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On July 10, 2019, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (WBA) announced a 4% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.4575 (\$1.83 annually) from \$0.44 (\$1.76 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on September 12, 2019 to holders of record at the close of business on August 20, 2019. This marks the 44th consecutive year Walgreens Boots Alliance and its predecessor company, Walgreen Co., have raised the dividend.

From the press release:

"About Walgreens Boots Alliance

Walgreens Boots Alliance is the first global pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing enterprise. The company's heritage of trusted health care services through community pharmacy care and pharmaceutical wholesaling dates back more than 100 years.

Walgreens Boots Alliance is the largest retail pharmacy, health and daily living destination across the U.S. and Europe. Walgreens Boots Alliance and the companies in which it has equity method investments together have a presence in more than 25 countries and employ more than 415,000 people. The company is a global leader in pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing retail and, together with its equity method investments, has more than 18,500 stores in 11 countries as well as one of the largest global pharmaceutical wholesale and distribution networks, with more than 390 distribution centers delivering to more than 230,000 pharmacies, doctors, health centers and hospitals each year in more than 20 countries. In addition, Walgreens Boots Alliance is one of the world's largest purchasers of prescription drugs and many other health and wellbeing products.

The company's portfolio of retail and business brands includes Walgreens, Duane Reade, Boots and Alliance Healthcare, as well as increasingly global health and beauty product brands, such as No7, Soap & Glory, Liz Earle, Sleek MakeUP and Botanics.

Walgreens Boots Alliance is proud to be a force for good, leveraging many decades of experience and its international scale, to care for people and the planet through numerous social responsibility and sustainability initiatives that have an impact on the health and wellbeing of millions of people.

Walgreens Boots Alliance is included in Fortune magazine's 2019 list of the World's Most Admired Companies and ranked first in the food and drugstore category. This is the 26th consecutive year that Walgreens Boots Alliance or its predecessor company, Walgreen Co., has been named to the list."

Walgreens Boots Alliance is in the Consumer Staples sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 27 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 31 dividend increases averaging about 9.3% more than these particular companies paid a year earlier. No companies in our portfolio have decreased their dividends so far this year.

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

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