

## 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>1,2</sup>

| Long Term Returns      | Dividend Growth Portfolio | MSCI World | Relative Return |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Since Inception</b> | 74.8%                     | 61.0%      | 13.8%           |
| <b>3 Year</b>          | 50.3%                     | 40.0%      | 10.3%           |
| <b>1 Year</b>          | 27.9%                     | 15.3%      | 12.6%           |

| Short Term Returns | Dividend Growth Portfolio | MSCI World | Relative Return |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>YTD</b>         | 16.9%                     | 11.8%      | 5.1%            |
| <b>3 Months</b>    | 12.8%                     | 9.6%       | 3.2%            |
| <b>1 Month</b>     | 10.1%                     | 8.1%       | 2.0%            |

## Market Commentary

The surprise decision of the UK to leave the European Union sparked a sell off across global markets the day after the vote, with the MSCI UK Total Return Index and sterling down -3.1% and -7.9%, respectively. In the following days, whilst sterling continued to slide, reaching a 30 year low against the dollar, the UK equity market pared losses and the MSCI UK ended the month up 5.0%. Resurgent uncertainty pushed out expectations of interest rate rises while central banks are determined to provide accommodative monetary policy. The US market also recovered in the week after the referendum, with the S&P500 finishing flat for June. In Europe, the STOXX 50 was down -6.2% while worries surrounding contagion mounted. In Japan, following the UK result the yen rose sharply against the US dollar, gaining 7.3% over the month. As reports emerged that US crude stockpiles are dwindling, Brent Crude repeatedly pierced \$50 per barrel.

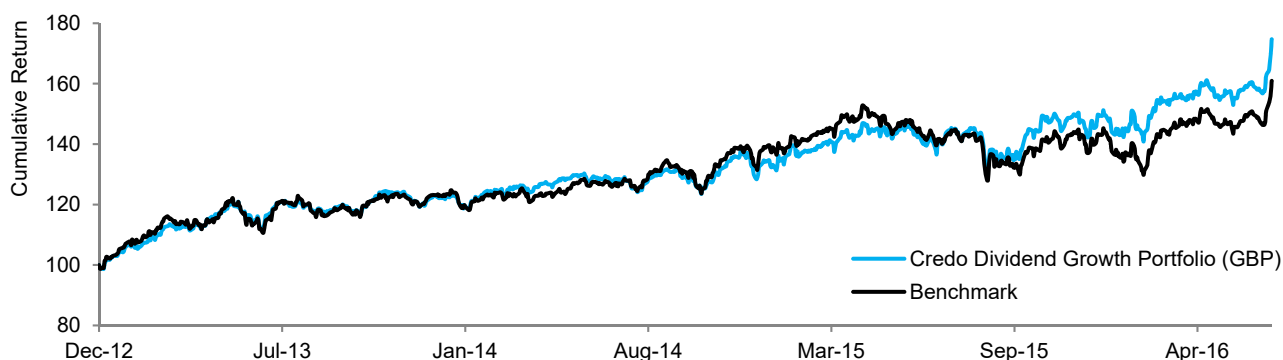
### Key Contributors to Return

Despite the operational uncertainty of Brexit, Diageo is a likely beneficiary due to currency swings, while transaction windfalls can help to restore competitiveness in Scotch. In the case that the UK government fail to negotiate access to the single market, import tariffs for spirits into the EU under the WTO are already at zero. The stock returned 11.5%. BP rose 22.6% over the month, largely on the back of sterling weakness in the wake of the Brexit vote. As oil and gas sales are denominated in dollars, companies such as BP, which operate in the UK, are able to boost their profits. The company also plans to expand their LNG operations in Indonesia.

### Key Detractors from Return

Las Vegas Sands fell -4.4% over the month as Macau's gaming revenues fell for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive month. While this is likely to prove detrimental to Las Vegas Sands' revenues in the region, China's corruption crackdown has driven casino operators to focus on tourists and recreational gamblers; areas which continue to show modest growth. Prudential fell sharply following the vote as investors feared earnings and solvency erosion, subdued premiums and reinvestment pressures due to low rates. Nevertheless, with an expanding global presence, Prudential is likely to be a material beneficiary from favourable currency translation impacts. The stock fell -8.9%.

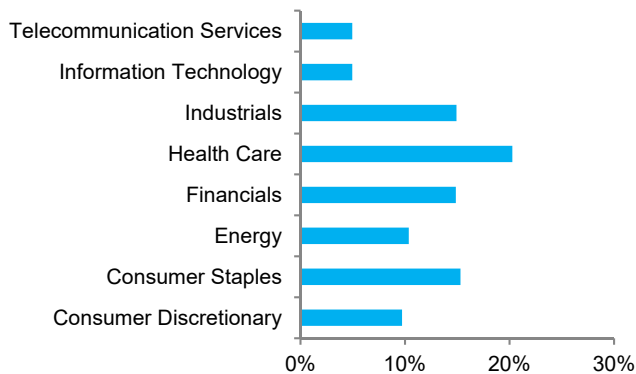
## Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>



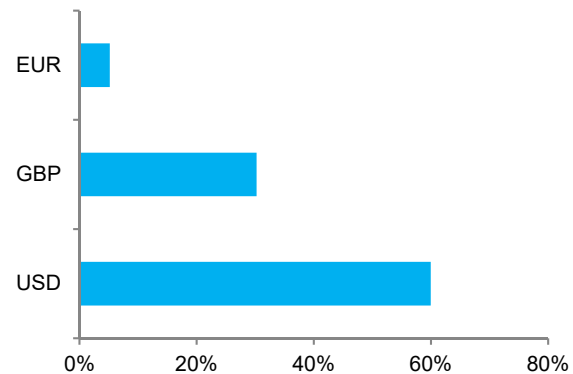
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

|                                | Current Price | Trailing 12 Month P/E | 12 Month Forward P/E | Dividend Yield |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| BP                             | 438p          | 153.1x                | 30.3x                | 6.3%           |
| United Technologies            | \$102.6       | 16.1x                 | 15.7x                | 2.6%           |
| Las Vegas Sands                | \$43.5        | 19.1x                 | 18.8x                | 6.6%           |
| <b>Total Portfolio Average</b> |               | <b>18.0x</b>          | <b>16.7x</b>         | <b>3.3%</b>    |
| <b>MSCI World</b>              |               | <b>20.9x</b>          | <b>16.8x</b>         | <b>2.7%</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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## Portfolio Performance (USD)<sup>1,2</sup>

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|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Since Inception</b> | 44.2%                     | 32.8%      | 11.4%           |
| <b>3 Year</b>          | 31.4%                     | 22.4%      | 9.0%            |
| <b>1 Year</b>          | 7.9%                      | -2.8%      | 10.7%           |

| Short Term Returns | Dividend Growth Portfolio | MSCI World | Relative Return |
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| <b>YTD</b>         | 5.3%                      | 0.7%       | 4.6%            |
| <b>3 Months</b>    | 3.9%                      | 1.0%       | 2.9%            |
| <b>1 Month</b>     | 0.7%                      | -1.1%      | 1.8%            |

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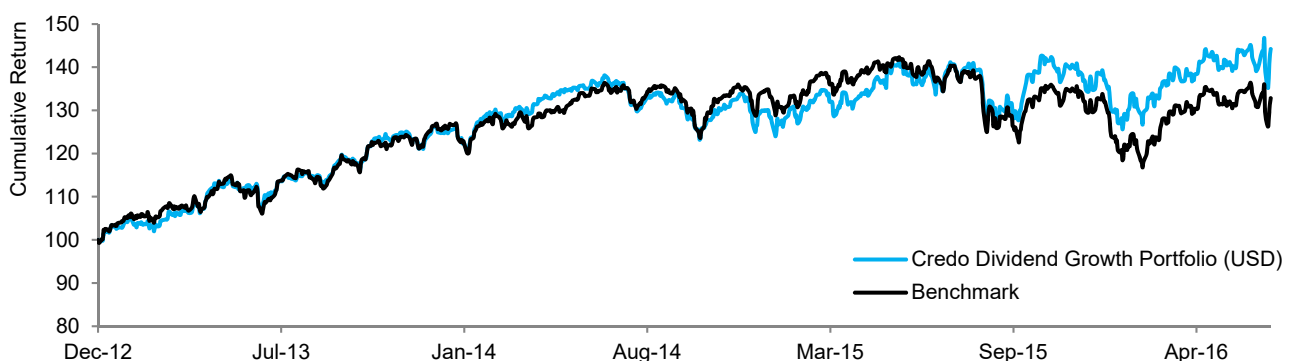
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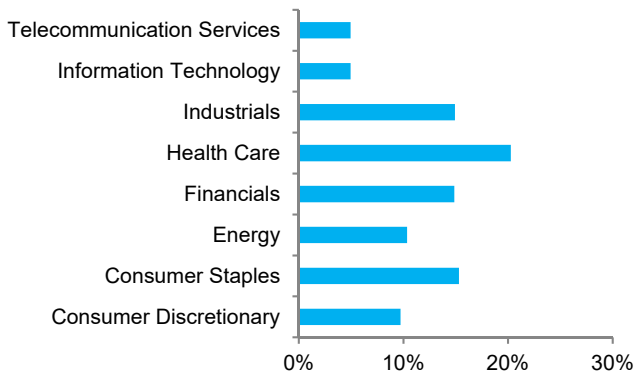
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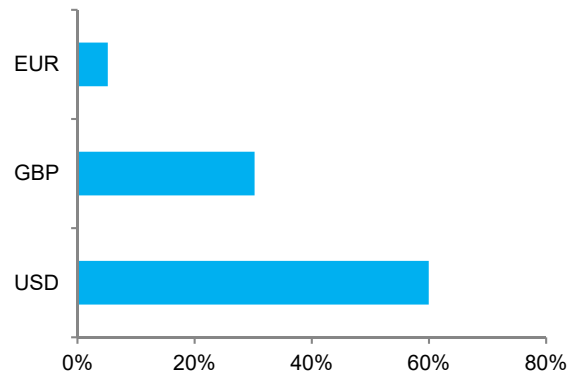
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