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Wintrust Financial Corporation Will be Presenting at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Boston Bank Conference on February 28, 2013

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ROSEMONT, Ill., Feb. 22, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) today announced that Company management will present at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Boston Bank Conference on February 28, 2013. The presentation will be broadcast on the Internet and can be accessed at **http://wsw.com/webcast/kbw9/wtfc/** and will also be available through Wintrust Financial Corporation's website at **www.wintrust.com**. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The archived webcast will be available for thirty 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 $17.5 billion whose common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Built on the "HAVE IT ALL" model, Wintrust offers sophisticated technology and resources of a large bank while focusing on providing service-based community banking to each and every customer. Wintrust operates fifteen community bank subsidiaries, now with over 100 banking locations located in the greater Chicago and Milwaukee market areas. Additionally, the Company operates various non-bank subsidiaries including one of the largest commercial insurance premium finance operations in the United States and Canada, a company providing short-term accounts receivable financing and value-added out-sourced administrative services to the temporary staffing services industry, companies engaging primarily in the origination and purchase of residential mortgages for sale into the secondary market throughout the United States, and companies providing wealth management services.

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