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### **AVONDALE PARTNERS ADDS SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 27, 2009) --- Avondale Partners, a national investment banking firm headquartered in Nashville, today announced that Bret D. Jordan has joined the firm as a senior research analyst covering the specialty retail and consumer products sectors. He will work from the firm's Boston office.

Jordan brings more than 20 years of experience to his position. He joins Avondale from Delta Partners LLC, a fundamentally focused small and mid cap equity hedge fund based in Boston, where was senior analyst/vice president responsible for the global consumer products sector. Prior to Delta, he served as managing director and senior analyst covering specialty retail and consumer products for Advest, Inc. Early in his career, he covered restaurants and specialty foods for John Hancock/Tucker Anthony's institutional research effort and spent four years with The Boston Company Institutional Investors.

A graduate of Skidmore College with dual majors in government and business, Jordan received his MBA with a concentration in finance from the Isenberg School at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation and is a member of the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and the Boston Security Analysts Society.

Jordan has been widely quoted in the national print media and appeared on CNBC and Bloomberg TV. In addition to receiving Zack's Investment Research "All Star" rating in the consumer discretionary sector, Jordan was named the Wall Street Journal's "Best on the Street" for specialty retail coverage in 2004.

Avondale Partners is a leading, full-service institutional investment bank and private wealth management firm headquartered in Nashville, with offices in Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco and St. Louis. The firm focuses on providing M&A advisory services, debt and equity underwriting, and private placements of bank debt, mezzanine finance and equity capital for its corporate finance clients, wealth management and investment advisory services for individuals, foundations, endowments, defined benefit and defined contribution plans. In addition, Avondale offers high quality equity research and sales and trading execution to institutional clients throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe as well as institutional asset management. Since its inception in 2001, Avondale Partners has executed 110 transactions for its clients exceeding \$10.6 billion in total value.

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