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## PRESENTATION EXCERPT

Richard D. Fairbank Founder, Chairman, & Chief Executive Officer, Capital One Financial Corp.

And turning to the Discover acquisition. We're working closely with the regulators as our applications continue to work their way through the regulatory approval process. Separately, Discover mentioned in their press release and on their earnings call last week that they continue to work in parallel with the SEC to resolve comments regarding their accounting approach for their card misclassification matter.

As soon as that process wraps up, we expect to mail out a joint proxy and to schedule a shareholder vote, most likely early next year. We remain well positioned to get shareholder and regulatory approvals, and we expect to be in a position to complete the acquisition early in 2025, subject to regulatory and shareholder approval.

Pulling way up, the acquisition of Discover is a singular opportunity. It will create a consumer banking and global payments platform with unique capabilities, modern technology, powerful brands and a franchise of more than 100 million customers. It delivers compelling financial results and offers the potential to enhance competition and create significant value for merchants and customers.

## Operator

Our next question comes from Don Fandetti with Wells Fargo. You may proceed.

#### **Donald Fandetti** Analyst, Wells Fargo Securities LLC

Hi, Rich, on the Discover merger, do you still feel like owning a network helps your position with regulatory approval. I mean, I guess the DOJ suit against Visa does validate that. I'm just trying to get a sense on whether or not you feel like your arguments are resonating with regulators and you have confidence in the deal closing.

# Richard D. Fairbank Founder, Chairman, & Chief Executive Officer, Capital One Financial Corp.

So I think, it's – this is an unusual deal in the sense that usually there is a player in a certain industry doing an acquisition of another player in that industry. And certainly, a part of the consideration is looking at those aspects.

But the very unusual part here is two things. First of all, one is such an important part of this acquisition is buying a network, something that we don't have. So, we're not even in that part of the business.

But then secondly, of course, it is an acquisition, buying a position in an industry that is getting a tremendous amount of scrutiny for how concentrated it is. And the network that we are acquiring, for example, on the credit card side has gone from 6% down to 4% share in recent years.

And so certainly, we are making a strong case that to a regulator that obviously has shown they care a lot about competition in that marketplace that we certainly believe that this is very pro-competitive in that sense. Of course, we also believe very much that on the credit card side, the deal is pro-competitive as well.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

Information in this communication, other than statements of historical facts, may constitute forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the proposed transaction between Capital One Financial Corporation ("Capital One") and Discover Financial Services ("Discover"), including future financial and operating results (including the anticipated impact of the transaction on Capital One's and Discover's respective earnings and tangible book value), statements related to the expected timing of the completion of the transaction, the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, and other statements that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements may be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "targets," "scheduled," "plans," "intends," "goal," "anticipates," "expects," "believes," "forecasts," "outlook," "estimates," "potential," or "continue" or negatives of such terms or other comparable terminology.

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requisite regulatory, stockholder or other approvals are not received or other conditions to the closing are not satisfied on a timely basis or at all, or are obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated (and the risk that requisite regulatory approvals may result in the imposition of conditions that could adversely affect Capital One or the expected benefits of the transaction following the closing of the transaction), (5) reputational risk and the reaction of each company's customers, suppliers, employees or other business partners to the transaction, (6) the failure of the closing conditions in the merger agreement to be satisfied, or any unexpected delay in completing the transaction or the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement, (7) the dilution caused by the issuance of additional shares of Capital One's common stock in connection with the transaction, (8) the possibility that the transaction may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events, (9) risks related to management and oversight of the expanded business and operations of Capital One following the transaction due to the increased size and complexity of its business, (10) the possibility of increased scrutiny by, and/or additional regulatory requirements of, governmental authorities as a result of the transaction or the size, scope and complexity of Capital One's business operations following the transaction, (11) the outcome of any legal or regulatory proceedings that may be currently pending or later instituted against Capital One before or after the transaction, or against Discover, (12) the risk that expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the transaction are not met, (13) the risk that any announcements relating to the transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of Capital One's common stock, (14) certain restrictions during the pendency of the transaction, (15) the diversion of management's attention from ongoing business operations and opportunities, (16) Capital One's and Discover's success in executing their respective business plans and strategies and managing the risks involved in the foregoing, (17) effects of the announcement, pendency or completion of the transaction on Capital One's or Discover's ability to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with Capital One's and Discover's suppliers and other business partners, and on Capital One's and Discover's operating results and businesses generally, (18) general competitive, economic, political and market conditions and other factors that may affect future results of Capital One and Discover, including changes in asset quality and credit risk; the inability to sustain revenue and earnings growth; changes in interest rates and capital markets; inflation; customer borrowing, repayment, investment and deposit practices; the impact, extent and timing of technological changes; capital management activities and (19) any other factors that may affect Capital One's future results or the future results of Discover; and other actions of the Federal Reserve Board and legislative and regulatory actions and reforms. Additional factors which could affect future results of Capital One and Discover can be found in Capital One's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and Discover's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, in each case filed with the SEC and available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. Capital One and Discover disclaim any obligation and do not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this communication, which speak only as of the date hereof, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by federal securities laws.

# Important Information About the Transaction and Where to Find It

Capital One filed a registration statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-278812) with the SEC on April 18, 2024, as amended on June 14, 2024 and July 26, 2024, to register the shares of Capital One's common stock that will be issued to Discover stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. The registration statement, which is not yet effective, includes a preliminary joint proxy statement of Capital One and Discover that also constitutes a preliminary prospectus of Capital One. If and when the registration statement becomes effective and the joint proxy statement/prospectus is in definitive form, such joint proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to the stockholders of each of Capital One and Discover in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4 AND THE RELATED JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (AND ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS) BECAUSE SUCH DOCUMENTS CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed

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Before making any voting or investment decision, investors and security holders of Capital One and Discover are urged to read carefully the entire registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus when they become available, including any amendments thereto, because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described above.

# **Participants in Solicitation**

Capital One, Discover and certain of their directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of each of Capital One and Discover in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of Capital One and Discover and other persons who may be deemed participants in the solicitation of the stockholders of Capital One or of Discover in connection with the proposed transaction will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus related to the proposed transaction, which will be filed by Capital One with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Capital One and their ownership of Capital One common stock can also be found in Capital One's definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on March 20, 2024, and other documents subsequently filed by Capital One with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Discover and their ownership of Discover common stock can also be found in Discover's definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on March 15, 2024, and other documents subsequently filed by Discover with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants is included in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents regarding the proposed transaction filed with the SEC when they become available.