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

On September 26, 2024, Accenture plc (ACN) announced a 14.7% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$1.48 (\$5.92 annually) from \$1.29 (\$5.16 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on November 15, 2024 to holders of record as of October 10, 2024. This is the 19th consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by Accenture plc.

From the press release:

On August 15, 2024, a quarterly cash dividend of \$1.29 per share was paid to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 11, 2024. These cash dividend payments totaled \$808 million, bringing dividend payments for the full year to \$3.24 billion, compared with \$2.83 billion in fiscal 2023.

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Accenture plc is in the Information Technology sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 33 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 33 dividend increases averaging about 9.2% 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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