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Another Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: T. Rowe Price Group

On February 8, 2022, T. Rowe Price Group announced an 11.1% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$1.20 (\$4.80 annually) from \$1.08 (\$4.32 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on March 30, 2022 to holders of record as of March 15, 2022. This is the 36th consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by T. Rowe Price Group.

This will mark the 36th consecutive year since the firm's initial public offering that the company will have increased its regular annual dividend.

Founded in 1937, Baltimore-based T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. (troweprice.com), is a global investment management organization with \$1.69 trillion in assets under management as of December 31, 2021. The organization provides a broad array of mutual funds, subadvisory services, and separate account management for individual and institutional investors, retirement plans, and financial intermediaries. The company also offers sophisticated investment planning and guidance tools. T. Rowe Price's disciplined, risk-aware investment approach focuses on diversification, style consistency, and fundamental research.

T. Rowe Price Group is in the Financials sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 8 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 8 dividend increases averaging about 17.3% 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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