Nobel Biocare World Tour launched in Shanghai

hands-on courses and one-on-one sessions on the latest technologies in aesthetic and restorative dentistry. Participating dental students and dental professionals also participated in a Poster Awards Programme that gave them the opportunity to share their experiences using the company’s products and solutions.

In China, 11 per cent of the population is edentulous (approximately 145 million people) and crown-and-bridge work that reconstructs a tooth can cost US$3,000. Dental insurance, for reasons mentioned earlier, does not cover optional treatments and often does not fully cover even those treatments necessitated by pain.

Therefore, patients tend to postpone these treatments or downgrade to cheaper alternatives in an economic downturn,” said Dr Matthew Messina, former head of general dental practice in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. “In dentistry, it’s less the economy than the perception of the economy,” he said. “If people are confident about their future, their job, then they’re willing to invest in more elective procedures.”

This past quarter’s results reflected the new tendency of dental patients to keep their wallets in their pockets. Small-cap Birner Dental Management Services has seen a greater than 10 per cent reduction in demand for crowns and bridges this year, said board member Brooks O’Neil, also an analyst for Dougherty & Company.

At DANAHER, where dental products, as well as solutions, are used in many cases to finish orthodontic treatment, according to the company. “Our combined digital products and expertise will enable a digital ‘total restorative’ approach with more options than ever, including IMTEC implants, 3M ESPE Implant and 5M’s advanced digital workflow solutions,” said Jeffrey Lavers, Vice President and General Manager, 5M ESPE. “Together, we will have an end-to-end implantology solution, making the process easier, faster and better for dentists everywhere.”

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Robert Gottlander (right) and other officials at the press conference in Shanghai, Photo: Nobel Biocare

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“Welcome are pleased to report that the Federal Circuit issued the decision in Den-Mat’s favour, affirming the summary judgment in the original case,” states Dr Robert Ibsen, president and chairman of Den-Mat. “The Federal Circuit found that while the district court construed ‘ready for mounting’ too narrowly, it nevertheless affirmed the district court’s summary judgment of non-infringement, because even under the correct claim construction, clearly no infringement occurred. The allotment of that claim construction and its interpretation is completely different.”

LUMINEERS leave original teeth untouched while traditional veneers usually require the removal of sensitive tooth structure. Besides tooth preparation, they offer permanent whitening and are used in many cases to finish orthodontic treatment, according to the company.