# Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)

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# Strategy & Objective

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## Portfolio Performance (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
84.9%	72.7%	12.2%
57.4%	48.0%	9.4%
33.9%	29.9%	3.9%
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23.7%	19.9%	3.8%
5.8%	7.3%	-1.5%
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### **Market Commentary**

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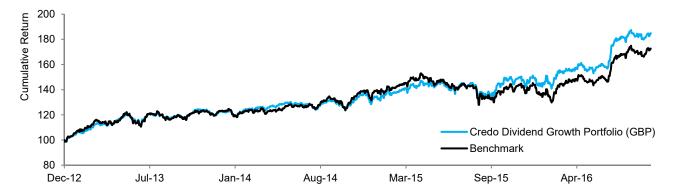
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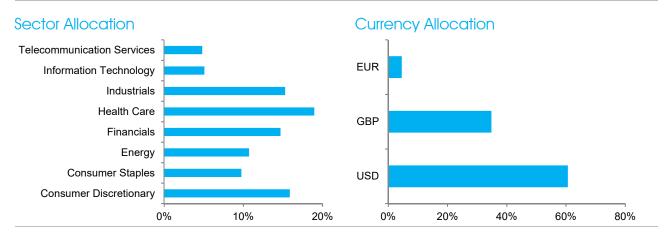
## Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>





## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Pepsico Inc	\$108.8	22.8x	22.7x	2.8%
Prudential Plc	1367p	24.1x	11.6x	2.9%
Quest Diagnostics Inc	\$84.6	18.3x	16.6x	1.9%
Total Portfolio Average		24.2x	18.7x	3.3%
MSCI World		22.4x	17.5x	2.6%



#### Investment Philosophy

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- Wealth is preserved and created by following a long-term, low-turnover strategy.
- We believe in a value-based approach to investing, given that the price which is paid when investing is one of the very few things in financial markets that investors can actually control.
- We do not define risk in terms of quantitative metrics, but simply as the potential to lose clients' money; accordingly, our approach to investing can be described as a relatively conservative one, focusing first and foremost on capital preservation.
- Yield is an important consideration across all asset classes.
- Transaction costs have the potential to erode investment returns quickly; based on this, we not only follow a low-turnover approach, but we also apply our minds when considering transaction size.
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Long Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
Since Inception	49.2%	39.3%	9.9%
3 Year	26.2%	18.6%	7.6%
1 Year	14.8%	11.4%	3.4%
Short Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
YTD	8.9%	5.6%	3.4%
3 Months	3.4%	4.9%	-1.4%
1 Month	-0.2%	0.5%	-0.7%

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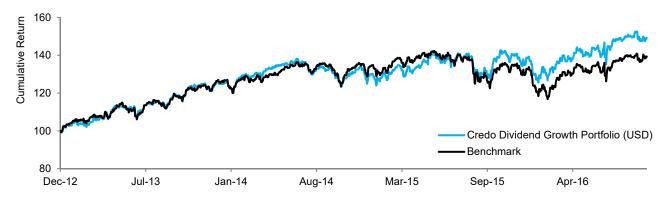
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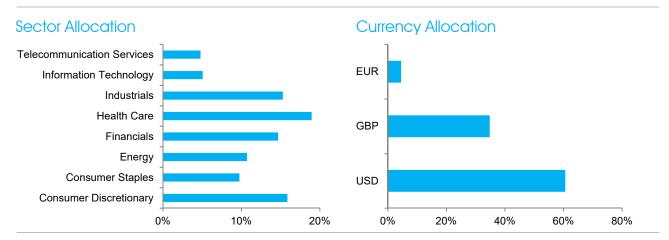


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