Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)

November 2018



Strategy & Objective

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Portfolio Performance (GBP)^{1,2}

		Annualised					
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	14.1	12.3	14.2	10.1	-1.8	2.4	6.5
MSCI World	13.9	12.1	14.6	6.1	-4.3	1.1	4.8
Relative	0.2	0.2	-0.4	4.0	2.5	1.3	1.7

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.2	11.3
MSCI World	16.2	12.0

Market Commentary

November saw a halt to October's global equity market declines, despite geopolitical risks remaining. US midterm election results have seen the Democrats gaining control of the House and the Republicans increasing control of the Senate. The S&P 500 returned 2.0% over the period. In Europe, progress was made with regards to Brexit, where a withdrawal agreement will now be submitted to the UK Parliament. With resistance expected, uncertainty remains, and the pound was mostly unchanged against the euro, while the FTSE 100 was down 1.6%. Elsewhere in Europe, third quarter GDP results showed a contraction in German and Italian production, while the Euro STOXX 50 was down 0.7%. Oil prices also made significant declines, with Brent Crude down 20.9%. This decline can be attributed to increases in supply from the US and Saudi Arabia, as well as the introduction of exemptions on Iran sanctions. The yield on US and UK 10-year bonds decreased 16 and 7 basis points respectively, as investors' concerns mounted over global economic growth prospects.

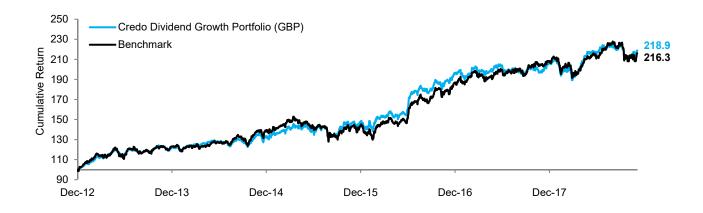
Key Contributors to Return

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Key Detractors from Return

BP's shares declined 7.0%, after the recent decline in oil prices, driven by concerns that the global market is oversupplied. Imperial Brand's shares declined by 6.7%, after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a proposal to ban menthol cigarettes in the USA.

Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



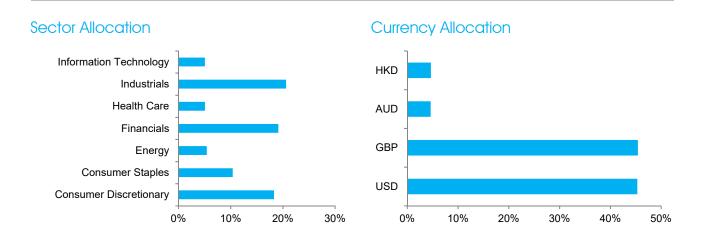
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Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Imperial Brands plc	2410p	13.0x	8.6x	7.8%
Nielsen Holdings plc	\$27.2	17.0x	16.0x	5.2%
Wells Fargo & Co	\$54.3	13.9x	10.7x	3.2%
Total Portfolio Average		17.0x	14.2x	3.3%
MSCI World		16.9x	14.4x	2.5%



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.
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Dividend Growth Portfolio (USD)

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MSCI World	9.5	6.7	8.5	0.1	-5.8	1.1	-1.2
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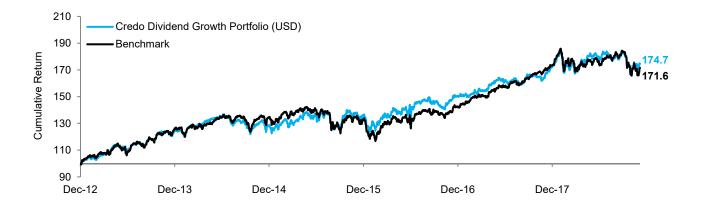
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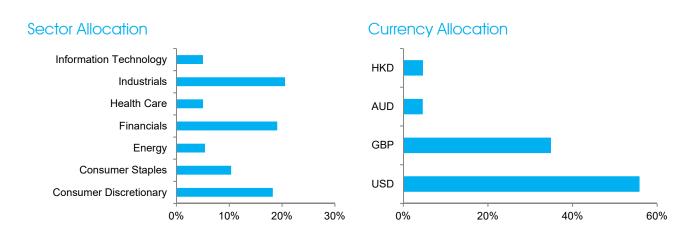
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