

## AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST

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### AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST ANNOUNCES PRICING OF PUBLIC OFFERING AND MARCH DISTRIBUTION

**Calgary, Alberta** – Avenir Diversified Income Trust (the "Trust") (TSX: AVF.UN) is pleased to announce that it has finalized the pricing of its previously announced public offering at a price of \$10.90 per unit.

As previously announced, the Trust is proceeding with a commercially reasonable efforts trust unit financing by way of long form prospectus through a syndicate of agents, co-led by GMP Securities Ltd. and Raymond James Ltd., and including First Associates Investments Inc., Canaccord Capital Corporation, and Acumen Capital Finance Partners Limited, for minimum proceeds of \$95,000,000 and maximum proceeds of \$110,000,000 with an over-allotment option in favour of the agents for additional units equal to 15% of the maximum offering for additional proceeds of up to \$16,500,000. Net proceeds of the financing will be used primarily to complete the acquisition of Elbow River Resources Ltd., which acts as a wholesale broker, transporter and supplier of butane and propane, and to repay debt incurred in connection with the Trust's previously announced oil and gas acquisitions. The remaining proceeds will be used for growth capital expenditures associated with the Trust's financial services, energy services, and real estate operations.

The Trust is proceeding to file a final long form prospectus for the financing dated March 7, 2005. The closing of this offering is expected to occur on or about March 21, 2005. Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Trust has declared a proportional distribution to be made to Unitholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2005 for the period from March 1, 2005 to March 20, 2005. A second proportional distribution has been declared with a record date of March 31, 2005 for the period from March 21, 2005 through March 31, 2005. The aggregate distributions approved for the month are \$0.106 per unit, which, subject to the above-described pro-rata, will be paid on April 15, 2005.

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