D E A R B O R N P A R T N E R S

On April 14, 2020, Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) announced that its Board of Directors approved a 6.3% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$1.01 (\$4.04 annually) from \$0.95 (\$3.80 annually). The dividend is payable on June 9, 2020 to shareholders of record as of May 26, 2020.

From the company's press release: "With Johnson & Johnson's century-plus history of leading in times of great challenge, we are mobilizing our resources across the Company in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic," said Alex Gorsky, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Johnson & Johnson is built for times like this, and we are leveraging our scientific expertise, operational scale and financial strength in the effort to advance the work on our lead COVID-19 vaccine candidate. We are committed to beginning production at risk imminently and bringing an affordable and accessible vaccine to the public on a not-for-profit basis for emergency pandemic use."

Mr. Gorsky continued, "I am both proud and amazed at the level of dedication that I have witnessed from our more than 132,000 employees as we have focused on delivering on our commitments and responsibilities to the patients and consumers we serve. Our strong performance in the first quarter reflects the efforts of our teams around the world and the sustainability of our business model. Today, our Board of Directors approved an increase in our quarterly dividend for the 58th consecutive year, underscoring our commitment to delivering value for our shareholders and the confidence we have in our business now and in the future."

"About Johnson & Johnson: At Johnson & Johnson, we believe good health is the foundation of vibrant lives, thriving communities and forward progress. That's why for more than 130 years, we have aimed to keep people well at every age and every stage of life. Today, as the world's largest and most broadly-based health care company, we are committed to using our reach and size for good. We strive to improve access and affordability, create healthier communities, and put a healthy mind, body and environment within reach of everyone, everywhere. We are blending our heart, science and ingenuity to profoundly change the trajectory of health for humanity."

Johnson & Johnson is in the Health Care sector of both of our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolios. So far this year, 17 of the 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 18 dividend increases averaging about 8.9% more than those companies paid as dividends a year earlier, and 12 of the 25 companies in our High & Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 13 dividend increases averaging about 6.8% more than those companies paid as dividends a year earlier. So far this year, no company in these portfolios has cut or suspended its dividend.

A Comment about Current Events

We on the Dearborn Partners Investment Team have redoubled our efforts at determining if the companies we own are defensive enough and have the same potential to benefit our portfolios as they did when we first selected them. Most of us would likely never have considered that for our health and protection we would live in a world in which activity is all but shut down for any but the most essential products and services until a safe, effective vaccine is developed and universally disseminated. Johnson & Johnson not only provides essential products, such as Motrin and Tylenol, that can help those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus, but the company is also at the forefront of searching for a solution—i.e., a

vaccine: "an affordable and accessible vaccine on a not-for-profit basis for emergency pandemic use," as quoted in the press release. We are pleased that we have included shares of JNJ in every Dearborn Rising Dividend portfolio.

We hope that each of you and your loved ones are virus free and doing well. Thank you for your continued interest in our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Strategy. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership.

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