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# Wintrust Financial Corporation Will be Presenting at the Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. East Coast Financial Services Conference on November 15, 2012

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ROSEMONT, Ill., Nov. 7, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) today announced that Company management will present at the Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P.East Coast Financial Services Conference to be held on November 15, 2012 in Aventura, Florida. The conference can be attended, in person, by invitation only. However, the conference will be broadcast on the Internet at **http://www.sandleroneill.com** and will also be available through Wintrust Financial Corporation's website at **www.wintrust.com**. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The archived webcast will be available for thirty days after the event. The conference will also be available via audio conference at (877) 253-8059 using passcode 8309199648#. 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 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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