



Press release

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Eqwal successfully finalized the acquisition of Kaptein Orthopedie.

Eqwal is delighted to inform you that we have completed the acquisition of Kaptein Orthopedie (www.kaptein-orthopedie.nl).

Founded in 1985, Kaptein Orthopedie is a specialist in orthopaedic footwear. From arch support to complete footwear, the company's products include orthopaedic shoes, semi-orthopaedic shoes and insoles. The company employs 14 people.

Kaptein Orthopaedics has two consultation sites in Noordwijkerhout and Heemstede, where people can meet the group's experts to find the best solution to their foot problems. The group is certified by the Medical Devices Recognition Scheme (SEMH) as a guarantee of quality.

Kaptein Orthopedie marks Eqwal's first acquisition in the Netherlands. It enables Eqwal to strengthen its position in orthopaedic footwear and has a renowned training company in the field of orthopaedic shoe technology.

Kaptein Orthopedie is the foundation stone of Eqwal's *Buy and Build* strategy in the Netherlands.

Jean-Pierre Mahé, CEO of Eqwal comments: *"I am very proud that Wim and Dorine have chosen to trust us by selecting Eqwal to oversee the future of Kaptein Orthopedie. Early in the merger process, we understood that we share common values and the same vision of excellence. This is a new chapter for both Kaptein and Eqwal in the Netherlands. I am confident that the teams will emerge stronger from this collaboration and thereby contribute to the success of the great Eqwal project."*

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