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On February 15, 2018, The Coca-Cola Company (KO) announced that its Board of Directors approved an increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.39 (\$1.56 annually) from \$0.37 (\$1.48 annually). This is a 5.4% increase from the dividend the Company paid a year earlier. The dividend is payable on April 2, 2018 to shareholders of record March 15, 2018. This is The Coca-Cola Company's 56<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual dividend increase.

From the press release: "The dividend increase reflects the board's confidence in the company's long-term cash flow. The Company returned \$6.3 billion in dividends to shareowners in 2017, bringing to \$41.5 billion the total amount given back to shareowners through dividends since Jan. 1, 2010."

The Coca-Cola Company is the world's largest total beverage company, offering over 500 brands to people in more than 200 countries. Of its 21 billion-dollar brands, 19 are available in lower- and no-sugar options to help people everywhere more easily control added sugar. In addition to its namesake Coca-Cola drinks, some of the Company's household names around the world include: AdeS soy-based beverages, Ayataka green tea, Dasani waters, Del Valle juices and nectars, Fanta, Georgia coffee, Gold Peak teas and coffees, Honest Tea, Minute Maid juices, Powerade sports drinks, Simply juices, smartwater, Sprite, vitaminwater, and Zico coconut water. Coca-Cola is serious about making positive contributions to our world. That starts with reducing sugar in drinks and bringing new and different drinks to people everywhere. It also means continuously working to reduce its environmental impact, creating rewarding careers for associates, and bringing economic opportunity wherever it operates. Together with its bottling partners, The Coca-Cola Company employs more than 700,000 people around the world.

The Coca-Cola Company is in the Consumer Staples sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 12 of the 49 companies in this portfolio have announced dividend increases. The average of these dividend increases is about 11.7% 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.*