

## Strategy & Objective

The Dividend Growth Portfolio is a diversified portfolio (not a fund) of global equities, which we believe to be well positioned to outperform the wider equity market over the longer term. The portfolio has a bias towards developed market, large capitalisation stocks.

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

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2015</b>	2.6%	3.2%	0.7%	1.6%	1.6%	-6.2%	5.2%						8.5%
<b>2014</b>	-2.6%	4.3%	0.9%	1.1%	2.1%	-1.0%	-1.7%	3.0%	-0.7%	1.4%	5.3%	-3.8%	8.0%
<b>2013</b>	7.4%	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%	1.8%	-1.5%	3.7%	-3.0%	0.5%	5.1%	-0.5%	-0.2%	24.1%
<b>2012</b>												-1.2%	-1.2%

Cumulative Total Return	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	14.0%	-	43.7%
<b>MSCI World</b>	13.4%	-	43.1%

## Market Commentary

Though revisions to US GDP data pared 0.1% off real annual GDP growth since 2012, continuing low unemployment claims suggest ongoing improvement in the labour market. While some blue-chip companies reported underwhelming earnings, 77% have beaten estimates, and the S&P500 closed 1.3% up over the month. Gold slid -6.8%, hitting a new five-year low, as expectations of a US rate hike left investors unwilling to take large positions in the metal. Fervent musings over Grexit faded from the headlines as Athens reached a partial resolution with her creditors. Though sentiment surrounding Greece improved, corporate earnings results were mixed. Nevertheless, the DAX and CAC 40 were up 1.2% and 4.1% over the month, respectively. In the UK, speculation over the timing of interest rate hikes and the tumbling gold price weighed on stocks, however, the FTSE 100 ended up 1.3% over the month. While weak economic data prompted renewed concerns over China's growth, continued government stimulus measures supported stock markets.

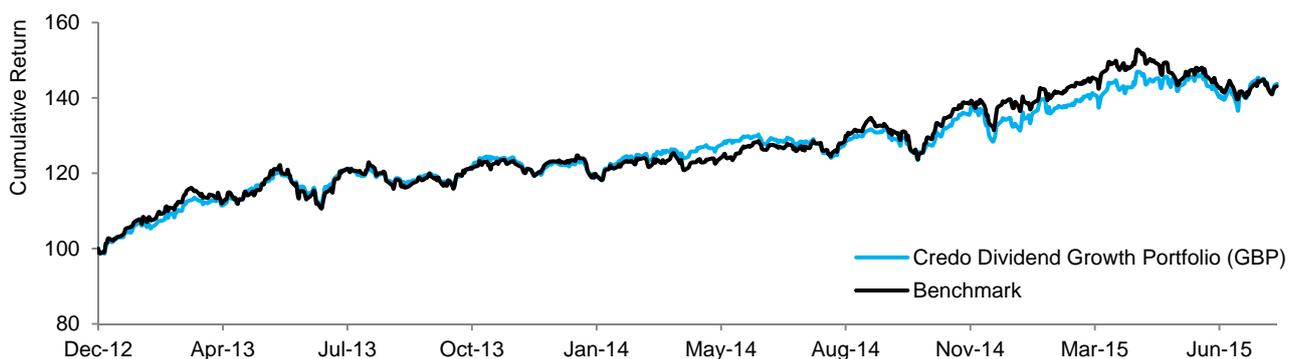
### Key Contributors to Return

Imperial Tobacco returned 9.7% over the month as US cigarette sales grew 5.4% year-on-year. Positive sales momentum, reflecting stronger consumer demand, indicates that Imperial may meet their 10% dividend growth target in spite of one-off US brand acquisition costs. In a deal valued at a 30% premium, Swiss insurance giant ACE agreed to acquire Chubb. The combined entity, retaining the Chubb brand, will result in expected cost savings of approximately \$650million, and will provide substantial revenue growth opportunities. Chubb returned 30.7% over the month.

### Key Detractors from Return

BP fell -5.9% over the month as the company reported a \$5.8billion loss in the second quarter, following settlement of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Besides the near 40% decline in oil prices since last year, BP struggled due to diminished production in the Gulf of Mexico and a write-down in Libya because of political unrest. Shares in Diageo dropped over the month after it confirmed the SEC was investigating it for artificially boosting revenue through shipping unwanted products, a practice known as 'channel stuffing'. The stock returned -2.8% over the month.

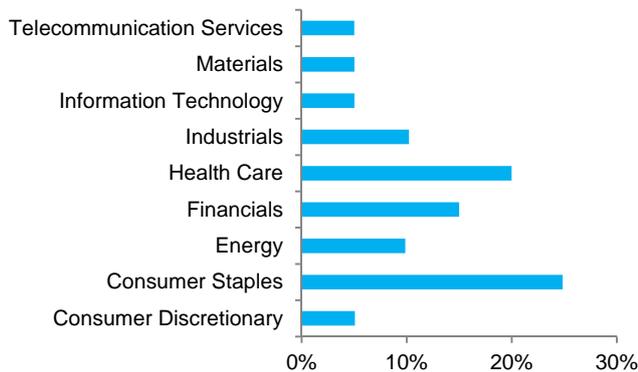
## Performance Since Inception (GBP)<sup>2</sup>



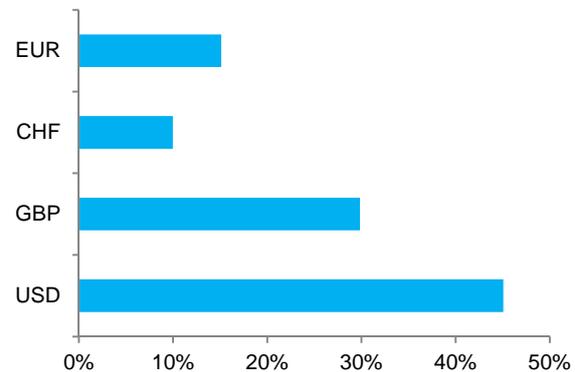
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield	2015 Consensus Price Target
BP	395p	23.8x	15.8x	6.5%	453p
Vinci	€58.4	16.5x	16.8x	3.1%	€59.7
Coca-Cola	\$41.1	19.1x	20.4x	3.2%	\$44.8
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>17.3x</b>	<b>16.7x</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>18.9x</b>	<b>17.5x</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

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- Wealth is preserved and created by following a long-term, low-turnover strategy.
- We believe in a value-based approach to investing, given that the price which is paid when investing is one of the very few things in financial markets that investors can actually control.
- We do not define risk in terms of quantitative metrics, but simply as the potential to lose clients' money; accordingly, our approach to investing can be described as a relatively conservative one, focusing first and foremost on capital preservation.
- Yield is an important consideration across all asset classes.
- Transaction costs have the potential to erode investment returns quickly; based on this, we not only follow a low-turnover approach, but we also apply our minds when considering transaction size.
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<b>2013</b>	5.0%	-1.2%	3.0%	5.0%	-0.6%	-1.4%	3.6%	-1.1%	5.0%	4.3%	1.4%	1.0%	26.6%
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Cumulative Total Return	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
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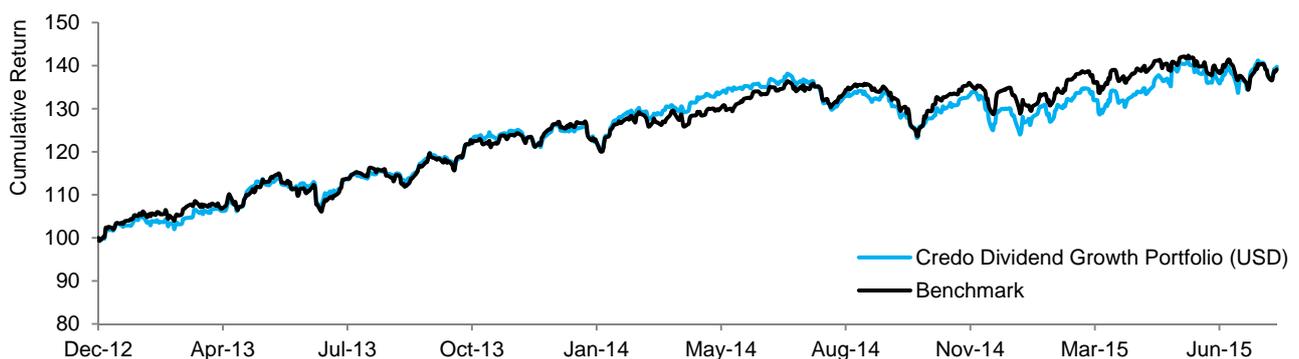
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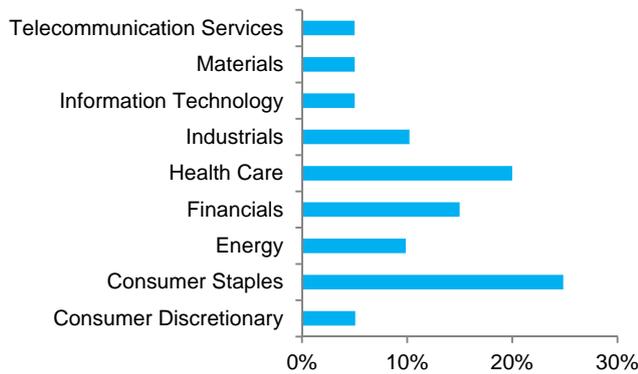
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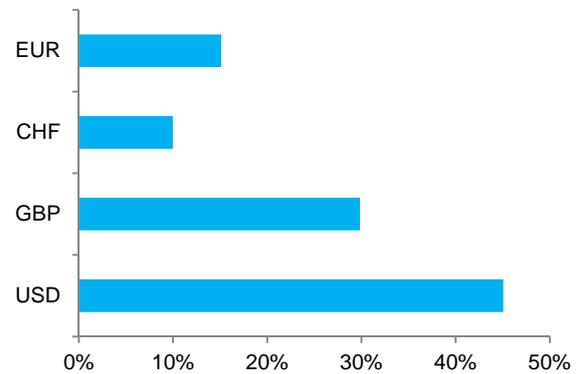
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