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## P A R T N E R S

On September 5, 2019, Verizon Communications, Inc. (VZ) announced a 2.1% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.615 (\$2.46 annually) from \$0.6025 (\$2.41 annually). The dividend is payable on November 1, 2019 to shareholders of record on October 10, 2019. This is the company's 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual dividend increase.

Verizon Communications Inc., headquartered in New York City, generated \$130.9 billion in 2018 revenues. The company operates America's most awarded wireless network and the nation's premier all-fiber network and delivers integrated solutions to businesses worldwide. With brands like Yahoo, TechCrunch and HuffPost, the company's media group helps consumers stay informed and entertained, communicate and transact, while creating new ways for advertisers and partners to connect. Verizon's corporate responsibility prioritizes the environmental, social and governance issues most relevant to its business and impact to society.

Verizon is in the Telecommunications sector of both of our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolios. So far this year, 33 of the 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 39 dividend increases averaging about 8.8% more than these companies paid a year earlier. In our High & Rising Dividend portfolio so far this year, 13 of the 25 companies have announced 17 dividend increases averaging about 6.1% more than these companies paid a year earlier.

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

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