

AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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Calgary, Alberta – **Avenir Diversified Income Trust** (the "Trust") (TSXV: ART.UN) is pleased to announce that, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, including receipt of requisite stock exchange approval, it has entered into a best efforts financing agreement with Raymond James Inc. as lead. The private placement will have a minimum issue size of 8,000,000 special warrants and a maximum of 14,000,000 special warrants at an expected price of \$0.50 per special warrant for gross proceeds of up to \$7.0-million. Each special warrant will be convertible into one trust unit for no additional consideration.

The proceeds of the private placement will provide the Trust with funds to expand, which may include the purchase of oil and gas interests, the further funding of financial services and/or a potential real estate acquisition.

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