

B #:	920-13
Date:	05/29/13
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	Supervisor, Stock Dividend Department
Attention:	Dividend Managers, Cashiers, and Reorganization Managers
Subject:	Optional Dividend: H&Q Healthcare Investors CUSIP: 404052102 Rate: \$0.42 per share Record Date: 05/28/13 Payable Date: 06/28/13 DTC EDS Cut-Off: 06/18/13 no later than 8:00 P.M. New York time

*****WARNING TIME CRITICAL*****

H&Q Healthcare Investors has declared a stock distribution of \$0.42 per share in stock or cash of H&Q Healthcare Investors. The distribution is payable to stockholders of record at the close of business on 05/28/13.

Stock Option #1: Shareholders may elect to receive newly issued shares of **H&Q Healthcare Inv., CUSIP 404052102** for **\$0.42** per common share. Fractional shares will be paid in cash at DTC participant level (**default**).

Cash Option # 2: You may elect to receive cash of **\$0.42** per common share of CUSIP 404052102.

Unless you elect to receive your distribution in cash, the number of shares to be issued to you will be determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to you, based on the number of shares you held of record on 05/28/13, by the market value per share of the Fund's shares on 06/20/13, or by the net asset value per share on that date, whichever is lower. The market value of the Fund's shares for this purpose will be the last sales price on the New York Stock Exchange on 06/20/13.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SUBMIT ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS OVER THE PARTICIPANT TERMINAL SYSTEM (PTS) THROUGH THE ELECTIVE DIVIDEND SYSTEM (EDS) FUNCTION.

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Participants not responding to the above options by **06/18/13** no later than 8:00 P.M. New York time will receive the dividend in the form of stock and cash of fractional shares; this is in accordance with **Option #1 (default)**.

If there are any questions regarding this Important Notice, or the processing of related instructions via EDS, participants should contact DTC's Customer Help Line at (888) 382-2721.

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