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Another Dearborn Partners High & Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: International Business Machines Corporation

On April 30, 2024, International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) announced that its Board of Directors approved a 0.6% increase in its quarterly cash dividend per share to \$1.67 (\$6.68 annually) from \$1.66 (\$6.64 annually). The dividend is payable on June 10, 2024 to shareholders of record May 10, 2024. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by IBM.

From the press release:

Arvind Krishna, IBM chairman and chief executive officer, said: "IBM remains focused on two of the most transformational technologies of our time - hybrid cloud and AI -- both of which continue to drive growth for our company and for our clients. Our business is strong, with sustained revenue growth, enhanced productivity and solid cash generation, all of which enable us to invest for continued innovation and to return capital to shareholders through our dividend."

IBM is a leading provider of global hybrid cloud and AI, and consulting expertise. We help clients in more than 175 countries capitalize on insights from their data, streamline business processes, reduce costs and gain the competitive edge in their industries. More than 4,000 government and corporate entities in critical infrastructure areas such as financial services, telecommunications and healthcare rely on IBM's hybrid cloud platform and Red Hat OpenShift to effect their digital transformations quickly, efficiently, and securely. IBM's breakthrough innovations in AI, quantum computing, industry-specific cloud solutions and consulting deliver open and flexible options to our clients. All of this is backed by IBM's legendary commitment to trust, transparency, responsibility, inclusivity, and service.

International Business Machines Corporation is in the Information Technology sector of our Dearborn Partners High & Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 12 of 25 companies in our High & Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 12 dividend increases averaging about 5.2% 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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