ZIDAR THOMAS P

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZIDAR THOMAS P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 9700 WEST I	(First)	(Middle) OAD, 8TH	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2019	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ROSEMONT	, IL 60018			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/24/2019		A	1,797	A	\$ 0 (1)	31,016	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2019		M	3,482	A	\$ 30.98	34,498	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2019		S	3,482	D	\$ 72.62 (2)	31,016	D	
Common Stock							7,129 (3)	I	By ESPP

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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6. Date Exercisable and

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.98	01/25/2019		M	3,482	01/26/2015	01/26/2019	Common Stock	3,4

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

ZIDAR THOMAS P 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

1. Title of

/s/Kathleen M. Boege, 01/28/2019 Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents stock awarded upon attainment of performance objectives under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program.
 - The price reported is the weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$72.21 to \$73.03,
- inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the SEC, the issuer and any security holder full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the shares were sold.
- (3) Includes 294 shares purchased by reporting person during 2018 in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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