

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA INC /DE/
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UNITED STATES
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, 2002

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, 2002 and 2001, 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, 2002 and 2001, 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, 2002 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 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

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Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2002	2001
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:		
Common collective trust funds	\$5,221,311	\$4,283,834
Mutual funds	1,873,808	1,393,030
Common stock of employer	216,754	306,851
Total investments	7,311,873	5,983,715
Contributions receivable:		
Participants	70,563	53,318
Employer	6,370	6,128
Total contributions receivable	76,933	59,446
Total assets	7,388,806	6,043,161
LIABILITIES		
Excess 401(k) contributions	15,798	--
Net assets available for benefits	\$7,373,008	\$6,043,161

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

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER	
	2002	2001

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ADDITIONS

Investment income:

Interest and dividends	\$ 43,802	\$ 2
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Contributions:

Participants	1,795,312	1,45
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Employer, net of forfeitures	378,022	29
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Rollovers from other plans	2,173,334	1,75
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Transfer of assets from merged plan	11,929	9
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Total additions	2,712,538	1,87
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DEDUCTIONS

Net depreciation in fair value of common collective trust funds	249,726	12
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Net depreciation in fair value of mutual funds	240,349	18
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Net (appreciation) depreciation in fair value of common stock of employer	203,894	(
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Benefit payments	642,241	78
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Excess 401(k) contributions	15,798	1
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Trustee fees	30,683	1
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Total deductions	688,722	79
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Total deductions	1,382,691	1,08
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Net increase	1,329,847	78
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	6,043,161	5,25
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End of year	\$ 7,373,008	\$ 6,04
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See accompanying notes.

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

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2002

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").

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 (the "OrthAlliance 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. On October 18, 2002, the plan assets of the OrthAlliance Plan totaling \$483,473 were merged into the Company's Plan.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year, participants may contribute up to 15% of their total compensation. Matching contributions by the Company are discretionary. The matching contribution for 2002 and 2001 was 40% of each participant's contribution, limited to \$600 per calendar year. In addition to matching contributions, the Company may make additional discretionary contributions, although it made no such contributions in 2002 or 2001.

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.

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.

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

Notes to Financial Statements

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates 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 ("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 certain administrative costs of the Plan.

FORFEITURES

Forfeitures are used to reduce employer contributions in the year following the forfeiture. As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, there were approximately \$16,400 and \$32,200, respectively, of forfeited nonvested accounts.

RECLASSIFICATION

Certain amounts in the 2001 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2002 presentation.

3. INVESTMENTS

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

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2002	2001
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Enhanced Stock Market Fund	\$1,323,087	\$1,485,123
Stable Portfolio Group Trust	3,898,224	2,798,711
Evergreen Select Balanced Fund	907,558	1,001,008
Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. - Common Stock	216,754	306,851

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4. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2002	2001
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Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 7,373,008	\$ 6,000,000
Less amounts recorded as contributions receivable	(76,933)	(76,933)
Add amounts recorded as excess contributions payable	15,798	15,798
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Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 7,311,873	\$ 5,938,863
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The following is a reconciliation of the net change to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002 per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

Net increase per the financial statements	\$ 1,329,847
Less current year contributions receivable	(76,933)
Add prior year contributions receivable	59,446
Add current year excess contributions payable	15,798

Net increase per the Form 5500	\$ 1,328,158
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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. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for investments in various investment securities which, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and participant account balances.

6. 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 believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

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Schedule G, Part III - Schedule of Nonexempt Transactions

EIN: 72-1278948 PN: 001

Year ended December 31, 2002

IDENTITY OF PARTY INVOLVED	RELATIONSHIP TO PLAN, EMPLOYER OR OTHER PARTY-IN-INTEREST	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS
Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc.	Employer/Plan Sponsor	Loan to employer in the form of late remittance of participant deferrals for the payroll period ending March 26, 1999, April 2, 1999, May 21, 1999 and May 28,
Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc.	Employer/Plan Sponsor	Loan to employer in the form of late remittance of participant deferrals for the payroll period ending March 29, 2002, August 3, 2002, September 27, 2002 and October 25, 2002

* The Company is in the process of determining the applicable interest in order to fully correct the late remittances.

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

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December 31, 2002

IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	CURRENT VALUE
Common Collective Trust Funds:		
*Enhanced Stock Market Fund	23,706 units	\$1,323,087

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*Stable Portfolio Group Trust	58,860 units	3,898,224

		5,221,311
Mutual Funds:		
Evergreen Select Balanced Fund	98,648 units	907,558
Fidelity Advisor Series I Equity Growth Fund	4,735 units	159,888
American Investment Company of America Fund	8,235 units	193,369
Janus Advisor Series Worldwide Fund	6,252 units	135,115
Dreyfus S&P Midcap Index Fund	15,028 units	262,532
Putnam OTC Emerging Growth Fund	3,704 units	18,667
Fidelity Advisor Intermediate Bond Fund	12,023 units	146,663
Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value	559 units	15,151
Putnam Capital Opportunities	4,575 units	34,865

		1,873,808
Employer Common Stock:		
*Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. Common Stock	18,737 shares	216,754

		\$7,311,873
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* 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

WACHOVIA BANK, as Trustee

June 27, 2003

By: /s/ SUSAN GOSSETT

Susan Gossett
Vice President and Consultant
Wachovia Retirement Services

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
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23	Consent of Independent Auditors