

**SUMMARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT****NORTHERN INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS  
U.S. TREASURY INDEX PORTFOLIO – CLASS C  
SHARES AND CLASS D SHARES****SUPPLEMENT DATED OCTOBER 7, 2011 TO  
SUMMARY PROSPECTUS DATED APRIL 1, 2011**

This supplement provides new information beyond that contained in the Summary Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Summary Prospectus.

Effective October 13, 2011, the Class C Shares and Class D Shares classes of the U.S. Treasury Index Portfolio (the “Portfolio”) will be closed to investment by new accounts. At the close of business on November 28, 2011, current shareholders of Class C Shares and Class D Shares of the Portfolio will have their shares automatically converted to Class A Shares of the Portfolio on the basis of the relative net asset value per share of the share classes as of the close

of business on November 28, 2011. Affected shareholders will not incur any transaction costs in connection with this conversion, and such conversion will be on a tax-free basis. Please see the complete Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) for information regarding the characteristics of Class A Shares. Until the close of business on November 28, 2011, current account holders may purchase additional Class C Shares or Class D Shares of the Portfolio, as well as redeem or exchange their Class C Shares or Class D Shares, respectively, for Class C Shares or Class D Shares of other Northern Institutional Funds, as described in the Portfolio’s complete Prospectus and SAI. Financial intermediaries who currently contract with Northern Institutional Funds to receive shareholder servicing payments under the Northern Institutional Funds’ Service Plans for Class C and Class D Shares will be requested to enter into similar contracts with Northern Trust Investments, Inc. to receive the same shareholder servicing payments they are currently receiving.

*Please retain this Supplement with your Summary Prospectus for future reference.*

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# NORTHERN INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

## U.S. Treasury Index Portfolio



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Ticker: Class A—BTIAX, Class C—BUTCX, Class D—BUTDX

Before you invest, you may want to review the Portfolio's complete Prospectus, which contains more information about the Portfolio and its risks. You can find the Portfolio's complete Prospectus and other information about the Portfolio online at [www.northernfunds.com/institutional/prospectus](http://www.northernfunds.com/institutional/prospectus). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-637-1380 or by sending an e-mail request to [northern-funds@ntrs.com](mailto:northern-funds@ntrs.com). If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a financial intermediary (such as a bank or a broker-dealer), the complete Prospectus and other information are also available from your financial intermediary. The Portfolio's complete Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated April 1, 2011, as supplemented, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus and may be obtained, free of charge, at the website, phone number or e-mail address noted above.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Portfolio seeks to provide investment results approximating the performance of the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Portfolio.

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

None

**Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	Class A	Class C	Class D
Management Fees	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Distribution (12b-1) Fees	None	None	None
Other Expenses	0.18%	0.42%	0.57%
Administration Fees	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Service Agent Fees	None	0.15%	0.25%
Other Operating Expenses	0.08%	0.17%	0.22%
<b>Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>0.87%</b>
Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.22)%	(0.22)%	(0.22)%
<b>Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement</b>	<b>0.26%</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>0.65%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Northern Trust Investments, Inc. ("NTI" or the "Investment Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees and reimburse certain expenses of the Portfolio. The contractual waiver and reimbursement arrangements are expected to continue until at least April 1, 2012. After this date, NTI or the Portfolio may terminate the contractual arrangements. The Portfolio's Board of Trustees may terminate the contractual arrangements at any time if it determines that it is in the best interest of the Portfolio and its shareholders.

### EXAMPLE

The following Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then

redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Class A</b>	\$27	\$132	\$247	\$582
<b>Class C</b>	\$51	\$208	\$379	\$874
<b>Class D</b>	\$66	\$256	\$461	\$1,052

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER.** The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Portfolio shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual portfolio operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 47.05% of the average value of its portfolio.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio will invest substantially all (and at least 80%) of its net assets in a representative sample of the U.S. Treasury obligations included in the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index. The Portfolio will buy and sell securities with the goal of achieving an overall duration and total return similar to that of the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index.

The Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index is an unmanaged index that includes a broad range of U.S. Treasury obligations and is considered representative of U.S. Treasury bond performance overall. As of December 31, 2010, the duration of the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index was 5.19 years.

The Portfolio is passively managed, which means it tries to duplicate the investment composition and performance of the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index using computer programs and statistical procedures. Because the Portfolio will have fees and transaction expenses (while the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index has none), returns are likely to be below those of the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index.

The Investment Adviser expects that, under normal circumstances, the quarterly performance of the Portfolio, before expenses, will track the performance of the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index within a 0.95 correlation coefficient.

*Barclays Capital, Inc. ("Barclays Capital") does not endorse any of the securities in the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index. It is not a sponsor of the Portfolio and is not affiliated with the Portfolio in any way.*

## PRINCIPAL RISKS

**MARKET RISK** is the risk that the market values of fixed-income securities owned by the Portfolio may decline, at times sharply and unpredictably.

**MANAGEMENT RISK** is the risk that a strategy used by the investment management team may fail to produce the intended results.

**INTEREST RATE/MATURITY RISK** is the risk that the value of the Portfolio's assets will decline because of rising interest rates. This risk is generally lower for funds that have shorter-weighted maturities, such as money market funds and short-term bond funds. The magnitude of this decline will often be greater for longer-term fixed-income securities than shorter-term fixed income securities.

**PREPAYMENT (OR CALL) RISK** is the risk that prepayment of the underlying mortgage or other collateral of some fixed-income securities may result in a decreased rate of return and a decline in value of those securities.

**DEBT EXTENSION RISK** is the risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by the Portfolio (such as a mortgage-backed security) later than expected. This may happen during a period of rising interest rates. Under these circumstances, the value of the obligation will decrease and the Portfolio will suffer from the inability to invest in higher yielding securities.

**TRACKING RISK** is the risk that the Portfolio's performance may vary substantially from the performance of the benchmark index it tracks as a result of share purchases and redemptions, transaction costs, expenses and other factors.

As with any mutual fund, it is possible to lose money on an investment in the Portfolio. An investment in the Portfolio is not a deposit of any bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, any other government agency, or The Northern Trust Company, its affiliates, subsidiaries or any other bank.

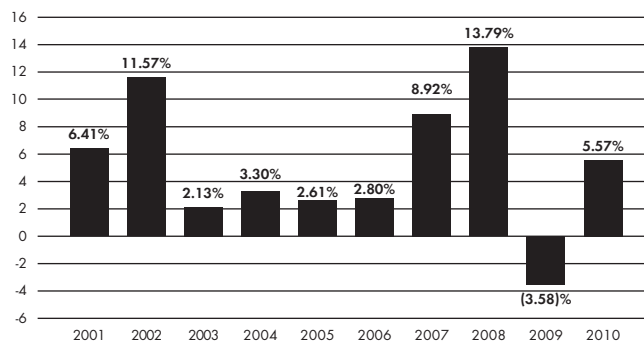
## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing (A) changes in the performance of the Portfolio's Class A Shares from year to year, and (B) how the average annual total returns of the Portfolio's outstanding classes of shares compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

The Portfolio's past performance, before and after taxes, is not necessarily an indication of how the Portfolio will perform in the future.

Updated performance information for the Portfolio is available and may be obtained on the Portfolio's Web site at [www.northernfunds.com/institutional](http://www.northernfunds.com/institutional) or by calling 800-637-1380.

### CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURN (CLASS A)\*



\* For the periods shown in the bar chart above, the highest quarterly return was 8.80% in the fourth quarter of 2008, and the lowest quarterly return was (3.24)% in the second quarter of 2004.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(For the periods ended December 31, 2010)

	Inception Date	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
<b>Class A</b>					
Return before taxes	1/11/93	5.57%	5.34%	5.24%	5.98%
Return after taxes on distributions		4.31%	3.86%	3.60%	3.98%
Return after taxes on distributions and sale of Portfolio shares		3.98%	3.75%	3.56%	3.92%
Class C return before taxes	10/6/98	5.22%	5.09%	4.99%	5.80%
Class D return before taxes	11/16/94	5.18%	4.87%	4.80%	5.60%
Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)		5.87%	5.47%	5.41%	6.17%

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. After-tax returns are shown only for Class A Shares. After-tax returns for other classes will vary.

## MANAGEMENT

**INVESTMENT ADVISER AND PORTFOLIO MANAGER.** Northern Trust Investments, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Northern

Trust Corporation, serves as the Investment Adviser of the Portfolio. Brandon P. Ferguson, Officer of Northern Trust Investments, Inc., has been manager of the Portfolio since September 2009.

#### **PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES**

You may purchase Portfolio shares through your institutional account at Northern Trust (or an affiliate) or an authorized intermediary or you may open an account directly with Northern Institutional Funds (the “Trust”) with a minimum initial investment of \$5 million in one or more of the Trust’s portfolios. There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

On any business day, you may sell (redeem) or exchange shares through your institutional account by contacting your Northern Trust account representative or authorized intermediary. If you purchase shares directly from the Trust, you may sell (redeem) or exchange your shares in one of the following ways:

- By Mail – Send a written request to: Northern Institutional Funds, P.O. Box 75986, Chicago, Illinois 60675-5986.
- By Telephone – Call the Northern Institutional Funds Center at 800-637-1380 for instructions.
- By Wire – Authorize wire redemptions on your New Account Application and have proceeds sent by federal wire transfer to a previously designated bank account (the minimum redemption amount by this method is \$10,000).

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Portfolio’s distributions are generally taxable to you as ordinary income, capital gains, or a combination of the two, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKERS-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s Web site for more information.

