DEUTSCHE STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST Form N-Q October 27, 2015

**UNITED STATES** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

### FORM N-Q

#### QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED

#### MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

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Investment Company Act file number: 811-05767

Deutsche Strategic Municipal Income Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

345 Park Avenue New York, NY 10154

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Paul Schubert

60 Wall Street

New York, NY 10005

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 250-3220

Date of fiscal year end: 11/30

Date of reporting period: 8/31/2015

## ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Investment Portfolio as of August 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

## **Deutsche Strategic Municipal Income Trust**

|   | Principal<br>AmouMalue (\$)<br>(\$) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Municipal Bonds and Notes 142.4%  |                                     |
| Arizona 1.3%  Marianna Country, A.Z. Pollytian Control Corn. Payanya, El Paga Electric                        |                                     |
| Maricopa County, AZ, Pollution Control Corp. Revenue, El Paso Electric Co. Project, Series B, 7.25%, 4/1/2040 | 1,570 <b>,0007,338</b>              |
| California 15.3%  |                                     |
| California, Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Catholic   |                                     |
| Healthcare West, Series A, 6.0%, 7/1/2034   | 1,000,000,870                       |
| California, M-S-R Energy Authority, Series B, 7.0%, 11/1/2034, GTY:   | 4 24 01 00000 622                   |
| Citigroup, Inc.   | 1,310,000,622                       |
| California, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Enterprise Casino Revenue,                                       | 1 000 000 200                       |
| Series B, 144A, 6.5%, 3/1/2028  | 1,000,000,380                       |
| California, South Bayside Waste Management Authority, Solid Waste   | 1,42 <b>5</b> ,0000,923             |
| Enterprise, Shoreway Environmental, Series A, 6.25%, 9/1/2029   | 1,4231,1000,923                     |
| California, State General Obligation:   |                                     |
| 5.0%, 11/1/2043   | 1,500,000,000,040                   |
| 5.25%, 4/1/2035   | 1,230,04008,412                     |
| 5.5%, 3/1/2040  | 1,000,0002,070                      |
| 5.75%, 4/1/2031   | 1,000,0008,730                      |
| 6.0%, 4/1/2038  | 1,000,0005,550                      |
| 6.5%, 4/1/2033  | 1,9502,0000,652                     |
| California, State Public Works Board Lease Revenue, Capital Projects,   | 1,000 <b>1,02000</b> ,050           |
| Series I-1, 6.375%, 11/1/2034   | -,,                                 |
| California, State Public Works Board Lease Revenue, Riverside Campus  | 2,0002,0004,280                     |
| Project, Series B, 6.125%, 4/1/2028   | , , ,                               |
| California, Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue,  |                                     |
| Loma Linda University Medical Center:   | 195,02003,775                       |
| Series A, 5.25%, 12/1/2044<br>Series A, 5.5%, 12/1/2054   | 195,02006,055                       |
| Riverside County, CA, Transportation Commission Toll Revenue Senior   | 193,0200,033                        |
| Lien, Series A, 5.75%, 6/1/2048   | 1,000,000,060                       |
| San Buenaventura, CA, Community Memorial Health Systems, 7.5%,  |                                     |
| 12/1/2041   | 500,0008,385                        |
| San Francisco City & County, CA, Airports Commission, International   | 1 000 0000 222                      |
| Airport Revenue, Series A, AMT, 5.0%, 5/1/2044  | 1,000,000,320                       |
| San Joaquin Hills, CA, Transportation Corridor Agency, Toll Road Revenue, Series A, 5.0%, 1/15/2050           | 445,0008,518                        |

21,857,692

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|---|---|
| Colorado 2.3% Colorado, Public Energy Authority, Natural Gas Purchased Revenue, 6.25%, 11/15/2028, GTY: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Colorado, State Health Facilities Authority Revenue, Covenant Retirement Communities:   | 635,01905,325   |
| Series A, 5.0%, 12/1/2033<br>Series A, 5.0%, 12/1/2035  | 440, <b>0001</b> ,635<br>250, <b>0006</b> ,160  |
| Colorado, State Health Facilities Authority Revenue, School Health Systems, Series A, 5.5%, 1/1/2035  | 1,000,000,220   |
| Denver, CO, City & County Airport Revenue, Series A, AMT, 5.25%, 11/15/2043   | 600,000,376   |
| Connecticut 1.8%  | 3,349,716   |
| Connecticut, Harbor Point Infrastructure Improvement District, Special Obligation Revenue, Harbor Point Project, Series A, 7.875%, 4/1/2039   | 2,0002,0003,460   |
| Connecticut, Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribe Bond, 144A, 6.05%, 7/1/2031(PIK)   | 2,419,68,544  |
|   | 2,542,104   |
| District of Columbia 0.8% District of Columbia, Metropolitan Airport Authority Systems Revenue: Series A, AMT, 5.0%, 10/1/2038 Series A, AMT, 5.0%, 10/1/2043   | 200, <b>0009</b> ,776<br>850, <b>000</b> 4,095<br>1,143,871   |
| Florida 10.6%<br>Collier County, FL, Industrial Development Authority, Continuing Care<br>Community Revenue, Arlington of Naples Project, Series A, 8.125%,<br>5/15/2044  | 500,07000,910   |
| Florida, Capital Region Community Development District, Capital Improvement Revenue, Series A, 7.0%, 5/1/2039   | 470,0005,908  |
| Florida, Middle Village Community Development District, Special Assessment, Series A, 6.0%, 5/1/2035  | 930,070900,639  |
| Florida, Tolomato Community Development District, Special Assessment: Series A-2, Step-up Coupon, 0% to 5/1/2017, 6.61% to 5/1/2039 Series 2015-1, Step-up Coupon, 0% to 11/1/2021, 6.61% to 5/1/2040 Series 2015-2, Step-up Coupon, 0% to 11/1/2024, 6.61% to 5/1/2040 Series A-3, Step-up Coupon, 0% to 5/1/2019, 6.61% to 5/1/2040 Series A-4, Step-up Coupon, 0% to 5/1/2022, 6.61% to 5/1/2040 5.4%, 5/1/2037 Series 1, 6.55%, 5/1/2027 * Series 3, 6.55%, 5/1/2027 * Series A-1, 6.55%, 5/1/2027 Series 2015-3, 6.61%, 5/1/2040 * Florida, Village Community Development District No. 9, Special Assessment Revenue, 5.5%, 5/1/2042 Hillsborough County, FL, Industrial Development Authority Revenue, Health Facilities, University Community Hospital, Series A, Prerefunded, 5.625%, 8/15/2029 | 50,0006,753<br>250,0004,468<br>150,000,420<br>110,000,929<br>55,0004,428<br>1,565,000,664<br>10,000,166<br>130,000<br>170,0000,556<br>165,000<br>155,0007,444 |
| Martin County, FL, Health Facilities Authority, Martin Memorial Medical Center, 5.5%, 11/15/2042  | 335,0006,879  |
|   | 500,0005,970  |

| Miami Beach, FL, Health Facilities Authority, Mount Sinai Medical Center, 5.0%, 11/15/2044 Miami-Dade County, FL, Aviation Revenue:   |   |
|---|---|
| Series A, AMT, 5.0%, 10/1/2031<br>Series A, 5.5%, 10/1/2041   | 30,0003,309<br>3,0003,0003,610                  |
| Orlando & Orange County, FL, Expressway Authority Revenue, Series C, 5.0%, 7/1/2035   | 1,080,0008,185                                  |
| Tampa-Hillsborough County, FL, Expressway Authority:<br>Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2031<br>Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2037  | 1,500,0008,375<br>1,590,0001,019<br>15,218,772  |
| Georgia 7.2%  Americus Sumter County, GA, Hospital Authority, Magnolia Manor  |   |
| Americus-Sumter County, GA, Hospital Authority, Magnolia Manor<br>Obligated Group, Series A, 6.25%, 5/15/2033   | 1,000,00907,120                                 |
| Atlanta, GA, Airport Revenue, Series C, AMT, 5.0%, 1/1/2037<br>Atlanta, GA, Tax Allocation, Beltline Project, Series B, 7.375%, 1/1/2031  | 375, <b>9002</b> ,937<br>1,000 <b>,000</b> ,330 |
| Atlanta, GA, Water & Wastewater Revenue, Series A, Prerefunded, 6.25%, 11/1/2034  | 2,000 <b>2,0007</b> ,520                        |
| DeKalb County, GA, Water & Sewer Revenue, Series A, 5.25%, 10/1/2036  | 1,000,0004,030                                  |
| Gainesville & Hall County, GA, Development Authority Retirement<br>Community Revenue, ACTS Retirement Life Community, Series A-2,<br>6.625%, 11/15/2039                                 | 1,000,0002,020                                  |
| Gainesville & Hall County, GA, Hospital Authority, Northeast Georgia<br>Health System, Inc. Project:  |   |
| Series A, 5.25%, 8/15/2049<br>Series A, 5.5%, 8/15/2054   | 100,0003,217<br>180,0005,958                    |
| Georgia, Main Street Natural Gas, Inc., Gas Project Revenue, Series A, 5.5%, 9/15/2024, GTY: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.  | 1,220,9005,684                                  |
| Georgia, Medical Center Hospital Authority Revenue, Anticipation<br>Certificates, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, 6.5%, 8/1/2038, INS:<br>AGC                                      | 1,000,000,720                                   |
|   | 10,246,536                                      |
| Guam 1.8%<br>Guam, Government General Obligation, Series A, Prerefunded, 7.0%, 11/15/2039   | 1,000,000,380                                   |
| Guam, International Airport Authority Revenue, Series C, AMT, 6.375%, 10/1/2043   | 215,00001,582                                   |
| Guam, Power Authority Revenue, Series A, 5.5%, 10/1/2030  | 1,00 <b>0,000</b> ,530<br>2,595,492             |
| Hawaii 0.4%<br>Hawaii, State Department of Budget & Finance, Special Purpose Revenue,<br>Hawaiian Electric Co., Inc., 6.5%, 7/1/2039, GTY: Hawaiian Electric Co.,<br>Inc.<br>Idaho 0.2% | 500, <b>469,705</b>                             |
| Idaho, Health Facilities Authority Revenue, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, 6.75%, 11/1/2037 Illinois 6.3%  | 305, <b>0048,219</b>                            |
| Chicago, IL, Airport Revenue, O'Hare International Airport, Series B, 6.0%, 1/1/2041  | 2,0002,0005,700                                 |
|   | 2,000,0008,080                                  |

| Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, Friendship Village of Schaumburg, Series A, 5.625%, 2/15/2037  |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, Park Place of Elmhurst, Series A, 8.0%, 5/15/2030  | 1,000 <b>5,98</b> ,0400   |
| Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, The Admiral at Lake Project, Series A, 8.0%, 5/15/2040   | 1,000 <b>1,0007</b> ,300  |
| Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, Three Crowns Park Plaza, Series A, 5.875%, 2/15/2038   | 1,000 <b>1,00004</b> ,370 |
| Illinois, Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority Revenue, McCormick Place Project, Series A, 5.0%, 6/15/2042                            | 300,0002,727              |
| Illinois, Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority, 6.0%, 6/1/2028   | 365,04009,357             |
| Illinois, State Finance Authority Revenue, Trinity Health Corp., Series L, 5.0%, 12/1/2030  | 1,000,000,640             |
| Illinois, State General Obligation, 5.5%, 7/1/2038  | 130,0008,140<br>9,055,714 |
| Indiana 4.2% Indiana, Finance Authority Hospital Revenue, Deaconess Hospital Obligation, Series A, Prerefunded, 6.75%, 3/1/2039           | 525,00007,149             |
| Indiana, State Finance Authority Revenue, Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, 5.0%, 3/1/2041                                       | 1,000,000,620             |
| Indiana, State Finance Authority Revenue, Greencroft Obligation Group, Series A, 7.0%, 11/15/2043   | 460,000,002               |
| Indiana, State Finance Authority Revenue, I-69 Development Partners LLC, AMT, 5.25%, 9/1/2034   | 225,020404,928            |
| Indiana, State Finance Authority Revenue, Stadium Project, Series A, 5.25%, 2/1/2037  | 1,330,0002,809            |
| Valparaiso, IN, Exempt Facilities Revenue, Pratt Paper LLC Project, AMT, 7.0%, 1/1/2044, GTY: Pratt Industries (U.S.A.)                   | 780, <b>9907</b> ,162     |
| Vigo County, IN, Hospital Authority Revenue, Union Hospital, Inc., 144A, 5.7%, 9/1/2037   | 1,000,000,400             |
| Janua 1 501   | 5,972,070                 |
| Iowa 1.5% Iowa, Finance Authority Retirement Community Revenue, Edgewater LLC Project, 6.5%, 11/15/2027                                   | 1,000 <b>1,000</b> ,750   |
| Iowa, State Finance Authority, Midwestern Disaster Area Revenue, Fertilizer Co. Project, 5.25%, 12/1/2025                                 | 1,000,000,530             |
| •   | 2,146,280                 |
| Kansas 0.2%<br>Lenexa, KS, Health Care Facility Revenue, Lakeview Village, Inc. Project, 7.25%, 5/15/2039<br>Kentucky 5.5%                | 300, <b>XXX,900</b>       |
| Kentucky, Economic Development Finance Authority, Hospital Facilities Revenue, Owensboro Medical Health Systems, Series A, 6.5%, 3/1/2045 | 2,000 <b>2,0007</b> ,160  |
| Kentucky, Economic Development Finance Authority, Louisville Arena Project Revenue, Series A-1, 6.0%, 12/1/2033, INS: AGC                 | 365,0008,900              |
| Kentucky, Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority Toll Revenue, 1st Tier-Downtown Crossing, Series A, 6.0%, 7/1/2053               | 1,440 <b>,6009</b> ,037   |
| Louisville & Jefferson County, KY, Metropolitan Government Health Systems Revenue, Norton Healthcare, Inc., 5.0%, 10/1/2030               | 3,425,0003,674            |
| 1   | 7,838,771                 |

| Louisiana, Local Government Environmental Facilities, Community Development Authority Revenue, 6.75%, 11/1/2032  | 1,000,0008,510  |
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| Louisiana, St. John Baptist Parish Revenue, Marathon Oil Corp., Series A, 5.125%, 6/1/2037   | 1,500 <b>1,55019</b> ,485   |
| Louisiana, Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp. Revenue, Series A, 5.25%, 5/15/2035  | 180,0009,962  |
|  | 2,847,957   |
| Maine 0.8% Maine, Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Maine General Medical Center, 6.75%, 7/1/2036 Maryland 4.3%  | 1,000 <b>1,0006,180</b>   |
| Maryland, Economic Development Corp., Pollution Control Revenue, Potomac Electric Power Co., 6.2%, 9/1/2022  | 1,500 <b>1,0009</b> ,415  |
| Maryland, State Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority<br>Revenue, Anne Arundel Health Systems, Series A, Prerefunded, 6.75%,<br>7/1/2039  | 500,0006,690  |
| Maryland, State Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority<br>Revenue, Meritus Medical Center Obligated Group, 5.0%, 7/1/2040<br>Maryland, State Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority  | 1,000,0000,760  |
| Revenue, Washington County Hospital:   | 1 0001 010000 170   |
| Prerefunded, 5.75%, 1/1/2033<br>Prerefunded, 6.0%, 1/1/2028  | 1,000 <b>,0008</b> ,160<br>1,38 <b>5</b> , <b>0002</b> ,765   |
| Westminster, MD, Project Revenue, Lutheran Village Millers Grant, Inc.,  | 60,0004,324   |
| Series A, 6.25%, 7/1/2044  | 6,133,114   |
| Massachusetts 3.3%   |   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033<br>Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden   | 1,790,000,113   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033<br>Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden<br>Ponds, Inc. Facility:<br>Series B, 11/15/2056 *  | 505, <b>42</b> ; <b>9</b> 67  |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033<br>Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden<br>Ponds, Inc. Facility:  |   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033 Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden Ponds, Inc. Facility: Series B, 11/15/2056 * Series A-2, 5.5%, 11/15/2046 Series A-1, 6.25%, 11/15/2039 Massachusetts, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue,   | 505, <b>489</b> 67<br>101, <b>62</b> 9150   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033<br>Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden<br>Ponds, Inc. Facility:<br>Series B, 11/15/2056 *<br>Series A-2, 5.5%, 11/15/2046<br>Series A-1, 6.25%, 11/15/2039   | 505,48 <b>9</b> 67<br>101, <b>62</b> 29150<br>1,903 <b>1,9</b> 48,152   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033 Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden Ponds, Inc. Facility: Series B, 11/15/2056 * Series A-2, 5.5%, 11/15/2046 Series A-1, 6.25%, 11/15/2039 Massachusetts, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue,   | 505,48,967<br>101,622,9150<br>1,9031,98438,152<br>950,09603,414   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033 Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden Ponds, Inc. Facility: Series B, 11/15/2056 * Series A-2, 5.5%, 11/15/2046 Series A-1, 6.25%, 11/15/2039 Massachusetts, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Milford Regional Medical Center, Series E, 5.0%, 7/15/2037  Michigan 7.0% Detroit, MI, Water & Sewerage Department, Sewerage Disposal System Revenue, Series A, 5.25%, 7/1/2039 Detroit, MI, Water Supply Systems Revenue, Series A, 5.75%, 7/1/2037  | 505,428,967<br>101,6229,150<br>1,9031,92428,152<br>950,09605,414<br>4,681,796   |
| Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033 Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden Ponds, Inc. Facility: Series B, 11/15/2056 * Series A-2, 5.5%, 11/15/2046 Series A-1, 6.25%, 11/15/2039 Massachusetts, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Milford Regional Medical Center, Series E, 5.0%, 7/15/2037  Michigan 7.0% Detroit, MI, Water & Sewerage Department, Sewerage Disposal System Revenue, Series A, 5.25%, 7/1/2039 Detroit, MI, Water Supply Systems Revenue, Series A, 5.75%, 7/1/2037 Kalamazoo, MI, Economic Development Corp. Revenue, Limited   | 505,428,967<br>101,622,9150<br>1,9031,92428,152<br>950,09005,414<br>4,681,796<br>280,09000,210  |
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| Tawas City, MI, Hospital Finance Authority, St. Joseph Health Services, Series A, ETM, 5.75%, 2/15/2023  | 1,09 <b>5</b> ,0000,136                        |
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| Minnesota 0.8%   | 10,049,689                                     |
| Minneapolis, MN, Health Care Systems Revenue, Fairview Health Services, Series A, Prerefunded, 6.75%, 11/15/2032   | 1,000 <b>1,0009,950</b>                        |
| Mississippi 1.1%<br>Lowndes County, MS, Solid Waste Disposal & Pollution Control Revenue,<br>Weyerhaeuser Co. Project, Series A, 6.8%, 4/1/2022                            | 250,00002,205                                  |
| Mississippi, Business Finance Corp., Pollution Control Revenue, Systems Energy Resources, Inc. Project, 5.875%, 4/1/2022   | 840,0004,200                                   |
| Warren County, MS, Gulf Opportunity Zone, International Paper Co., Series A, 6.5%, 9/1/2032  | 435,01003,016                                  |
| Missouri 1.9%  | 1,649,421                                      |
| Missouri, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue,<br>Lutheran Senior Services, Series C, 5.0%, 2/1/2042   | 2,0002,0002,120                                |
| Missouri, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Health Facilities Revenue, Lester E Cox Medical Centers, Series A, 5.0%, 11/15/2048                             | 150,0002,964                                   |
| St. Louis, MO, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport Revenue, Series A-1, 6.625%, 7/1/2034   | 415,04000,155                                  |
|  | 2,665,239                                      |
| evada 6.6% lark County, NV, School District, Series A, 5.0%, 6/15/2022, INS: NATL  | 5,1405,0001,967                                |
| Henderson, NV, Health Care Facility Revenue, Catholic Healthcare West, Series B, 5.25%, 7/1/2031   | 2,000 <b>2,0090</b> 6,060                      |
| Las Vegas Valley, NV, Water District, Series B, 5.0%, 6/1/2037   | 1,56 <b>5</b> ,0008,731<br>9,496,758           |
| ew Hampshire 1.3%<br>ew Hampshire, State Business Finance Authority, Solid Waste Disposal<br>evenue, Waste Management, Inc. Project, AMT, 5.2%, 5/1/2027<br>ew Jersey 4.7% | 1,750 <b>1,8002,342</b>                        |
| New Jersey, Health Care Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, St. Joseph's Health Care System, 6.625%, 7/1/2038  | 715,07906,403                                  |
| New Jersey, State Economic Development Authority, Continental Airlines, Inc. Project, AMT, 4.875%, 9/15/2019   | 620,6648,390                                   |
| New Jersey, State Economic Development Authority, Special Facilities Revenue, Continental Airlines, Inc. Project, Series B, AMT, 5.625%, 11/15/2030                        | 500,0001,345                                   |
| New Jersey, State Transportation Trust Fund Authority, Series B, 5.5%, 6/15/2031   | 1,500,6001,700                                 |
| New Jersey, Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., Series 1A, 4.75%, 1/2/034  | 4,2803,0006,692                                |
|  | 6,804,530                                      |
| New York 9.3%<br>Nassau, NY, Health Care Corp. Revenue, 0.01% **, 8/1/2029, LOC: TD<br>Bank NA   | 970,9000,000                                   |
| New York, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Revenue:<br>Series D, 5.0%, 11/15/2038<br>Series E, 5.0%, 11/15/2042   | 275,0006,262<br>305,0007,583<br>8,260,0006,834 |

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| New York & New Jersey Port Authority, One Hundred Forty-Seventh, AMT, 5.0%, 10/15/2023, INS: NATL                                   |   |
| New York & New Jersey Port Authority, Special Obligation Revenue, JFK   | 680,070902,200                          |
| International Air Terminal LLC, 6.0%, 12/1/2042<br>New York City, NY, Industrial Development Agency, Special Facility               | ,                                       |
| Revenue, American Airlines, JFK International Airport, AMT, 8.0%,   | 2,000 <b>2,0002</b> ,300                |
| 8/1/2028, GTY: American Airlines Group  | 12 205 170                              |
| North Carolina 0.8%   | 13,305,179                              |
| North Carolina, Medical Care Commission, Health Care Facilities   |   |
| Revenue, University Health Systems, Series D, Prerefunded, 6.25%,   | 1,000 <b>1,0008,260</b>                 |
| 12/1/2033<br>Ohio 1.2%  |   |
| Ohio, American Municipal Power, Inc. Revenue, Fremont Energy Center   | 1,57 <b>5,000,468</b>                   |
| Project, Series B, 5.0%, 2/15/2037  | 1,3/3,,1,00,400                         |
| Oregon 1.2% Port of Portland, OR, Portland International Airport Revenue, Series 23,  |   |
| 5.0%, 7/1/2038  | 1,500 <b>1,7004,480</b>                 |
| Pennsylvania 5.8%   |   |
| Butler County, PA, Hospital Authority Revenue, Butler Health Systems Project, Prerefunded, 7.25%, 7/1/2039                          | 2,000 <b>2,010</b> 505,760              |
| Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority, Series A, 5.0%,   | 215 (90)05 520                          |
| 6/1/2035  | 315,00005,539                           |
| Pennsylvania, State Economic Development Financing Authority Revenue, Bridges Finco LP, AMT, 5.0%, 12/31/2038                       | 715,00008,579                           |
| Pennsylvania, State Economic Development Financing Authority, Exempt  | 185,0007,535                            |
| Facilities Revenue, PPL Energy Supply, Series A, 6.4%, 12/1/2038  | 105,000,555                             |
| Pennsylvania, State Turnpike Commission Revenue:<br>Series A-1, 5.0%, 12/1/2040   | 2,500 <b>2,010104</b> ,650              |
| Series C, 5.0%, 12/1/2044   | 240,0004,238                            |
| Philadelphia, PA, Redevelopment Authority Revenue, First Lien Mortgage,   | 481,14902,115                           |
| Series A, 6.5%, 1/1/2029  | 101,1102,113                            |
| Westmoreland County, PA, Industrial Development Authority Revenue,<br>Retirement Community-Redstone, Series A, Prerefunded, 5.875%, | 1,000 <b>1,00008</b> ,980               |
| 1/1/2032  | 1,000,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
|   | 8,287,396                               |
| Puerto Rico 1.7% Puerto Rico, Public Buildings Authority Revenue, Series Q, 5.625%,   |   |
| 7/1/2039  | 1,00 <b>5,706</b> ,400                  |
| Puerto Rico, Sales Tax Financing Corp., Sales Tax Revenue:  |   |
| Series A, 5.5%, 8/1/2042  | 750,000,283                             |
| Series A, 6.0%, 8/1/2042  | 1,000,90,650                            |
| Series A, 6.375%, 8/1/2039<br>Puerto Rico, Sales Tax Financing Corp., Sales Tax Revenue, Convertible                                | 1,06 <b>4,09</b> , <b>3</b> 78          |
| Capital Appreciation, Series A, Step-up Coupon, 0% to 8/1/2016, 6.75% to  | 2,00 <b>7,80,</b> 000                   |
| 8/1/2032  | 2 455 711                               |
| Rhode Island 0.1%   | 2,455,711                               |
| Rhode Island, Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., Series A, 5.0%,   | 155 (1079 926                           |
| 6/1/2040  | 155, <b>0£8,836</b>                     |
| South Carolina 1.3%   |   |

| Improvement District, Series A, 7.75%, 11/1/2039  | 019,00001,037                                      |
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| South Carolina, State Public Service Authority Revenue, Santee Cooper, Series A, 5.75%, 12/1/2043   | 390, <b>000</b> 56,208                             |
|   | 1,927,245  |
| 5.0%, 12/15/2018, GTY: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 54   | 500, <b>000</b> ,990<br>540, <b>00</b> ,576        |
| Johnson City, TN, Health & Educational Facilities Board Hospital Revenue, Mountain States Health Alliance, Series A, 7.75%, 7/1/2038  | ,000,000,610                                       |
|   | 2,273,176  |
| Texas 17.7% Brazos River, TX, Harbor Navigation District, Brazoria County Environmental Health, Dow Chemical Co. Project: Series B-2, 4.95%, 5/15/2033 1,   | ,000,0002,400                                      |
|   | ,000,000,440                                       |
| Central Texas, Regional Mobility Authority Revenue, Series A, 5.0%, 1/1/2043  | ,500,0000,830                                      |
| Central Texas, Regional Mobility Authority Revenue, Senior Lien, 6.0%, 1/1/2041   | 545,00003,415                                      |
| Series D, AMT, 5.0%, 11/1/2038  | ,000 <b>,009</b> 0,870<br>2,000 <b>2,000</b> 1,860 |
| Houston, TX, Airport System Revenue, United Airlines, Inc., Terminal E<br>Project, AMT, 4.75%, 7/1/2024   | 515,0002,004                                       |
| Matagorda County, TX, Navigation District No. 1, Pollution Control  | 2,25(2,0999,062                                    |
| North Texas, Tollway Authority Revenue, Toll Second Tier, Series F, Prerefunded, 5.75%, 1/1/2033  | 2,0002,0008,620                                    |
| Red River TX Health Facilities Development Corp. Retirement Facilities  | 285,0007,480                                       |
| San Antonio, TX, Convention Center Hotel Finance Corp., Contract<br>Revenue, Empowerment Zone, Series A, AMT, 5.0%, 7/15/2039, INS:<br>AMBAC  | ,000,0002,810                                      |
| Tarrant County, TX, Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp. Revenue, Trinity Terrace Project, The Cumberland Rest, Inc., Series A-1, 5.0%, 10/1/2044  | 75,000,923   |
| Revenue, Scott & White Healthcare, 5.0%, 8/15/2043  | 2,1002,02909,500                                   |
| Retirement Facility, Mirador Project, Series A, 8.25%, 11/15/2044   | 570,050404,584                                     |
| Texas, Grand Parkway Transportation Corp., System Toll Revenue, Series B, 5.0%, 4/1/2053  | 500, <b>050403</b> ,910                            |
| Texas, Love Field Airport Modernization Corp., Special Facilities   | ,05 <b>51,000</b> ,847                             |
| Texas, SA Energy Acquisition Public Facility Corp., Gas Supply Revenue, 5.5%, 8/1/2020, GTY: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Texas, State Municipal Gas Acquisition & Supply Corp., III Gas Supply Revenue: | 2,000 <b>2,0302</b> ,880                           |

| 5.0%, 12/15/2030<br>5.0%, 12/15/2031<br>5.0%, 12/15/2032   | 165,00008,367<br>1,0001,00007,700<br>1,0001,00004,400 |
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| Texas, State Private Activity Bond, Surface Transportation Corp. Revenue, Senior Lien, North Tarrant Express Mobility Partners Segments LLC, AMT, 6.75%, 6/30/2043 | 280,0000,295  |
| Texas, State Transportation Commission, Turnpike Systems Revenue, Series C, 5.0%, 8/15/2034  | 825,9006,774  |
| Travis County, TX, Health Facilities Development Corp. Revenue, Westminster Manor Health, 7.125%, 11/1/2040  | 510, <b>000</b> ,668<br>25,370,639                    |
| Viscin Islands 1 10/   | 23,370,039  |
| Virgin Islands 1.1% Virgin Islands, Public Finance Authority Revenue, Gross Receipts Tax Loan Notes, Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2032                                     | 1,500 <b>1,0005,545</b>                               |
| Virginia 1.1% Washington County, VA, Industrial Development Authority, Hospital Facility Revenue, Mountain States Health Alliance, Series C, 7.75%, 7/1/2038       | 1,370 <b>1,55701,828</b>                              |
| Washington 3.5%<br>Washington, State Health Care Facilities Authority Revenue, Series C, 5.375%, 8/15/2028, INS: AGC   | 595,00003,590   |
| Washington, State Health Care Facilities Authority Revenue, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Series A, 6.125%, 8/15/2037   | 2,000 <b>2,000</b> ,240                               |
| Washington, State Health Care Facilities Authority, Catholic Health Initiatives, Series A, 5.0%, 2/1/2041  | 1,000 <b>1,0000</b> 4,170                             |
| Washington, State Housing Finance Commission, Rockwood Retirement Communities Project, Series A, 7.375%, 1/1/2044  | 1,000 <b>1,0003</b> ,150                              |
|  | 4,961,150   |
| Wisconsin 2.8%   |   |
| Wisconsin, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue,<br>Agnesian Healthcare, Inc., Series B, 5.0%, 7/1/2036   | 500,0002,235  |
| Wisconsin, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue,  |   |
| Prohealth Care, Inc. Obligation Group:   | 200 (20)(27 022                                       |
| 5.0%, 8/15/2039 Prorefunded, 6.625%, 2/15/2030   | 200,0007,832  |
| Prerefunded, 6.625%, 2/15/2039 Wisconsin, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue,   | 1,110,0007,592  |
| Thedacare, Inc., Series A, 5.5%, 12/15/2038  | 1,76 <b>51,090107</b> ,978                            |
|  | 4,025,637   |
| <b>Total Municipal Bonds and Notes</b> (Cost \$183,120,575)<br>Underlying Municipal Bonds of Inverse Floaters (a) 11.8%<br>California 3.1%                         | 204,028,706   |
| San Diego County, CA, Water Authority Revenue, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008-A, 5.0%, 5/1/2027, INS: AGMC (b)   | 2,1212,3490,301                                       |
| San Diego County, CA, Water Authority Revenue, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008-A, 144A, 5.0%, 5/1/2028, INS: AGMC (b)                                   | 1,9302,31220,447                                      |
| Trust: San Diego County, CA, Water Utility Improvements, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008-1104, 144A, 9.374%, 11/1/2015, Leverage                        |   |
| Factor at purchase date: 2 to 1  | 1 150 710   |
| New York 1 1%  | 4,450,748   |

New York 4.1%

New York, State Dormitory Authority, State Personal Income Tax Revenue, Series A, 5.0%, 3/15/2023 (b)

5,53**5,000,103** 

Trust: New York, State Dormitory Authority Revenue, Secondary Issues, Series 1955-2, 144A, 18.303%, 9/15/2016, Leverage Factor at purchase

date: 4 to 1 Tennessee 4.6%

Nashville & Davidson County, TN, Metropolitan Government, 5.0%,

5,91**%,5495,637** 

100.0 **143,220,632** 

1/1/2024 (b)

Trust: Nashville & Davidson County, TN, Metropolitan Government, Series 2631-1, 144A, 18.316%, 1/1/2016, Leverage Factor at purchase

date: 4 to 1

## **Total Underlying Municipal Bonds of Inverse Floaters** (Cost \$15,676,013) **16,865,488**

Total Investment Portfolio (Cost \$ 198,796,588) † 154.2 220,894,194
Floating Rate Notes (a) (7.4) (10,615,039)
Series 2015 MTPS, at Liquidation Value (48.9) (70,000,000)
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net 2.1 2,941,477
Net Assets Applicable to

### **Common Shareholders**

For information on the Fund's policies regarding the valuation of investments and other significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semi-annual or annual financial statements.

The following table represents bonds that are in default:

| Security  | Coupon | Maturity Date | Principal Amount (\$) | Cost (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Florida, Tolomato Community Development District, Special Assessment, Series 1 *      | 6.55%  | 5/1/2027      |                       | 4,160     | 10,166     |
| Florida, Tolomato Community Development District, Special Assessment, Series 2015-3 * | 6.61%  | 5/1/2040      | 165,000               |           | 2          |
| Florida, Tolomato Community Development District, Special Assessment, Series 3 *      | 6.55%  | 5/1/2027      | 130,000               | 1         | 1          |
|   |        |               |                       | 4,161     | 10,169     |

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Variable rate demand notes are securities whose interest rates are reset periodically at market levels. These securities are often payable on demand and are shown at their current rates as of August 31, 2015.

<sup>†</sup> The cost for federal income tax purposes was \$186,735,304. At August 31, 2015, net unrealized appreciation for all securities based on tax cost was \$23,543,851. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost of \$28,469,604 and aggregate gross unrealized

depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value of \$4,925,753.

- (a) Securities represent the underlying municipal obligations of inverse floating rate obligations held by the Fund. The Floating Rate Notes represents leverage to the Fund and is the amount owed to the floating rate note holders. Security forms part of the below inverse floater. The Fund accounts for these inverse floaters as a form of secured
- (b) borrowing, by reflecting the value of the underlying bond in the investments of the Fund and the amount owed to the floating rate note holder as a liability.

144A: Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

AGC: Assured Guaranty Corp.

AGMC: Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. AMBAC: Ambac Financial Group, Inc. AMT: Subject to alternative minimum tax.

ETM: Bonds bearing the description ETM (escrow to maturity) are collateralized usually by U.S. Treasury securities which are held in escrow and used to pay principal and interest on bonds so designated.

GTY: Guaranty Agreement

**INS: Insured** 

NATL: National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

PIK: Denotes that all or a portion of the income is paid in-kind in the form of additional principal.

Prerefunded: Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized usually by U.S. Treasury securities which are held in escrow and used to pay principal and interest on tax-exempt issues and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.

#### Fair Value Measurements

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The level assigned to the securities valuations may not be an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of August 31, 2015 in valuing the Fund's investments.

Assets Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total Municipal Investments (c) \$— \$220,894,194\$— \$220,894,194

Total \$— \$220,894,194\$— \$220,894,194

There have been no transfers between fair value measurement levels during the period ended August 31, 2015.

(c) See Investment Portfolio for additional detailed categorizations.

## ITEM CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Chief Executive and Financial Officers concluded that the Registrant's Disclosure Controls and (a) Procedures are effective based on the evaluation of the Disclosure Controls and Procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

There have been no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during (b) the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

# ITEM EXHIBITS

Certification pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) is filed and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.CERT.

#### **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: Deutsche Strategic Municipal Income Trust

/s/Brian E. Binder

By: Brian E. Binder

President

Date: October 23, 2015

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.

#### /s/Brian E. Binder

By: Brian E. Binder

President

Date: October 23, 2015

### /s/Paul Schubert

By: Paul Schubert

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: October 23, 2015