

Blue Sea Capital Congratulates DECA Dental's Dr. Sulman Ahmed as EY Entrepreneur of the Year July 12, 2017

Blue Sea Capital LLC ("Blue Sea") is pleased to congratulate DECA Dental's Dr. Sulman Ahmed as distinguished winner of the 2017 Southwest EY Entrepreneur of the Year award. In 2008, Dr. Ahmed opened his first dental office and set out to create a truly patient centered model. His belief in putting patients first is the fundamental backbone in DECA Dental's core values and patient care delivery model. Ensuring adequate training for doctors, the very best materials being placed in the patient's mouth, weekend hours and multiple specialists working under one roof were just the beginning of his vision. Today, DECA Dental is nationally recognized as one of the most progressive and fastest growing dental service organizations in the United States.



"I am honored and humbled to be awarded the 2017 Southwest EY Entrepreneur of the Year award. This award reflects the hard work, support and perseverance of not only the entire DECA Dental organization but also Blue Sea Capital, who has been a fantastic partner and instrumental to our explosive growth. The Blue Sea team has extensive prior experience in healthcare which has proved to be invaluable," commented Dr. Ahmed. "We share the same passion for integrity, growth and quality focused patient care while maintaining a great company culture. We look forward to growing our footprint with their support."

Blue Sea Capital partnered with DECA Dental in July 2015. J.R. Davis, Managing Partner, said, "Congratulations to Dr. Ahmed and the DECA Dental organization on this outstanding and well-deserved accomplishment. We are honored to be partnered with an executive of the caliber of Dr. Ahmed, whose patient focus, intelligence, energy and strong leadership are reflected in DECA's high quality of care, strong growth trajectory and special culture. Having already doubled the company's footprint in the 24 months since we partnered with Dr. Ahmed, we look forward to continued growth and success from DECA Dental in the coming years."

About DECA Dental

DECA Dental (www.decadental.com), headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is a leading dental services organization that supports dentists across more than 70 affiliated practices in providing patients with first-class dental services in a comfortable and convenient neighborhood setting at affordable prices. Founded in 2008, the Company serves patients throughout Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio, providing a comprehensive suite of services, including general, orthodontic, surgical, cosmetic and restorative dental treatments.

About Blue Sea Capital

Blue Sea Capital (www.blueseacapital.com) is a private equity firm based in West Palm Beach, Florida, that invests in growth-oriented lower middle market companies valued up to \$200 million. The firm has \$327 million in assets under management and invests across three industry verticals: aerospace & defense, healthcare and industrial growth. Blue Sea Capital's strategy is to partner with talented managers and differentiated companies, typically as the first or second-institutional investor, and deliver strategic and operational value-add that drives growth acceleration, industry outperformance and business transformation.