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Another Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: Accenture plc

On September 28, 2023, Accenture plc announced a 15.2% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$1.29 (\$5.16 annually) from \$1.12 (\$4.48 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on November 15, 2023 to holders of record as of October 12, 2023. This is the 18th consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Accenture plc.

From the press release:

On August 15, 2023, a quarterly cash dividend of \$1.12 per share was paid to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 13, 2023. These cash dividend payments totaled \$706 million, bringing dividend payments for the full year to \$2.83 billion, compared with \$2.46 billion in fiscal 2022. The company expects to return at least \$7.7 billion in cash to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases.

Accenture's goal is to create 360° value for our clients, people, shareholders, partners, and communities. To enhance transparency and provide a comprehensive view for all stakeholders, we have combined our financial and environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting into a digital-first experience. Accenture is a leading global professional services company that helps the world's leading businesses, governments and other organizations build their digital core, optimize their operations, accelerate revenue growth and enhance citizen services—creating tangible value at speed and scale. We are a talent and innovation led company with 733,000 people serving clients in more than 120 countries. Technology is at the core of change today, and we are one of the world's leaders in helping drive that change, with strong ecosystem relationships. We combine our strength in technology with unmatched industry experience, functional expertise and global delivery capability. We are uniquely able to deliver tangible outcomes because of our broad range of services, solutions and assets across Strategy & Consulting, Technology, Operations, Industry X and Accenture Song. These capabilities, together with our culture of shared success and commitment to creating 360° value, enable us to help our clients succeed and build trusted, lasting relationships. We measure our success by the 360° value we create for our clients, each other, our shareholders, partners and communities.

Accenture plc is in the Information Technology sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 32 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 33 dividend increases averaging about 8.4% 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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