

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)                      October 15, 2003

**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-5965**

(Commission File Number)

**36-2723087**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Fifty South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**60675**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(312) 630-6000**

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(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

By:

/s/ Perry R. Pero

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Perry R. Pero

Vice Chairman

and Chief Financial Officer

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