Daseke, Inc. Form SC 13D/A June 05, 2018

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### **SCHEDULE 13D/A**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 1)

# Daseke, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

### **Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### 23753F 107

(CUSIP Number)

The Walden Group, Inc.

15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 550

Addison, Texas 75001

**Telephone Number: (972) 248-0412** 

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

#### June 1, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box: o

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

#### CUSIP No. 23753F 107

1	Name of Reporting Person: The Walden Group, Inc.		
2	Check the Appropriate Bo (a) (b)	x if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) o x	
3	SEC Use Only		
4	Source of Funds (See Instructions): OO		
5	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or (2) o		
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware		
	7	Sole Voting Power 0	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	8	Shared Voting Power 16,337,314	
Each Reporting Person With	9	Sole Dispositive Power 0	
	10	Shared Dispositive Power 16,337,314	
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 16,337,314		
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 28.6% (1)		
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) CO		

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 57,169,408 shares outstanding as of May 8, 2018, as reported by Daseke, Inc. in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 10, 2018.

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1	Name of Reporting Person Don R. Daseke	c.	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
	(a)	0	
	(b)	х	
3	SEC Use Only		
4	Source of Funds		
	00		
5	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or (2) o		
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization		
	United States of America		
	7	Sole Voting Power	
		1,580,206 (1)	
Number of Shares	0		
Beneficially	8	Shared Voting Power	
Owned by		16,371,563 (2)	
Each	9	Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting Person With		1,580,206 (1)	
	10	Shared Dispositive Power	
		16,371,563 (2)	
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 17,951,769 (2)		
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 31.4% (3)		
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN		

(1) Includes an option to purchase 26,000 shares, which vested on February 27, 2018.

(2) Includes (a) 16,337,314 shares held by The Walden Group, Inc. and (b) 34,249 shares held by Mr. Daseke s spouse.

(3) Based on 57,169,408 shares outstanding as of May 8, 2018, as reported by Daseke, Inc. in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 10, 2018.

This Amendment No. 1 amends and restates the Schedule 13D filed on March 9, 2017 in its entirety. This Amendment No. 1 is referred to herein as this Schedule 13D.

### Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share (the Common Stock ), of Daseke, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ). The address of the principal executive offices of the Company is 15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 550, Addison, Texas 75001.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background

(a)

1. The Walden Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( The Walden Group )

2. Don R. Daseke (together with The Walden Group, the Filing Parties )

(b)

1. The business address of The Walden Group, which also serves as its principal office, is 15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 550, Addison, Texas 75001.

2. The principal business address of Mr. Daseke is 15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 550, Addison, Texas 75001.

(c)

1. The principal business of The Walden Group is to invest in various companies, including the Company. Mr. Daseke is the President and a director of The Walden Group, which has no other directors or officers or controlling persons. Mr. Daseke is also the majority stockholder of The Walden Group.

2. The present principal occupation of Mr. Daseke is Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company s principal business is providing open deck transportation and logistics solutions and its principal address is 15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 550, Addison, Texas 7500.

(d) During the last five years, neither of the Filing Parties has been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five years, neither of the Filing Parties was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, as a result of which it or he was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

(f) Mr. Daseke is a citizen of the United States of America.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

On February 27, 2017, the Company (f/k/a Hennessy Capital Acquisition Corp. II) consummated the previously announced merger of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company with and into Daseke, Inc., with Daseke, Inc. surviving as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the Business

Combination ), in accordance with the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated December 22, 2016 (the Merger Agreement ), by and among the Company, HCAC Merger Sub, Inc., Daseke, Inc. and Don R. Daseke, solely in his capacity as the Stockholder Representative (as defined therein). Subsequent to the closing of the Business Combination, on February 27, 2017, Daseke, Inc. changed its name to Daseke Companies, Inc. and the Company changed its name to Daseke, Inc. In this Schedule 13D, references to Old Daseke are to Daseke, Inc. prior to the consummation of the Business Combination.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at the Effective Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement), each share of Old Daseke common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time was automatically converted into the right to receive approximately 144.204 shares of Common Stock (rounded to the nearest whole share), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement. The closing price of the Common Stock was \$10.22 per share on the effective date of the Business Combination. As a result, The Walden Group received 13,757,629 shares of Common Stock, Mr. Daseke received 1,308,795 shares of Common Stock and Mr. Daseke s spouse received 28,841 shares of Common Stock at the Effective Time, in each case, in exchange for their respective shares of Old Daseke common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

The Merger Agreement also contains an earnout provision pursuant to which the Company may potentially issue up to 15 million additional shares of Common Stock to the pre-Business Combination stockholders of Old Daseke for the achievement of specified share price thresholds and pro forma Adjusted EBITDA targets for the years ending December 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019. For the year ended December 31, 2017, pursuant to this earnout provision, 5 million shares of Common Stock were issued to the pre-Business Combination stockholders of Old Daseke upon the achievement of (i) 2017 Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA (giving effect to acquisitions and as defined in the Merger Agreement) of \$140 million and (ii) a price of \$12.00 per share of Common Stock for any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30-trading day period during the year ended December 31, 2017. As a result, The Walden Group received an additional 2,579,685 shares of Common Stock on June 1, 2018, pursuant to this earnout provision.

Additionally, effective February 27, 2017, Mr. Daseke entered into a Management Stock Option Award Agreement with the Company, which relates to the option to purchase 130,000 shares of Common Stock granted by the Company on February 27, 2017, which vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 27, 2018 and has an exercise price of \$9.98. As of February 28, 2018, pursuant to the terms of such award, Mr. Daseke has the right to acquire 26,000 shares of Common Stock. A copy of the form of Management Stock Option Award Agreement is filed with the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 3, 2017, as Exhibit 10.10 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The information disclosed in Item 3 above is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

The Filing Parties and Mr. Daseke s spouse acquired the shares of Common Stock reported herein solely for investment purposes. The Filing Parties may from time to time make additional purchases of shares of Common Stock or may dispose of shares of Common Stock reported as beneficially owned in this Schedule 13D, either in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions (which may be with the Company or with third parties) or otherwise, depending on the Company s business, prospects and financial condition, the market for shares of Common Stock, the ability to dispose of shares pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or otherwise in compliance with applicable securities laws, general economic conditions, financial and stock market conditions, other available opportunities, and other future developments.

Mr. Daseke intends to participate in and influence the affairs of the Company through the exercise of his voting rights with respect to the shares of Common Stock for which he has voting power. In addition, Mr. Daseke is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and, as a result, in the ordinary course or otherwise, may take actions to influence the management, business and affairs of the Company.

Other than as described in this Schedule 13D, neither of the Filing Parties have any other present plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the matters set forth in Item 4(a)-(j) of Schedule 13D.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) The Walden Group may be deemed to beneficially own 16,337,314 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 28.6% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. Mr. Daseke may be deemed to beneficially own in the aggregate 17,951,769 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 31.4% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. These percentages are based on the number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on May 10, 2018, as reported in the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on May 8, 2018.

(b) The Walden Group has sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to no shares of Common Stock and shared voting and shared dispositive power over 16,337,314 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Daseke has sole voting and sole dispositive power over the 1,580,206 shares of Common Stock held directly by him, which shares include an option to purchase 26,000 shares, and shared voting and shared dispositive power with respect to 16,371,563 shares of Common Stock, which shares include (i) 16,337,314 shares of Common Stock held directly by The Walden Group and (ii) 34,249 shares of Common Stock held directly by Mr. Daseke s spouse. Mr. Daseke disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held of record by The Walden Group or his spouse except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(c) The information disclosed in Item 3 above and Item 6 below is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The information disclosed in Item 3 above is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the Business Combination, the Company entered into an amended and restated registration rights agreement, effective February 27, 2017 (the Registration Rights Agreement ), with The Walden Group, Mr. Daseke and certain other investors in the Company (each, a Restricted Stockholder ). Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company filed a resale shelf registration statement on Form S-3, for the benefit of the Restricted Stockholders, to register certain securities of the Company, including the shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the Business Combination. Also pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, certain Restricted Stockholders, including The Walden Group and Mr. Daseke, (each such person, a Demand Right Holder ) have the right, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to demand an underwritten offering of their equity securities. The Registration Rights Agreement also grants the Restricted Stockholders, including The

Walden Group and Mr. Daseke, certain other customary registration rights, including piggyback rights that allow them to include their Registrable Securities (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) in certain underwritten offerings, subject to the limitations set forth therein. The Company will generally be required to bear the registration expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions and transfer taxes, associated with any registration and sale of Registrable Securities held by the Restricted Stockholders. A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement is filed with the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 3, 2017, as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference, and the foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference thereto.

Also in connection with the Business Combination, on February 27, 2017, the Company and Old Daseke s directors and executive officers, persons that held 1% or more of the shares of Old Daseke common stock immediately prior to the consummation of the Business Combination (which includes The Walden Group and Mr. Daseke) and certain of other Old Daseke stockholders entered into a lock-up agreement with respect to the shares of Common Stock received by such person pursuant to the Business Combination (the lock-up shares ). Pursuant to the lock-up agreements, each party agreed that for its respective lock-up period (which ranges from 120 days to three years, with The Walden Group and Mr. Daseke s lock-up period being three years and Mr. Daseke s spouse s lock-up period being 180 days), subject to certain exceptions, such party will not (a) sell, offer to sell, contract or agree to sell, hypothecate, pledge, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agree to dispose of, directly or indirectly, or establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to any lock-up shares of such party, (b) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of any lock-up shares of such party, in cash or otherwise, or (c) publicly announce any intention to effect any transaction specified in clause (a) or (b). Notwithstanding the foregoing, each party may sell or otherwise transfer any lock-up shares of such party to, among other persons, its equity holders or other affiliates or immediate family members, provided in each such case that the transferee thereof agrees to be bound by the restrictions set forth in the lock-up agreement applicable to such lock-up shares. In addition, The Walden Group and Mr. Daseke may transfer up to 10% of its or his lock-up shares to charities or educational institutions to the extent such transfer does not involve a disposition for value and such transferee agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the lock-up agreement until the 180th day after such transferee receives such shares. A copy of the form of the lock-up agreement is filed with the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 29, 2016, as Exhibit F to Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated herein by reference, and the foregoing description of the lock-up agreements are qualified in its entirety by reference thereto.

### Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

1.Joint Filing Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 to the Schedule 13D filed March 9,2017).

### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 5, 2018

### THE WALDEN GROUP, INC.

By:

/s/ Don R. Daseke Don R. Daseke President

DON R. DASEKE

/s/ Don R. Daseke