

## Strategy & Objective

The Dividend Growth Portfolio is a diversified portfolio (not a fund) of global equities, which we believe to be well positioned to outperform the wider equity market over the longer term. The portfolio has a bias towards developed market, large capitalisation stocks.

## 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>	15.4	13.1	16.2	12.4	7.7	2.4	8.2
<b>MSCI World</b>	15.2	12.7	15.5	12.4	8.8	3.6	6.7
<b>Relative</b>	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.0	-1.1	-1.2	1.5

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	11.2	11.4
<b>MSCI World</b>	16.2	11.9

## Market Commentary

July saw global equity markets make positive ground in a month where Trump made diplomatic efforts around Europe, meeting with the UK's Theresa May, Russia's Vladimir Putin and the EU's Jean-Claude Juncker. Strong corporate earnings results saw the S&P 500, the Euro STOXX 50 and the FTSE 100 all up 3.7%, 4.0% and 1.5% respectively. July also saw a reshuffle of the UK Cabinet with both Boris Johnson and David Davies resigning following the Chequers Agreement, which was met with widespread criticism for being too "soft" in terms of EU relations post-Brexit. Against this backdrop, pound sterling was down 0.6% against the US dollar and down 0.7% against the euro. Strong US economic data pushed up 10-year yields. US treasuries ended the period on 3.0%, while UK gilts and German bunds ended on 1.3% and 0.4% respectively. As the US-China trade war heated up, commodity markets took a hit, with copper prices down 4.4% and Brent crude oil down 5.7%.

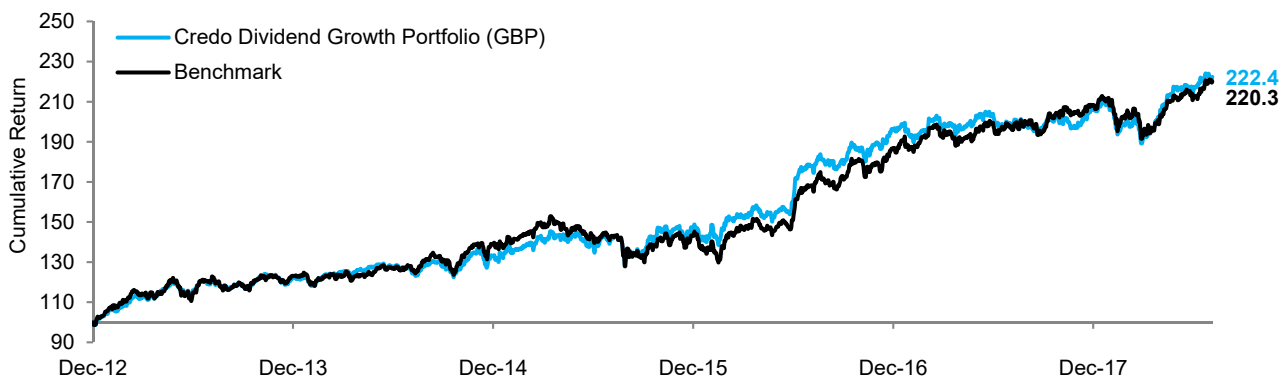
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Meggitt's shares increased by 15.6%, after a positive investor meeting in which management upgraded guidance following strong trading in the second quarter. Chubb's shares increased by 10.0%, benefitting from sector rotation into financials.

### Key Detractors from Return

Nielsen's shares declined by 23.8% after negative second quarter results in which management significantly lowered guidance for the full year as a result of deteriorating conditions in the Buy segment. Las Vegas Sands' shares declined by 5.8%, after the publication of weak Macau gaming numbers.

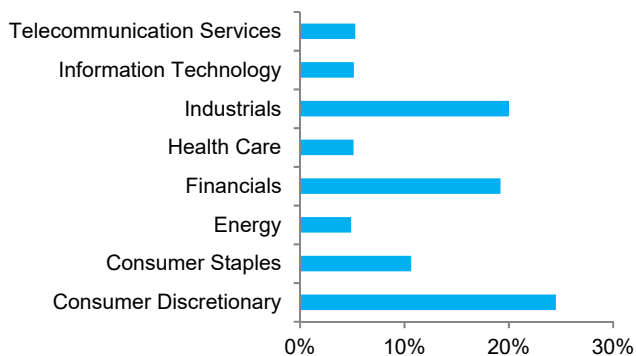
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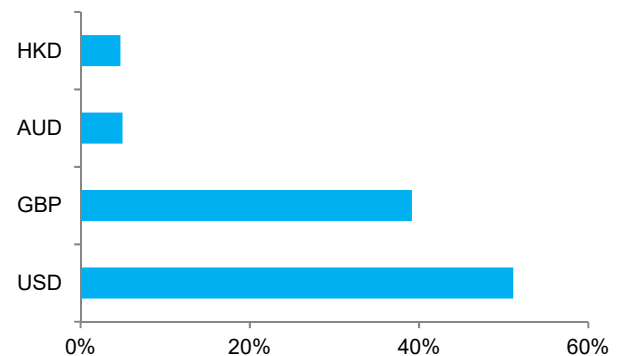
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Imperial Brands plc	2922p	19.4x	10.9x	6.0%
Nielsen Holdings plc	\$23.6	13.9x	11.9x	5.9%
Wells Fargo & Co	\$57.3	14.8x	11.8x	3.0%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>17.7x</b>	<b>15.2x</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>18.3x</b>	<b>15.5x</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

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- We believe wealth is created and preserved by following a patient and disciplined investment strategy that is focused on the long-term.
- We follow a value-based approach to investing.
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- We aim to minimise turnover in our portfolios and apply our minds when considering transaction size in an attempt to limit transaction costs.
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility.

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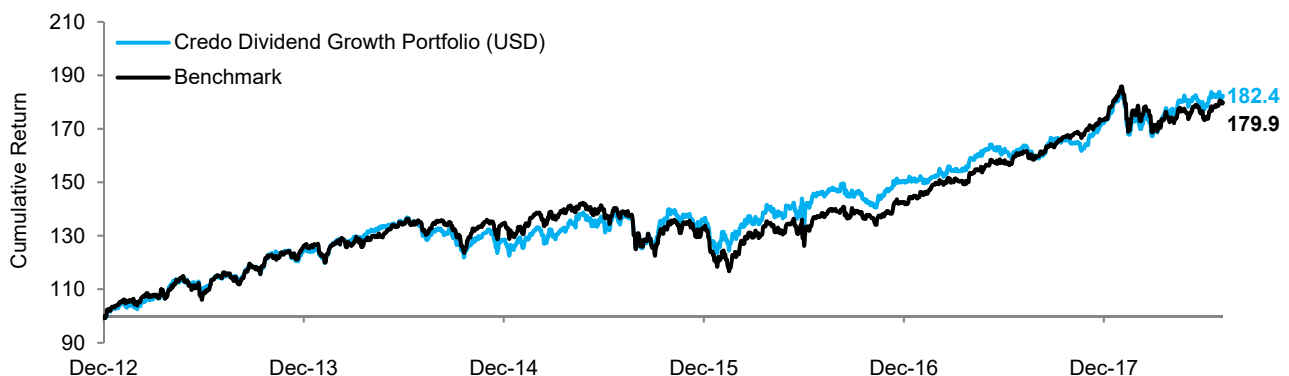
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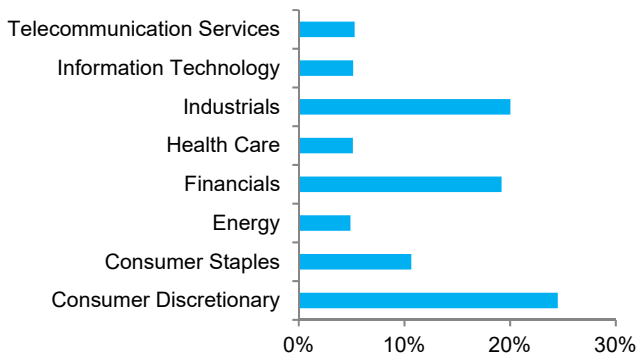
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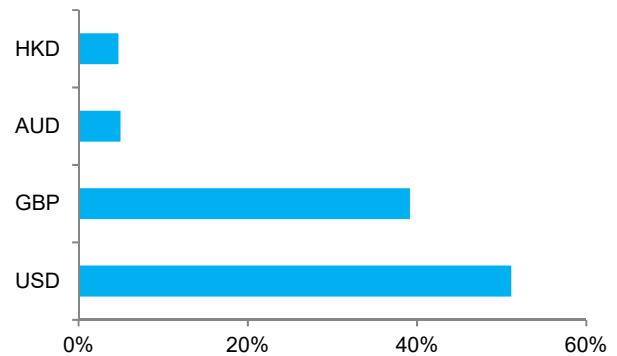
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