

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 *
 Potter Stephen N

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)
 01/18/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	01/18/2008		M	2,890 A \$ 34.5938	29,285	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/18/2008		F	1,412 D \$ 70.785	27,873	I	By Trust
Common Stock					880	I	Spouse as Trustee for Son
Common Stock					880	I	Spouse as Trustee for Daughter

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Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	15,188	D	
Common Stock	8,283 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 34.5938	01/18/2008		M	2,890	09/15/2000 09/15/2008	Common Stock	2,890

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Potter Stephen N 50 S. LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60603	Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President Other

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen N. Potter
01/23/2008

**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).

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- (1) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (2) as of 12-31-07

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