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Wintrust Financial Corporation Will Be Presenting at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 2012 Boston Bank Conference on February 29, 2012

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LAKE FOREST, Ill., Feb. 27, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) today announced that Company management will present at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 2012 Boston Bank Conference on February 29, 2012. The conference will be broadcast on the Internet at http://www.kbw.com/news/conferenceBostonBank2012_Webcast.html and will also be available through Wintrust Financial Corporation's website at www.wintrust.com. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time. The archived webcast will be available for sixty days after the event. Listeners should go to the website at least fifteen minutes before the event to download and install any necessary audio software. There is no charge to access the event.

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately \$16 billion whose common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market. Wintrust operates fifteen community banks that provide a full complement of commercial and consumer loan and deposit products and services through approximately 100 banking facilities in the Chicago and Milwaukee metropolitan areas. Wintrust also provides brokerage, trust and investment services to customers primarily in the Midwest, as well as customers of the banks, and provides services in mortgage banking, insurance premium financing and several specialty-lending niches.

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