

Mergent's Dividend Achievers

Definitive Guide To Companies That Have Increased Their Cash Dividends

To find the most consistent dividend-paying stocks, professional investment managers, analysts, and knowledgeable individual investors use Mergent's Dividend Achievers™ — the definitive guide for sound investments. Published four times a year, Mergent's Dividend Achievers features the latest data on a unique universe of companies with a history of regularly rewarding shareholders.

—Peter Lynch

Build a Winning Portfolio

From our Dividend Achievers, you can put together an extraordinary, diversified portfolio. They include large capitalization, mid-cap, and small-cap companies. The companies represent more than 50 different industries, from consumer goods to real estate to utilities.

For each Dividend Achiever Company, our handbook provides a full-page profile with in-depth investment criteria, including a stock performance chart, dividend record, business description, seven years of financial results and ratios, analysis of recent developments and more. With just a glance, you can see how the company has done in the past and decide whether you want to investigate further.

Plus, there are special features, such as a dividend reinvestment plan indicator on each page, Dividend Achiever arrivals and departures, Dividend Achiever name changes, Dividend Achiever mergers and acquisitions, as well as web site and investor contact information on each page.

Unique Rankings

Companies are classified by industry. This edition includes numerous valuable rankings, such as 10-year average annual dividend growth rate, one, three, and five year total returns, top 20 return on equity and return on assets along with top 20 rankings by revenue, net income, total assets, long-term and short-term price scores, highest and lowest P/E ratios and more!

How Does a Company Become a Dividend Achiever?

Many thousands of companies pay dividends to shareholders. Fewer than 300 U.S. companies qualified as Dividend Achievers in 2003. In fact, only 2.5% of all the publicly traded, dividend-paying U.S. companies qualify as Dividend Achievers!

To make our final cut, only high-quality companies that have increased their regular dividends for 10 years in a row are chosen from an exclusive list. That's right...during the boom times of the late 1990s and the struggles of the early 21st century, our Dividend Achievers have steadily taken in more cash and paid higher dividends to investors. In fact, most of our Dividend Achievers have more than 20 years of higher dividends. Truly, the companies on our list have proven to be the top tier of U.S. industry.

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