WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K August 10, 2011

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2011

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois 001-35077 36-3873352

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

727 North Bank Lane Lake Forest, Illinois

(Address of principal executive offices)

60045 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (847) 615-4096

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 2, 2011, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it planned to present certain information regarding the Company at the Raymond James and Associates Bank Conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois on August 10, 2011.

Pursuant to Regulation FD, the Company is hereby furnishing the press release as Exhibit 99.1 and the Company s presentation as Exhibit 99.2, each of which is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01. This information is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 2, 2011

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ David A. Dykstra David A. Dykstra

Senior Executive Vice President and

Chief Operating Officer

Date: August 10, 2011

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