

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA INC /DE/
Form 11-K
June 28, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Mark one)

Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act
of 1934 (No fee required)

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934 (No fee required)

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number: 001-13457

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

(Full title of the plan and the address of the plan,
if different from that of the issuer listed below)

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.
3850 N. CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 800
METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70002

(Name of the issuer of the securities held
pursuant to the plan and the address of
its principal executive office)

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Plan Administrator
Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2001 and nonexempt transactions for the year then ended are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These

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supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

June 24, 2002

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Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits at December 31, 2001 and 2000

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2001	2000
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Common collective trust funds	\$ 4,283,834	\$ 3,749,134
Mutual fund	1,393,030	1,191,721
Employer security	306,851	235,153
Total investments	5,983,715	5,176,008
Contributions receivable:		
Participants	53,318	74,214
Employer	6,128	8,443
Total contributions receivable	59,446	82,657
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 6,043,161	\$ 5,258,665

See accompanying notes.

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Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
 Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended
 December 31, 2001 and 2000

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2001	
ADDITIONS		
Investment income:		
Net depreciation in fair value of common collective trust funds	\$ (121,713)	\$
Net depreciation in fair value of mutual fund	(162,469)	
Net appreciation in fair value of employer security	8,510	

	(275,672)	
Contributions:		
Participants	1,459,168	
Employer, net of forfeitures	294,141	

	1,753,309	
Rollovers from other plans	90,288	

Total additions	1,567,925	
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefit payments	783,429	

Net increase	784,496	
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	5,258,665	

End of year	\$ 6,043,161	\$
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See accompanying notes.

Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2001

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering employees of Orthodontic

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Centers of America, Inc. (the "Company") who have attained the age of 21 and one year of service. Orthodontists, pediatric dentists, general dentists and leased employees are not eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year, participants may contribute up to 15% of their total compensation. Matching contributions by the Company are discretionary. The matching contribution for 2001 and 2000 was 40% of each participant's contribution, limited to \$600. In addition to matching contributions, the Company may make additional discretionary contributions, although it made no such contributions in 2001 or 2000.

INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employer and employee contributions in any of ten investment options: (1) Stable Portfolio Group Trust, (2) Enhanced Stock Market Fund, (3) Evergreen Select Balanced Fund, (4) Fidelity Advisors Equity Growth Fund, (5) Investment Company of America Fund, (6) Janus Advisor Worldwide Growth Fund, (9) Fidelity Advisors Intermediate Bond and (10) Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. Stock Fund (employer security).

VESTING

Participants vest immediately in their contributions. Participants vest in the Company's contributions after five years of service.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Upon retirement, termination of employment with the Company, or death, participants or their beneficiaries receive the total balance of their accounts in the form of a lump-sum payment. A participant may withdraw all or a portion of his account in the event of financial hardship, as defined in the Plan.

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Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

PRIORITIES UPON TERMINATION

Although the Company has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company may discontinue its contribution or the Plan may be terminated subject to the provisions of ERISA at the Company's option. If the Plan should be terminated, the net assets available for plan benefits shall be liquidated. Amounts credited to the accounts of participants shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable as of the date of such termination.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States. Benefits are recorded when paid.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and schedules. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

INVESTMENTS

The Plan's funds are invested in common collective trust funds and mutual funds for which the trustee and custodian is Wachovia Bank, National Association (formerly known as First Union National Bank of North Carolina) ("Wachovia"). The Plan also invests in the Company's common stock, which is held in a separate Common Stock Trust. The trustee of the Common Stock Trust is a representative of the Company, and the custodian is Wachovia. Investments in common collective trust funds are carried at the Plan's pro rata interest in the fair value of the fund's net assets, as determined by the custodian on the last business day of the year. Investments in the mutual funds and the Company's common stock are valued at quoted market prices on the last business day of the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Company pays all of the administrative costs of the Plan.

FORFEITURES

Forfeitures are used to reduce employer contributions in the year following the forfeiture. As of December 31, 2001 and 2000, there were approximately \$32,200 and \$47,800, respectively, of forfeited nonvested accounts

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Notes to Financial Statements

3. INVESTMENTS

The following table represents participant-directed investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets.

	DECEMBER	
	----- 2001 -----	
Wachovia Bank, National Association - Enhanced Stock Market Fund	\$	1,485,123
Wachovia Bank, National Association - Stable Group Trust		\$

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Portfolio	2,798,711
Evergreen Select Balanced Fund	1,001,008
Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. - Common Stock	306,851

4. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2001 per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	DECEMBER
	2001
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 6,043,16
Less amounts recorded as contributions receivable	(59,44
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 5,983,71

The following is a reconciliation of contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2001 per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

Contributions per the financial statements	\$ 1,753,30
Less current year contributions receivable	(59,44
Add prior year contributions receivable	82,65
Contributions per the Form 5500	\$ 1,776,52

Differences between the financial statements and the Form 5500 are due to the preparation of the financial statements using the accrual basis and the preparation of the Form 5500 using the cash basis of accounting.

5. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated March 16, 1999, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan

is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The plan administrator has indicated that it will take the necessary steps, if any, to maintain the Plan's qualified status.

6. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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Effective November 9, 2001, the Company entered into a merger with OrthAlliance, Inc. ("OrthAlliance") whereby OrthAlliance became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. OrthAlliance sponsored a defined contribution 401(k) plan for eligible non-highly compensated employees. Participants from the OrthAlliance plan became eligible to participate in the Company's plan effective January 1, 2002, and their years of service as OrthAlliance employees transferred to the Company's plan. The Company intends to arrange for the transfer of assets from the OrthAlliance plan to the Company's plan in 2002.

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Schedule G, Part III -- Schedule of Nonexempt Transactions

EIN: 72-1278948 PN: 001

Year ended December 31, 2001

IDENTITY OF PARTY INVOLVED	RELATIONSHIP TO PLAN, EMPLOYER OR OTHER PARTY-IN-INTEREST	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION	C
Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc.	Employer/Plan Sponsor	Failure to timely remit salary deferrals for the payroll period ending March 26, 1999, April 2, 1999, May 21, 1999 and May 28, 1999	\$

* Represents the employee contributions which were not remitted timely.

** Represents interest for the use of the amount involved. The Company is in the process of filing Form 5330 with the IRS in connection with this transaction.

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Schedule H, Line 4(i) -- Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT

Common Collective Trust Funds:	
*Wachovia Bank, National Association - Enhanced Stock Market Fund.....	20,832 units
*Wachovia Bank, National Association - Stable Portfolio Group Trust.....	43,370 units
Mutual Funds:	
Evergreen Select Balanced Fund.....	94,257 units
Fidelity Advisor Series I Equity Growth Fund....	628 units
American Investment Company of America Fund.....	3,283 units
Janus Advisor Series Worldwide Fund.....	835 units
Dreyfus S&P Midcap Index Fund.....	9,015 units
Putnam OTC Emerging Growth Fund.....	1,554 units
Fidelity Advisor Intermediate Bond Fund.....	3,768 units
Employer Security:	
*Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. Common Stock.....	10,896 shares

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

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SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

June 28, 2002

By: /s/ Susan Gossett

Wachovia Bank, as Trustee

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER -----	DESCRIPTION -----
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