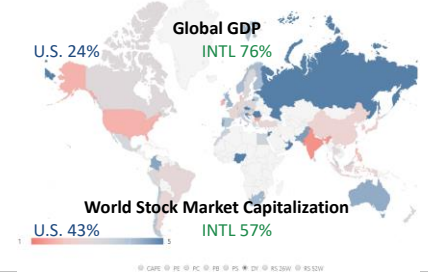


# TOP 5 REASONS to invest in MERIT's Global Blue Chip Dividend Strategy



## # 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



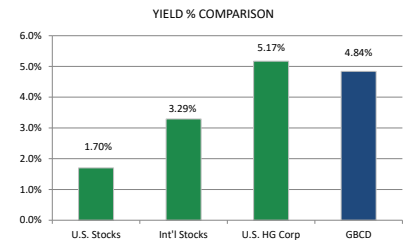
## # 2 INVEST IN HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES TO LOWER RISK <sup>1</sup>

- 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 <sup>2</sup>

- 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



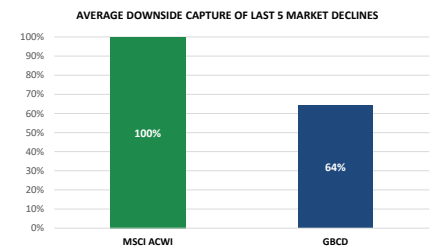
## # 4 EMPLOY A CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF INVESTMENT

- 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

2022 SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 PEP 2.9%	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 CCI 4.1%	14 BCE 6.8%	15 IRM 5.6%	16	17
18	19	20	21 AVGO 3.7%	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 AGNC 17.1%	30 WPC 6.1%	

## # 5 SEEK THE HIGHEST RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS IN EQUITY MARKETS <sup>3</sup>

- 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



<sup>1</sup> Risk metrics are compared to the MSCI ACWI and are stated from Merit GBCD's inception date through December 31, 2022.  
<sup>2</sup> 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).  
<sup>3</sup> GBCD Outperformance chart displays illustrative historical Merit GBCD performance of an equally weighted portfolio of actual Merit GBCD positions as of December 31, 2022.