

Henry Schein Appoints New Senior Dental Executive

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MELVILLE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--August 3, 2000--Henry Schein, Inc. (NASDAQ:HSIC), the largest provider of healthcare supplies to office-based practitioners in the combined North American and European markets, today announced the appointment of Brian S. Watson to Senior Vice President, Strategic Business Planning for the Company's U.S. Dental business. Mr. Watson is an 18-year veteran of the dental industry.

"We look forward to Brian joining us and the contributions he will make as a new member of our Dental leadership team," commented Jim Breslawski, President of Sullivan-Schein Dental, the Company's U.S. Dental subsidiary. "We are committed to being the 'Total Solution Provider' for our customers - delivering the best in products and value-added services, and superior customer satisfaction. Given Brian's proven track record as a strong leader, he will certainly enhance our ability to further our vision and increase our market share."

In the past four years, Mr. Watson has had corporate responsibilities as Vice President, Marketing, for Patterson Dental Company. In this capacity, he led many initiatives throughout the dental business, from sales and marketing to general and operational management.

He began his dental career in 1982, initially as a territory sales manager and then dental equipment specialist. Between 1985 and the present, Mr. Watson took on positions of increasing responsibility, including positions as an equipment sales manager, branch manager and regional manager. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Indiana University.

Henry Schein, Inc. is the largest distributor of healthcare products and services to office-based healthcare practitioners in the combined North American and European markets. Recognized for its excellent customer service and low prices, the Company serves more than 400,000 customers worldwide, including dental practices and laboratories, physician practices and veterinary clinics, as well as government and other institutions.

The Company operates its five business groups - Dental, Medical, Veterinary, International and Technology - through a centralized and automated distribution network, which provides customers in more than 125 countries with a comprehensive selection of over 70,000 national and Henry Schein private-brand products. Henry Schein also offers a wide range of innovative value-added practice solutions, such as its leading dental practice management software systems - DENTRIX(R) and Easy Dental(R), which are installed in over 35,000 practices; and ArubA(R), Henry Schein's electronic catalog and ordering system.

Headquartered in Melville, New York, Henry Schein employs over 6,000 people in 15 countries. The Company's 1999 sales reached a record \$2.3 billion.

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