

Henry Schein Named 'Most Admired' in Its Industry in FORTUNE 2006 List of America's Most Admired Companies; Company's Rankings in All Eight Key Attributes of Reputation Elevate It to Top Spot in Its Industry

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MELVILLE, N.Y., Feb 24, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Henry Schein, Inc. (NASDAQ: HSIC), the largest distributor of healthcare products and services in the combined North American and European markets, has been ranked Number 1 in the "Wholesalers: Health Care" industry in the FORTUNE 2006 list of America's Most Admired Companies. The findings of the survey, which included 611 companies in 70 industries, are posted on FORTUNE's Web site (<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/>) and will be published in the March 6 issue of FORTUNE Magazine.

This year, in addition to taking the top overall industry ranking, Henry Schein also was named the industry's best in social responsibility, use of corporate assets, quality of management and long-term investment.

"It is very gratifying to be admired for our business practices and the qualities of our company, and we are honored to be recognized along with some of the most respected companies in this country," said Stanley M. Bergman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Henry Schein. "What makes this particularly special is the fact that we were selected by the people who know us best--senior executives, outside directors and industry analysts who are familiar with Henry Schein and our competitors within the industry. This designation is a source of pride for more than 11,000 Team Schein Members around the world, whose collective diligence and steadfast customer focus have made this achievement possible."

To determine the "Most Admired" rankings, FORTUNE Magazine and its survey partner, Hay Group, select companies from the FORTUNE 1000 list and distribute customized industry questionnaires to more than 10,000 senior executives, directors, and industry analysts. Based on these answers, companies are evaluated on their ability to attract and retain talented people; the quality of management; social responsibility to the community and the environment; innovativeness; the quality of products or services; wise use of corporate assets; financial soundness; and long-term investment value. This is the 24th year that the survey of America's Most Admired Companies has been conducted.

About Henry Schein

Henry Schein, a Fortune 500(R) company, is recognized for its excellent customer service and highly competitive prices. The Company's four business groups - Dental, Medical, International and Technology - serve more than 475,000 customers worldwide, including dental practices and laboratories, physician practices and veterinary clinics, as well as government and other institutions. The Company's sales reached a record \$4.6 billion in 2005. The Company operates through a centralized and automated distribution network, which provides customers in more than 125 countries with a comprehensive selection of more than 160,000 national and Henry Schein private-brand products.

Henry Schein also offers a wide range of innovative value-added practice solutions for healthcare professionals, such as ArubA(R), the Company's electronic catalog and ordering system. Its leading practice-management software solutions have been installed in more than 50,000 practices - DENTRIX(R) and Easy Dental(R) for dental practices, and AVImark(R) for veterinary clinics.

Headquartered in Melville, N.Y., Henry Schein employs nearly 11,000 people and has operations in 19 countries. For more information, visit the Henry Schein Web site at www.henryschein.com.

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