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Another Dearborn Partners High & Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: Kimberly-Clark Corporation

On January 24, 2024, Kimberly-Clark Corporation announced a 3.4% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$1.22 (\$4.88 annually) from \$1.18 (\$4.72 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on April 2, 2024 to holders of record as of March 8, 2024.

## From the press release:

A 3.4% quarterly dividend increase by Kimberly-Clark makes it 52 straight years that the consumer-products giant has raised its payout, maintaining its spot in the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Index, whose 67 members have paid a higher dividend for at least 25 straight years. Kimberly-Clark also keeps its spot on the smaller roster of dividend kings-those who have boosted their dividends annually for at least a half century. That group currently counts 54 members, according to website Sure Dividends.

Kimberly-Clark (NYSE: KMB) and its trusted brands are an indispensable part of life for people in more than 175 countries. Fueled by ingenuity, creativity, and an understanding of people's most essential needs, we create products that help individuals experience more of what's important to them. Our portfolio of brands, including Huggies, Kleenex, Scott, Kotex, Cottonelle, Poise, Depend, Andrex, Pull-Ups, GoodNites, Intimus, Neve, Plenitud, Sweety, Softex, Viva and WypAll, hold No. 1 or No. 2 share positions in approximately 70 countries. We use sustainable practices that support a healthy planet, build strong communities, and ensure our business thrives for decades to come. We are proud to be recognized as one of the world's most ethical companies by Ethisphere for the fifth year in a row.

Kimberly-Clark Corporation is in the Consumer Staples sector of our Dearborn Partners High & Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 2 of 25 companies in our High & Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 2 dividend increases averaging about 3.5% more than these companies paid a year earlier.

No companies in these portfolios 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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