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Another Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: Costco Wholesale Corporation

On April 10, 2024, Costco Wholesale Corporation (COST) announced a 13.7% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$1.16 (\$4.64 annually) from \$1.02 (\$4.08 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on May 10, 2024 to holders of record as of April 26, 2024. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Costco Wholesale Corporation.

Costco currently operates 876 warehouses, including 604 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 108 in Canada, 40 in Mexico, 33 in Japan, 29 in the United Kingdom, 18 in Korea, 15 in Australia, 14 in Taiwan, six in China, four in Spain, two in France, and one each in Iceland, New Zealand and Sweden. Costco also operates e-commerce sites in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Mexico, Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Australia.

Costco Wholesale Corporation is in the Consumer Staples sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 15 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 15 dividend increases averaging about 7.1% 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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