

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-A12B  
July 02, 2015

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-A  
FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Illinois  
(State of incorporation or organization)

36-3873352  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9700 W. Higgins Road, Suite 800  
Rosemont, Illinois  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the  
Act:

60018  
(Zip Code)

Title of each class to be so registered  
Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred  
Stock, Series D, no par value per share

Name of each exchange on which each class is  
to be registered  
The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A. (c), check the following box.  x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A. (d), check the following box.  o

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-196600 (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None  
(Title of class)

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

For a description of the Registrant's Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series D, no par value per share, reference is made to the information set forth under the heading "Description of Preferred Stock" in the Registrant's Prospectus Supplement, dated June 22, 2015, to the Prospectus, dated June 9, 2014, which constitutes a part of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-333-196600), filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which information is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Wintrust Financial Corporation, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Wintrust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006, Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 of Wintrust's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 29, 2011 and Exhibit 3.1 of Wintrust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012).
3.2	Amended and Restated Certificate of Designations of Wintrust Financial Corporation filed on December 18, 2008 with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois designating the preferences, limitations, voting powers and relative rights of the Series A Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of Wintrust's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 24, 2008).
3.3	Certificate of Designations of Wintrust Financial Corporation filed on March 15, 2012 with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois designating the preferences, limitations, voting powers and relative rights of the Series C Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Wintrust's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 19, 2012).
3.4	Certificate of Designations of Wintrust Financial Corporation filed on June 24, 2015 with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois designating the preferences, limitations, voting powers and relative rights of the Series D Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Wintrust's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 25, 2015).
3.5	Amended and Restated By-laws of Wintrust Financial Corporation, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of Wintrust's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 8, 2015).
4.1	Form of Global Certificate Evidencing Shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Wintrust's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 25, 2015).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: July 2, 2015

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/David A. Dykstra

Name: David A. Dykstra

Title: Senior EVP and Chief Operating Officer

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