STOEHR DAVID L

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person STOEHR DAVID L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 87 FLOOR	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER		
(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) (Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/29/2018		Code V M	Amount 2,439	(D)	Price \$ 44.11	11,347	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2018		M	2,829	A	\$ 40.87	14,176	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2018		S	5,268	D	\$ 87.59 (1)	8,908	D	
Common Stock							415	I	FBO children

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 44.11	01/29/2018		M	2,439	01/22/2018	01/22/2022	Common Stock	2,4
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 40.87	01/29/2018		M	2,829	01/28/2018	01/28/2023	Common Stock	2,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STOEHR DAVID L 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Signatures

/s/Kathleen M. Boege, Attorney-in-fact 01/31/2018

**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).

The price reported is the weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$87.40 to \$87.88,

(1) 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.

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