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April 19, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): April 16, 2002

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

DELAWARE	0-5965	36-2723087
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	60675
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

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

ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT.

On April 16, 2002, the Board of Directors of Northern Trust Corporation (the "Corporation"), upon the recommendation of its Audit Committee, engaged KPMG LLP as the Corporation's independent certified public accountants for the year 2002.

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During the Corporation's fiscal years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001, and the interim period between December 31, 2001 and April 16, 2002, the Corporation did not consult KPMG LLP regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, (ii) the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Corporation's consolidated financial statements, or (iii) any other matter or event set forth in Item 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

### ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

#### (c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
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99.1	Press Release dated April 16, 2002.

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#### SIGNATURES

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

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NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: April 19, 2002

By: /s/ HARRY W. SHORT

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Harry W. Short  
Executive Vice President and  
Controller  
(Chief Accounting Officer)

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