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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	13.9	13.1	10.0	7.2	7.8	-1.4	16.8
MSCI World	14.1	12.9	12.5	6.8	8.9	-1.7	20.6
Relative	-0.2	0.2	-2.5	0.4	-1.1	0.3	-3.8

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.4
MSCI World	16.2	12.3

Market Commentary

Global equity markets performed poorly in August, with the S&P 500, the Euro STOXX 50 and the FTSE 100 all down 1.6%, 1.1% and 4.1% respectively. Renewed escalation of trade tensions prompted profit-taking in global equity markets as investors turned to safe-haven assets. Global bond yields continued to fall, as the yield on UK and German 10-year bonds decreased by 13 and 26 points respectively, while the yield on US 10-year bonds dropped by 52 points. US economic data showed that the weakness in the manufacturing sector could be spreading to other areas of the economy but, so far, the strength of the labour market and rising wages continue to outweigh trade and recession concerns. In the UK, Boris Johnson's decision to prorogue parliament in a bid to force through a No-Deal Brexit caused further political tensions. Sterling was flat against the US dollar.

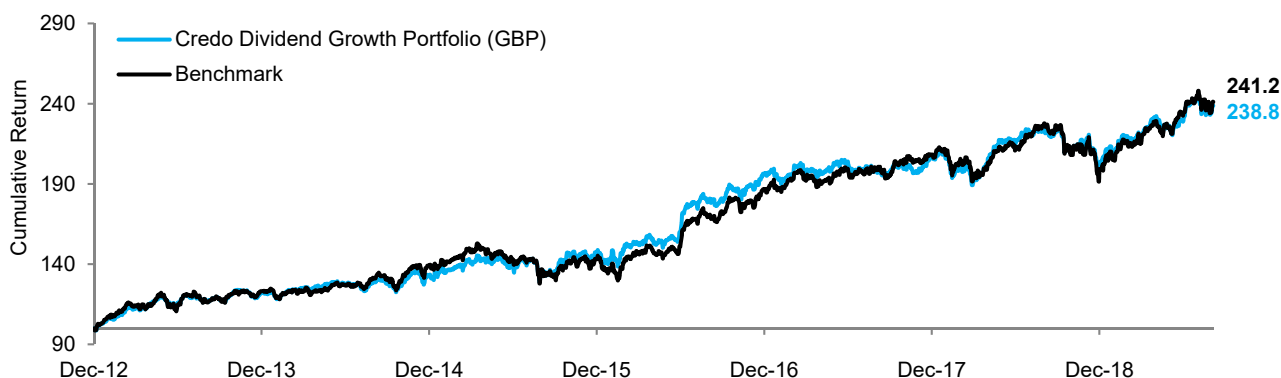
Key Contributors to Return

PepsiCo's shares increased by 7.0%, while Verizon Communications' shares increased by 5.2%. Both outperformed the market after investors rotated into defensive stocks given recent market volatility.

Key Detractors from Return

Prudential's shares declined by 18.5% alongside a fall in insurance stock indices worldwide, reflecting a challenging macroeconomic environment. The company was particularly affected due to its high exposure to Asia amidst increasingly violent protests in Hong Kong. Union Pacific's shares declined 9.6% after overall weakness in North American rail traffic was exacerbated by headwinds in coal and agricultural shipments.

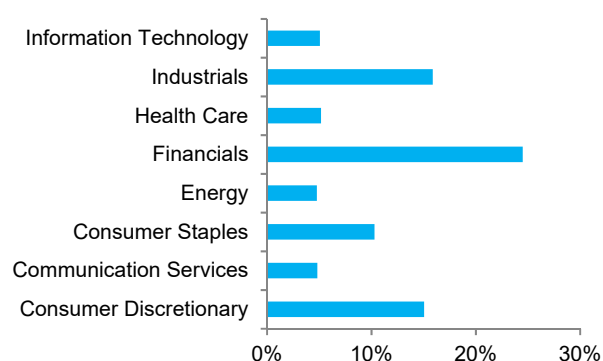
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



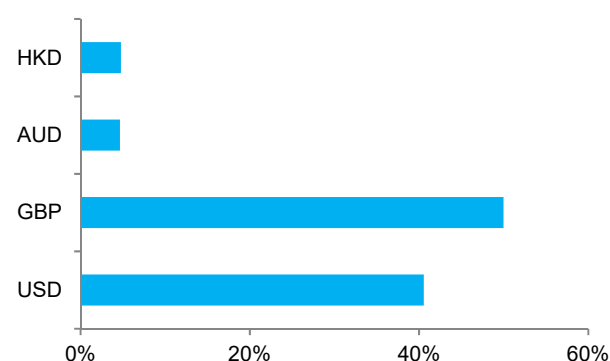
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1712p	15.0x	14.4x	4.7%
Microsoft Corp	\$137.9	28.8x	25.7x	1.3%
Verizon Communications Inc	\$58.2	11.4x	12.0x	4.1%
Total Portfolio Average		16.3x	13.8x	4.1%
MSCI World		18.2x	15.4x	2.6%

Sector Allocation



Currency Allocation



Investment Philosophy

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- We believe that wealth is best created and preserved through patient and disciplined investing, with a focus on the long term
- We follow a value-based approach to investing
- We seek to invest in high quality companies that are attractively priced relative to their future business prospects
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MSCI World	9.4	6.1	9.6	0.3	4.9	-2.0	15.2
Relative	0.1	0.5	-2.0	1.1	-0.4	0.3	-3.1

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	14.3	11.1
MSCI World	18.7	11.0

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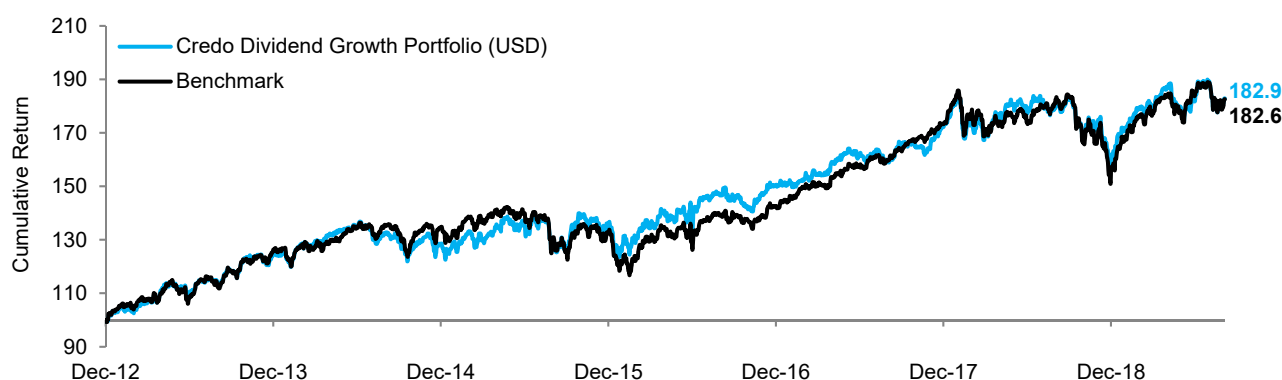
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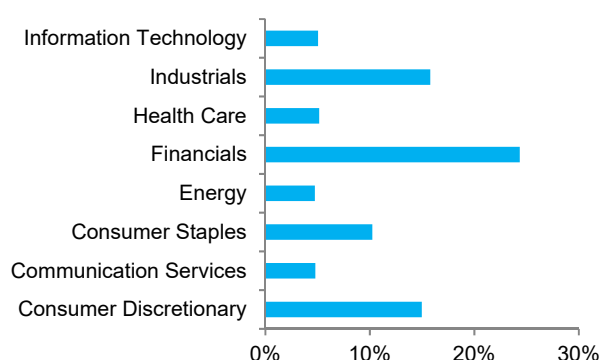
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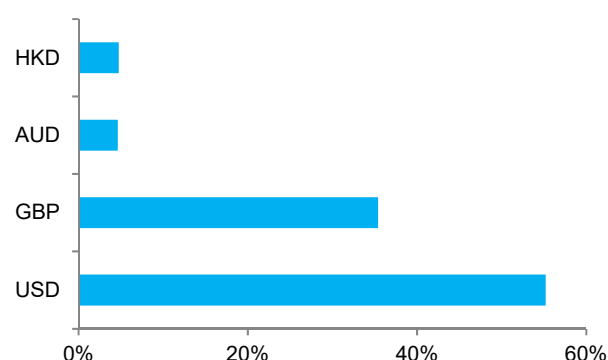
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