NORTHERN TRUST CORP Form 8-K October 15, 2003

## 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)** 

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

October 15, 2003

(312) 630-6000

#### NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

| 0-5965  | 36-2723087                        |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| (Commission File Number)                      | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |  |
| Fifty South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois | 60675                             |  |
| (Address of principal executive offices)      | (Zip Code)                        |  |
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| Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits  |  |
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| (c) Exhibits:  |  |
| Exhibit 99 October 15, 2003 Press Release  |  |
| Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure (Also being provided under Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition) |  |

The information contained in the registrant s October 15, 2003 press release, reporting on the registrant s earnings for the third quarter of 2003, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

|                         | NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION |                             |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                         | (Registrant)               |                             |
| Dated: October 15, 2003 | Ву:                        | /s/ Perry R. Pero           |
|                         |                            | Perry R. Pero               |
|                         |                            | Vice Chairman               |
|                         |                            | and Chief Financial Officer |

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