

Graphite Capital wins 'Investor of the Year' award

Graphite has won the Health Investor magazine 'Investors of the Year' award for 2009. In their citation, the judges said: "Graphite Capital has a clear commitment to being a long term investor in the healthcare sector. Over the past decade they have successfully backed the expansion of a number of care operators, providers of medical services and supplies, as well as medical equipment manufacturers."

Graphite's healthcare deal track record includes both medical devices and healthcare services businesses. Current investments in the sector include Optimum Care and Willowbrook, two rapidly growing care home businesses which trade under the Avery brand, and the UK's leading skin clinics business, sk:n, which is continuing its national rollout strategy.

Graphite recently successfully realised two healthcare investments. Last year Summit Medical, an orthopaedic devices business, was sold for £36 million after a 6 year investment period. During that time the business more than doubled in size. In 2007 most of the Avery care homes business was sold to Southern Cross Plc for £96.5 million, less than two years after the business was established.

Graphite has made and successfully realised numerous other investments in the sector including Clinovia (home health care services), Alliance (MRI scanners) and care home businesses Ridgmont and Clearminster.