

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2007

## 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) February 20, 2007

## 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  
(Address of principal executive offices)

60603  
(Zip Code)

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 20, 2007, Northern Trust Corporation (the Company ) and William A. Osborn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, by mutual agreement, terminated the Employment Security Agreement, dated May 21, 2002, between Mr. Osborn and the Company (the Employment Security Agreement ). The letter, dated February 20, 2007, from Mr. Osborn, countersigned on behalf of the Company by Timothy P. Moen, Executive Vice President and Head of Human Resources and Administration, memorializing the termination of the Employment Security Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 10.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 10 Letter, dated February 20, 2007, from William A. Osborn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, to Timothy P. Moen, Executive Vice President and Head of Human Resources and Administration

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SIGNATURE

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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: February 21, 2007

By: /s/ Timothy P. Moen  
Timothy P. Moen  
Executive Vice President and Head of Human  
Resources and Administration

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