

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

July 29, 2014

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

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 24, 2014

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-35077 (Commission File Number)	36-3873352 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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9700 West Higgins Road, Suite 800 Rosemont, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)	60018 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 939-9000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 24, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company amended and restated the Company's 2005 Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan (the "Amended and Restated Director Plan"), effective immediately, to provide that those directors who choose to be paid in the Company's common stock on a non-deferred basis to receive dividends on such common stock for the period between when such stock is earned and when it is distributed. The foregoing information is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended and Restated Director Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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99.1 Amended and Restated Wintrust Financial Corporation 2005 Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lisa J. Pattis  
Lisa J. Pattis  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

Date: July 29, 2014

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