

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

March 12, 2007

**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): March 9, 2007**

**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**0-21923**

(Commission File Number)

**36-3873352**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**727 North Bank Lane**

**Lake Forest, Illinois**

(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**60045**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(847) 615-4096**

**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 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 9, 2007, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company ) entered into a Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of November 1, 2005, as amended (the Credit Agreement ), between the Company and LaSalle Bank National Association ( LaSalle ). The amendment was entered into for the sole purpose of increasing the borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000. In connection with the amendment, the Company executed a new Term A Note, dated as of March 9, 2007, in favor of LaSalle for \$100,000,000. The Term A Note is due and payable on June 1, 2007.

The foregoing description of the amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the amendment, a copy of which will be filed as an exhibit to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information provided in Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference herein.

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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/ David A. Dykstra  
David A. Dykstra  
Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer

Date: March 12, 2007