

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**OSBORN WILLIAM A**

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)  
**50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/25/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman of the Board**

**CHICAGO, IL 60603**

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/25/2008		M			55,027	A	\$ 34.5938	534,063	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008		G	V		3,195	D	\$ 0	530,868	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008		S			10,019	D	\$ 71	520,849	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008		S			242	D	\$ 71.005	520,607	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008		S			3,200	D	\$ 71.01	517,407	I	By Trust

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Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	200	D	\$ 71.015	517,207	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.0175	517,107	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	2,185	D	\$ 71.02	514,922	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	2,644	D	\$ 71.03	512,278	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	258	D	\$ 71.0375	512,020	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	1,500	D	\$ 71.04	510,520	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	3,342	D	\$ 71.05	507,178	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	6	D	\$ 71.0599	507,172	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	200	D	\$ 71.06	506,972	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.065	506,872	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	500	D	\$ 71.07	506,372	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	2,600	D	\$ 71.08	503,772	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	2,992	D	\$ 71.09	500,780	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	208	D	\$ 71.1	500,572	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.105	500,472	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.11	500,372	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.1101	500,272	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.115	500,172	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	2,500	D	\$ 71.12	497,672	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.125	497,572	I	By Trust
	01/25/2008	S	18	D		497,554	I	By Trust

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Common Stock					\$	71.1275		
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	2,515	D	\$ 71.13	495,039	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	200	D	\$ 71.1325	494,839	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	1,800	D	\$ 71.14	493,039	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/25/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.145	492,939	I	By Trust <u>(1)</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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 34.5938	01/25/2008		M	55,027	09/15/2000 09/15/2008	Common Stock	55,	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OSBORN WILLIAM A 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for William A.  
Osborn

01/29/2008

\_\_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) This Form 4 is being filed as Part 1 and is continued on two additional Form 4s as Parts 2 and 3 (due to the thirty row maximum allowed on Table I)

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