7%		
2,000	The Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board of the County of Shelby, Tennessee, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Methodist Healthcare, Series 2002, 6.000%, 9/01/17	9/12 at 100

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TEXAS - 5.0%		
475	Austin-Travis County MHMR Center, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center Facilities Acquisition Program, Series 1995-A, 6.500%, 3/01/15 - CAP GTY/FSA Insured	3/05 at 101
280	Galveston Property Finance Authority, Inc., Texas, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1991A, 8.500%, 9/01/11	3/04 at 101
820	Texas Community MHMR Centers, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center Facilities Acquisition Program, Series 1995C, 6.500%, 3/01/15 - CAP GTY/FSA Insured	3/05 at 101
2,500	Navigation District No. 1 of Matagorda County, Texas, Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Central Power & Light Company, Refunding Series 2001A, 4.550%, 11/01/29 (Mandatory put 11/01/06)	No Opt. C

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIO
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TEXAS (continued)		
\$ 900	Tom Green County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Shannon Health System Project, Series 2001, 5.600%, 5/15/06	No Opt. C
500	Travis County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity National Health System - Daughters of Charity Health Services of Austin, Series 1993B, 5.900%, 11/15/07	11/03 at 102
645	Tri-County MHMR Services, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center Facilities Acquisition Program, Series 1995-E, 6.500%, 3/01/15 - FSA Insured	3/05 at 101

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UTAH - 1.6%		
2,055	City of Bountiful, Davis County, Utah, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, South Davis Community Hospital Project, Series 1998, 6.000%, 12/15/10	No Opt. C

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	VIRGINIA - 1.6%	
2,000	Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Virginia, Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1994, Chase Hampton II Apartments, 7.000%, 7/01/24 (Mandatory put 7/01/04)	1/04 at 101
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	WASHINGTON - 9.4%	
	Washington Public Power Supply System, Nuclear Project No. 1 Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1993A:	
160	7.000%, 7/01/07	No Opt. C
1,130	7.000%, 7/01/08	No Opt. C
1,340	7.000%, 7/01/07	No Opt. C
1,870	7.000%, 7/01/08	No Opt. C
7,000	Washington Public Power Supply System, Nuclear Project No. 3 Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1990B, 0.000%, 7/01/06	No Opt. C
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	WEST VIRGINIA - 2.4%	
2,000	The County Commission of Harrison County, West Virginia, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, West Penn Power Company Project, Series 1994C, 6.750%, 8/01/24 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - MBIA Insured	8/04 at 102
1,000	South Charleston, West Virginia, Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastic, Series 1990A, 8.000%, 8/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
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	WISCONSIN - 2.5%	
	Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Wisconsin, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2002:	
1,000	6.125%, 6/01/27	6/12 at 100
1,480	6.375%, 6/01/32	6/12 at 100
1,000	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Agnesian Healthcare Inc., Series 2001, 6.000%, 7/01/21	7/11 at 100
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\$	120,851	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$117,594,967) - 95.9%
=====		
	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 0.8%	
1,000	Nebraska Educational Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Creighton University, Variable Rate Obligations, Series 2003, 1.200%, 3/01/33 - AMBAC Insured+	
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\$	1,000	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$1,000,000)
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		Total Investments (cost \$118,594,967) - 96.7%
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Other Assets Less Liabilities - 3.3%

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Net Assets - 100%  
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\* Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates.

\*\* Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating.

\*\*\* Securities are backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Such securities are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.

N/R Investment is not rated.

+ Security has a maturity of more than one year, but has variable rate and demand features which qualify it as a short-term security. The rate disclosed is that currently in effect. This rate changes periodically based on market conditions or a specified market index.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of  
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES September 30, 2003 (Unaudited)

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ASSETS  
Investments, at market value (cost \$118,594,967)  
Cash  
Receivables:  
    Interest  
    Investments sold  
Other assets

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Total assets

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LIABILITIES  
Accrued expenses:  
    Management fees  
    Other

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Total liabilities

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Net assets  
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Shares outstanding

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Net asset value per share outstanding (net assets divided by shares outstanding)  
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NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

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Common shares, \$.01 par value per share  
Paid-in surplus  
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income  
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) from investments  
Net unrealized appreciation of investments  
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Net assets  
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of  
OPERATIONS Six Months Ended September 30, 2003 (Unaudited)

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INVESTMENT INCOME  
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EXPENSES

Management fees  
Shareholders' servicing agent fees and expenses  
Custodian's fees and expenses  
Trustees' fees and expenses  
Professional fees  
Shareholders' reports - printing and mailing expenses  
Stock exchange listing fees  
Investor relations expense  
Other expenses  
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Total expenses before custodian fee credit  
Custodian fee credit  
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Net expenses  
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Net investment income  
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain (loss) from investments  
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments  
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Net gain (loss) from investments  
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Net increase in net assets from operations  
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of  
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

SIX MONTHS ENDED  
9/30/03

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OPERATIONS	
Net investment income	\$ 3,165,726
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	(22,056)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(476,728)
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	2,666,942
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	
From net investment income	(3,197,905)
From accumulated net realized gains from investments	--
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Decrease in net assets from distributions to shareholders	(3,197,905)
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CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	
Net proceeds from shares issued to shareholders due to reinvestment of distributions	--
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(530,963)
Net assets at the beginning of period	128,105,725
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Net assets at the end of period	\$127,574,762
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Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income at the end of period	\$ (402,374)
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Notes to  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund covered in this report and its corresponding Common share New York Stock Exchange symbol is Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund (NIM) (the "Fund"). The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end, diversified management investment company.

The Fund seeks to provide current income exempt from regular federal income tax,

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consistent with the preservation of capital by investing in a diversified, investment-grade quality portfolio of municipal obligations with intermediate characteristics having an initial average effective maturity of approximately ten years. In managing its portfolio, the Fund has purchased municipal obligations having remaining effective maturities of no more than fifteen years with respect to 80% of its total assets that, in the opinion of the Nuveen Advisory Corp. (the "Adviser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc., represent the best value in terms of the balance between yield and capital preservation currently available from the intermediate sector of the municipal market. The Adviser will actively monitor the effective maturities of the Fund's investments in response to prevailing market conditions, and will adjust its portfolio consistent with its investment policy of maintaining an average effective remaining maturity of twelve years or less.

On February 20, 2003, the Board of Trustees of the Fund approved a change in the Fund's fiscal year end from May 31 to March 31.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

### Securities Valuation

The prices of municipal bonds in the Fund's investment portfolio are provided by a pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. When price quotes are not readily available (which is usually the case for municipal securities), the pricing service establishes fair market value based on yields or prices of municipal bonds of comparable quality, type of issue, coupon, maturity and rating, indications of value from securities dealers, evaluations of anticipated cash flows or collateral and general market conditions. If it is determined that market prices for a security are unavailable or inappropriate, the Board of Trustees of the Fund, or its designee, may establish a fair value for the security. Temporary investments in securities that have variable rate and demand features qualifying them as short-term securities are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

### Securities Transactions

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from such transactions are determined on the specific identification method. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may have extended settlement periods. The securities so purchased are subject to market fluctuation during this period. The Fund has instructed the custodian to segregate assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of the when-issued and delayed delivery purchase commitments. At September 30, 2003, the Fund had no such outstanding purchase commitments.

### Investment Income

Interest income, which includes the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts for financial reporting purposes, is recorded on an accrual basis.

### Federal Income Taxes

The Fund intends to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its net investment income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. Furthermore, the Fund intends to satisfy conditions which will enable interest from municipal securities, which is exempt from regular federal income tax, to retain such tax-exempt status when distributed to the shareholders of the Fund.

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### Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders

Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income are declared monthly. Net realized capital gains and/or market discount from investment transactions, if any, are distributed to shareholders not less frequently than annually. Furthermore, capital gains are distributed only to the extent they exceed available capital loss carryforwards.

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Distributions to shareholders of tax-exempt net investment income, net realized capital gains and/or market discount, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

### Derivative Financial Instruments

The Fund may invest in certain derivative financial instruments including futures, forward, swap and option contracts, and other financial instruments with similar characteristics. Although the Fund is authorized to invest in such financial instruments, and may do so in the future, it did not make any such investments during the six months ended September 30, 2003.

### Custodian Fee Credit

The Fund has an arrangement with the custodian bank whereby certain custodian fees and expenses are reduced by credits earned on the Fund's cash on deposit with the bank. Such deposit arrangements are an alternative to overnight investments.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### 2. FUND SHARES

There were no share transactions during the six months ended September 30, 2003. There were no share transactions during the period June 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003. During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, 14,191 shares were issued to shareholders due to reinvestment of distributions.

### 3. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales (including maturities) of investments in long-term municipal securities for the six months ended September 30, 2003, aggregated \$12,424,096 and \$8,863,561, respectively.

### 4. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

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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 income on taxable market discount securities and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on security transactions.

At September 30, 2003, the cost of investments owned was \$118,502,995.

The net unrealized appreciation of investments at September 30, 2003, aggregated \$4,881,546 of which \$6,183,553 related to appreciated securities and \$1,302,007 related to depreciated securities.

The tax components of undistributed net investment income and net realized gains at March 31, 2003, the Fund's last fiscal year end, were as follows:

Undistributed net tax-exempt income	\$76,094
Undistributed net ordinary income *	19,776
Undistributed net long-term capital gains	--

\* Net ordinary income consists of taxable market discount income and net short-term capital gains, if any.

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The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2003 and May 31, 2002, was designated for purposes of the dividends paid deduction as follows:

2003

Distributions from net tax-exempt income	\$5,478,580
Distributions from net ordinary income *	4,958
Distributions from net long-term capital gains	--

2002

Distributions from net tax-exempt income	\$7,586,610
Distributions from net ordinary income *	349,903
Distributions from net long-term capital gains	--

\* Net ordinary income consists of taxable market discount income and net short-term capital gains, if any.

At March 31, 2003, the Fund's last fiscal year end, the Fund had unused capital loss carryforwards of \$6,538,308 available to be applied against future capital gains, if any. If not applied, \$14,922 of the carryforward will expire in the year 2010 and \$6,523,386 will expire in 2011.

At March 31, 2003, the Fund's last fiscal year end, the Fund elected to defer net realized losses from investments incurred from November 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003 ("post-October losses") in accordance with Federal income tax regulations. The post-October losses of \$8,692,592 are treated as having arisen on the first day of the current fiscal year.



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### 5. MANAGEMENT FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Under the Fund's investment management agreement with the Adviser, the Fund pays an annual management fee, payable monthly, at the rates set forth below, which are based upon the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows:

AVERAGE DAILY NET ASSETS	MANAGEMENT FEE
For the first \$125 million	.5000%
For the next \$125 million	.4875
For the next \$250 million	.4750
For the next \$500 million	.4625
For the next \$1 billion	.4500
For net assets over \$2 billion	.4375

The management fee compensates the Adviser for overall investment advisory and administrative services and general office facilities. The Fund pays no compensation directly to those of its Trustees who are affiliated with the Adviser or to its officers, all of whom receive remuneration for their services to the Fund from the Adviser or its affiliates.

### 6. INVESTMENT COMPOSITION

At September 30, 2003, the revenue sources by municipal purpose, expressed as a percent of total investments, were as follows:

Consumer Staples	7%
Education and Civic Organizations	5
Healthcare	20
Housing/Multifamily	6
Housing/Single Family	4
Long-Term Care	8
Materials	4
Tax Obligation/General	6
Tax Obligation/Limited	6
Transportation	5
U.S. Guaranteed	8
Utilities	20
Other	1
	100%

In addition, 31% of the total investments owned by the Fund are either covered by insurance issued by several private insurers or are backed by an escrow or trust containing U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities, both of which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest in the event of default. Such insurance or escrow, however, does not guarantee the market value of the municipal securities or the value of the Fund's shares.

For additional information regarding each investment security, refer to the Portfolio of Investments of the Fund.

### 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT - DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fund declared a dividend distribution of \$.0425 per share from its tax-exempt net investment income which was paid on November 3, 2003, to

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shareholders of record on October 15, 2003.

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## Financial HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited)

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

	Investment Operations				Less Distributions	
	Beginning Net Asset Value	Net Investment Income	Net Realized/ Unrealized Investment Gain (Loss)	Total	Net Investment Income	Capital Gains
2004(a)	\$10.34	\$.26	\$(.05)	\$.21	\$(.26)	\$ --
2003(b)	10.57	.43	(.22)	.21	(.44)	--
2002(c)	11.21	.57	(.57)	--	(.61)	(.03)
2001(c)	11.16	.62	.06	.68	(.63)	--
2000(c)	11.84	.63	(.59)	.04	(.62)	(.10)
1999(c)	11.95	.61	(.07)	.54	(.61)	(.04)
1998(c)	11.70	.61	.29	.90	(.61)	(.04)

	Total Returns			Ratios/Supplemental		
	Based on Market Value+	Based on Net Asset Value+	Ending Net Assets (000)	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	Ratio Expenses Aver Net Ass
2004(a)	4.15%	2.04%	\$127,575	.67%*	4.95%*	.
2003(b)	(1.48)	2.03	128,106	.65*	4.95*	.
2002(c)	1.87	(.06)	130,959	.69	5.23	.
2001(c)	13.15	6.19	138,804	.64	5.50	.
2000(c)	(5.48)	.43	138,149	.61	5.48	.
1999(c)	6.87	4.64	146,630	.63	5.14	.
1998(c)	12.60	7.85	147,842	.65	5.17	.

\* Annualized.

\*\* After custodian fee credit, where applicable.

+ Total Investment Return on Market Value is the combination of reinvested dividend income, reinvested capital gains distributions, if any, and changes in stock price per share. Total Return on Net Asset Value is the combination of reinvested dividend income, reinvested capital gains distributions, if any, and changes in net asset value per share. Total returns are not annualized.

(a) For the six months ended September 30, 2003.

(b) For the period June 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003.

(c) For the year ended May 31.

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The shares you acquire by reinvesting will either be purchased on the open market or newly issued by the Fund. If the shares are trading at or above net asset value at the time of valuation, the Fund will issue new shares at the then-current market price. If the shares are trading at less than net asset value, shares for your account will be purchased on the open market. Dividends and distributions received to purchase shares in the open market will normally be invested shortly after the dividend payment date. No interest will be paid on dividends and distributions awaiting reinvestment. Because the market price of shares may increase before purchases are completed, the average purchase price per share may exceed the market price at the time of valuation, resulting in the acquisition of fewer shares than if the dividend or distribution had been paid in shares issued by the Fund. A pro rata portion of any applicable brokerage commissions on open market purchases will be paid by Plan participants. These commissions usually will be lower than those charged on individual transactions.

#### FLEXIBILITY

You may change your distribution option or withdraw from the Plan at any time, should your needs or situation change. Should you withdraw, you can receive a certificate for all whole shares credited to your reinvestment account and cash payment for fractional shares, or cash payment for all reinvestment account shares, less brokerage commissions and a \$2.50 service fee.

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#### GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

Average Annual Total Return: This is a commonly used method to express an

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investment's performance over a particular, usually multi-year time period. It expresses the return (including change in NAV and reinvested dividends) that would have been necessary on an annual basis to equal the investment's actual performance over the time period being considered.

**Average Duration:** Duration is a measure of a bond or bond fund's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Generally, the longer a bond or fund's duration, the more the price of the bond or fund will change as interest rates change.

**Average Effective Maturity:** The average of all the maturities of the bonds in a fund's portfolio, computed by weighting each maturity date (the date the security comes due) by the market value of the security. This figure does not account for the likelihood of prepayments or the exercise of call provisions.

**Market Yield (also known as Dividend Yield or Current Yield):** An investment's current annualized dividend divided by its current market price.

**Net Asset Value (NAV):** A fund's NAV is calculated by subtracting the liabilities of the fund from its total assets and then dividing the remainder by the number of shares outstanding. Fund NAVs are calculated at the end of each business day.

**Taxable-Equivalent Yield:** The yield necessary from a fully taxable investment to equal, on an after-tax basis, the yield of a municipal bond investment.

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This Fund intends to repurchase shares of its own common stock in the future at such times and in such amounts as is deemed advisable. No shares were repurchased during the period ended September 30, 2003. Any future repurchases will be reported to shareholders in the next annual or semiannual report.

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### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable to this filing.

### ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable to this filing.

### ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable at this time.

### ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable at this time.

### ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

### ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Not applicable to this filing.

### ITEM 8. [RESERVED]

### ITEM 9. 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 Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (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 half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 10. EXHIBITS.

File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.

- (a)(1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the

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disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Not applicable because posted on registrant's website at www.nuveen.com/etf

(a) (2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) in the exact form set forth below: Ex-99.CERT Attached hereto.

(b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)); Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)), and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference. Ex-99.906 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 Select Maturities Municipal Fund

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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger

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Jessica R. Droeger  
Vice President and Secretary

Date: December 9, 2003  
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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

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Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: December 9, 2003  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Stephen D. Foy

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Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: December 9, 2003

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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.