



AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST

PRESS RELEASE

**Avenir Diversified Income Trust to Acquire the Management Company of
the EnerVest Diversified Income Trust**

Calgary, Alberta, Canada, July 11, 2005 - Avenir Diversified Income Trust (the "Trust") (TSX:AVF.UN) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary, Avenir Operating Corp. has entered into an agreement to acquire all of the privately held joint venture that is the sole shareholder of the Manager of the EnerVest Diversified Income Trust ("EnerVest"), EnerVest Diversified Management Inc. (the "Management Company"), for approximately \$125.5 million. The transaction is scheduled to close on or about September 30, 2005, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions.

The acquisition of the Management Company will add approximately \$14.0 million of stable distributable cash flow to the Trust and further diversify the financial services division. In addition, the Trust believes that on a go forward basis this asset will allow for consistent organic growth.

Cypress Capital Management Ltd. ("Cypress") will remain as the investment manager of EnerVest. The sale of the joint venture interests will have no impact on the investment management agreement between EnerVest Diversified Management Inc. and Cypress.

GMP Securities Ltd. acted as financial advisor to the Trust in connection with the present transaction.

EnerVest is an actively managed, closed-end trust which invests in a diversified portfolio of income, royalty and real estate investment trusts, and limited partnerships, all of which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange. EnerVest's objectives are to maximize monthly distributions, reduce investment risk and maximize net asset value over its life.

Avenir Diversified Income Trust is a diversified royalty and business trust which combines the cashflow streams from the three business segments of Energy, Financial Services and Real Estate with a target payout ratio of 75% to 80% in order to provide sustainable distributions.

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