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**August 16-17, Colorado Springs**

To arrange a meeting with Joe Hunt or Heather Whaley at industry events contact Cyndi Johnson: [cjohnson@HuntSearch.com](mailto:cjohnson@HuntSearch.com)



### [Heather Whaley promoted to Partner](#)

Hunt Executive Search is proud to announce the promotion of Heather Whaley to Partner.

Heather has quite literally punched every ticket in our organization over the past 15 years and her significant leadership contribution and accomplishments make her promotion to Partner more than deserving.

Her clients know, she'll keep up the good work. Congratulations Heather!



### [People on the Move](#)

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### [Industry News](#)

A record \$2.5 Trillion in Mergers were announced in the first half of 2018.

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**Bill Smith** joined **Vee-Pak** as COO. Bill was at **Product Quest**, **KIK Custom Products**, **KV Pharmaceutical** and **Novartis Consumer Health**.

**Alan Blake** joins **Blue Apron** as Chief Supply Chain Officer. Alan was with **Revlon**, **Campbell Soup**, **Brown-Forman**, and **P&G**.

**Bayer Consumer Health** appoints **Patrick Lockwood-Taylor** as President North President. He was CEO of **Oneida** and previously with **P&G**.

**PCI Pharma Services** has appointed **Salim Haffer** as CEO. He was with **Aptar Group**.

**David Hoffman** named CEO of **Dunkin' Brands**. He was President of U.S. and was President High Growth Markets at **McDonalds**.

**Benedetto Conversano** joined **Avon** as COO. **Anna Chokina** joins **Avon** as VP Global Brand Marketing. They are both **P&G** alum.

**Etienne Von Kunssberg** joined **Henkel** as Head of Beauty Supply Chain.

**Richard McEvoy** joins **Vee-Pak** (Wind Point Partners) portfolio company as CEO. He was CEO/President of **Vantage Specialty Chemical** and President of **Diversey**.

**Kite Hill** (TSG Consumer Partners portfolio) appoints **Sue McDonald** CFO. Sue was with **Tillamook Country Smoker**, **Century Snacks**, and **Discovery Foods**.

Personalized beauty company **Ipsy** appoints **Fernando Madeira** as President. Fernando was most recently the President of **Walmart.com**

**Shannon Toyos** joins **Kite Hill** as VP Marketing from **JM Smuckers**. **Stefanie Gilbreth** joins as VP Quality coming from **Danone Whitewave**.

**eos Products** appoints **Soyoung Kang** CMO. She was with **Bath & Body Works**.

**Ramon Laquarta** appointed CEO at **PepsiCo** to replace **Indra Nooyi** who is retiring after 12 years in the role.

**Henkel** names **Jenny Schiavone** as VP Corporate Communication NA. She was with **DuPont**, **PepsiCo** and **GE**.

**Geoff Freeman** is appointed President/CEO of the **Grocery Manufacturers Association** (GMA). He was President/CEO of American Gaming Association.

**Joy Campbell** joins **Guy & O'Neill** as VP Quality. Joy was with **H2O+ Beauty** and **Avon**.

**eos Products** names **Soyoung Kang** as CMO. She is from **BBW**.

**Glenn Klages** joined **The Honest Company** EVP Supply. He was with **Arbonne**, **philosophy**, and **Bath & Body Works**.

**David Rosenblatt** joins **It's a 10 Haircare** as EVP Global Sales. He was with **Moroccanoil** and **Living Proof**.

**Campbell Soup** names **Diego Palmieri** CMO, U.S. Meals & Beverages. He came from **SC Johnson** and worked at **Nestle**.

**Craig Bahner** is hired as CEO of **Sara Lee Frozen Baker** after **Kohlberg & Co.** carve out from **Tyson Foods**. Craig was with **Wendy's**, **Kellogg** and **P&G**.

**Luxury Brand Partners** names **Daniel Langer**, President Pro Hair Care. He was with **BCG**, **Victoria Secret** and **Bumble and Bumble**.



## Industry News

**Round Hill Investments** acquired **New England Confectionery Co.** (NECCO) for \$17.3M after **Spangler** deal falls through.

**Gryphon Investors** purchased **Milani Cosmetics** from founding family.

**B&G Foods** acquires Cream of Wheat from **TreeHouse Foods**.

**Astrol Brands** acquired cosmetic company **London LLC** from **Encore Capital**.

**Tyson Foods** sells pizza crust business to PE firm **Peak Rock Capital**.

**Kramer Laboratories** acquires dandruff brand **Nizoral** from **J&J**.

**JKL Partners** and South Korea's **CJ CheilJedang** partner up in bid to buy **Schwan's**.

**Pinnacle Foods** is acquired by **ConAgra** for \$8.1 billion.

**First Aid Beauty (FAB)** acquired by **P&G** for ~\$250M.

**Nestle** buys **Blue Bottle Coffee** for ~\$500M.

**Dean Foods** take majority stake in plant-based food/beverage company **Good Karma Foods**.

**L Catterton** acquired a minority stake in the **Honest Company** for \$200M.

**J&J** acquires **Zarbee's Naturals** from **L Catterton**.

**Olympus Partners** acquired **Rise Baking** from **Arbor Investments**.

**US Foods** to acquire **Service Group of America's Food Group** for \$1.8B.

**Roark Capital's Focus Brands** acquired **Jamba Juice** for ~\$200M.

**United Natural** buys **Supervalu** for \$2.9B.

**Brynwood Partners** buys US baking business (Pillsbury) from **J.M. Smucker** for \$375M.

**Rust-Oleum** acquires **Mean Green** and **Roto-Rooter** brands from **CR Brands**.

**LOreal** acquires vegan brands company **Logocos Naturkosmetik**.

**CH Guenther/PPC Partner** purchased **Cookietree Bakeries**.

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