## **GLOBAL BLUE CHIP DIVIDEND STRATEGY**



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## Merit's Global Blue Chip Dividend Strategy seeks the highest risk-adjusted returns available to investors



Investment Philosophy	Investment Strategy	Investment Portfolio Diversified portfolio of market leaders with strong dividend income generation from all market sectors Active portfolio management process to allocate capital to maximize returns and reduce risk			
Employ a comprehensive investment approach integrating macroeconomic, industry & company analysis	Invest in blue chip industry leading companies with strong dividend yields offering compelling risk-adjusted returns				
Generate superior returns through fundamental company research & active portfolio management	Generate strong dividend income to improve total return, reduce risk and enable continuous reinvestment				
	<b>Representative Companies</b>				
AT&T  Brookfield Infrastructure Partners	CROWN CASTLE UKE NERGY. RON MOUNTAIN NOVARTIS				

## The Global Blue Chip Dividend Strategy has generated a high yield and strong total returns since inception

Cumulative Net Returns	Yield	Q1	YTD	1 YR	3YR	5YR	Inception
Merit Global Blue Chip Dividend	4.10%	8.57%	8.57%	47.59%	8.98%	9.65%	10.11%
MSCI ACWI High Dividend Index	3.44	6.01	6.01	38.65	8.20	9.38	9.71
FTSE All-World High Dividend Index	3.30	8.80	8.80	48.30	6.90	9.20	9.23
Blackrock Global Dividend	2.08	4.45	4.45	39.88	8.63	8.71	8.81
Vanguard Global Equity Income	2.79	7.66	7.66	31.22	6.38		
iShares iBoxx USD Liquid IG Index	2.39	(5.51)	(5.51)	8.54	6.85	5.17	5.79
Calendar Year Net Returns	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
		2020	2019	2010	2017	2010	inception
Merit Global Blue Chip Dividend	8.47%	0.61%	26.17%	(8.30)%	2017	8.66%	· ·
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Merit Global Blue Chip Dividend MSCI ACWI High Dividend Index FTSE All-World High Dividend Index	8.47%	0.61%	26.17%	(8.30)%	20.44%	8.66%	65.84%
MSCI ACWI High Dividend Index	<b>8.47%</b> 6.26	<b>0.61%</b> 1.73	<b>26.17%</b> 23.88	<b>(8.30)%</b> (7.11)	<b>20.44%</b> 18.86	8.66% 10.05	<b>65.84%</b> 62.33
MSCI ACWI High Dividend Index	8.47% 6.26 8.80	0.61% 1.73 0.50	<b>26.17%</b> 23.88 22.20	(8.30)% (7.11) (10.90)	<b>20.44%</b> 18.86 19.80	8.66% 10.05 11.50	62.33 59.03

Hypothetical Growth of \$10,000 from inception



Performance data includes all fees and expenses. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investors should consider a strategy's investment goals, risks, charges and expenses before investing.