

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2009

# 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 21, 2009

# 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.)

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50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Address of principal executive offices)

60603  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 630-6000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 21, 2009 press release, reporting on the registrant's earnings for the fourth quarter of 2008, 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 21, 2009 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 21, 2009

By: /s/ Steven L. Fradkin  
Steven L. Fradkin  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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