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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information contained in the registrant's October 18, 2017 press release, reporting on the registrant's earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.2 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

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

On October 17, 2017, Frederick H. Waddell informed the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Northern Trust Corporation (the "Corporation") that he will be stepping down from the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, effective January 1, 2018. Following such time, Mr. Waddell will continue to serve as Chairman of the Corporation.

The Board has elected Michael G. O'Grady to succeed Mr. Waddell as Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2018, in addition to maintaining his current role as President of the Corporation. Effective January 1, 2018, Mr. O'Grady's base salary will be increased to \$900,000 to reflect his new role.

Mr. Waddell and Mr. O'Grady will serve in each of their respective officer roles for the term provided in the Corporation's By-laws.

A copy of the Corporation's press release related to the events described in this Item 5.02 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

- Exhibit 99.1 October 17, 2017 Press Release
- Exhibit 99.2 October 18, 2017 Press Release

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 18, 2017 By: /s/ S. Biff Bowman
S. Biff Bowman
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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