



Costco Wholesale Corporation Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend

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ISSAQUAH, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/27/15 -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: COST) today announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco common stock of \$.40 per share. The quarterly dividend is payable August 28, 2015, to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 14, 2015.

Costco currently operates 679 warehouses, including 479 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 89 in Canada, 36 in Mexico, 26 in the United Kingdom, 20 in Japan, 11 in Korea, 10 in Taiwan, seven in Australia and one in Spain. The Company plans to open up to an additional seven new warehouses prior to the end of its fiscal year on August 30, 2015. Costco also operates electronic commerce web sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom and Mexico.

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