

# NORTH BRANCH CAPITAL

## North Branch Capital Expands Fall Protection Platform *Diversified Fall Protection Acquires Peak Fall Protection*

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a portfolio company of

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has acquired



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North Branch Capital, LLC ("North Branch") announced today that its portfolio company, Diversified Fall Protection ("DFP"), has acquired Peak Fall Protection ("Peak"). Based in Apex, North Carolina, Peak is a turnkey provider of engineered fall protection systems and related services. The company's capabilities and solutions include fall hazard analysis, engineered design, fabrication, installation, training and certification. Peak's solutions are primarily used in rooftop and window washing applications.

"The Peak team has built a great reputation in the fall protection marketplace and is a dominant force in the Southeast U.S.," said Jeff Schneid, President & CEO of DFP. "The combination of DFP and Peak creates one of the largest fall protection companies in North America with the ability to offer our customers superior expertise and a safer workplace environment."

"We are excited to partner with DFP. They have an impressive organization that will help us accelerate our growth trajectory and capitalize on the vast opportunities in the fall protection industry," said Travis Nelson, President of Peak.

This is DFP's first add-on acquisition and was completed just five months after its recapitalization with North Branch Capital in May 2019. The transaction provides further scale to DFP and is the first step toward creating the leading, national player in the fall protection market.

The transaction closed on October 4, 2019, and marks North Branch's 12<sup>th</sup> transaction completed since launching in 2014. Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP served as legal counsel to DFP and North Branch in the transaction. First American Bank provided a senior term loan facility. To learn more about DFP or Peak, visit [www.fallprotect.com](http://www.fallprotect.com) or [www.peak-fp.com](http://www.peak-fp.com).

### **About North Branch Capital**

North Branch Capital ([www.northbranchcap.com](http://www.northbranchcap.com)) is a lower middle market private equity firm, based in Oak Brook, IL, with a long history of investing alongside and partnering with management teams in industrial businesses. We specifically target businesses that lead with engineering excellence or value-added services in order to solve complex customer problems. We seek partnerships with strong leadership teams driving tremendous cultures, and we are much more than a source of capital or liquidity. With 50 years of collective operating experience, our collaboration with management teams is unique. This experience comes from the Partners of North Branch, not a network of executives or consultants.