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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>	12.7	10.2	14.3	6.1	-0.8	2.2	1.4
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.4	9.9	11.2	13.5	3.7	3.3	9.5
<b>Relative</b>	0.3	0.3	3.1	-7.4	-4.5	-1.1	-8.1

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	26.8	13.7
<b>MSCI World</b>	26.2	15.1

## Market Commentary

June was largely a positive month for global equities with the S&P 500, NASDAQ, Euro STOXX 50 and FTSE 100 all up 6.6%, 6.7%, 4.4% and 1.4% respectively, in their local currencies, which was propelled by positive corporate earnings and renewed investor confidence around the global economic recovery. However, core inflation accelerated throughout the month causing central banks to further increase policy rates. The European Central Bank increased its rate to 3.5%, while the Bank of England raised the base rate to 5.0%. Yields on US, UK and German 10-year bonds saw rises of 19, 21 and 11 basis points respectively. Among commodities, Brent Crude Oil and Copper saw rises of 4.5% and 3.5% respectively, whereas Gold fell 2.2% during the month. The pound rose by 2.6% against the US dollar but fell 0.1% against the euro.

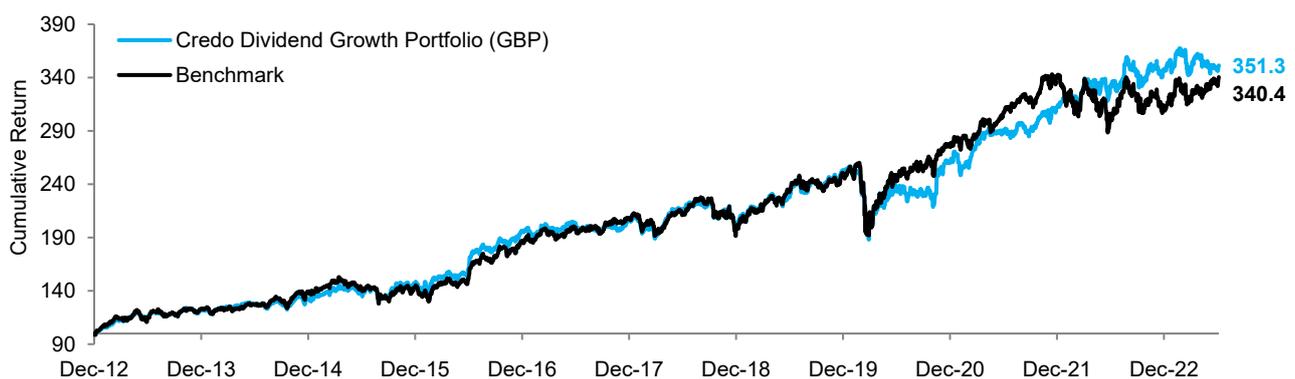
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### Key Detractors from Return

Bayer's shares declined by 2.8% after the new CEO expressed his aim to crackdown on internal bureaucracy while remaining silent on potential structural changes (such as a breakup of the group). Admiral's shares declined by 10.5% after concerns that loss ratio improvements may be worse than expected in the first half of the year.

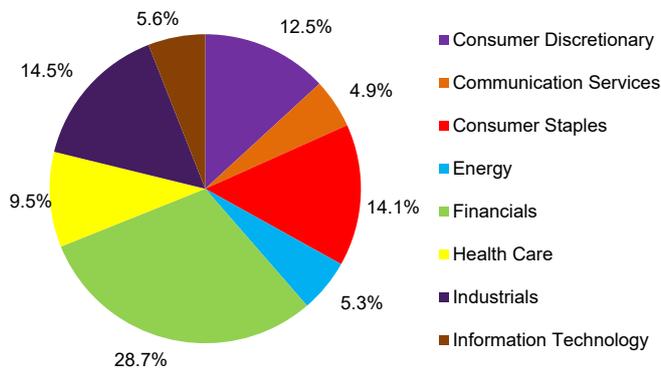
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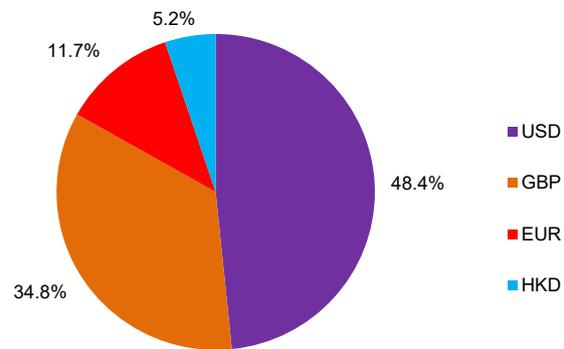
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
BP plc	458p	4.6x	6.0x	4.6%
PepsiCo Inc	\$185.2	26.4x	24.3x	2.7%
Union Pacific Corp	\$204.6	18.1x	17.4x	2.5%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>16.6x</b>	<b>13.8x</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
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## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

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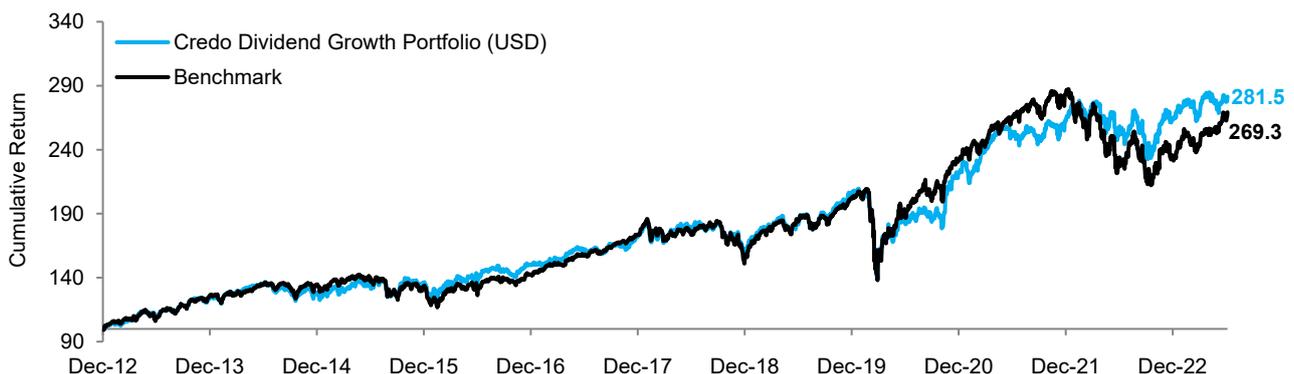
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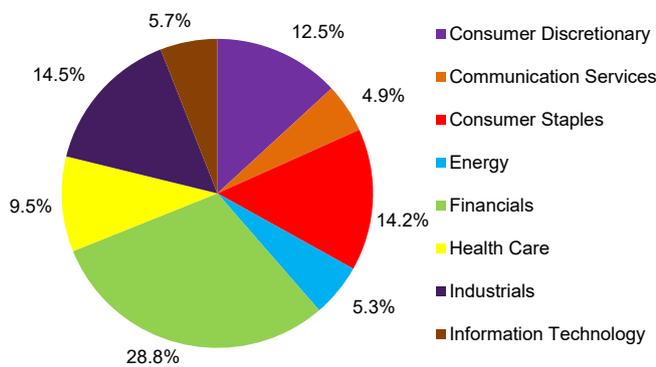
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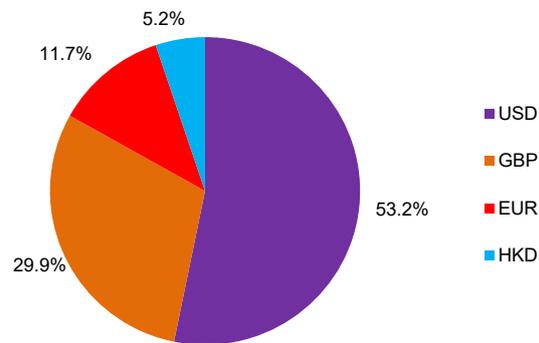
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