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Cigna Corporation included the following quote from David M. Cordani, Cigna's President and Chief Executive Officer, in its first quarter 2018 earnings release.

"Cigna's strong first quarter performance was driven by the continued, effective execution of our proven growth strategy, which we expect to further accelerate through our pending combination with Express Scripts."

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