

J.H. Whitney Capital Partners Acquires Cooley and Vintex

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New Canaan, CT – J.H. Whitney Capital Partners, LLC (“Whitney”), established in 1946 as one of the first U.S. private equity firms and a leading partner to over 400 small and middle market U.S. companies, has acquired [Cooley Group](#) and [Vintex](#) (together, “the Company”).

Founded in 1926 and headquartered in Pawtucket, RI, Cooley Group (“Cooley”) is a leading designer, manufacturer, and supplier of high-performance polymer-coated textiles with a century long reputation for quality and innovation. Simultaneous to the transaction, Cooley acquired Mount Forest, Ontario-based Vintex, an industry peer founded in 1957. The Company manufactures polymer-coated textiles for a variety of attractive end markets and applications, including healthcare, commercial roofing repair and maintenance, RV roofing, water containment, sign & shade solutions, print media and custom applications.

Cooley’s President & CEO, Daniel Dwight, will lead the Company. “We believe that Vintex’s product suite and manufacturing capabilities are highly complementary to Cooley’s and there are compelling opportunities to drive growth and innovation for our customers,” said Dwight. “We found Whitney to be the ideal partner as we begin the next chapter in the Company’s history.”

“We are thrilled to partner with Dan and the Cooley and Vintex teams. The Company’s leading position, deep customer and vendor relationships, and track record for innovation create an ideal platform for us to help accelerate growth organically and through acquisitions,” said Shaneel Patel, Vice President at Whitney.

The Company will be headquartered out of Cooley’s current headquarters in Pawtucket, RI.

About J.H. Whitney

J.H. Whitney, established in 1946 by industrialist and philanthropist, John Hay "Jock" Whitney, was one of the first U.S. private equity firms and is often credited with pioneering the development of the private equity industry. Today, J.H. Whitney remains privately owned by its investing professionals and focused on providing private equity capital to growth-oriented small and middle market companies in the consumer, healthcare and specialty manufacturing industries. Cooley represents Whitney’s fifth transaction in the past year, including the acquisitions of American Nutrition, Inc, iSimulate, and highly successful exits of Accupac, Inc and Precision for Medicine, Inc.

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