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

		Annualised					
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.8	13.7	6.7	8.2	-1.0	-0.9	7.2
MSCI World	13.4	15.2	16.4	19.4	8.8	4.5	14.2
Relative	-1.6	-1.5	-9.7	-11.2	-9.8	-5.4	-7.0

Risk (%)	Volatility (Annualised)	Largest Drawdown
DGP (GBP)	10.4	-26.8
MSCI World (GBP)	12.2	-26.1

## **MARKET COMMENTARY**

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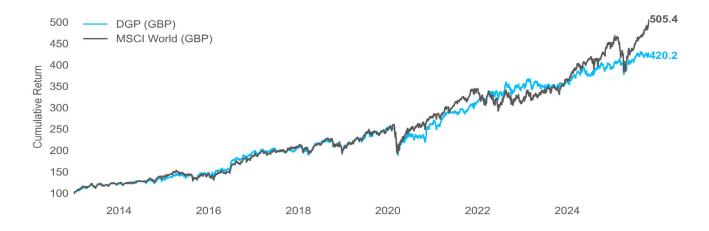
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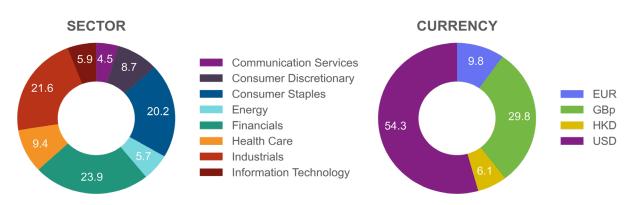
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## SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield (%)
AIA Group Ltd	16.1	14.1	2.3
Admiral Group PLC	11.8	13.3	5.5
Hershey Co/The	22.2	24.5	3.4
Total Portfolio Average	14.6	13.5	2.8
MSCI World	24.6	20.5	1.6

## **ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**



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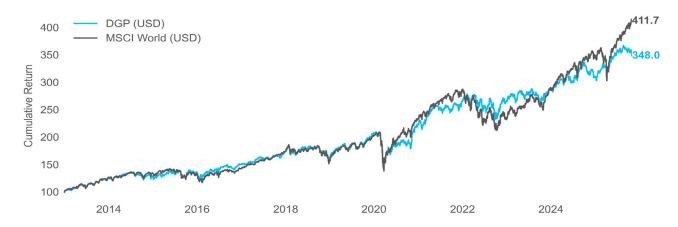
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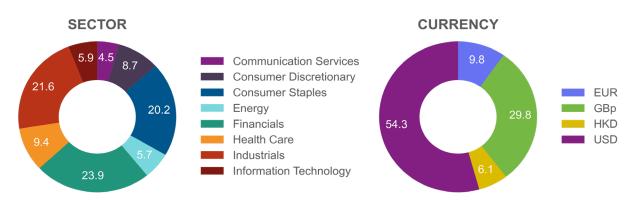
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