

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940  
Release No. 28149 / February 12, 2008

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In the Matter of :  
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Northern Institutional Funds :  
Northern Funds :  
Northern Trust Investments, N.A. :  
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50 South La Salle Street :  
Chicago, IL 60603 :  
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(812-13424) :  
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ORDER UNDER SECTION 12(d)(1)(J) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTIONS 12(d)(1)(A) AND (B) OF THE ACT AND UNDER SECTIONS 6(c) AND 17(b) OF THE ACT GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 17(a) OF THE ACT

Northern Institutional Funds, Northern Funds and Northern Trust Investments, N.A. filed an application on September 12, 2007, and an amendment on February 4, 2008, requesting an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") granting an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act granting an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act. The order would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to acquire shares of other registered open-end management investment companies and unit investment trusts that are within and outside the same group of investment companies.

On January 16, 2008, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 28119). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order granting the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that granting the requested exemption is appropriate in and consistent with the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

It is also found that the terms of the proposed transactions are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching, and the proposed transactions are consistent with the policies of each registered investment company concerned and with the general purposes of the Act.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, that the relief requested under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act from section 17(a) of the Act by Northern Institutional Funds, Northern Funds and Northern Trust Investments, N.A. (File No. 812-13424) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Florence E. Harmon  
Deputy Secretary