

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2008

**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): February 21, 2008**

**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**  
(I.R.S. 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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On February 22, 2008, Northern Trust Corporation (the Corporation ) issued a press release announcing that on February 21, 2008, it entered into Capital Support Agreements with certain Registered Investment Companies, Undertakings for the Collective Investment of Transferable Securities and other unregistered short-term investment pools, for which subsidiaries of the Corporation act as investment advisors. The information contained in the Corporation s February 22, 2008 press release is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. Copies of the Capital Support Agreements are filed as Exhibits 10.1 through 10.8 hereto.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Institutional Funds on behalf of its series the Prime Obligations Portfolio
- 10.2 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Institutional Funds on behalf of its series the Diversified Assets Portfolio
- 10.3 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Institutional Funds on behalf of its series the Liquid Assets Portfolio
- 10.4 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Funds on behalf of its series the Money Market Fund
- 10.5 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Trust Global Funds plc on behalf of its sub-fund The Sterling Fund
- 10.6 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Trust Global Funds plc on behalf of its sub-fund The U.S. Dollar Fund
- 10.7 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and The Northern Trust Company, as Securities Lending Agent on behalf of the Core Select Securities Lending Cash Collateral Pool
- 10.8 Capital Support Agreement, dated February 21, 2008, between Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Trust Investments, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of the NTGI Collective Short Term Investment Fund
- 99 Northern Trust Corporation Press Release dated February 22, 2008

**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**

(Registrant)

Date: February 22, 2008

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

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