NORTHERN TRUST CORP Form 8-K January 16, 2008

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 16, 2008

# NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-5965 (Commission File Number) 36-2723087 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code (312) 630-6000

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information contained in the registrant s January 16, 2008 press release, reporting on the registrant s earnings for the fourth quarter of 2007, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits (c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99 January 16, 2008 Press Release

#### **SIGNATURE**

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

#### NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: January 16, 2008

By: /s/ Steven L. Fradkin
Steven L. Fradkin

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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