NORTHERN TRUST CORP Form 8-K May 16, 2011

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): May 16, 2011

Northern Trust Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-5965 (Commission **36-2723087** (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) (312) 630-6000 60603 (Zip Code)

 $(Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code)$

ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of following provisions:
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 16, 2011, Northern Trust Corporation (the Corporation) issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Omnium LLC (the Company), a privately-held hedge fund administrator, for an initial purchase price of \$100 million in cash (subject to adjustment) plus potential earn-out payments based on the financial performance of the Company. The transaction is subject to applicable regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Northern Trust Corporation, dated May 16, 2011

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.

Date: May 16, 2011

Northern Trust Corporation

By: /s/ Steven L. Fradkin Steven L. Fradkin

Executive Vice President and President Corporate and Institutional Services

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

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