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AVONDALE PARTNERS ADDS SENIOR PROFESSIONALS TO INVESTMENT BANKING GROUP

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (November, 2010) – Avondale Partners, a national investment banking and wealth management firm headquartered in Nashville, announced today the continued expansion of the investment banking group with the addition of F. Gordon Pollock, Jr. as Executive Managing Director and Dudley Baker as Vice President.

Mr. Pollock is focused in the areas of Business Services and Education. Before joining Avondale Partners, he was a managing director at Morgan Joseph from 2006 - 2010 where he was head of their Business Services and Education Industry Group. From 1997 to 2006 he was an investment banker with SunTrust Robinson Humphrey and its predecessor companies and a Managing Director in STRH's Business Services Group, serving as Head of its Middle Market Mergers and Acquisition Group. Mr. Pollock holds a B.A from Williams College, and an MBA, with distinction, from The Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

“Gordon brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our firm and is a wonderful addition to our senior investment banking team,” said Phil Krebs, Senior Managing Partner.

“The Avondale team has built an impressive full service investment banking platform that is well positioned to serve middle market public and private companies and institutions. I am looking forward to working with my new partners to serve our clients and grow our firm,” commented Mr. Pollock.

Prior to joining Avondale Partners, Mr. Baker served as Vice President at Morgan Joseph, having previously worked for Modern Holdings, Inc., a private equity firm with investments in telecommunications and media. He has held various positions in business development and strategic planning during his career. Mr. Baker holds a B.A. from Rhodes College and earned his M.B.A. from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

“We are delighted to have both Gordon and Dudley join our practice,” stated Mike Ryan, Managing Director and co-head of the investment banking group. “Their extensive industry expertise and transaction execution capabilities will add meaningful depth to our investment banking group.”

Avondale Partners is a leading, full-service institutional investment bank and private wealth management firm headquartered in Nashville, with offices in Baltimore, Boston, Kansas City, 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, 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 over 130 transactions for its clients exceeding \$13.5 billion in total value.

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