

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 4  
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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)  
50 S. LA SALLE ST.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/23/2007

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

CHICAGO, IL 60675

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 497 D \$ 60.19  | 1,237,651  | I By Trust (1) (2)                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 3 D \$ 60.2   | 1,237,648  | I By Trust (1) (2)                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 1,100 D \$ 60.23  | 1,236,548  | I By Trust (1) (2)                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 300 D \$ 60.24  | 1,236,248  | I By Trust (1) (2)                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 1,194 D \$ 60.26  | 1,235,054  | I By Trust (1) (2)                |

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|                         |            |   |       |   |          |           |   |                                   |
|-------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 404   | D | \$ 60.27 | 1,234,650 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 60.28 | 1,234,450 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 900   | D | \$ 60.29 | 1,233,550 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 302   | D | \$ 60.3  | 1,233,248 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 60.31 | 1,233,048 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 1     | D | \$ 60.32 | 1,233,047 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 99    | D | \$ 60.33 | 1,232,948 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 1,212 | D | \$ 60.35 | 1,231,736 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 588   | D | \$ 60.36 | 1,231,148 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 1,830 | D | \$ 60.37 | 1,229,318 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 270   | D | \$ 60.38 | 1,229,048 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 60.42 | 1,228,848 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            | 01/23/2007 | S | 700   | D | \$ 60.43 | 1,228,148 | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            |            |   |       |   |          | 204,732   | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            |            |   |       |   |          | 5,760     | I | By Trust<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock            |            |   |       |   |          | 5,304     | I | By Trust<br><u>(3)</u>            |
| Common Stock            |            |   |       |   |          | 1,440     | I | By Trust<br><u>(4)</u>            |
| Common Stock            |            |   |       |   |          | 727,928   | I | By Trust<br><u>(4)</u>            |
| Common Stock <u>(5)</u> |            |   |       |   |          | 1,602.66  | D |                                   |

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. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH HAROLD B<br>50 S. LA SALLE ST.<br>CHICAGO, IL 60675 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Harold B. Smith  
Date: 01/23/2007

\*\*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) One of three trusts that were previously reported collectively. Each trust is being listed individually for this Form 4.
- (2) Reporting person is a co-trustee and has a contingent beneficial interest.
- (3) Shares held in a revocable trust created by the reporting person.
- (4) Shares held in a trust of which the reporting person is a co-trustee and has a direct beneficial interest.
- (5) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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