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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Forager Fund, L.P.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2022		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Willdan Group, Inc.</u> [WLDN]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2024 3RD AVE. N SUITE 201			4. Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing		
	-		Officer (give title below)	Other (below)	specify		ile Line) d by One Reporting	
(Street) BIRMINGHAM AL 35203	_					X Form file Reporting	d by More than One J Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per sh	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share		1,378,581	D ⁽¹⁾				
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			11,042	D	2)			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			271	D ⁽³⁾				
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			385,537	Ι		See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			1,775	I		See Footnote ⁽⁵⁾		
			e Securities Beneficia nts, options, converti					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			Underlying Derivative Security Conversion (Instr. 4)		cise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivati Security	ve or Indirect	5)	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Forager Fund, L.P.		_	, , ,			,		
(Last) (First) (Mid 2024 3RD AVE. N SUITE 201	ldle)							
(Street) BIRMINGHAM AL 352	203	_						
(City) (State) (Zip	(State) (Zip)							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>Kissel Edward Urban</u>								
(Last) (First) (Mid 2024 3RD AVE. N SUITE 201	ldle)							

(Street) BIRMINGHAM	AL	35203			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] MacArthur Robert Symmes					
(Last) 2024 3RD AVE. SUITE 201	(First) N	(Middle)			
(Street) BIRMINGHAM	AL	35203			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares reported are directly held by Forager Fund, L.P. (the "Fund"). Each of Messrs. Kissel and MacArthur is a principal of Forager Capital Management, LLC, the general partner of the Fund (the "GP"), and has shared authority to vote (or direct the vote of), and to dispose (or direct the disposal) of, these shares on behalf of the GP. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

2. The shares reported are directly held by Mr. Kissel. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

3. The shares reported are directly held by Mr. MacArthur. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

4. The shares reported are directly held by a separate account managed by the GP. Each of Messrs. Kissel and MacArthur has shared authority to vote (or direct the vote of), and to dispose (or direct the disposal) of, these shares on behalf of the GP. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

5. The shares reported are directly held by Mr. Kissel's spouse. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any

<u>/s/ Robert MacArthur,</u>	
<u>managing member of sole</u>	12/14/2022
<u>general partner on behalf</u>	<u>12/14/2022</u>
<u>of Forager Fund, L.P.</u>	
<u>/s/ Edward Kissel</u>	<u>12/14/2022</u>
<u>/s/ Robert MacArthur</u>	<u>12/14/2022</u>
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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Exhibit 24.1 CONFIRMING STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated Edward Kissel and Johnny Wilhelm, each acting singly, to execute and file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Schedules 13D and 13G (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Willdan Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The authority of Edward Kissel and Johnny Wilhelm under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file any of Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Schedules 13D and 13G with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Willdan Group, Inc. unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that Edward Kissel and Johnny Wilhelm are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 or Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dated: December 14, 2022

/s/ Robert MacArthur Robert MacArthur

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/s/ Edward Kissel Edward Kissel