

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

January 27, 2014

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ZIDAR THOMAS P

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP
[WTFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/23/2014

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

(Street)
ROSEMONT, IL 60018

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/23/2014		A	259 A	\$ 0 (1) 25,986	D	
Common Stock					4,949 (2)	I	By ESPP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.86	01/23/2014		A	4,441	<u>(3)</u> 01/23/2021	Common Stock 4,441

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
ZIDAR THOMAS P 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

/s/Lisa J. Pattis,
Attorney-in-fact 01/27/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents stock awarded upon attainment of performance objectives under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program.
- (2) Includes 657 shares purchased by reporting person during 2013 in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Option shares granted in conjunction with award under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program. Award shares vest at a rate of one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

Remarks:

EXHIBIT LIST:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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