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Wintrust Financial Corporation to Present at the Sterne Agee Financial Services Symposium on February 9, 2009

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LAKE FOREST, Ill., Feb. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq: WTFC) today announced that it will participate in the Sterne Agee 4th Annual Financial Services Symposium to be held in Orlando on February 9-10, 2009. Wintrust management will participate in a Midwest Banking Panel discussion that is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM, Eastern Time on February 9, 2009.

Investors may access the presentation via the telephone by calling into a conference line. The live conference number for the Midwest Banking Panel is 212-812-2800 and the access code is 28071831.

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately $10.7 billion whose common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Wintrust operates fifteen community banks that provide a full complement of commercial and consumer loan and deposit products and services through over 75 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 and several specialty-lending niches.

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