

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



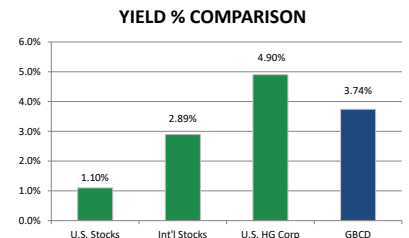
2 INVEST IN HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES TO LOWER RISK

- 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



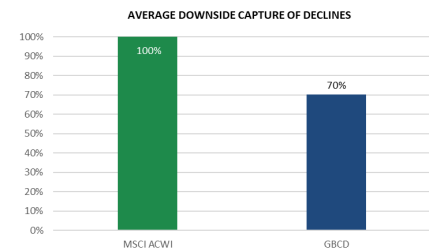
4 EMPLOY A CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF INVESTMENT

- 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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 IBM	9
10	11	12	13	14 ENB	15 DUK	16 HSBC
17	18 NVO	19	20	21 5.4%	22 3.4%	23 5.0%
24	25 3.1%	26	27	28 NEE	29 BIPC	30 SKM
31				3.0%	4.1%	6.2%

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, 2025.

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.