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Portfolio Performance (GBP)^{1,2}

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	14.1	12.8	14.7	11.9	9.3	4.3	12.9
MSCI World	13.8	13.0	15.7	12.4	8.7	3.2	13.8
Relative	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.5	0.6	1.1	-0.9

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.4
MSCI World	16.2	12.2

Market Commentary

Developed equity markets continued to rally in April, following on from a strong first quarter. The S&P 500, FTSE 100, Euro STOXX 50 and Nikkei 225 were all up 4.0%, 2.3%, 5.5% and 5.0% respectively. The environment during this time was characterised by accommodative central banks, strong US earnings, recovering Chinese growth and an improvement in US/China trade negotiations. With regards to Brexit, the EU granted the UK a flexible Brexit extension until 31 October 2019, delaying the threat of a no-deal Brexit; the pound sterling was unchanged against both the euro and US dollar. Brent crude oil was up 7.4% over the month as Trump decided not to renew waivers on US sanctions granted to some countries. In the fixed income market, the yield on US, UK and Germany 10-year bonds all increased 10, 19 and 8 basis points respectively.

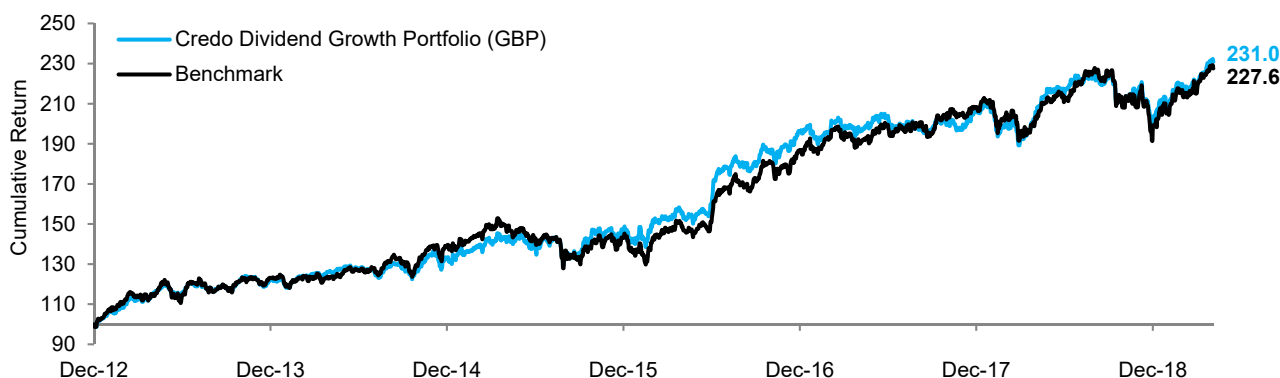
Key Contributors to Return

Crown Resorts' shares increased by 15.5% after news of a potential bid from Wynn Resorts broke; although the bid was retracted, rumours of a potential sale of the company have persisted. Prudential's shares increased by 12.9%, reacting positively to stronger economic data from China and the release of several broker reports covering the up-coming de-merger.

Key Detractors from Return

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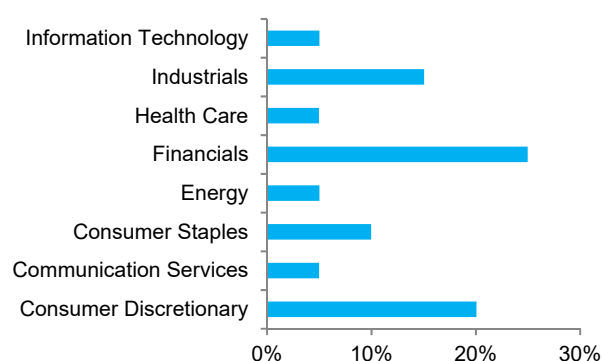
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



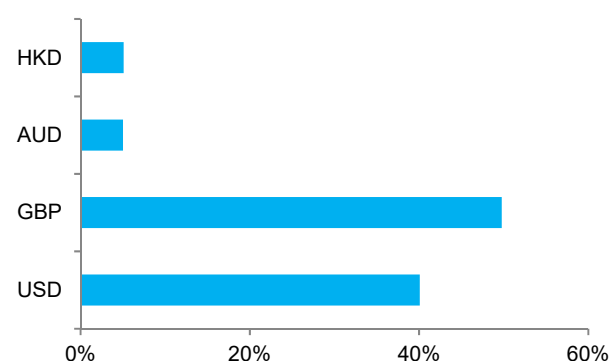
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Ig Group Holdings plc	509.8p	8.9x	11.1x	9.1%
Microsoft Corp	\$130.6	30.0x	26.1x	1.4%
Wells Fargo & Co	\$48.4	11.4x	10.0x	3.7%
Total Portfolio Average		16.6x	14.5x	3.4%
MSCI World		17.9x	15.6x	2.5%

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.
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- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility.

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MSCI World	10.2	7.3	11.4	6.5	8.1	3.5	16.5
Relative	0.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.6	0.5	1.2	-1.3

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
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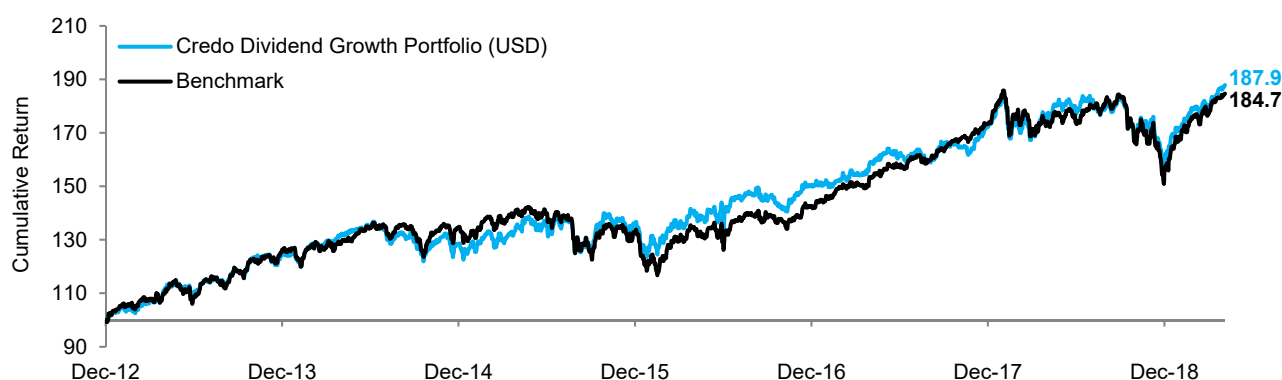
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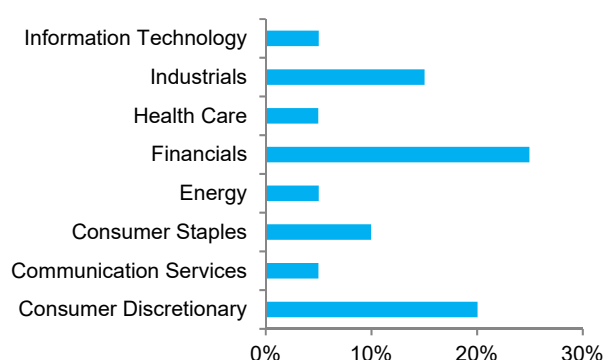
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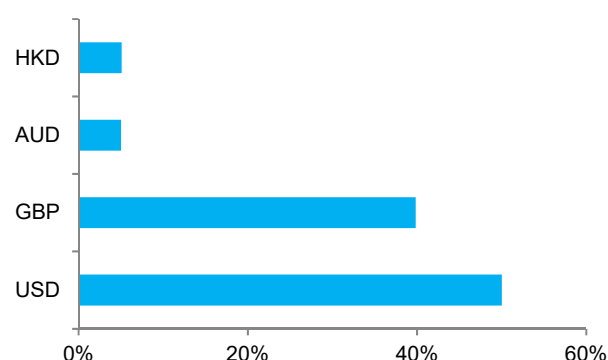
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