

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
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## NOTICE & PROXY STATEMENT

### SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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## NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right to Vote* \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 17, 2012.**

***NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION***

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*50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET*

*CHICAGO, IL 60603*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** February 22, 2012

**Date:** April 17, 2012 **Time:** 10:30 AM CDT

**Location:** 50 S. LaSalle St.

Chicago, IL 60603

For directions to the meeting, please call (312) 630-6000

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain  
proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Annual Report
2. Notice & Proxy Statement

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow located on the following page and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. You may also request to receive paper or electronic copies of the Corporation's future proxy materials. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request(s):

1) *BY INTERNET:* [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

2) *BY TELEPHONE:* 1-800-579-1639

3) *BY E-MAIL\*:* [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow located on the following page in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 3, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** The annual meeting of stockholders will be held at the office of Northern Trust Corporation located at 50 South LaSalle Street (northwest corner of LaSalle Street and Monroe Street) in Chicago, Illinois. You will need an admission ticket or proof of ownership of the Corporation's common stock to enter the meeting. Please refer to the Corporation's Notice & Proxy Statement for further detail on attending the annual meeting in person. You may use this page as your Admission Ticket to the meeting.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow located on the following page and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Phone:** First view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and then use the toll-free number provided.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote**

**FOR the following:**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Election of Directors | 07) John W. Rowe            |
|                          | 08) Martin P. Slark         |
| <b>Nominees:</b>         | 09) David H. B. Smith, Jr.  |
|                          | 10) Charles A. Tribbett III |
| 01) Linda Walker Bynoe   | 11) Frederick H. Waddell    |
| 02) Nicholas D. Chabraja |                             |
| 03) Susan Crown          |                             |
| 04) Dipak C. Jain        |                             |
| 05) Robert W. Lane       |                             |
| 06) Edward J. Mooney     |                             |

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

2. Approval, by an advisory vote, of the 2011 compensation of the Corporation's named executive officers.
3. Approval of the Northern Trust Corporation 2012 Stock Plan.
4. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposals:**

5. Stockholder proposal regarding accelerated vesting of equity awards in a change in control situation, if properly presented at the annual meeting.
6. Stockholder proposal regarding independence of the board chairman, if properly presented at the annual meeting.

