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# **UNITED STATES**

# 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): March 6, 2015

# 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.)

50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60603

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-6000

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- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On March 6, 2015, the Board of Directors of Northern Trust Corporation (the Corporation ) elected Donald Thompson as a director of the Corporation and The Northern Trust Company, the Corporation s principal subsidiary. The Board of Directors has not yet determined the committees of the Board to which Mr. Thompson will be named.

Mr. Thompson will participate in the Corporation s non-employee director compensation program. Effective January 1, 2015, non-employee directors of the Corporation receive an annual retainer of \$220,000 for their service, paid 50% in cash and 50% in restricted stock units. Non-employee directors serving as the Chair of any Board committee receive an additional \$15,000 annually, directors serving on the Audit Committee (including the Chair) receive an additional \$5,000 annually, and the lead director receives an additional \$25,000 annually. On March 6, 2015, Mr. Thompson was granted 213 restricted stock units, representing a prorated portion of the annual restricted stock unit grant made to non-employee directors at the Corporation s 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. These restricted stock units will vest on April 21, 2015, the date of the Corporation s 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Thompson also is eligible to participate in the Northern Trust Corporation 1997 Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 9, 2015, the Corporation issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Thompson to the Board of Directors of the Corporation and The Northern Trust Company. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Northern Trust Corporation, dated March 9, 2015

# **SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

# NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: March 9, 2015 By:/s/ Stephanie S. Greisch

Name: Stephanie S. Greisch Title: Corporate Secretary

# EXHIBIT INDEX

# **Number** Description

99.1 Press Release of Northern Trust Corporation, dated March 9, 2015