

## Strategy & Objective

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## Portfolio Performance (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month	YTD
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	12.2	9.2	14.6	4.3	-1.8	-1.8	-0.4
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.1	8.7	10.1	11.2	0.6	-0.7	10.1
<b>Relative</b>	0.1	0.5	4.5	-6.9	-2.3	-1.1	-10.5

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

## Market Commentary

Global equity markets continued to fall throughout September reversing some of the recent gains. The S&P 500, NASDAQ, and Euro STOXX 50 posted negative returns of -4.8%, -5.8% and -2.8% respectively, measured in their local currencies. The FTSE 100 finished the month up 2.4% mainly due to its large exposure towards the energy sector, which benefited from a sharp rise in oil prices. Central banks remained hawkish. The European Central Bank increased rates by a further 25 basis points, while the Federal Reserve Bank and the Bank of England paused rate hikes and signalled a "higher for longer" stance. Yields on US, UK and German 10-year bonds rose by 46, 8, and 37 basis points respectively. Among commodities, Brent Crude oil rose by 6.2%, driven by Saudi Arabia and Russia announcing an extension to voluntary oil output cuts to year end. The pound fell by -3.7% against the US dollar and by -1.2% against the euro.

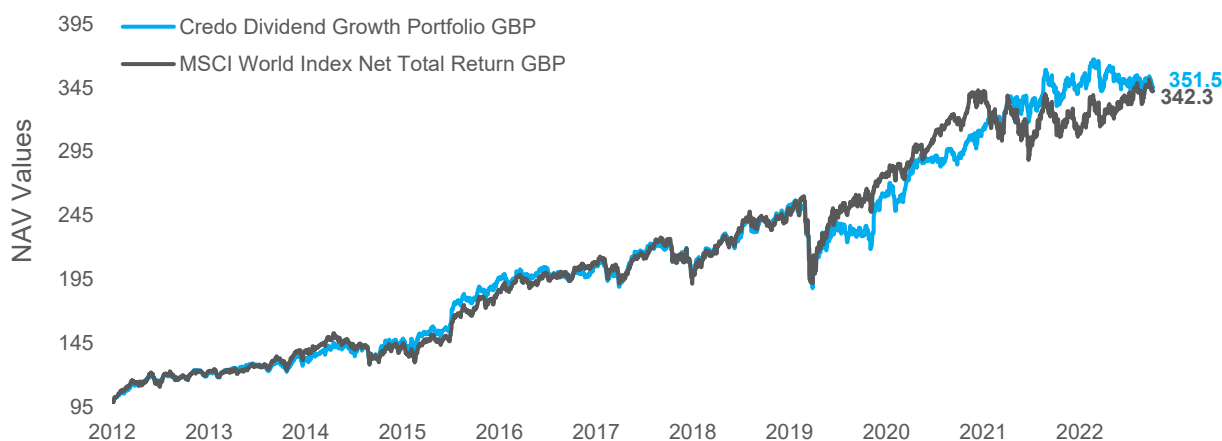
### Key Contributors to Return

BP Plc's shares increased by 9.0% after oil prices increased by double digit percentages and Bernard Looney, who had prioritised the energy transition, resigned as CEO with immediate effect. Progressive Corp's shares increased by 8.3% after reporting August results which showed double digit growth in policies in force, net premiums written and net income.

### Key Detractors from Return

Bayer AG's shares declined by 9.0% after rating agencies and analysts released updates reflecting lower than expected profitability in the pharmaceutical and crop science divisions. RTX Corp's shares declined by 13.2% after an update on the GTF fleet proved worse than expected and a GTF engine from an aircraft operated by Air China caught fire thereby increasing the risk of a GTF fleet grounding.

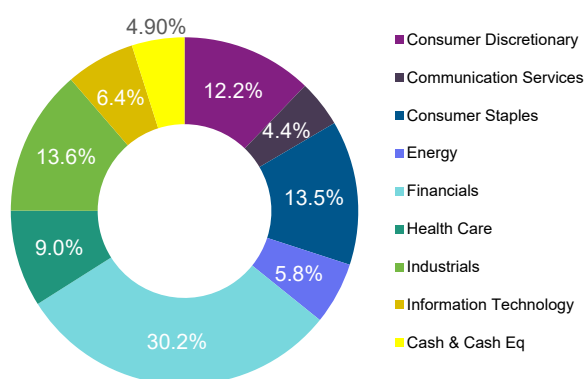
## Performance Since Inception<sup>2</sup>



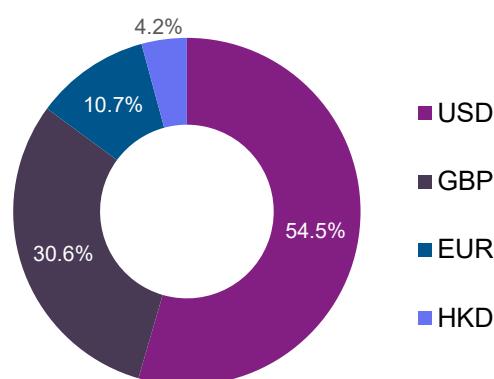
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
BP plc	488p	5.9x	6.7x	4.4%
PepsiCo Inc	\$177.9	23.9x	22.8x	2.7%
Union Pacific Corp	\$220.6	19.9x	20.4x	2.4%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>16.7x</b>	<b>12.9x</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>19.2x</b>	<b>18.2x</b>	<b>2%</b>

## 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
- We believe that the market's short-term focus creates opportunities for those willing to concentrate on underlying business performance
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility

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<b>MSCI World</b>	9.3	7.3	8.1	22.0	-3.5	-4.3	11.1
<b>Relative</b>	0.2	0.6	4.6	-7.7	-2.1	-0.9	-10.6

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	33.4	14.0
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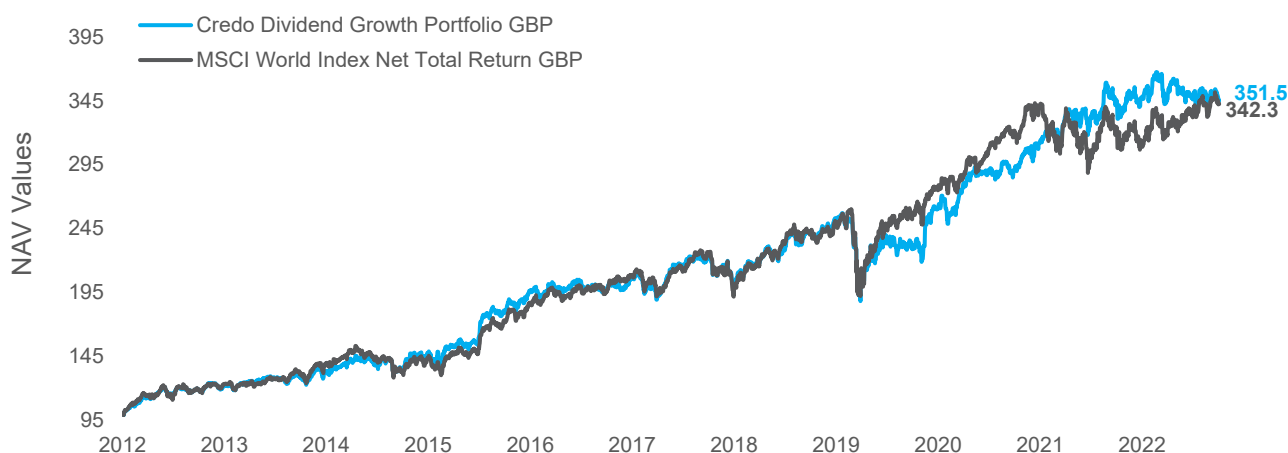
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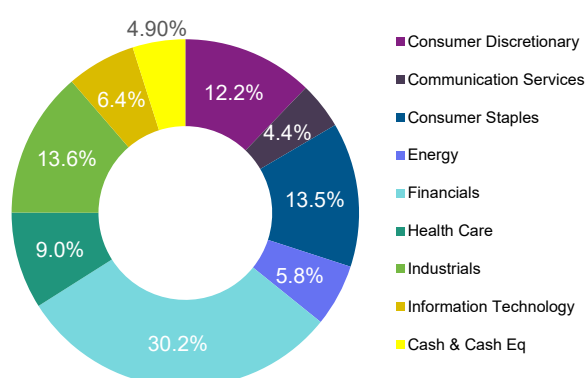
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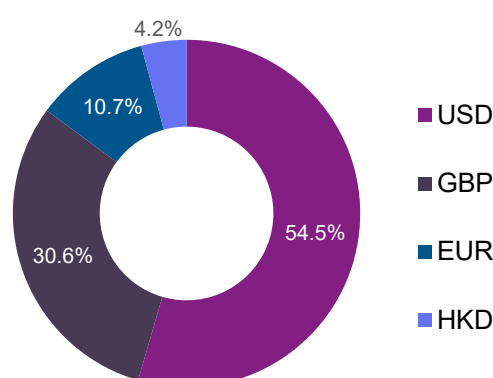
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