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Portfolio Performance (GBP)^{1,2}

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	13.4	11.9	12.9	8.8	-0.8	2.7	6.1
MSCI World	13.1	11.6	14.4	4.4	-1.4	1.9	6.7
Relative	0.3	0.3	-1.5	4.4	0.6	0.8	-0.6

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.5
MSCI World	16.2	12.3

Market Commentary

Global equity markets continued to perform strongly in February, as progress was made with regards to US-China trade talks, averting a scheduled increase in tariffs by 1st March. US equity markets were also boosted by a relatively strong earnings season. All major equity indices made gains over the month, with the S&P 500, FTSE 100 and Nikkei 225 all up 3.2%, 2.3% and 3.0% respectively. Pound sterling increased 1.1% against the US dollar and 1.7% against the euro, as resistance against a no-deal Brexit, the perceived worst-case scenario for business, increased. In the fixed income markets, yield on US, UK and Germany 10-year bonds all increased 9, 8 and 3 basis points respectively. Brent crude oil increased 9.0%, as larger than expected production cuts from Saudi-Arabia restricted supply and as demand was boosted by the prospect of a truce of the trade war between the US and China.

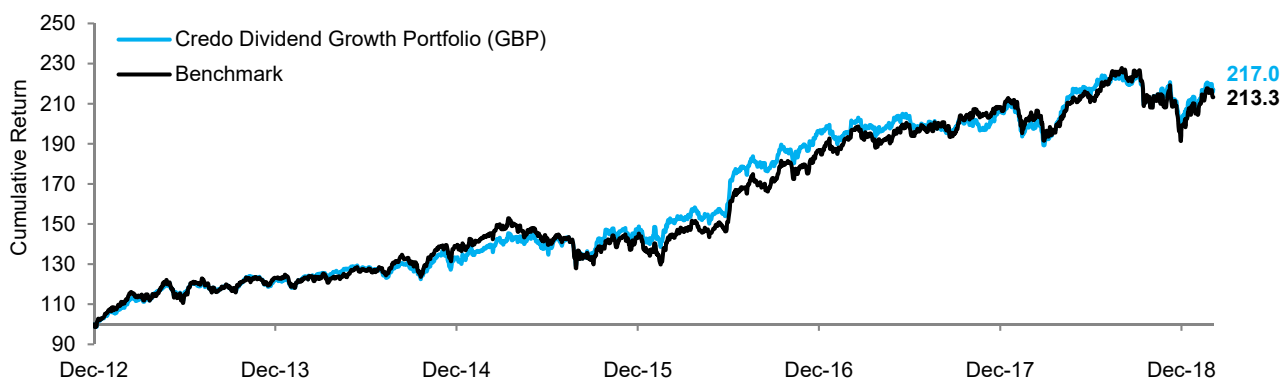
Key Contributors to Return

AIA Group's shares increased by 11.3% after the company received regulatory approval from China and as hopes of a trade deal between the USA and China increased. Microsoft's shares increased by 7.6% as technology stocks led the market rally in February.

Key Detractors from Return

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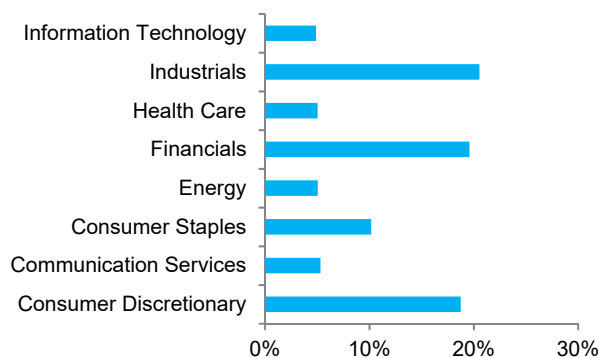
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



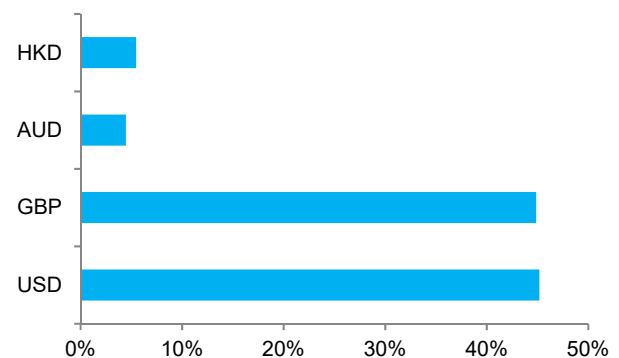
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Imperial Brands plc	2511p	14.6x	8.9x	7.5%
Nielsen Holdings plc	\$26.2	10.8x	15.2x	5.3%
Wells Fargo & Co	\$49.9	12.0x	9.8x	3.6%
Total Portfolio Average		16.5x	14.6x	3.3%
MSCI World		17.2x	15.0x	2.6%

Sector Allocation



Currency Allocation



Investment Philosophy

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- We follow a value-based approach to investing.
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- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility.

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Relative	0.3	0.4	-1.4	4.0	0.1	0.7	-1.0

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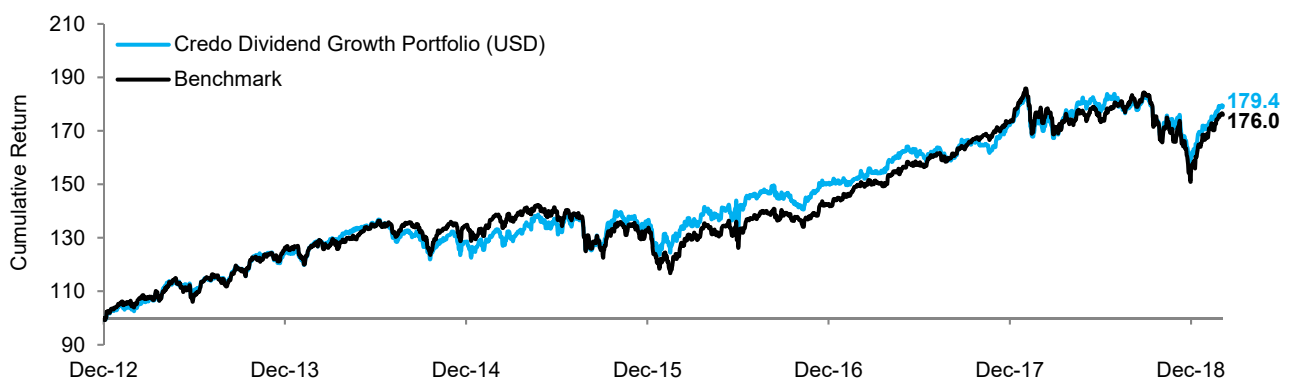
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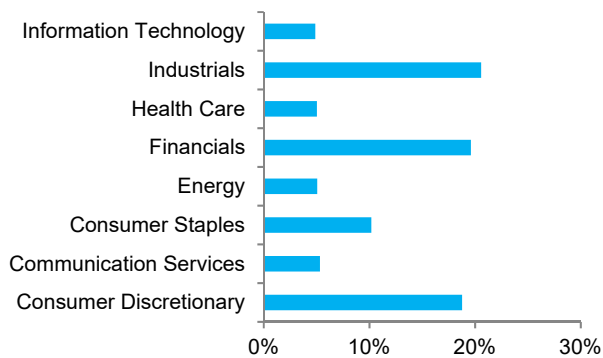
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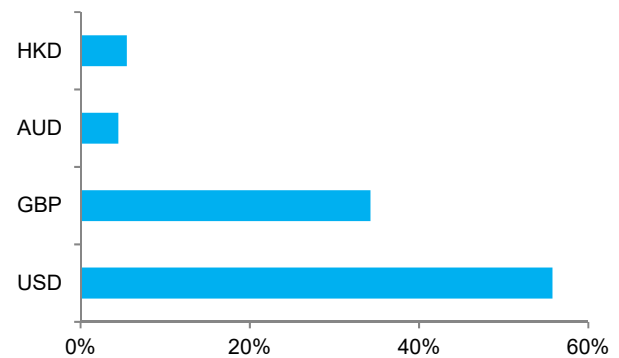
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