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AVONDALE PARTNERS EXPANDS COVERAGE WITH NEW ANALYST

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (February 26, 2009) --- Avondale Partners, a national investment banking firm headquartered in Nashville, today announced that David Turner has joined the firm as a senior research analyst covering the Apparel, Footwear and Specialty Retail sectors.

This coverage is a new area for Avondale Partners and reflects the continued expansion of their research analysis. Turner will be working out of the firm's Baltimore office.

Prior to joining Avondale, Turner was a senior equity analyst at BB&T in McLean, Va., for seven years, where he covered 13 publicly-traded companies in the apparel and footwear industries. He began his analyst career covering these industries for Farris Baker Watts in Baltimore after working for Willamette Management, a valuation consulting firm also in McLean.

"We are delighted to welcome David to our team of research analysts," said Sarah Sherck, director of research at Avondale Partners. "His experience with and enthusiasm for this coverage area will be valuable additions to Avondale and further enhance the distinctive coverage approach that our clients expect from us."

Turner earned his Master's of Science in Finance from the University of Baltimore and his B.S. in Business Administration from Towson University.

About Avondale Partners LLC

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