# Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP) November 2017



#### Strategy & Objective

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#### Portfolio Performance (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

					Annualised	
Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	S. Inception
Dividend Growth Portfolio	1.9	-0.1	-0.3	5.5	13.4	15.0
MSCI World	10.4	0.4	1.6	14.4	13.6	15.6
Relative	-8.5	-0.5	-1.9	-8.9	-0.2	-0.6
Risk (%)			Largest Drawdown Volatility (Anr		ty (Annualised)	
Dividend Growth Portfolio				11.2		11.2
MSCI World			16.2		11.7	

## Market Commentary

November was a positive month for US equities, where the S&P 500 rose 3.1%. This was against the backdrop of a potential probusiness tax reform bill. In contrast, markets across continental Europe were down over the period, with the CAC 40 and DAX falling 2.3% and 1.6% respectively. During the period, inflation was lower than expected and the euro continued to strengthen against the dollar. In the UK, Chancellor Hammond delivered his autumn budget cutting the UK's growth forecast from 2.0% to 1.5%. The FTSE 100 fell 1.7%. The major bond markets finished the month essentially where they began with 10 year rates in the US rising 3bps to 2.41%, whilst the UK remained unchanged at 1.33% and German rates rose 1bps to 0.37%.

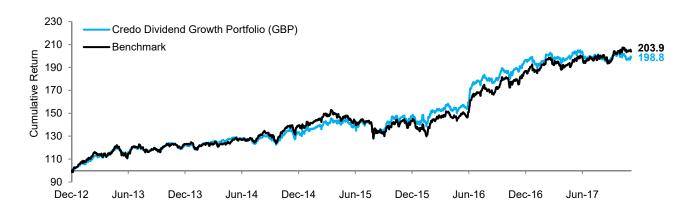
#### Key Contributors to Return

CVS Health's and Union Pacific's share prices rose by 11.8% and 9.7% respectively after there was sector rotation into those most benefitting from the proposed tax reform legislation.

#### Key Detractors from Return

Babcock's shares declined by 14.2%, suffering after management lowered their growth target for FY19 due to delays to government contracts. Meggitt's shares fell by 6.6%, reacting adversely to a series of negative results from other companies within the Aerospace and Defence sector.

## 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
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1280p	13.0x	11.9x	6.3%
Nielsen Holdings plc	\$36.7	22.9x	14.6x	3.7%
Wells Fargo & Co	\$56.5	13.8x	13.2x	2.8%
Total Portfolio Average		17.9x	14.6x	3.7%
MSCI World		21.3x	16.9x	2.4%

#### **Currency Allocation Telecommunication Services** AUD Information Technology Industrials Health Care GBP Financials Energy **Consumer Staples** USD **Consumer Discretionary** 0% 10% 20% 30% 0% 20% 40% 60%

## Sector Allocation

## **Investment Philosophy**

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- We believe wealth is created and preserved by following a patient and disciplined investment strategy that is focused on the long-term.
- We follow a value-based approach to investing.
- · We strive to identify matters of strategic importance and focus on methodologies that have proven to be robust through a variety of market cycles, rather than fixating on short-term news-flow and forecasts.
- · We aim to minimise turnover in our portfolios and apply our minds when considering transaction size in an attempt to limit transaction costs.
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility.

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# Dividend Growth Portfolio (USD) November 2017



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Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	S. Inception
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.5	1.7	4.5	14.0	8.2	11.1
MSCI World	20.8	2.2	6.4	23.7	8.2	11.5
Relative	-9.3	-0.5	-1.9	-9.7	0.0	-0.4

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)	
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.6	11.0	
MSCI World	17.9	10.4	

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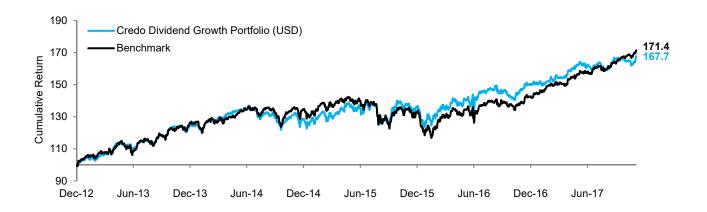
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