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## Wintrust Financial Corporation to Present at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Smid Cap Conference on June 9, 2010

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LAKE FOREST, Ill., June 4, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) will present at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Smid Cap Conference to be held in Boston on June 8 – June 9, 2010. Wintrust management will make a presentation that is scheduled to begin at 3:20 PM, Eastern Time, on June 9, 2010. This event will be available via a web-cast and will be archived through Friday, June 25, 2010.

Investors may access the webcast of the presentation at the Company's website at <http://www.wintrust.com> during the conference through Friday, June 25, 2010. The web-cast may be accessed by clicking on the "Presentations" link located on the "Presentations and Conference Calls" page on the Company's website. Investors may also access the webcast of the presentation at <https://www.veracast.com/webcasts/bas/smidcap2010/id17275570.cfm>.

Listeners should go to either of the websites at least fifteen minutes before the presentation to download and install any necessary audio software. Access to the webcast is free.

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately \$13 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 over 80 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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