

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 21, 2004

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# NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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)

60675  
(Zip Code)

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99 July 21, 2004 Press Release

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information contained in the registrant's July 21, 2004 press release, reporting on the registrant's earnings for the second quarter of 2004, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

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: July 21, 2004

By: /s/ Steven L. Fradkin

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Steven L. Fradkin  
Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

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