



Seasoned IT Executive Joseph Pekala Joins Owens & Minor as Chief Information Officer

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RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 10, 2018-- [Owens & Minor, Inc.](#) (NYSE: OMI) announced today the appointment of Joseph S. Pekala as Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer (CIO), effective December 10, 2018. Pekala will serve on Owens & Minor's leadership team, reporting directly to Robert C. Sledd, Chairman and Interim President & CEO.

As CIO, Pekala will lead Owens & Minor's global technology organization with a focus on driving transformation and growth. He will be responsible for the overall technology direction of Owens & Minor's products, services, and internal initiatives. Pekala and his team will be responsible for global IT services, platform delivery, and technology.

"Technology is a key enabler of Owens & Minor's modernization and globalization strategy," said Sledd. "Joseph is a high-energy, transformative CIO with a proven track record of adding value to the IT function. Further differentiation of our technology offering is part of our strategy, and I feel confident that Joseph is the leader who will make this happen."

For the previous four years, Pekala served as Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer for ACCO Brands, Inc., a global provider of branded business and consumer products, where he led a successful transformation of the information technology (IT) function. Prior to joining ACCO, Pekala served as CIO for Graphic Packaging Holding Company, where he worked for 15 years. An experienced IT executive, Pekala brings 25 years' experience in transforming and leading technology teams to Owens & Minor.

Pekala earned his MBA in International Management from the University of Georgia and his Bachelor's degree in accounting from Mercer University. He will join the Owens & Minor team in Richmond, VA.

About Owens & Minor

Owens & Minor, Inc. (NYSE: OMI) is a global healthcare solutions company with integrated technologies, products, and services aligned to deliver significant and sustained value for healthcare providers and manufacturers across the continuum of care. With 17,000 dedicated teammates serving healthcare industry customers in 90 countries, Owens & Minor helps to reduce total costs across the supply chain by optimizing episode and point-of-care performance, freeing up capital and clinical resources, and managing contracts to optimize financial performance. A FORTUNE 500 company, Owens & Minor has annualized revenues of approximately \$10 billion, including contributions from Halyard Health S&P. Founded in 1882, Owens & Minor has operated continuously from its Richmond, Virginia, headquarters. Today, the company now has distribution, production, customer service and sales facilities located across Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the U.S. For more information about Owens & Minor, visit owens-minor.com, follow [@Owens_Minor](https://twitter.com/Owens_Minor) on Twitter, and connect on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/company/owens-&-minor.

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