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Global Dividend Stocks

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- Dividends are supposed to lend stability to a portfolio. However, U.S.-based equity income investors have experienced a high degree of volatility in recent years. The U.S. Federal Reserve has embarked on a campaign to raise interest rates, causing Treasury yields to swoop and dive, resulting in a wild ride for supposedly stable U.S. high-income equities.
 - In our view, investing in international income stocks is one way to increase diversity of holdings while reducing sensitivity to the Fed's head fakes on rate policy. Investing in overseas stocks carries its own set of risks, such as currency exchange and even the potential for geo-political turmoil. But there are also many positives in this asset class for U.S. investors, including a more robust selection of high-quality names, higher yields and attractive valuations.
 - Here are five BUY-rated global dividend stocks in Argus coverage:
 - Vodafone Group PLC (VOD): A recent upgrade, the VOD of the UK shares yield 5.7%.
 - Rio Tinto plc (RIO): This leading metals and mining company's shares yield 4.4%. Rio Tinto is based in London.
 - Royal Dutch Shell (RDS/A): Shares of this Netherlands-based major integrated oil company yield 7.2%.
 - SunLife Financial (SLF): Based in Canada, SunLife is a leading life insurance company. The SLF shares yield 3.9%.
 - Novartis AG (NVS): This large-cap Pharmaceutical company, based in Switzerland, has a yield of 3.2%.
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