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Another Dearborn Partners High & Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: Medtronic plc

On May 23, 2024, Medtronic plc (MDT) announced a 1.4% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$0.70 (\$2.80 annually) from \$0.69 (\$2.76 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on July 12, 2024 to holders of record as of June 28, 2024.

From the press release:

Medtronic has a long history of dividend growth, and the company is a constituent of the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats index. Today's announcement marks the 47th consecutive year of an increase in the dividend payment. Including today's increase, Medtronic's dividend per share has grown by 30% over the past 5 years, 130% over the past 10 years, and has grown at a 16% compounded annual growth rate over the past 47 years. Medtronic has a strong track record of returning capital to its shareholders, including \$5.5 billion in fiscal year 2024. The company remains committed to returning a minimum of 50% of its free cash flow to shareholders, primarily through dividends, and to a lesser extent, share repurchases.

"We delivered on our commitments in the fourth quarter and the fiscal year, driving durable revenue growth, improved earnings power, and strong free cash flow," said Karen Parkhill, Medtronic EVP & chief financial officer. "Our fiscal 2025 guidance, along with our dividend increase and recent share repurchase, reflects our confidence in our continued trajectory."

About Medtronic.

Bold thinking. Bolder actions. We are Medtronic. Medtronic plc, headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, is the leading global healthcare technology company that boldly attacks the most challenging health problems facing humanity by searching out and finding solutions. Our Mission — to alleviate pain, restore health, and extend life — unites a global team of 95,000+ passionate people across 150 countries. Our technologies and therapies treat 70 health conditions and include cardiac devices, surgical robotics, insulin pumps, surgical tools, patient monitoring systems, and more. Powered by our diverse knowledge, insatiable curiosity, and desire to help all those who need it, we deliver innovative technologies that transform the lives of two people every second, every hour, every day. Expect more from us as we empower insight-driven care, experiences that put people first, and better outcomes for our world. In everything we do, we are engineering the extraordinary.

Medtronic plc is in the Health Care sector of our Dearborn Partners High & Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 14 of 25 companies in our High & Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 15 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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