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# Strategy & Objective

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

Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
49.3%	43.6%	5.6%
-	-	-
8.4%	3.2%	5.3%
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12.7%	4.6%	8.2%
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## **Market Commentary**

US stocks rose over the last month, buoyed by comments in the Fed's most recent meeting that conditions for a rate rise may "well be met" come December. Attention now turns on Fed Chair Janet Yellen's speech to Congress on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 rose 0.1%. While the US seeks to tighten, remarks by Mario Draghi that policymakers would "do what they must" to raise inflation led investors to expect a boost to monetary stimulus. The Stoxx 600 rallied 2.7% over the month. In Asia, Japan slipped back into recession. Nevertheless, the Bank of Japan maintained their view that the inflationary trend is improving. The Japanese Topix was up 1.4% over the month. Following a meeting of the IMF's executive board, from October 2016 the Chinese yuan is to be added to the SDR basket of reserve currencies, with a weight of 10.9%, topping that of the yen and pound sterling.

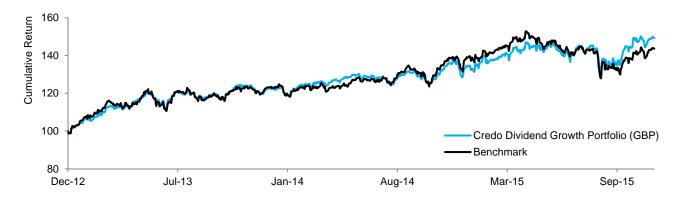
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#### **Key Detractors from Return**

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### Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>



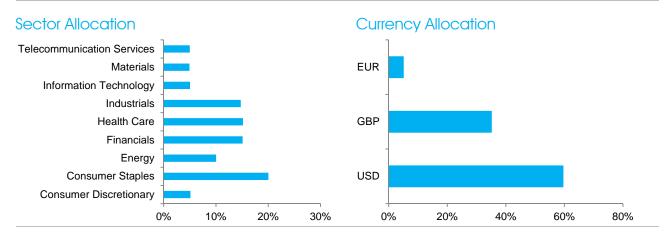
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# Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
BP	385p	31.5x	15.9x	6.8%
United Technologies	\$96.1	13.3x	15.3x	2.7%
Coca-Cola	\$42.6	20.0x	21.4x	3.1%
Total Portfolio Average		17.0x	16.2x	3.4%
MSCI World		19.8x	17.1x	2.5%



## Investment Philosophy

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

- 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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## Portfolio Performance (USD)<sup>1</sup>

Long Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
Since Inception	39.6%	34.4%	5.3%
3 Year	-	-	-
1 Year	4.3%	-0.7%	5.1%
Short Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
YTD	8.8%	0.9%	7.9%
3 Months	6.0%	3.4%	2.6%
1 Month	-1.3%	-0.5%	-0.8%

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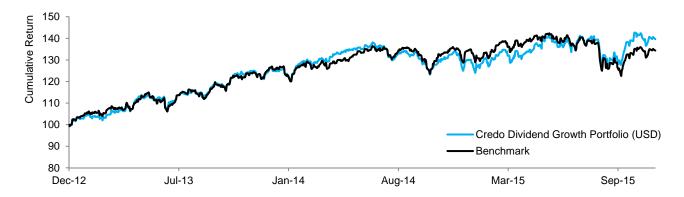
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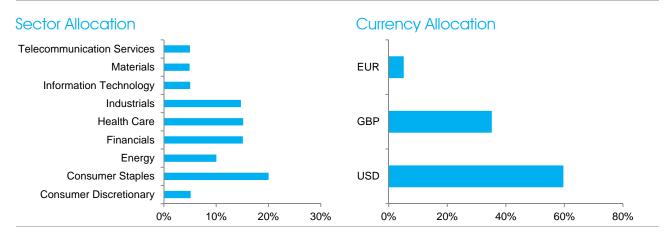
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