

TOP 5 REASONS to invest in MERIT's Global Blue Chip Dividend Strategy



1 GO GLOBAL TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

- MERIT's GBCD strategy invests from an extensive global investment universe
- Investing in global market leaders across regions increases diversification
- A global view expands the universe of companies trading at attractive valuations



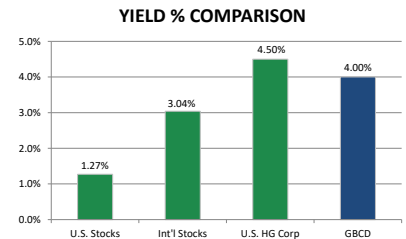
2 INVEST IN HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES TO LOWER RISK

- MERIT's GBCD strategy invests in global market leading companies
- Broad sector & geographic diversification significantly improves risk metrics
- Lower drawdowns in market downturns leads to better long term performance



3 GENERATE DIVIDEND INCOME TO INCREASE TOTAL RETURN ¹

- MERIT's GBCD strategy has a higher yield than stock and corporate bond indexes
- Higher yields available in international markets increases dividend income
- Higher dividend income improves total returns; notably in low growth periods



4 EMPLOY A CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF INVESTMENT

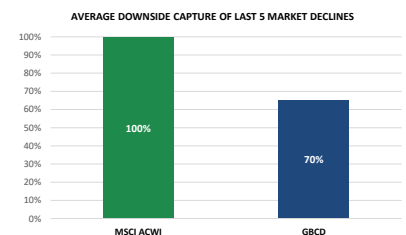
- MERIT's GBCD strategy provides a continual schedule of dividend income
- Dividend income is allocated to attractive existing or new portfolio positions
- A continuous cycle of reinvestment & efficient capital allocation drives returns

NOVEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				PFE ² 6.6%	HSBC ⁶ 4.0%	
		IBM ¹² 3.0%			DUK ⁶ 3.9%	
					NEE ²⁰ 3.0%	
				BIPC ²⁸ 4.1%	AGNC ²⁰ 14.9%	

Holidays and Observances: 10: Election Day, 11: Veterans Day, 28: Thanksgiving Day, 29: Black Friday

5 SEEK THE HIGHEST RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS IN EQUITY MARKETS ²

- High quality portfolio and dividend yield reduces losses in turbulent markets
- Lower drawdowns enable a quicker portfolio rebound back to breakeven
- Positive returns compound to deliver higher returns over a full market cycle



¹ Index Yields: U.S. Stocks = MSCI USA Index (USA). Int'l stocks = MSCI All-Country World Index ex US (ACWX). U.S. HG Corp = iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corp Bond ETF (LQD).

² GBCD Outperformance chart displays illustrative historical MERIT GBCD performance of an equally weighted portfolio of current MERIT GBCD positions as of December 31, 2024.

Note: 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. It should not be assumed that future investments will be profitable or will equal the historical performance of the strategy.