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On December 6, 2017, Stryker Corporation (SYK) announced a 10.6% increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.47 (\$1.88 annually) from \$0.425 per share (\$1.70 annually) paid the previous year. The dividend is payable on January 31, 2018 to shareholders of record as of December 29, 2017. This is the 27th consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Stryker to its shareholders.

From the press release: "Our financial strength is reflected in the 11% increase in our dividend for 2018 as we continue to execute on our capital allocation strategy," said Kevin A. Lobo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "With strong organic sales growth and leveraged adjusted earnings gains, we believe we are well positioned to continue to deliver dividend increases in line with our adjusted earnings growth."

Stryker is one of the world's leading medical technology companies and, together with its customers, is driven to make healthcare better. The company offers innovative products and services in Orthopaedics, Medical and Surgical, and Neurotechnology and Spine that help improve patient and hospital outcomes.

On December 7, 2017, American Tower Corporation (AMT) announced an increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.70 (\$2.80 annually) up 6.1% from the \$0.66 (\$2.64 annually) per share paid last quarter, and up 20.7% from the \$0.58 (\$2.32 annually) paid a year earlier. The dividend is payable on January 16, 2018 to shareholders of record as of December 28, 2017. Since April 2012, American Tower has increased its dividend each quarter.

American Tower, one of the largest global REITs, is a leading independent owner, operator and developer of multitenant communications real estate with a portfolio of approximately 149,000 communications sites.

Stryker is in the Health Care sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. American Tower is a real estate investment trust (REIT), which Standard & Poor's considers as part of the Real Estate sector. These shares are also in our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA portfolio. So far this year, 46 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 51 dividend increases averaging about 7.9% more than these companies paid a year earlier.

Thank you for your interest in our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Strategy.

There is no assurance that any Rising Dividend portfolio company will increase its dividend, or not reduce its dividend, or not have a significant decrease in its stock price. All investing involves risk.