

## Henry Schein Again Named 'Most Admired' in Its Industry in Fortune 2009 List of the World's Most Admired Companies

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### Company's Top Rankings in Six of Nine Key Attributes of Reputation Make it an 'Industry Champion'; Ranks Number One in Social Responsibility for Five Consecutive Years

MELVILLE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 20, 2009-- Henry Schein, Inc. (NASDAQ: HSIC), the largest distributor of healthcare products and services to office-based practitioners in the combined North American and European markets, has once again been ranked "Most Admired" in the "Wholesalers: Health Care" industry in the *Fortune* 2009 list of the World's Most Admired Companies. The findings of the survey, which included 689 companies in 28 countries and 64 industries, are posted on *Fortune's* Web site (<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/mostadmired/2009/index.html>) and are published in this week's issue of *Fortune Magazine*.

Contributing to Henry Schein's ranking as an "Industry Champion" were number one rankings in six of the nine key attributes of reputation: use of corporate assets, quality of management, long-term investment, quality of products/services, global competitiveness and social responsibility. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Henry Schein has been named number one in its industry for social responsibility.

"During a time of economic challenge, it is again very gratifying to be admired for our business practices and the qualities of our Company, along with some of the most respected global companies," said Stanley M. Bergman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Henry Schein. "Receiving this designation is a source of great pride for more than 12,500 Team Schein Members around the world, whose commitment to serving our customers and giving back to society have made this achievement possible."

To determine the 2009 "Most Admired" rankings, *Fortune* combined the former America's Most Admired Companies survey and the former World's Most Admired Companies survey into one that better represents the competitive landscape faced by today's companies. *Fortune Magazine* and its survey partner, Hay Group, started with 1,400 companies: the *Fortune* 1,000; non-U.S. companies in *Fortune's* Global 500 database with revenues of \$10 billion or more; and the top foreign companies operating in the United States. The companies were sorted by industry, with the 15 largest for each international industry and the ten largest for each U.S. industry selected. To create the 64 industry lists, Hay Group asked executives, directors, and analysts to rate companies in their own industry on nine criteria, from investment value to social responsibility. This is the 28<sup>th</sup> year that the Most Admired survey has been conducted.

#### About Henry Schein

Henry Schein, a Fortune 500® company and a member of the NASDAQ 100® Index, 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 575,000 customers worldwide, including dental practitioners and laboratories, physician practices and animal health clinics, as well as government and other institutions. The Company operates through a centralized and automated distribution network, which provides customers in more than 200 countries with a comprehensive selection of more than 90,000 national and Henry Schein private-brand products in stock, as well as more than 100,000 additional products available as special-order items.

Henry Schein also offers a wide range of innovative value-added practice solutions for healthcare professionals, such as Aruba®, the Company's electronic catalog and ordering system. Its leading practice-management software solutions have a user base of more than 60,000 practices, including DENTRIX®, Easy Dental®, Oasis® and EXACT® for dental practices, MicroMD® for physician practices, and AVImark® for animal health clinics.

Headquartered in Melville, N.Y., Henry Schein employs over 12,500 people and has operations or affiliates in 23 countries. The Company's net sales reached a record \$6.4 billion in 2008. For more information, visit the Henry Schein Web site at [www.henryschein.com](http://www.henryschein.com).

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