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

On July 8, 2020, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (WBA) announced a 2.2% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.4675 (\$1.87 annually) from \$0.4575 (\$1.83 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on September 11, 2020 to holders of record at the close of business on August 19, 2020. This marks the 45<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Walgreens Boots Alliance and its predecessor company, Walgreen Co., have raised the dividend, and the 87<sup>th</sup> year a dividend has been paid.

## From the press release: "About Walgreens Boots Alliance:

Walgreens Boots Alliance is a global leader in retail and wholesale pharmacy, touching millions of lives every day through dispensing and distributing medicines, its convenient retail locations, digital platforms and health and beauty products. The company has more than 100 years of trusted health care heritage and innovation in community pharmacy and pharmaceutical wholesaling. Including equity method investments, WBA has a presence in more than 25 countries, employs more than 440,000 people and has more than 18,750 stores. WBA's purpose is to help people across the world lead healthier and happier lives. The company is proud of its contributions to healthy communities, a healthy planet, an inclusive workplace and a sustainable marketplace. The company's businesses have been recognized for their Corporate Social Responsibility. Walgreens was named to FORTUNE\* magazine's 2019 Companies that Change the World list and Boots UK was recognized as Responsible Business of the Year 2019-2020 by Business in the Community."

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, 23 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 26 dividend increases averaging about 7.6% more than these particular companies paid a year earlier. No companies in our portfolio have decreased or suspended their dividends so far this year.

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

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