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ALDEL FINANCIAL INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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The following is the transcript of a video presentation made available by Hagerty to its employees.

Hey there one team Hagerty, I hope you're having a great day. I have some special news I want to share with you. Hagerty is in the process of merging with all Aldel financial. Aldel financial is a special purpose acquisition company or a SPAC and it was created a short while ago to find a great company like Hagerty and to help take it public. Now we were very thoughtful about this and we ran a long process. We wanted to really position Hagerty for a best possible outcome. And so we've talked to a lot of different parties.

And when we found all Adel financial, we knew we found our partner.

So this may all sound a little bit technical right now, but all it really means is sometime later this year, Hagerty will be trading publicly on the New York Stock Exchange. So what does this all mean for all of us? Well, really, it means we're going to turbocharge all the great stuff that we've been doing. More membership programs, more experiences, more media, more great team members joining us to help us serve our purpose of saving driving in our culture for future generations.

Very little will change in our day to day work. I will remain the CEO, the management team stays in place. We get to just do more great Hagerty stuff and we get to do it a little bit faster.

What I'd really like to say to you now though, is thank you. I want to express my deep and heartfelt gratitude for all that you've done in bringing your time and talents to us to help build Hagerty into what it is today. If it wasn't for you, with so much dedication and so much passion, we wouldn't even be able to begin thinking about this incredible move forward. I'm excited about this. It's gonna be great for all of us. And I've got a lot more that we'll be sharing in the coming weeks and months. But until then, keep on growing. Onward and upward.

Important Information and Where To Find It

Aldel Financial Inc. ("Aldel") has entered into that certain Business Combination Agreement, dated as of August 17, 2021 (the "Business Combination Agreement"), by and among Aldel, Aldel Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Aldel ("Merger Sub"), and The Hagerty Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Hagerty"), pursuant to which: (a) all of the outstanding equity interests of Hagerty will be exchanged for shares of Class V Common Stock and OpCo Units; (b) Merger Sub will be merged with and into Hagerty (the "Merger"), whereupon the separate limited liability company existence of Merger Sub shall cease and Hagerty shall be the surviving company (Hagerty following the Merger is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "OpCo") and continue its existence under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "LLC Act"); (c) the existing limited liability company agreement of Hagerty will be amended and restated in the form attached to the Business Combination Agreement, to, among other things, make Aldel a member of the OpCo; and (d) Aldel will change its name to Hagerty, Inc. ("New Hagerty") (the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement are collectively referred to as the "Business Combination"). In connection with the proposed Business Combination, Aldel has filed with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement, and will file, when available, a definitive proxy statement. Promptly after filing its definitive proxy statement with the SEC, Aldel will mail the definitive proxy statement and a proxy card to each stockholder entitled to vote at the Special Meeting relating to the transaction. INVESTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF ALDEL ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION THAT ALDEL WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ALDEL, HAGERTY AND THE BUSINESS COMBINATION. The definitive proxy statement, the preliminary proxy statement and other relevant materials in connection with the transaction (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Aldel with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to: Aldel Financial Inc., 105 S. Maple Street, Itasca, Illinois 60143.

Participants in the Solicitation

Aldel and its directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from Aldel's stockholders with respect to the Business Combination. A list of the names of those directors and executive officers and a description of their interests in Aldel will be included in the proxy statement for the proposed Business Combination and be available at www.sec.gov. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants will be contained in the proxy statement for the proposed Business Combination when available. Information about Aldel's directors and executive officers and their ownership of Aldel common stock is set forth in Aldel's prospectus, dated April 12, 2021, as modified or supplemented by any Form 3 or Form 4 filed with the SEC since the date of such filing. Other information regarding the interests of the participants in the proxy solicitation will be included in the proxy statement pertaining to the proposed Business Combination when it becomes available. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

Hagerty and its directors and executive officers may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Aldel in connection with the proposed Business Combination. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the proposed Business Combination will be included in the proxy statement for the proposed Business Combination.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "target," "believe," "expect," "will," "shall," "may," "anticipate," "estimate," "would," "positioned," "future," "forecast," "intend," "plan," "project," "outlook" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements made in this communication regarding the proposed transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and the Subscription Agreements, including the benefits of the Business Combination, integration plans, expected synergies and revenue opportunities, anticipated future financial and operating performance and results, including estimates for growth, the expected management and governance of the combined company, and the expected timing of the Business Combination. Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on Aldel's and Hagerty's managements' current beliefs, expectations and assumptions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results and outcomes to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements include, among others, the following: (1) the occurrence of any event, change, or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Business Combination Agreement; (2) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Aldel or Hagerty following the announcement of the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated therein; (3) the inability to complete the proposed Business Combination, including due to failure to obtain approval of the stockholders of Aldel and Hagerty, certain regulatory approvals, or satisfy other conditions to closing in the Business Combination Agreement; (4) the occurrence of any event, change, or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the Business Combination Agreement or could otherwise cause the transaction to fail to close; (5) the failure to meet the minimum cash requirements of the Business Combination Agreement due to Aldel stockholder redemptions and the failure to obtain replacement financing; (6) the inability to complete the concurrent PIPE; (7) the failure to meet projected development and production targets; (8) the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Hagerty's business and/or the ability of the parties to complete the proposed Business Combination; (9) the inability to obtain or maintain the listing of Aldel's shares of common stock on The New York Stock Exchange following the proposed Business Combination; (10) the risk that the proposed Business Combination disrupts current plans and operations as a result of the announcement and consummation of the proposed Business Combination; (11) the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the proposed Business Combination, which may be affected by, among other things, competition, the ability of Hagerty to grow and manage growth profitably, and retain its key employees; (12) costs related to the proposed Business Combination; (13) changes in applicable laws or regulations; (14) the possibility that Aldel or Hagerty may be adversely affected by other economic, business, and/or competitive factors; (15) risks relating to the uncertainty of the projected financial information with respect to Hagerty; (16) risks related to the organic and inorganic growth of Hagerty's business and the timing of

expected business milestones; (17) the amount of redemption requests made by Aldel's stockholders; and (18) other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in the final prospectus of Aldel for its initial public offering dated April 12, 2021 filed with the SEC and the preliminary proxy statement, and when available, a definitive proxy statement relating to the proposed Business Combination, including those under "Risk Factors" therein, and in Aldel's other filings with the SEC. Aldel cautions that the foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Aldel and Hagerty caution readers not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Aldel and Hagerty do not undertake or accept any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect any change in their expectations or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any such statement is based, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable law. Neither Hagerty nor Aldel gives any assurance that either Hagerty or Aldel, or the combined company, will achieve its expectations.

No Solicitation

This communication does not constitute the solicitation of a proxy, consent or authorization with respect to the Business Combination. This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any states or jurisdictions in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act, or an exemption therefrom.