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Portfolio Performance (GBP)^{1,2}

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	12.7	9.9	16.5	5.6	-1.3	0.9	2.3
MSCI World	12.5	9.6	12.4	7.4	6.1	2.2	11.9
Relative	0.2	0.3	4.1	-1.8	-7.4	-1.3	-9.6

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	-26.8	13.2
MSCI World	-26.2	14.9

Market Commentary

Global equity markets continued to climb through July fuelled by positive market sentiment as investors were encouraged by a drop in inflation and resilient economic data. The S&P 500, NASDAQ, Euro STOXX 50, and FTSE 100 all finished the month up 3.2%, 4.1%, 1.8%, and 2.3% respectively, and measured in their local currencies. Central banks continued with their hawkish stance, with the Federal Reserve and European Central Bank both increasing rates by a further 25 basis points. Yields on US and German 10-year bonds rose by 12.2 and 10 basis points respectively, whereas the yield on UK 10-year bonds fell by 7.9 basis points. Among commodities, Brent Crude oil rose by 14.2%, which was driven by signs of tightening global supply and rising demand throughout the rest of this year. The pound rose by 1.0% against the US dollar, and by 0.8% against the euro.

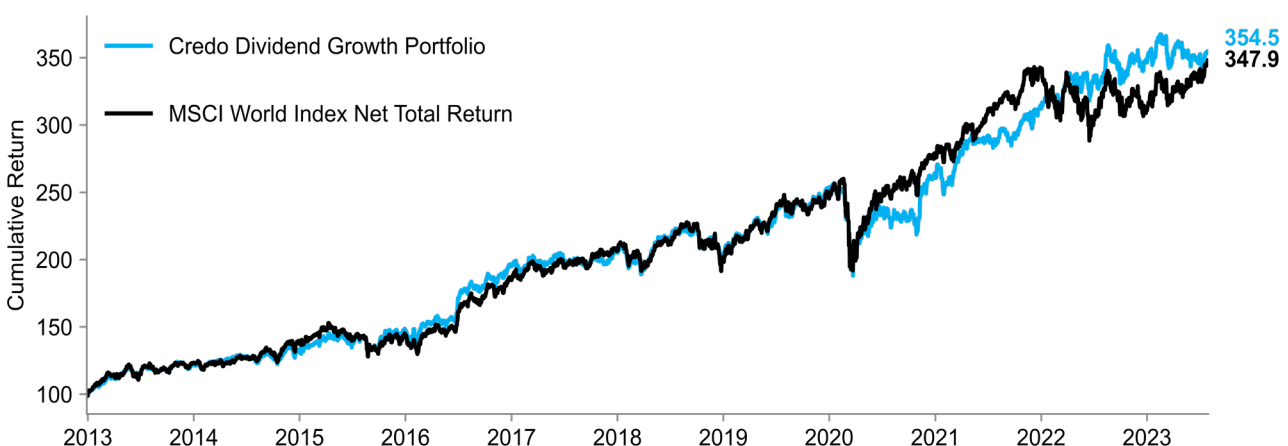
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Key Detractors from Return

RTX Corporation's shares declined by 11.2% after it reported problems with its Geared Turbo Fan engines which overshadowed consensus-beating profits in the second quarter and higher guidance for full-year sales. Verizon Communications' shares declined by 7.7% after a Wall Street Journal investigation left some brokers worrying about a potential liability with regards to old lead-covered cables that no longer meet environmental safety recommendations.

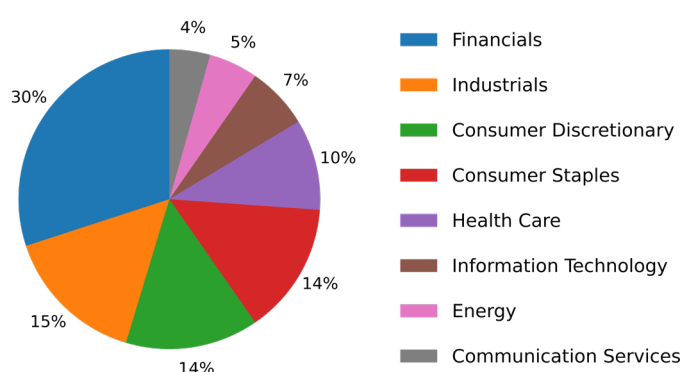
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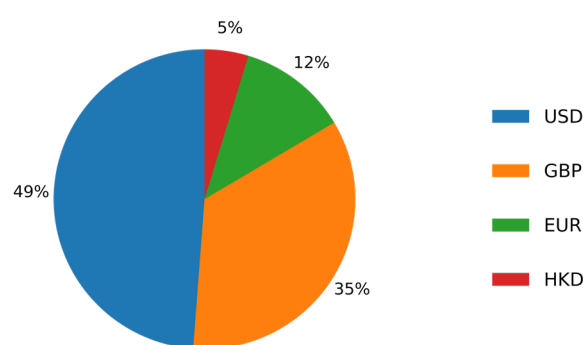
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
BP plc	483p	6.3x	6.8x	4.4%
PepsiCo Inc	\$187.5	25.1x	24.0x	2.7%
Union Pacific Corp	\$232.0	20.9x	20.5x	2.2%
Total Portfolio Average		17.2x	14.0x	2.8%
MSCI World		19.4x	17.6x	2.0%

Sector Allocation



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Investment Philosophy

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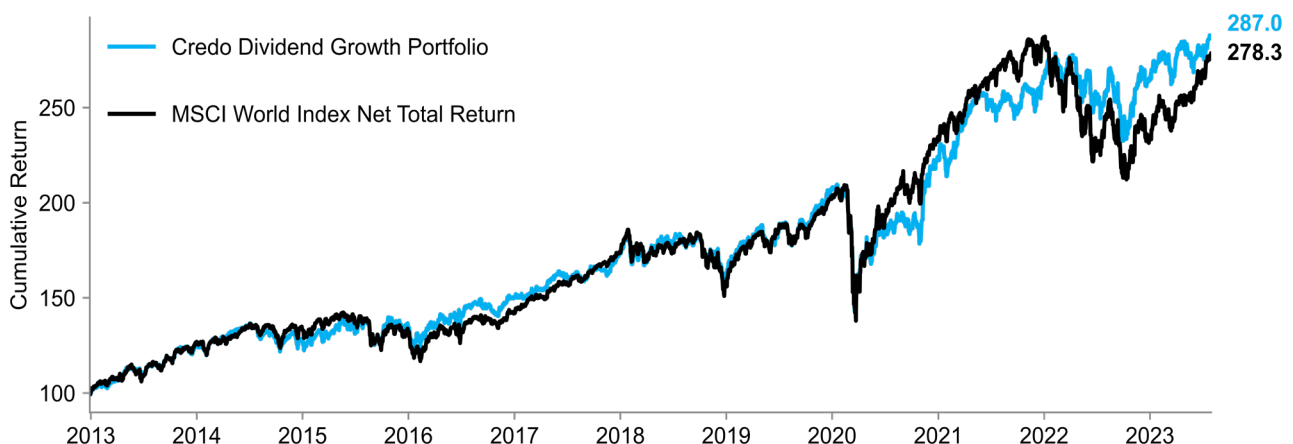
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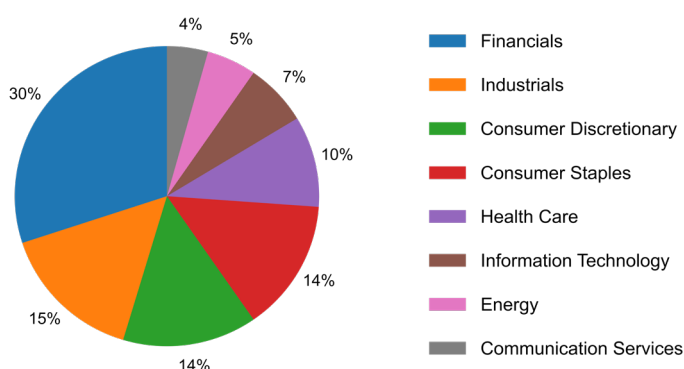
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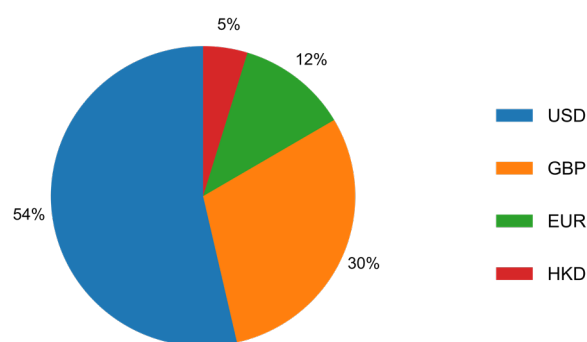
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