

**Report of Organizational Actions
 Affecting Basis of Securities**

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)	
The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio		36-3930805	
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6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact	
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8 Date of action	9 Classification and description		
November 9, 2012	COMMON STOCK - REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPANY		
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
08160P699		BIGAX	

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio merged into Northern Funds International Equity Fund through the acquisition by Northern Funds International Equity Fund of all the assets of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio in exchange for voting shares of beneficial interest ("shares") of Class A shares of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio and the assumption by Northern Funds International Equity Fund of all liabilities of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio followed by the distribution by The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio of those shares pro rata to its shareholders in complete liquidation of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio. The merger of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio into Northern Funds International Equity Fund qualifies as a tax free exchange within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 368(a).

The exchange is based on the number and value of shares outstanding at the close of business on November 9, 2012.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ A shareholder's aggregate basis in the share of Northern Funds International Equity Fund he/she received in exchange for his/her shares of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio will be the same as his/her aggregate basis in shares of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio. The number of Northern Funds International Equity Fund shares that were received for each share in The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio given up in the exchange is as follows:

1.116963 Northern Funds International Equity Fund Class A shares for one The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio Class A share

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ There was no change in aggregate basis as a result of the above described organizational action. The per share basis calculations are based on the respective NAV's of the target fund and the acquiring fund at the close of business on the date of the merger. NAV's are valued primarily based on the FMV of the underlying assets.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ Internal Revenue Code Sections 368(a)(1)(C), 358, 354

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ No gain or loss will be recognized on the transaction. Accordingly, each Investor's aggregate basis in the shares of Northern Funds International Equity Fund received in the exchange will be the same as the aggregate basis in his/her shares of The Northern Institutional Funds-International Equity Portfolio given up.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ The above described organizational action is reportable in tax year 2012.

Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature ▶ *Randal Rein* Date ▶ 12/7/12

Print your name ▶ Randal Rein Title ▶ Treasurer

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