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With the partnership, Henry Schein has expanded its presence in Japan, the second-largest dental market in the world. One Piece is composed of eight dental dealers throughout Japan, which serve approximately 6,000 dental clinics and had aggregate sales of approximately US$245 million in the 2015 fiscal year. Commenting on the partnership, Henry Schein CEO Emanly M. Bergman said: “We are committed to the Japan dental market and with Kenchiro Iwase, assuming the leadership of Henry Schein Japan, we look forward to a strong partnership that will bring new services and solutions to the Japanese dental community.”

Japan has approximately 90,000 dentists and about $4,000 dental clinics. With the addition of One Piece, Henry Schein Japan will serve approximately 20 percent of Japan’s dentists.

Red and white aesthetic harmony

By DTI

SINGAPORE: In order to help clinicians to create lifelike direct resin restorations, dental materials company SHOFU has introduced Beautifull II Enamel and Gingiva. Developed as complementary extenders to Beautifil II, both are made from specially modified multifunctional organic fillers and nano-fillers, providing them with exceptional handling characteristics, longer working time, high abrasion and wear resistance, as well as stable shades, the company said.

Moreover, effortless and superior polishing with sustained polish retention achieves lasting aesthetics. SHOFU’s proprietary S-PRG fillers release fluoride and exert an anti-plaque effect on the restoration surface. A special one-push syringe ensures controlled dispensing of the smooth and creamy material that is easy to sculpt into fine details to recreate the surface textures seen in natural teeth and gingivae.

Henry Schein completes Asia investment

By DTI

KYOTO, Japan/MELVILLE, USA: Last week, Henry Schein announced the completion of a 50 percent equity investment in One Piece Corporation, a subsidiary of J. Morita. Henry Schein first entered the Japanese market in October 2014, with an investment in iWaste Dental Supply, a full-service provider of dental consumables, implants, and equipment.

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Straumann CEO Marco Gadola explained: “Our investment has helped MegaGen to drive its growth strategy and to achieve good results in 2015. However, with its domestic market highly penetrated and our industry consolidating rapidly, we are firmly convinced that it is in the best interest of MegaGen’s employees, customers and shareholders to have a strong global partner who can help the company to provide complete solutions and to expand internationally. At the same time, MegaGen complements our portfolio with differentiated products and could help us to address the value segment more effectively particularly in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions.”

Straumann: Controlling stake in MegaGen

By DTI

BASEL, Switzerland: Straumann has announced that is exercising its conversion right and call option to acquire a controlling stake in South Korean implant manufacturer MegaGen. The option was obtained in March 2014, when Straumann agreed to purchase convertible bonds from MegaGen for a total of US$90 million (€75 billion).

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Overall, we have seen at this symposium that the future is bright, and I strongly disagree with some critical voices that suggest that there will no longer be real innovations in implantology.
Albert Einstein once said "look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better". We are proud to introduce you to our VCONCEPT, based on natural design. Ingenuity that leaves more bone volume, more soft tissue volume, more room for nature. Because in a place that has no borders, creativity goes unbound... To learn more about VCONCEPT visit www.vconcept.com.
To continue leading the value market

Dental implant manufacturer MIS announces future strategies

By DTI

Barcelona, Spain: Founded in 1995, MIS Implants Technologies started out as a small implant company in the discount segment, but has developed into a successful global business over the past 20 years. At a press conference held during the MIS Global Conference in Barcelona in May, the management team gave a detailed outlook on the company’s future strategic developments, product innovations and potential growth markets.

In order to pursue considerable growth and address challenges in the implant market, MIS made a number of organisational changes to the company structure several years ago. One of these was integrating research and development functions into the marketing and sales department, a move that transformed the department’s way of working.

Since 2013, Doron Peretz, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Development, has been guiding the R & D division at MIS.

“The key to continuous growth is innovation. However, it is not easy to drive innovations from in-house. Therefore, our marketing team, who is most exposed to the current opportunities of the market, has contributed a lot to exploring and bringing new ideas to research and development, and we are progressing rapidly in expanding our portfolio with this approach,” he said.

We predict that about five years from now this will no longer be the case. The main reason is that dentists will no longer accept low-value discount implants. MIS is currently leading the value segment and will continue to do so.”

Peretz also disclosed that the company is planning to bring a number of new products to market over the next three years, including the next generation of the V3 Implant System, which will be launched at the upcoming International Dental Show in March 2017. With some of these innovations, MIS is aiming to offer its customers products in the premium range. “In order to really grow, we have to participate in the premium segment, which currently accounts for about 70 percent of the global implant market. We have to develop solutions and services that can compete against other products and bring added value in this segment,” he said.

MIS CEO Idan Kleifeld added: “Today, it is crucial to offer complete solutions and in line with our philosophy ‘Make it Simple’, our primary principle is to simplify every stage of the implantology process. The combination of mechanical design of the V3, biological properties of the new B+ implant surface, and digital technology with the MGUIDE, allows us to provide clinicians with highly effective solutions that produce safe and predictable results.”

“We want to become the most innovative company in implant dentistry and we are now close to fulfilling this aim with our latest developments,” Kleifeld concluded.

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MIS management identified three markets offering opportunities for considerable growth, namely Germany, the US and China, where MIS only recently opened a new subsidiary.

“The Brexit will affect us as Nobel Biocare directly. I do not yet know how this will happen, but it is possible that we will have to develop resources for innovation, marketing and sales that we would not have had without this partnership. Collaboration with other brands within the platform has opened up expertise that is allowing us to lead innovation in dentistry. We are learning from our colleagues and have gained tools that are helping us to refine our processes and accelerate results. The new home of Nobel Biocare is a very good one.”

I cannot disclose anything yet. However, I can tell you already that there will be significant innovations presented. The potential that we are going to bring to the market will be of the same magnitude as that experienced at the symposium over the past few days.

Nobel Biocare will accelerate its delivery of significant and meaningful innovations, each developed with the well-being of the patient in mind.

Thank you very much.