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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

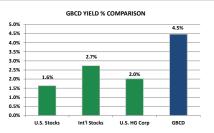




World Market Capitalization

International 53%

US 47%





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GBCD OUTPERFORMANCE DURING MARKET DECLINES

2 INVEST IN HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES TO LOWER RISK¹

- 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

¹ Risk metrics are compared to the MSCI ACWI and are stated from Merit GBCD's inception date through September 30, 2020.

² 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).

³ GBCD Outperformance chart displays illustrative historical Merit GBCD performance of an equally weighted portfolio of actual Merit GBCD positions as of September 30, 2020.