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Another Dearborn Partners Core and High & Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: Republic Services, Inc.

On July 29, 2021, Republic Services, Inc. (RSG) announced that its Board of Directors approved an 8.2% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$0.46 (\$1.84 annually) from \$0.425 (\$1.70 annually). The dividend is payable on October 15, 2021 to shareholders of record as of October 1, 2021.

From the company's press release: "We are raising our quarterly dividend by approximately 8 percent," said Jon Vander Ark, president and chief executive officer. "This is the seventeenth consecutive year we've increased our dividend, which demonstrates our commitment to efficiently return cash to shareholders."

Republic Services, Inc. is a leader in the U.S. environmental services industry. Through its subsidiaries, the Company provides superior customer experience while fostering a sustainable Blue Planet® for future generations to enjoy a cleaner, safer and healthier world.

Republic Services, Inc. is in the Industrials sector of both of our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolios. So far this year, 28 of the 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 31 dividend increases averaging about 10.1% more than these particular companies paid a year earlier. In our High & Rising Dividend portfolio, 14 of the 25 companies have announced 15 dividend increases averaging about 5.8% more than these particular companies paid a year earlier. So far this year, no companies in either portfolio have reduced or suspended dividends.

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

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