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Another Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: Becton, Dickinson and Company

On November 4, 2021, Becton, Dickinson and Company (BDX) announced a 4.8% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$0.87 (\$3.48 annually) from \$0.83 (\$3.32 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on December 31, 2021 to holders of record as of December 10, 2021. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Becton, Dickinson and Company.

From the press release: "Few companies have hit the milestone of a half century of consecutive dividend increases, and it is a source of pride to do so," said Tom Polen, chairman, CEO and president of BD. "The dividend increase and share repurchase authorization speak directly to BD's commitment to create value and return capital to shareholders, which are central outcomes to our BD 2025 strategy."

BD is one of the largest global medical technology companies in the world and is advancing the world of health by improving medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. The company supports the heroes on the frontlines of health care by developing innovative technology, services and solutions that help advance both clinical therapy for patients and clinical process for health care providers. BD and its 70,000 employees have a passion and commitment to help enhance the safety and efficiency of clinicians' care delivery process, enable laboratory scientists to accurately detect disease and advance researchers' capabilities to develop the next generation of diagnostics and therapeutics. BD has a presence in virtually every country and partners with organizations around the world to address some of the most challenging global health issues. By working in close collaboration with customers, BD can help enhance outcomes, lower costs, increase efficiencies, improve safety and expand access to health care.

Becton, Dickinson and Company is in the Health Care sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 39 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 44 dividend increases averaging about 9.2% more than these companies paid a year earlier. No companies in this portfolio have reduced or suspended dividends so far this year.

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

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