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### **AVONDALE PARTNERS ADDS VETERAN HEALTHCARE ANALYST**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 8, 2009) --- Avondale Partners, a national investment banking firm headquartered in Nashville, today announced that Kemp Dolliver, CFA, has joined the firm's Boston office as a senior research analyst and managing director, covering the healthcare services sector.

Dolliver brings more than 20 years of sell- and buy-side experience to his position. The Wall Street Journal has recognized him four times in its Best on the Street survey for stock-picking, including the most recent edition released last month. He has built a long track record of unique insights, including forecasting consolidation between pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and retail drug stores.

Dolliver joins Avondale from Cowen and Company, based in Boston, where he was senior analyst and managing director responsible for the healthcare providers sector. Prior to Cowen, he was at TradeStreet Investment Associates, part of NationsBank Corp. He joined NationsBank from Aetna Life & Casualty Company, where he was a securities analyst for six years. He also was an investment banker for Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., specializing in mergers and acquisitions.

Dolliver received a B.S. in commerce from the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce and an MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden School. He serves as a vice chairman of the McIntire School's Advisory Board, and the university's National Committee on University Resources (NCOUR). He is a CFA charterholder. Dolliver has been widely quoted in the national print media and healthcare trade press, appeared on CNBC and Bloomberg TV, and spoken at numerous industry conferences.

"Kemp Dolliver is a cornerstone addition to our healthcare services research platform, and we couldn't be more pleased to have him join us" according to Avondale's director of research, Sarah Sherck.

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