

Eisenhuth Guy
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Eisenhuth Guy

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2019 | | A | | 1,167 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10,053 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2019 | | M | | 1,732 A \$ 30.98 | 11,785 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2019 | | M | | 1,466 A \$ 37.85 | 13,251 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2019 | | M | | 2,769 A \$ 46.86 | 16,020 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2019 | | M | | 3,600 A \$ 44.11 | 19,620 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | 01/25/2019 | M | 2,802 | A | \$ 40.87 | 22,422 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/25/2019 | F | 8,689 | D | \$ 72.69 | 13,733 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 25 | I | by 401(k) plan |

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 of 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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 30.98 | 01/25/2019 | | M | 1,732 | 01/26/2015 01/26/2019 | Common Stock | 1,732 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 37.85 | 01/25/2019 | | M | 1,466 | 01/24/2016 01/24/2020 | Common Stock | 1,466 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 46.86 | 01/25/2019 | | M | 2,769 | 01/23/2017 01/23/2021 | Common Stock | 2,769 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 44.11 | 01/25/2019 | | M | 3,600 | 01/22/2018 01/22/2022 | Common Stock | 3,600 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 40.87 | 01/25/2019 | | M | 2,802 | 01/28/2018 01/28/2023 | Common Stock | 2,802 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Eisenhuth Guy 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018 | | | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

/s/Kathleen M. Boege,
Attorney-in-fact

01/28/2019

__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.

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