

## 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>	12.4	9.9	10.5	9.1	1.0	2.9	7.4
<b>MSCI World</b>	13.0	10.9	9.7	18.5	5.7	0.2	13.1
<b>Relative</b>	-0.6	-1.0	0.8	-9.4	-4.7	2.7	-5.6

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	26.80	13.7
<b>MSCI World</b>	26.20	15.1

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Global equity markets saw mixed returns in July. In the US, the DJIA and S&P 500 posted positive returns of 4.5% and 1.2% respectively, supported by softer than expected inflation and labour market data. Conversely, the NASDAQ recorded a negative return of -0.7% as four of the Magnificent Seven stocks published underwhelming earnings reports. In Europe, the UK experienced stronger than expected economic growth with the FTSE 100 posting a positive return of 2.5% over the month. The Euro STOXX 50 posted a negative return of -0.3% amidst continued uncertainty around the French snap election. In fixed income markets, yields on US and UK 10-year bonds declined by 37 and 20 basis points, respectively, reflecting shifts in investor expectations on future interest rate cuts. In the UK, the Bank of England's monetary policy committee agreed to an interest rate cut of 0.25% in August. Brent Crude oil fell by -3.3% due to weaker demand from China. The pound rose 1.7% and 0.6% against the US dollar and euro, respectively.

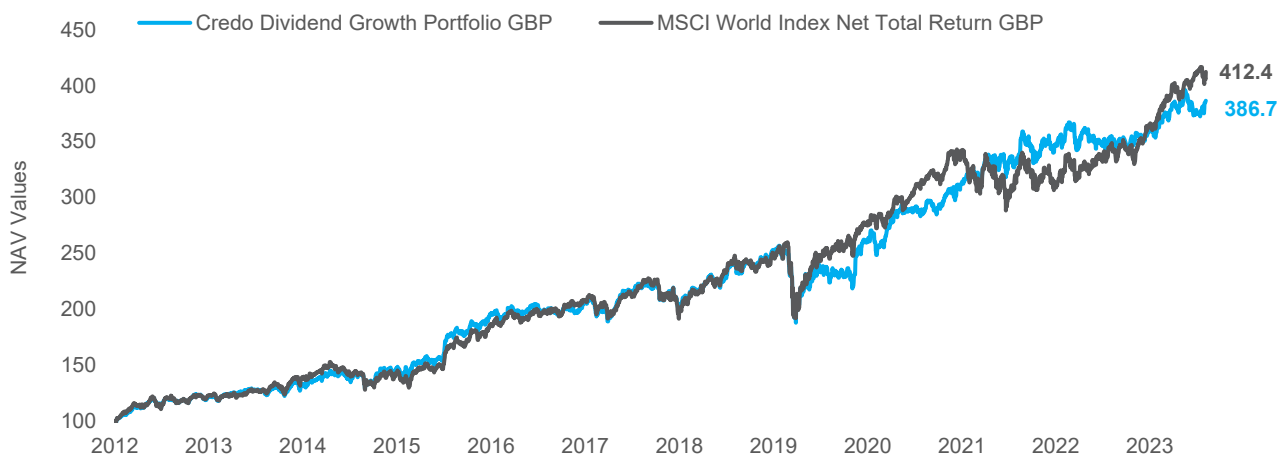
### Key Contributors to Return

RTX Corp's shares increased by 15.3% after reporting strong earnings above consensus expectations, a positive upgrade of their full year earnings outlook and further confirmation that the powder metal issue is being addressed as expected. IG Group's shares increased by 14.5% after reported results were slightly ahead of consensus and management intentions to deploy additional funds into share buybacks.

### Key Detractors from Return

Microsoft Corp's shares declined by 7.8% after global IT outages disrupted businesses using Windows, worries that the valuation was stretched and that returns from investments into artificial intelligence might turn out to be lower than expected. Canadian National Railway Company's shares declined by 3.5% after slightly lower than expected results highlighted the ongoing strike risk at Canadian ports.

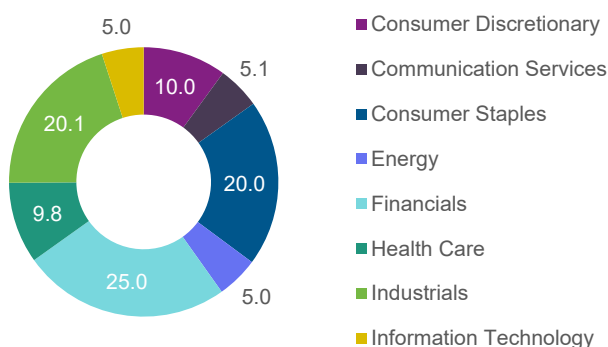
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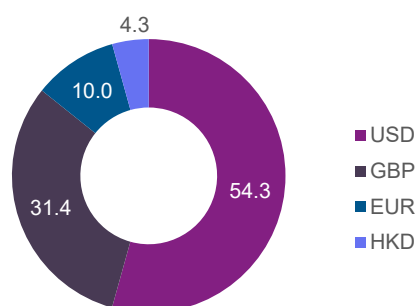
## SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
<b>British American Tobacco plc</b>	2745p	6.4x	7.4x	8.5%
<b>PepsiCo Inc</b>	\$172.7	21.8x	20.5x	3.0%
<b>Union Pacific Corp</b>	\$246.7	23.2x	21.0x	2.1%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>37.9x</b>	<b>13.5x</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>22.4x</b>	<b>20.1x</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)



## CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)



## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

CreDO's investment philosophy is based on the following tenets:

- 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>	10.8	12.1	6.8	18.3	8.5	1.8	13.7
<b>Relative</b>	-0.5	-1.1	0.9	-9.3	-4.8	2.7	-5.5

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	33.4	14.0
<b>MSCI World</b>	34.0	14.5

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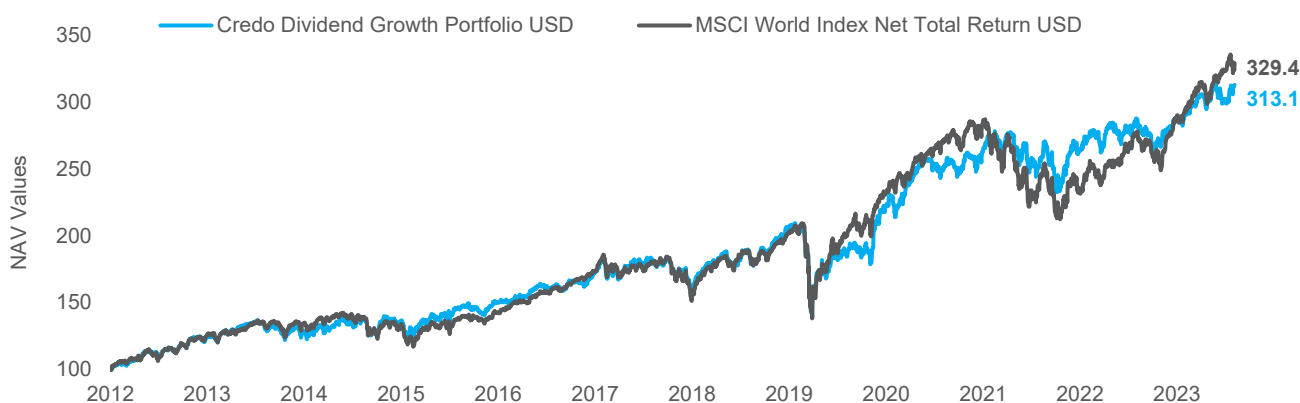
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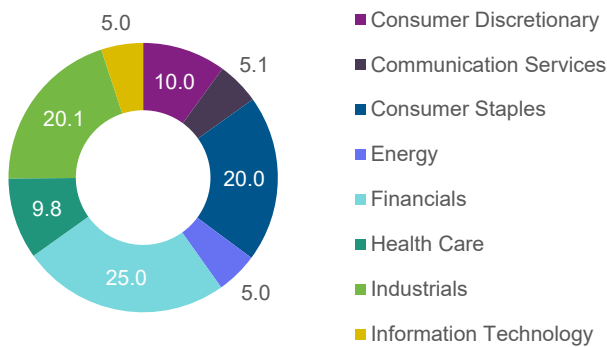
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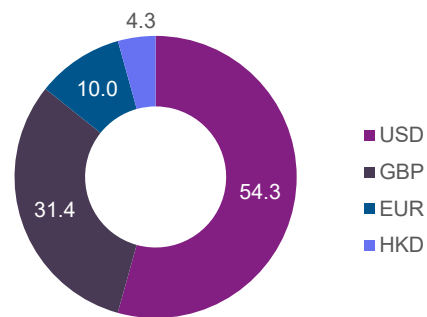
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