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AVONDALE PARTNERS TO HOST CONSUMER CONFERENCE MAY 20, 2008 IN NEW YORK

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 12, 2008) – Avondale Partners, LLC, a national investment banking firm, will host a consumer conference next week in New York, announced Sarah Sherck, Avondale's director of research.

The conference will be held Tuesday, May 20 at the Millennium Broadway Hotel, and it is designed to bring together institutional investors, industry executives from public companies in the consumer sector and private equity firms active in the consumer sector. Among the public companies presenting are:

[Cosi](#) (NASDAQ:COSI), [CBRL Group](#) (NASDAQ:CBRL), [FGX International Holdings](#) (NASDAQ:FGXI), [Herbalife](#) (NYSE:HLF), [Kona Grill](#) (NASDAQ:KONA), [Libbey](#) (NYSE:LBY), [Lifetime Fitness](#) (NYSE:LTM), [Morton's Restaurant Group](#) (NYSE:MRT), [Nu Skin Enterprises](#) (NYSE:NUS), [O'Charley's](#) (NASDAQ:CHUX), [Tupperware Brands](#) (NYSE:TUP), and [USANA Health Sciences](#) (NASDAQ:USNA).

The format for the May 20 seminar includes individual company presentations, as well as morning and afternoon breakout sessions with the presenting companies. Each of the participating companies will provide investor presentations from its management teams as well as a discussion of general market trends. A luncheon panel discussion on the developing consumer market will feature leading private equity firm executives. David Pittaway, senior managing director, [Castle Harlan](#); David Lobel, founder and managing partner, [Sentinel Capital Partners](#); Gary Talarico, managing partner, [Sun Capital Partners](#); and Robyn Rutledge, vice president, [TSG Consumer Partners](#) are scheduled to conduct this discussion.

"This conference is part of Avondale's continuing effort to provide valuable investment insights to the institutional investor community through the delivery of focused, industry centric conferences," said Sherck. "We've designed the participants and content of this conference to assist investors in their understanding of this broad sector."

More information and registration information can be found at the Avondale Partners web site, www.avondalepartnersllc.com.

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