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On December 4, 2018, Mastercard Incorporated (MA) announced a 32% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.33 (\$1.32 annually) from \$0.25 (\$1.00 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on February 8, 2019 to holders of record of Mastercard's common stock on January 9, 2019. This is the 8th consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Mastercard to its shareholders.

Mastercard is a technology company in the global payments industry. The company's global payments processing network connects consumers, financial institutions, merchants, governments and businesses in more than 210 countries and territories. Mastercard products and solutions make everyday commerce activities – such as shopping, traveling, running a business and managing finances – easier, more secure and more efficient for everyone.

Also on December 4, 2018, Stryker Corporation (SYK) announced a 10.6% increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.52 (\$2.08 annually) from \$0.47 (\$1.88 annually) per share paid the previous year. The dividend is payable on January 31, 2019 to shareholders of record as of December 31, 2018. This is the 28th consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Stryker to its shareholders.

From the press release: "We continue to deliver strong financial results, and consistent with our stated capital allocation philosophy, are raising our dividend 11%," said Kevin A. Lobo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

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.

Mastercard Incorporated is in the Information Technology sector and Stryker is in the Health Care sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 47 of the 49 companies in this portfolio have announced 58 dividend increases. The average of these dividend increases is about 13.6% more than these companies paid a year earlier.

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

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