

STRATEGY & OBJECTIVE

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PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

	Annualised						
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	12.2	13.6	8.1	9.7	7.3	3.6	8.2
MSCI World	12.9	13.6	12.7	12.3	13.0	5.0	4.9
Relative	-0.8	0.1	-4.5	-2.6	-5.7	-1.4	3.3

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

MARKET COMMENTARY

In July 2025, global equity markets recorded modest gains supported by improving investor sentiment amid reduced political uncertainty and greater clarity on US trade and fiscal policies. The S&P 500 gained 2.2% and the NASDAQ surged by 3.7%, largely driven by strong earnings from US mega-capitalisation stocks and a surge in AI related productivity. The FTSE 100 outperformed global equities with a 4.3% rise, aided by UK commodity sector strength, while the Euro STOXX 50 edged up by 0.5%, tempered by US trade policy concerns. In fixed income, the yields on US and UK 10-year bonds increased by 15 and 8 basis points, respectively, driven by higher-than-expected inflation data and growing optimism around the economic outlook. However, uncertainty remains as the US Federal Reserve Bank waits for clarity on the impact of tariffs. Commodities saw mixed returns over the month. Brent crude oil increased by 9.5% following a less-than-expected supply increase from OPEC. In contrast, copper prices declined by 14% following US President Trump's announcement of a 50% tariff on copper imports. Currency markets saw the pound decline against both the US dollar and euro by 3.8% and 0.7%, respectively.

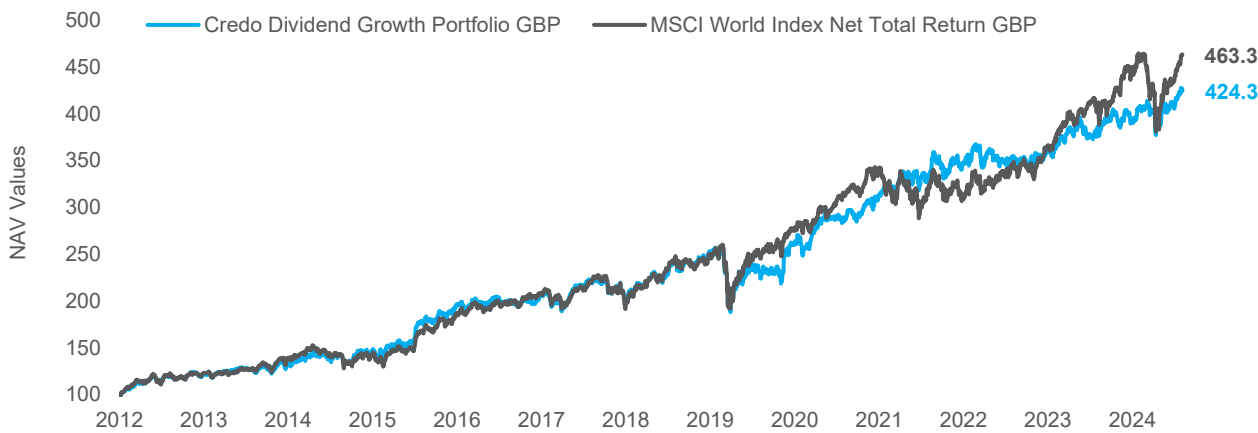
Key Contributors to Return

British American Tobacco plc's shares increased by 16.7% after management increased its revenue guide in the previous month citing expectations of strong growth from smoke-free products. The Hershey Company's shares increased by 16.3% after cocoa prices retreated, margins exceeded consensus expectations, and management put increased pricing and cost savings initiatives in place.

Key Detractors from Return

The Cigna Group's shares declined by 16.1% after the whole sector was negatively impacted by higher-than-expected medical cost inflation despite the company being largely insulated with strong reported quarterly results. Adidas AG's shares declined by 14.5% after management did not raise its outlook due to heightened tariff uncertainty despite reporting slightly better than expected quarterly earnings.

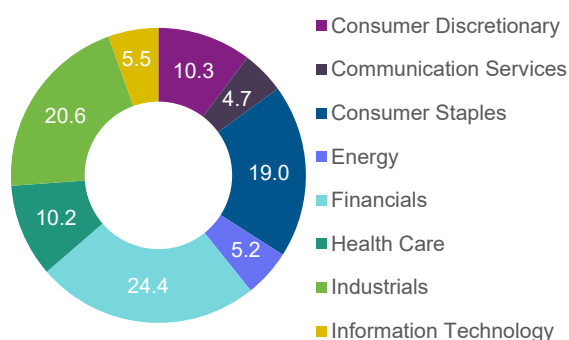
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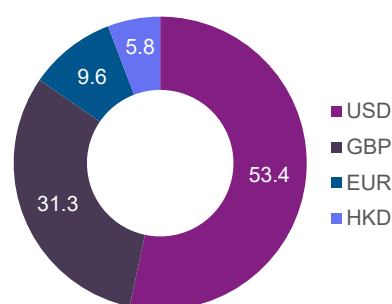
## SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
British American Tobacco plc	4040p	29.1x	11.4x	5.9%
PepsiCo Inc	\$137.9	17.5x	16.7x	4.0%
Union Pacific Corp	\$222.0	19.3x	18.0x	2.4%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>22.9x</b>	<b>14.1x</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>23.6x</b>	<b>21.4x</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)



## CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)



## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

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- 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
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Dividend Growth Portfolio	10.5	13.9	11.1	13.0	6.3	-0.1	14.4
MSCI World	11.2	13.8	15.8	15.7	11.9	1.3	10.9
Relative	-0.7	0.2	-4.7	-2.7	-5.6	-1.4	3.5

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

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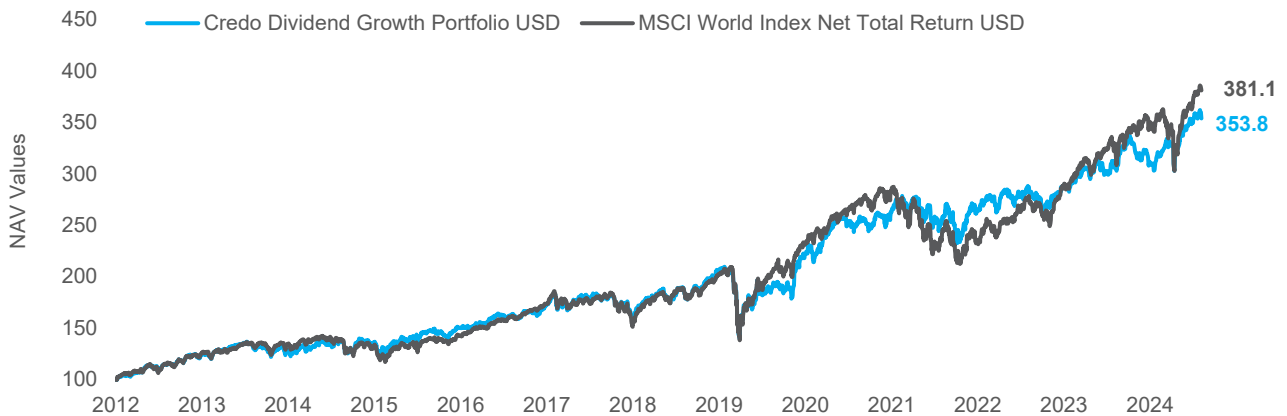
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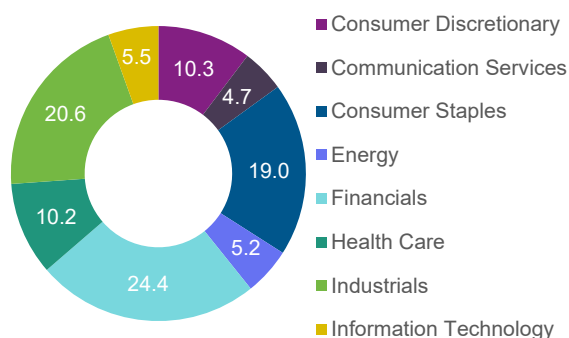
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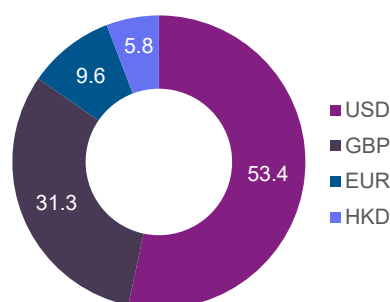
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