

#2 INVEST

September 30, 2019

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
- Global view expands the universe of companies trading at attactive valuations



YTD

1.00

1.84

2.05

0.22

9.36

7.68

(6.53)

GBCD ACWI

0.71

2.74

3.29

0.57

7.32

5.04

(5.96)

Since Inception GBCD

0.83

0.99

0.73

0.84

7.68

6.72

(17.18) (19.49)

ACWI

1.00

0.80

0.60

0.73

9.60

7.20

RISK METRICS

Sharpe Ratio

Sortino Ratio

Calmar Ratio

Standard Deviation

Downside Deviation

Maximum Drawdown

Beta

IN HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES TO LOWER RISK ¹	
s CPCD strategy invests in global market loading companies	

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

#3 GENERATE DIVIDEND INCOME TO INCREASE TOTAL RETURN²

- 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 return; 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
- Continuous cycle of reinvestment & efficient capital allocation drives returns

5 SEEK THE HIGHEST RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS IN EQUITY MARKETS ³

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

GBCD YIELD % COMPARISON 5.2% 5.0% 3.2% 3.0% 2.09 1.09 U.S. HG C

2019 JUNE								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
TICKER	(INTL)	DIVIDEN	ID %			1 ENB		
						5.7%		
2	3	4	5 UPS	6 ATASY	7	8		
			3.8%	6.5%				
9	10	11 JNJ	12	13	14	15		
		2.7%						
16	17DUK	18	19	20 D	21WY	22		
	4.2%			4.8%	5.2%			
23	24 RDS	25	26	27 BIP	28 _{CCI}	29		
	5.8%			4.7%	3.4%			
30								



Risk metrics are compared to the MSCI ACWI and are stated from Merit BCD's inception date through September 30, 2019.

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

³GBCD Outperformance chart displays illustrative historical Merit GBCD performance of an equally weighted portfolio of actual Merit GBCD positions as of September 30, 2019.