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Yellow Wood Partners is a Boston-based private equity firm focused on investing exclusively in consumer brands. Our philosophy is to bring a commercial approach to the companies in which we invest. We work collaboratively with management to help grow brands and achieve our collective goals. Our investor base is comprised of a small group of large sophisticated institutions. We currently manage more than \$1 billion of capital and are investing from our third fund.

# Taking the Road Less Traveled in Private Equity



## Consumer **Industry Focus**

- Exclusive focus on consumer brands
- Specialize in growing entrepreneurial businesses
- Deep understanding of ecommerce, mass, DTC, drug, food, specialty, prestige, and club channels



# **Operational Expertise**

- Dedicated operating partners assist management with functional areas: supply chain, e-commerce, operations, sourcing, sales, digital & traditional marketing, finance, and international expansion
- All senior Yellow Wood professionals have held operating roles in consumer businesses



# Partnership Approach

- Concentrated approach of partnering with limited number of portfolio companies
- Devote resources and attention necessary to focus on key initiatives and drive growth

## **Investment Strategy and Criteria**

### Strategy

- Thematic, industry driven investments
- Buyouts and growth capital
- Majority and minority transactions
- Flexible investment structures
- Prefer to partner with strong management teams

#### Criteria

- Target equity investment between ~\$35-\$150+ million
- Size agnostic for add-on acquisitions
- Stable revenue and cash flow with high margin structure
- Potential for growth through top line and margin improvement initiatives

#### Sector Expertise



Beauty & Personal Care



The Home



Consumer Health



**Active Lifestyle** 





**Family** 



Apparel & Accessories

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## **Investment and Operating Experience**



Clio is a sexual wellness and personal care company composed of the plusOne, Plum Beauty and Clio brands

- Strong market position across high-growth categories in U.S. retail #1 sexual wellness devices brand and #2 facial skin appliances brand
- Increasing consumer adoption supported by self-care trends, societal focus on gender equality/feminism, and increasing openness around sexual wellness
- Yellow Wood acquired Clio in December 2021

Actively looking for add-on acquisitions in sexual wellness



# Scholl's Wellness Company is the leading provider of insoles and orthotics

- Yellow Wood acquired Dr. Scholl's from Bayer AG in November 2019 and Scholl from Reckitt Benckiser in June 2021, subsequently reuniting the brands to create the dominant global brand in the foot care category
- Develops footcare products designed to help consumers achieve healthy, active, and pain-free lifestyles at an affordable price point
- 80%+ unaided brand awareness and #1 share in major retailers

Actively looking for add-on acquisitions in health, wellness, and OTC





FUTURE BEAUTY LABS



PPI Beauty is a well-known cosmetic accessories and skincare business, which is composed of Real Techniques, EcoTools, Freeman Beauty, Isle of Paradise, Tan Luxe, Tanologist and Byoma

- Real Techniques creates the #1 best-selling beauty product, the miracle complexion sponge
- EcoTools creates vegan and natural cosmetic, bath, and skincare accessories from recycled materials
- Freeman Beauty sells high-performing skincare products, inspired by nature, sold in the mass channel
- Future Beauty Labs houses three innovative self tanning brands and barrier boosting skincare brand Byoma
- Yellow Wood acquired Freeman Beauty in August 2017, Paris Presents (Real Techniques & EcoTools) in August 2018 and Future Beauty Labs in May 2020. The businesses were merged upon closing

Actively looking for add-on acquisitions in beauty and personal care

















PDC Brands is a global beauty, personal care, and wellness company marketing high quality products at accessible price points across the bath & body care, multi-cultural hair care, fragrances, cosmetic eyelash and nail categories

- Brands include Dr. Teals, Cantu, Eylure, Body Fantasies, Bod Man, Me! Bath, Calgon, Bodycology, Elegant Touch, and Salon Systems
- Completed five accretive add-on acquisitions
- Grew revenues over 4x and increased EBITDA by over 5x during investment period
- Partnered with management to acquire PDC Brands in September 2012
- Yellow Wood completed the sale of PDC Brands to CVC Capital Partners in June 2017 for \$1.425 billion

## Additional Brand Experience\*











≯FitnessQuest\* **∂ Esselte**\*





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