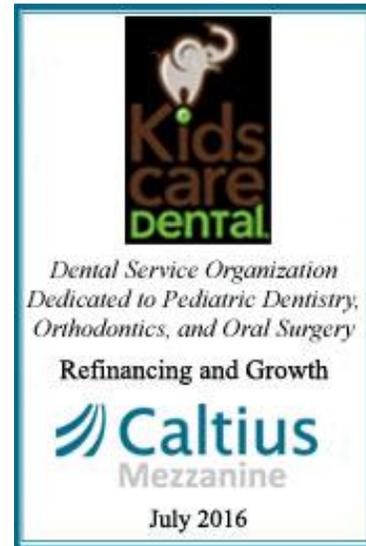


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Caltius Mezzanine Provides Growth Capital to Kids Care Dental Group

Los Angeles, CA 08/16/16 – Caltius Mezzanine is pleased to announce the recent closing of a debt investment in Kids Care Dental Group. Headquartered in Sacramento, CA, Kids Care Dental is a dental service organization with 17 pediatric dental, orthodontic and oral surgery practices located in Sacramento and surrounding cities in California’s San Joaquin Valley. Kids Care Dental has over 225 employees committed to providing excellent dental care to toddlers through teens while promoting lifelong, effective oral hygiene habits in a safe, convenient and fun environment.

Kids Care Dental is a portfolio company of Sterling Partners, a Chicago-based private equity firm which acquired Kids Care Dental in 2013. Since partnering with Sterling, Kids Care Dental has made meaningful investments to scale and expand its geographic footprint through the opening of new locations. Caltius’ investment was used to refinance existing debt and provide capital for future growth.



“We are pleased to partner with the Caltius team. Caltius worked incredibly hard in a short period of time to truly understand our aspirations and requirements, resulting in a customized structure and terms that worked well for us,” noted Janet Widmann, Chief Executive Officer of Kids Care Dental. “We look forward to working with Caltius as we continue our focus on growth.”

“We have been impressed with Kids Care Dental’s focused strategy and diverse base of quality locations,” stated Rick Shuart, Managing Director of Caltius Mezzanine. “This transaction further positions Kids Care Dental to capitalize on its exciting growth opportunities and we look forward to supporting that growth.”

For over 19 years, Caltius Mezzanine has been providing innovative capital solutions to small and mid-sized companies throughout North America, deploying more than \$1.0 billion of junior capital. For more information about our investment criteria, portfolio, and our team, please visit www.caltiusmezzanine.com or call us at (310) 996-9585.

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