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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	14.4	14.1	10.8	8.9	4.8	4.2	18.4
MSCI World	14.6	14.2	13.4	11.4	7.8	4.5	22.7
Relative	-0.2	-0.1	-2.6	-2.5	-3.0	-0.3	-4.3

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.3
MSCI World	16.2	12.1

Market Commentary

July was another positive month for global equity markets, as the S&P 500 and the FTSE 100 were up 1.4% and 2.2% respectively, while the Euro STOXX 50 was largely unchanged. Crucially, July saw Boris Johnson win the Conservative leadership contest and replace Theresa May as Prime Minister of the UK. The pound came under pressure over the month, falling 3.8% against the US dollar and 2.2% against the euro, with Boris Johnson refusing to rule out the possibility of a no-deal Brexit and the Cabinet increasing preparations for such a scenario. The US Federal Reserve reduced the base interest rate by 25 basis points, which was the first interest rate cut in 11 years. Despite this, the yield on US 10-year bonds was largely unchanged, while the yield on UK and German 10-year bonds decreased by 22 and 11 points respectively.

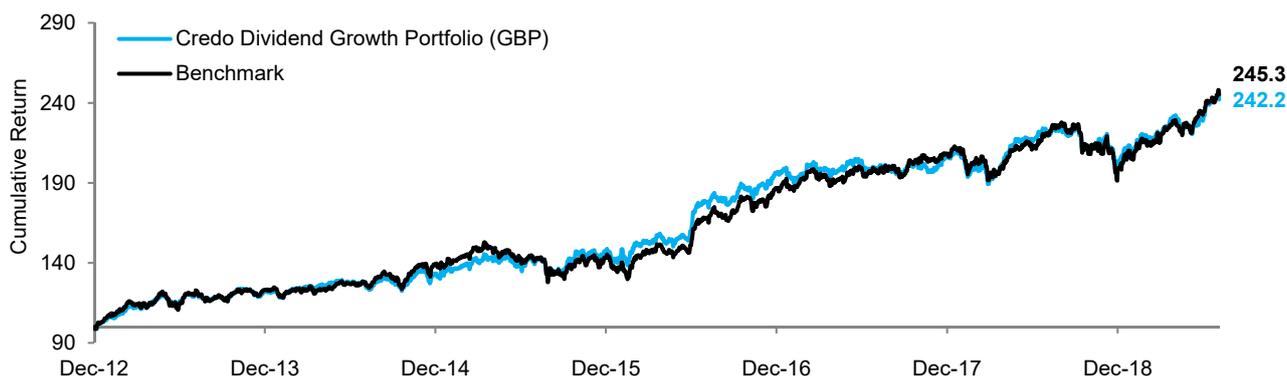
Key Contributors to Return

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Key Detractors from Return

Crown Resorts' shares declined by 4.7% after an Australian TV programme made allegations that the company had broken Chinese laws in the past and facilitated money laundering, which the company has since rejected. AIA Group's shares declined 4.0% alongside an index-wide sell-off, amid uncertainty over US-China trade talks and continuing protests in Hong Kong.

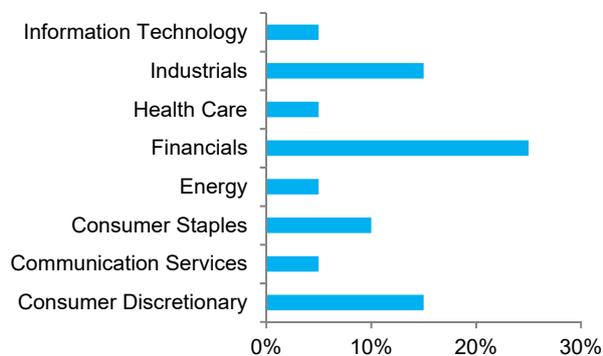
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



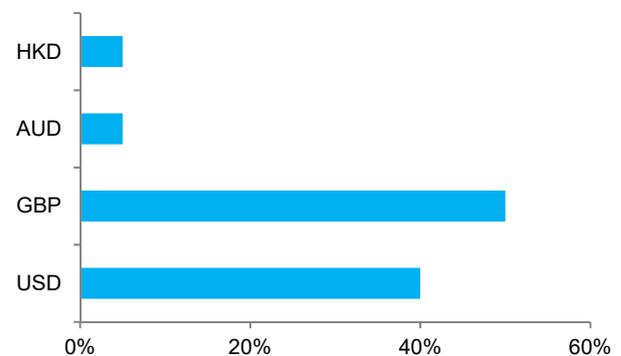
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1703p	14.9x	14.6x	4.7%
Microsoft Corp	\$136.3	28.4x	25.8x	1.4%
Verizon Communications Inc	\$55.3	10.9x	11.5x	4.4%
Total Portfolio Average		16.4x	14.1x	4.0%
MSCI World		18.5x	15.7x	2.5%

Sector Allocation



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Investment Philosophy

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MSCI World	9.9	7.1	10.4	3.6	0.9	0.5	17.6
Relative	0.0	0.1	-2.1	-1.6	-1.9	0.4	-3.6

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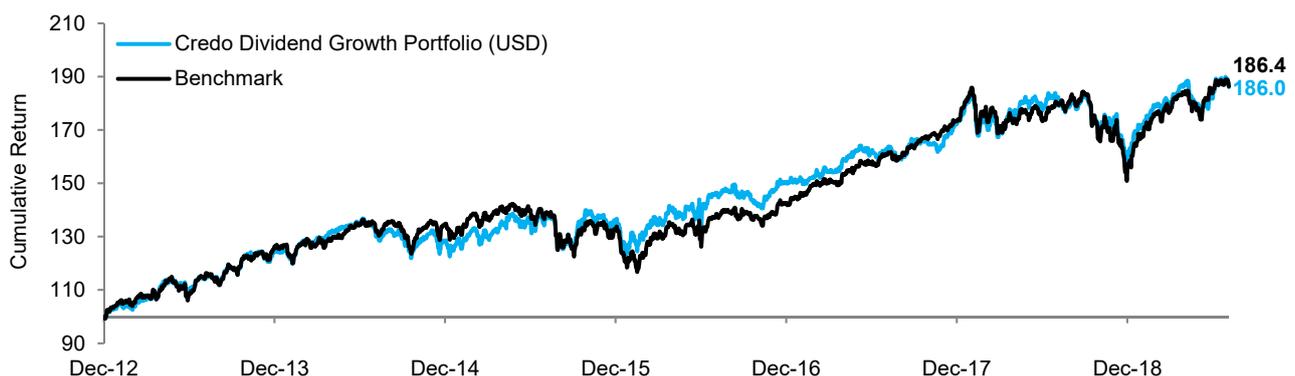
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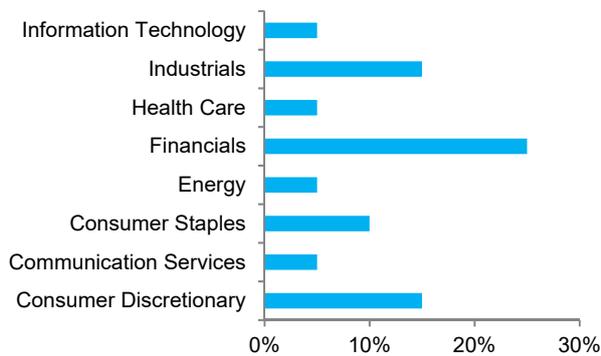
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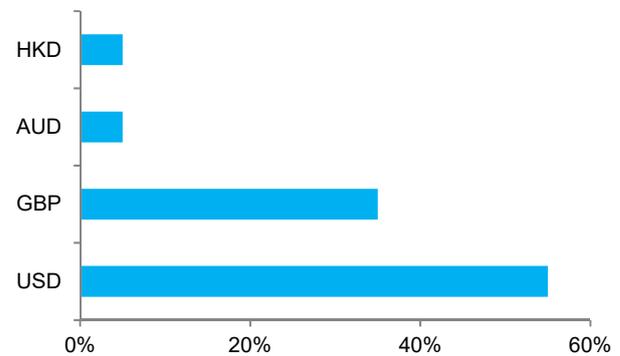
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