NORTHERN TRUST CORP Form 8-K January 20, 2016

UNITED STATES 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 20, 2016

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-36609	
(Commission	
File Number)	

36-2723087 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois60603(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 630-6000

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information contained in the registrant's January 20, 2016 press release, reporting on the registrant's earnings for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2015, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits (d) Exhibits: Exhibit 99 January 20, 2016 Press Release

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## 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.

By:

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION (Registrant)

Dated: January 20, 2016

/s/ S. Biff Bowman S. Biff Bowman Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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