

Dividends AND investing

DIVIDEND STOCKS CAN GROW
YOUR PORTFOLIO AND PROVIDE
INCOME ALONG THE WAY.

FOR
EXAMPLE



200
SHARES

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20¢
A SHARE
PER QUARTER

=

\$40
PER QUARTER



TOTALLING

\$160
ANNUALLY

When a corporation earns a **profit or a surplus**, it can **reinvest** it in the business and/or **distribute** it to shareholders. One way to distribute profits is by **paying a dividend**.

What COMPANIES are known for having DIVIDEND STOCKS?

ABBOTT • AFLAC • ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS • KIMBERLY-CLARK • MCDONALD'S • PEPSICO • PROCTER & GAMBLE'



S&P 500 DIVIDEND ARISTOCRATS INDEX

- An elite group of companies that have annually increased their dividend for at least 25 consecutive years.
- Investors can take payouts in the form of cash or reinvest it by purchasing additional shares of stock.

1. Sampling of dividend-paying stocks

10 YEAR ANNUAL RETURNS

11.57%*

S&P 500
DIVIDEND ARISTOCRATS

8.30%*

S&P 500

*Returns as of November 30, 2017. Chart source: S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats.

ABBOTT DIVIDENDS Since 1924

376

CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS

have been an important part of Abbott's heritage and investment identity. Abbott has declared 376 consecutive dividends since 1924.

More than \$32 billion in cash delivered to shareholders over the last 10 years through dividends and share buybacks.

> \$32B

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YEARS of RAISING
the QUARTERLY
DIVIDEND


Abbott