

Nuveen Municipal 2021 Target Term Fund  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |   |  |   |
|---|---------|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *         |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |
| Â BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)  | Nuveen Municipal 2021 Target Term Fund [NHA]       |   |
| (Last)  | (First) | 03/08/2016  |  |   |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER,Â 100 N TRYON ST |         | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)  |         |   | (Check all applicable)                             |   |
| CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28255                             |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)   |  |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)              | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--|---|
| Variable Rate MuniFund Term Preferred Shares | 283 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | I <sup>(2)</sup>   | By Subsidiary   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--|---|--|---------------|--------------|--|
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| (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                             | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                  |  |            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/<br>BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER<br>100 N TRYON ST<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| Banc of America Preferred Funding Corp<br>214 NORTH TRYON STREET<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255                | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Sarah Turner 03/18/2016

\_\_Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

/s/ Edward Curland 03/18/2016

\_\_Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

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The Variable Rate MuniFund Term Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent Shares beneficially owned by Banc of America Preferred Funding Corporation ("PFC"). PFC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America").

(1) Each reporting person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any other purpose, (i) acting (or has agreed or is agreeing to act together with any other person) as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities of the Issuer or otherwise with respect to the Issuer or any securities of the Issuer or (ii) a member of any group with respect to the Issuer or any securities of the Issuer.

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