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

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	14.5	12.3	13.3	5.2	0.7	6.2	0.4
<b>MSCI World</b>	14.1	12.0	11.5	6.5	-2.3	3.1	-1.9
<b>Relative</b>	0.4	0.3	1.8	-1.3	3.0	3.1	2.3

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	11.2	11.3
<b>MSCI World</b>	16.2	11.8

## Market Commentary

April was a positive month for major developed market indices, with some recovering significantly from losses captured during the first quarter. The UK's first-quarter GDP estimate came in lower than expected at 0.1%, and subsequent moves in interest rate futures implied lower expectations for rates. The country's currency fell to 1.38 sterling per US dollar and the FTSE 100 finished the period up 6.8%. Across the pond, President Trump's focus on denuclearisation has thrown uncertainty on the future of the Iran nuclear deal, with his approach conflicting with those of his European counterparts. The S&P 500 made a muted gain of 0.4%, while the Euro STOXX 50 rose 6.0%. In fixed income, the 10-year yields for US treasuries, UK gilts and German bunds ended the period on 3.0%, 1.4% and 0.6% respectively, against a backdrop of continued tightening by the Federal Reserve.

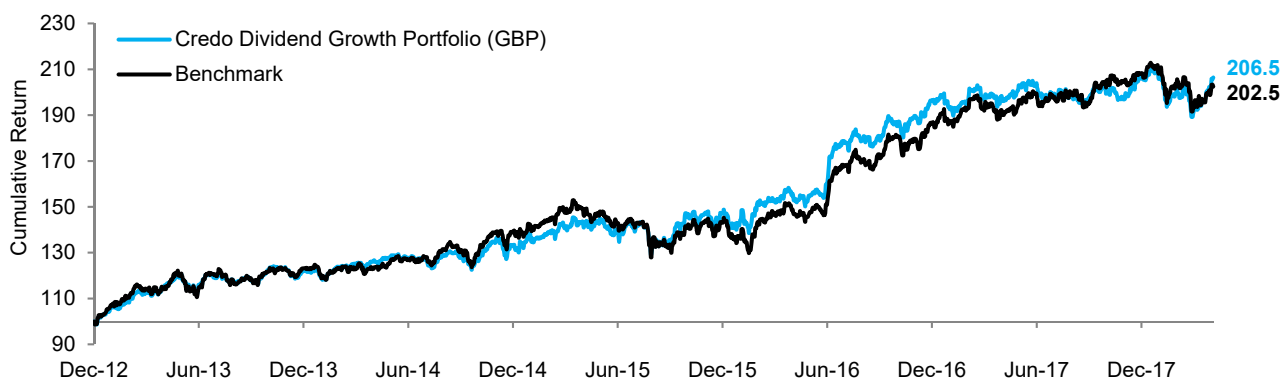
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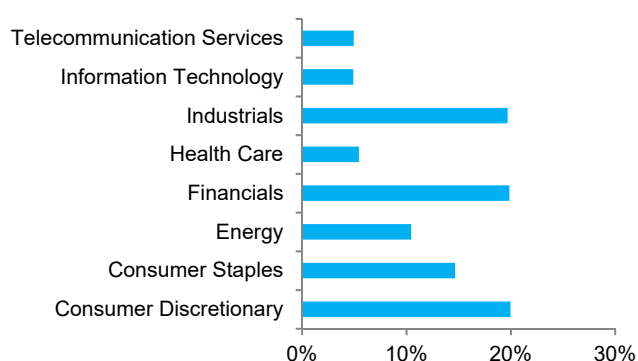
## Performance Since Inception (27/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>



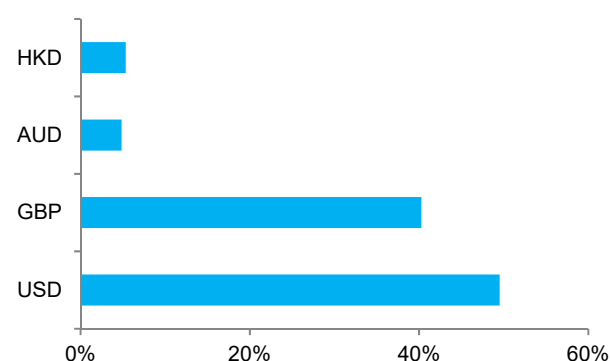
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Imperial Brands plc	2605p	15.5x	9.8x	6.6%
Nielsen Holdings plc	\$31.5	18.2x	14.4x	4.5%
Whitbread plc	4281p	16.9x	15.9x	2.4%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>20.7x</b>	<b>18.2x</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>18.7x</b>	<b>15.4x</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

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<b>MSCI World</b>	10.9	9.3	7.5	13.2	-5.2	1.1	-0.1
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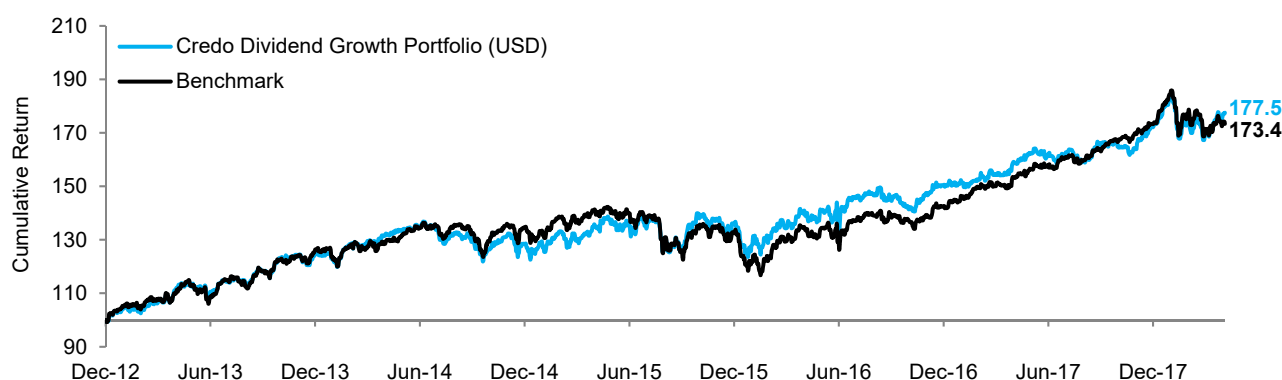
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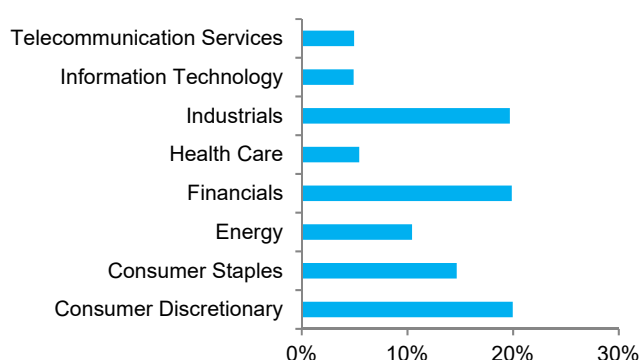
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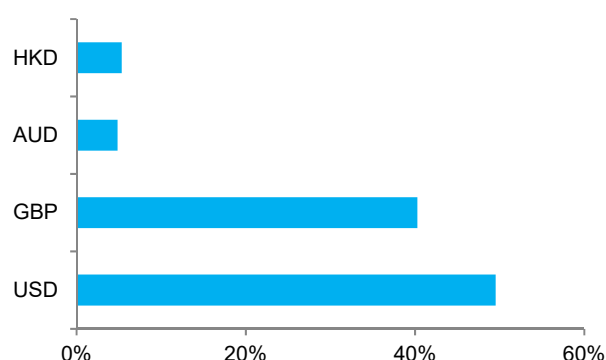
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