ZIDAR THOMAS P

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZIDAR THOMAS P Issuer Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [WTFC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director

(Month/Day/Year)

01/24/2013

10% Owner

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

(State)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

(City)

	(City)	(State) (2	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially O							
	1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if Transactio		4. Securities on Acquired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
	(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					(A) or Amount (D) Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
	Common Stock					25,727 (1)	D			
	Common Stock					4,292 <u>(2)</u>	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 37.85	01/24/2013		A	2,948	(3)	01/24/2020	Common Stock	2,94

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZIDAR THOMAS P 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra, Attorney-in-fact

01/28/2013

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Includes an adjustment to the previously reported total to reflect a prior inadvertent over-reporting of 2,489 shares.
- (2) Includes 752 shares purchased by reporting person during 2012 in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 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.

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