



## **Harren Equity Partners Teams up with Seasoned Healthcare Investor**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia, April 29, 2014 – Harren Equity Partners, a private equity firm dedicated to the lower middle market, is pleased to announce that it has entered into a strategic alliance with C. Taylor Cole, Jr. to increase its focus, expertise, and investment activity in the healthcare services and related services sectors.

Previously, Mr. Cole was a member of Charterhouse Group, a middle market private equity firm based in New York City, for nearly fifteen years, during which time he was responsible for the firm's healthcare investment activities. Mr. Cole's experience within the healthcare industry at Charterhouse included approximately \$250 million of invested equity capital across numerous platforms and dozens of add-on acquisitions. In addition, Mr. Cole regularly participates in speaking engagements related to private equity investing in the healthcare services industry.

In his capacity as a strategic advisor, Mr. Cole will be responsible for sourcing and managing investment opportunities in partnership with Harren. Those activities will be closely aligned with the investment strategy he has executed upon over the past ten years, including segmenting the market, developing investment themes and theses, working closely with entrepreneurs and operating executives to source and close deals and building outstanding businesses in partnership with talented management teams.

Prior to joining Charterhouse, Mr. Cole held positions at Morgan Stanley & Co., Kirkland Investment Corp. and Lehman Brothers. He holds an M.B.A. from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia and a B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Harren Equity Partners is a Charlottesville, Virginia based private investment firm dedicated to the growth and development of industry-leading companies through the creation of strong partnerships with outstanding management teams. Harren's unique approach focuses on operational excellence and insightful strategic analysis, rather than financial engineering. The principals of Harren have significant operating experience and work closely with portfolio company management teams to continue to grow companies and improve profitability. Harren focuses on investment opportunities in the lower middle market, defined as companies with \$20 million to \$200 million of annual revenue in a broad range of industries.

For more information about Harren Equity Partners, please visit [www.harrenequity.com](http://www.harrenequity.com) or contact Thomas A. Carver at 434.245.5800. For discussion around healthcare investment activity and opportunities, please contact C. Taylor Cole, Jr. at 917.225.3430 or [tcole@harrenequity.com](mailto:tcole@harrenequity.com).