

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

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### **AVONDALE PARTNERS EXPANDS COVERAGE WITH HEALTHCARE ANALYST**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (January 30, 2009) --- Avondale Partners, a national investment banking firm headquartered in Nashville, today announced that Brian Williams has joined the firm as a senior research analyst covering the healthcare services sector.

Williams comes to Avondale Partners from Credit Suisse in New York where he focused on hospitals, nursing homes and behavioral health care providers. Prior to that he covered hospitals, nursing homes and the medical supplies and devices companies for UBS, also in New York.

Previously, Williams spent eight years in Dallas with PricewaterhouseCoopers's healthcare consulting practice providing operational, financial and strategic advice to both providers and payers.

"Brian is a great addition to our firm," said Sarah Sherck, director of research at Avondale Partners. "He brings significant experience to our firm in an industry that is very important to Avondale and is closely watched both here in Nashville and across the country. We are pleased to be able to further enhance the kind of experienced coverage that our clients have come to expect from Avondale."

Williams earned a Master of Health Administration from Tulane University and a BA in sociology from the University of Texas, where he was also an All-American and captain of the swimming team.

### **About Avondale Partners LLC**

Avondale Partners is a leading, full-service institutional investment bank 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. 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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