

## 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



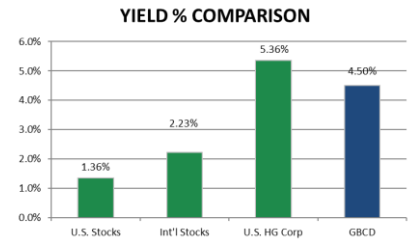
### # 2 INVEST IN HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES TO LOWER RISK

- 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 <sup>1</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



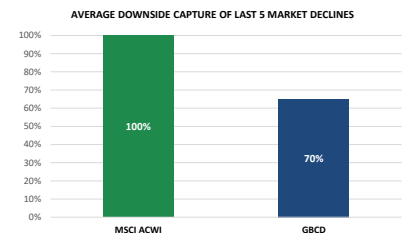
### # 4 EMPLOY A CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF INVESTMENT

- 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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
	3	4	5	6	PFE <sup>1</sup> 6.6%	HSBC <sup>2</sup> 4.0%
10	11	IBM <sup>3</sup> 3.0%	12	13	14	15
					DUK <sup>4</sup> 3.9%	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					NEE <sup>5</sup> 3.0%	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				BIPC <sup>6</sup> 4.1%	AGNC <sup>7</sup> 14.9%	

### # 5 SEEK THE HIGHEST RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS IN EQUITY MARKETS <sup>2</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> 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>2</sup> GBCD Outperformance chart displays illustrative historical MERIT GBCD performance of an equally weighted portfolio of current MERIT GBCD positions as of March 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.