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The Company posted a link to a transcript from an investor conference on its website on June 13, 2018, which transcript included the following excerpts:

JUNE 12, 2018 / HSIC Henry Schein Inc at William Blair Growth Stock Conference

**Steve Paladino** *Henry Schein, Inc. Executive VP, CFO & Executive Director*

And specifically, we believe that it could be anywhere from 4 to 6x additional EBITDA turns by spinning off as a pure-play Animal Health business. We still have to get carve-out audits. But we do think it's doable to get it completed and the spin completed by year-end. And if it goes a little past that, that's possible, but that's the goal by year-end.

**John Charles Kreger** *William Blair & Company L.L.C., Research Division Partner & Healthcare Services Analyst*

Since you spent a few minutes on the Animal Health spin, let's just stick with that for a minute. What prompted you to conclude that now was the right time to do that structure as opposed to a few years ago or holding on to the asset for the next decade?

**Steve Paladino** *Henry Schein, Inc. Executive VP, CFO & Executive Director*

Well, it's really market dynamics. Again, we looked at some of the transactions occurring in the animal health space. We saw other distributors going for 16, 19x trailing EBITDA over the last year or 2. We see the pharmaceutical spinoffs like Zoetis being very successful. And we, as we educated ourselves, we realized that there is a significant multiple arbitrage in today's market for a pure-play animal health player. And as we were looking at that, we said we really owe it to our shareholders to unlock that shareholder value. We were initially considering possibly doing a spin without the merger with Vets First Choice. As we approached Vets First Choice, we realized that, that could also accelerate the growth of this combined business. So it really seemed to fall into place. It wasn't something, John, that we've been planning for a long period of time. The spin and the merger with Vets First Choice, the initial meeting was probably with us and them late December, and we announced on April 23. So a really quick timeline to get such a complicated transaction completed. So it wasn't something that we've been thinking about for years and years. It really was something that came to us relatively recently.

**John Charles Kreger** *William Blair & Company L.L.C., Research Division Partner & Healthcare Services Analyst*

When we get questions from investors, they're almost exclusively on dental and some of the perceived sort of structural changes, and we can cover that in a few minutes. Do you see anything like that in animal health kind of on the horizon that maybe VFC is helping you get out in front of in terms of customer consolidation, additional channels and the like?

**Steve Paladino** *Henry Schein, Inc. Executive VP, CFO & Executive Director*

Well, people have asked us, It's been one of your fastest-growing segments. How do you, why do you want to get rid of your fastest-growing segment? We don't want to get rid of it. What we want to do is, again, unlock that shareholder value. We still like the Animal Health business very much. There are somewhat similar dynamics. And you do see

growing vet group practices owned by common ownership or for-profit that exist in the veterinary channel. But I would say that, really from our perspective, we just

never thought that we would get and you really hit the nail on the head, the valuation with the largest companion animal vet business as part of Henry Schein, because our investor base really is very dental-centric. And sometimes, it's an afterthought to even talk about a \$3.5 billion revenue business, the vet business. So we felt this was the only way to unlock shareholder value. And again, we're excited about the new company. We think the new company will be really a very strong grower going forward.

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### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, Vets First Corp. plans to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a registration statement on Form S-1/S-4 containing a prospectus, in the coming months. **Investors and security holders are urged to carefully read the registration statement/prospectus (including any amendments or supplements thereto and any documents incorporated by reference therein) and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available, because they will contain important information about the parties and the proposed transaction.** The registration statement/prospectus and other relevant documents that are filed with the SEC can be obtained free of charge (when available) from the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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