

## **NEWS FROM AVONDALE PARTNERS, LLC**

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### **TWO AVONDALE PARTNERS ANALYSTS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

#### **Campbell and Jordan Selected for Health Care, Specialty Research Excellence**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 14, 2011) – Two Avondale Partners research analysts were recently named among the nation's top stock analysts according to the 2011 *Financial Times* (FT) | StarMine Analyst Awards, and one analyst was named among the "Best on the Street" by the *Wall Street Journal* in its 2011 rankings of the best analysts in the world.

Avondale Director and Senior Research Analyst Kevin Campbell was named the #1 stock picker in the Healthcare Providers and Services Industry by FT | StarMine, an annual ranking of Wall Street's best brokerage analysts. He was also named "Best on the Street" for his work in the healthcare industry in the *Wall Street Journal's* annual ranking.

Avondale Director and Senior Research Analyst Bret Jordan was named the #3 stock picker in the Specialty Retail Industry in the FT | StarMine rankings.

Each year the *Financial Times*, in partnership with StarMine, a leading provider of objective ratings of securities analysts, measures analysts' performance based on the return of their stock recommendations and the accuracy of their earnings estimates. The study is conducted by Thomson Reuters Company.

The *Wall Street Journal's* Best on the Street analysts were selected from a universe of more than 6,800 analysts at more than 575 firms from around the world. The study was conducted by FactSet Research.

"We consistently strive to produce outstanding fundamental research for our clients. Kevin and Bret have demonstrated exceptional thinking, analysis and insights, and they are highly respected analysts by clients and the industry," said Sarah Sherck, Managing Director of the equity research department at Avondale Partners. "Everyone at Avondale congratulates Kevin and Bret for these well deserved national honors."

Campbell has been with Avondale since 2005 and has covered Privatization and the Specialty Healthcare industry since 2007. He came to Avondale from Greenwich-Van Advisors, LLC, where he served in multiple capacities, including vice president of the Database and Index Construction Group. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University with a B.S. in Mathematics and is a CFA Charterholder.

Jordan has been with Avondale since 2009, covering the Specialty Retail and Consumer Products sectors. He was honored as one of the *Wall Street Journal's* Best on the Street in 2004 for his Specialty Retail coverage and has received the "All Star" rating from Zack's Investment Research. His past experience includes working at Delta Partners, a fundamentally focused small and mid-cap equity hedge fund, as well as Advest and John Hancock/Tucker

Anthony. A graduate of Skidmore College, he received his MBA from the Isenberg School at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and is a CFA Charterholder.

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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 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. More information is available at [www.avondalepartnersllc.com](http://www.avondalepartnersllc.com).