

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SMITH HAROLD B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
 [NTRS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

50 S. LA SALLE ST.

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/29/2008		S	100 D \$ 70.83	148,227	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008		S	500 D \$ 70.84	147,727	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008		S	1,300 D \$ 70.85	146,427	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008		S	1,000 D \$ 70.86	145,427	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008		S	1,400 D \$ 70.87	144,027	I	By Trust

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Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	300	D	\$ 70.88	143,727	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 70.89	142,627	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	400	D	\$ 70.9	142,227	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	300	D	\$ 70.91	141,927	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 70.92	140,927	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	900	D	\$ 70.93	140,027	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	500	D	\$ 70.94	139,527	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	300	D	\$ 70.95	139,227	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	900	D	\$ 70.96	138,327	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	275	D	\$ 70.97	138,052	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	300	D	\$ 70.98	137,752	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	125	D	\$ 70.99	137,627	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	4,800	D	\$ 71	132,827	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	696	D	\$ 71.01	132,131	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	659	D	\$ 71.02	131,472	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	1,800	D	\$ 71.03	129,672	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	845	D	\$ 71.04	128,827	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/29/2008	S	500	D	\$ 71.05	128,327	I	By Trust <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>						1,781.31	D	
Common Stock						5,760	I	By Trust <u>(3)</u>
						1,168,148	I	

Common Stock				By Trust <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	204,732	I		By Trust <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	1,440	I		By Trust <u>(4)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH HAROLD B 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60603		X		

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Harold B. Smith 01/31/2008

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

        Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Shares held in a revocable trust created by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (3) Reporting person is a co-trustee and has a contingent beneficial interest.
- (4) Shares held in a trust of which the reporting person is a co-trustee and has a direct beneficial interest.

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