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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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LabOne, Inc.

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO SHAREHOLDERS

October 11, 2005

Dear Shareholder:

Proxy Material for the Special Meeting of Shareholders of LabOne, Inc. was sent to you recently. According to our records, your proxy for this meeting, which will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2005, has not been received.

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement dated September 16, 2005, your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that LabOne shareholders vote 'FOR' the approval of the merger agreement.

Regardless of the number of shares you own, it is important that they are represented and voted at the special meeting. Since the merger proposal is non discretionary, your broker cannot vote your shares for you on this proposal without your instructions. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT NOW TO VOTE BY ANY OF THE THREE METHODS IDENTIFIED BELOW.

We encourage you to vote by any one of the three methods listed below:

1. Vote by telephone: Call the toll-free number listed for this purpose on your Voting Instruction Form. The number is 1-800-690-6903. Have your 12-digit control number listed on the form ready and follow the simple instructions.
2. Vote by Internet: Go to the website [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) listed on your Voting Instruction Form. Have your 12-digit control number listed on the form ready and follow the simple instructions.
3. Vote by Mail: Please take a moment to vote, sign, date and mail the enclosed proxy in the postage-paid envelope included for your convenience.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE HOLDERS OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL MEETING IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE MERGER AGREEMENT.

Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

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/s/ W. Thomas Grant, II  
W. Thomas Grant, II  
Chairman of the Board, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

FORM OF PROXY

LABONE, INC.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

October 27, 2005

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints W. Thomas Grant, II and Joseph C. Benage, and any one or more of them with full power of substitution, as a Proxy or Proxies to vote, as designated on the reverse side, all the shares of Common Stock of LabOne the undersigned is entitled to vote at the special meeting of shareholders of LabOne to be held on October 27, 2005, or any adjournments or postponements thereof. This proxy revokes all prior proxies given by the undersigned.

If no instructions are specified, this proxy, if signed, will be voted "FOR" on Proposals 1 and 2 on the reverse side. If any other business is properly presented at the special meeting, this proxy will be voted by the above named proxies in their discretion. At the present time, the board of directors knows of no other business to be presented at the special meeting.

Should the undersigned be present and elect to vote at the Special Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof and after notification to the Secretary of the Company at the Special Meeting of the Shareholder's decision to terminate this proxy, then the power of such proxies shall be deemed terminated and of no further force and effect. This proxy may also be revoked by sending written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the address set forth on the Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders, by filing of a later-dated proxy to vote on the proposals at the Special Meeting, or by logging onto the Internet website specified on the reverse side or by calling the telephone number specified on the reverse side.

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE  
ENCLOSED PREPAID ENVELOPE.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)

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SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF  
LABONE, INC.

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VOTE BY MAIL:
Mark, sign and date
your proxy card and
return it in the
postage-paid
envelope we have
provided or return
it to:
LabOne, Inc.
c/o ADP
51 Mercedes Way
Edgewood, NY 11717

VOTE BY TELEPHONE
1-800-690-6903
Use any touch-tone telephone to
transmit your voting
instructions until 11:59 P.M.
Eastern Time the day before the
meeting date. Have your proxy
card in hand when you call and
then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY INTERNET
www.proxyvote.com
Use the internet to transmit your vot
instructions and for electronic deliv
information until 11:59 P.M. Eastern
before the meeting date. Have your pr
hand when you access the web site and
instructions to obtain your records a
an electronic voting instruction form

V Please detach and mail in the envelope provided.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" PROPOSALS 1 and 2. PLEASE SIGN,
DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE
OR BLACK INK.

1. Approval of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, For Against Abstain
dated as of August 8, 2005, by and among LabOne, [ ] [ ] [ ]
Inc., Quest Diagnostics Incorporated and Fountain,
Inc.

2. Approval of the grant to the proxyholders of For Against Abstain
the authority to vote in their discretion to adjourn [ ] [ ] [ ]
the special meeting to a later date to solicit
additional proxies.

Please complete, date and sign this proxy and return it promptly in the enclosed
postage paid envelope.

Please mark this box if you plan to attend the Special Meeting.

Signature of Shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
Signature of Shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When
shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as
executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give
full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full
corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such.
If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by
authorized person.