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ALDI Ramps Up US Expansion with Goal of 2,500 Stores by End of 2022

Growth plan calls for 25,000 additional jobs

Batavia, Ill. – June 12, 2017 – ALDI continues to disrupt the U.S. grocery industry by providing customers with a smarter way to shop. Building on its already-aggressive growth strategy and \$1.6 billion program to remodel 1,300 stores by 2020, the grocery retailer just announced a \$3.4 billion capital investment to expand to 2,500 stores nationwide by the end of 2022. With this growth, ALDI will be the third largest grocery store by count in the U.S. and serve 100 million customers per month.

In a turbulent retail environment, ALDI is bucking the trend plaguing many retailers by accelerating its growth of new stores with a total capital investment of \$5 billion in new and remodeled stores over the next five years. Named to Forbes' list of America's Best Large Employers, ALDI will add 25,000 new jobs in stores, warehouses and offices with industry-leading compensation and generous benefits packages.

"We pioneered a grocery model built around value, convenience, quality and selection and now ALDI is one of America's favorite and fastest growing retailers," said Jason Hart, CEO. "We're growing at a time when other retailers are struggling. We are giving our customers what they want, which is more organic produce, antibiotic-free meats and fresh healthier options across the store, all at unmatched prices up to 50 percent lower than traditional grocery stores."

ALDI has continued to evolve its selection of products to include more fresh foods, gluten-free options and award-winning products throughout the store. ALDI also continues to increase its offering of fresh and sustainable seafood, specialty wines and cheeses, organic items from its SimplyNature line, and award-winning Little Journey baby products. ALDI was the first grocery store to offer all of its exclusive products free of certified synthetic colors, added trans fat and added MSG.

"We have passionate fans who know ALDI offers a smarter way to feed their families in a modern, convenient and easy-to-shop environment," added Hart. "If you've never shopped with us, we invite you to come in and discover the ALDI that millions already know and love."

About ALDI Inc.

A leader in the grocery retailing industry, ALDI operates more than 1,600 U.S. stores in 35 states. More than 40 million customers each month save up to 50 percent on their grocery bills, benefiting from the ALDI simple and streamlined approach to retailing. ALDI sells the most frequently purchased grocery and household items, primarily under its exclusive brands, which meet or exceed the national name brands on taste and quality. ALDI is so confident in the quality of its products, the company offers a Double Guarantee: If for any reason a customer is not 100 percent satisfied with any ALDI food product, ALDI will gladly replace the product and refund the purchase price. For the seventh year in a row, ALDI was recognized as a value leader among U.S. grocery stores by Market Force Information® survey of U.S. consumers. For more information about ALDI, visit aldi.us.*

**Based upon a price comparison of comparable products sold at leading national retail grocery stores.*