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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	13.6	12.9	9.0	16.9	2.2	-1.7	-1.7
MSCI World	13.5	11.9	9.7	17.1	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Relative	0.1	1.0	-0.7	-0.2	-1.0	-1.6	-1.6

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.3
MSCI World	16.2	12.2

Market Commentary

Equity markets had an optimistic start to the new year with US President Donald Trump signing a phase one trade deal with China. However, this optimism waned as fears mounted over the outbreak of the coronavirus in Wuhan, China. Asian and European equity markets made significant losses with the Hang Seng, FTSE 100 and Euro STOXX 500 all down 6.7%, 3.4% and 2.6% respectively. Facing the prospect of a weaker global economy due to the coronavirus outbreak, Brent Crude oil was down 12.6% over the month. Safe haven assets performed well over the month with Gold up 4% and the US dollar and Japanese yen both appreciating against pound sterling. Yields on US, UK and German 10-year government bonds fell by 0.41, 0.30 and 0.25 basis points respectively. As an aside, the UK officially exited the EU on 31 January and will aim to negotiate a free trade deal with the EU within the 11-month transition period ending 31 December 2020.

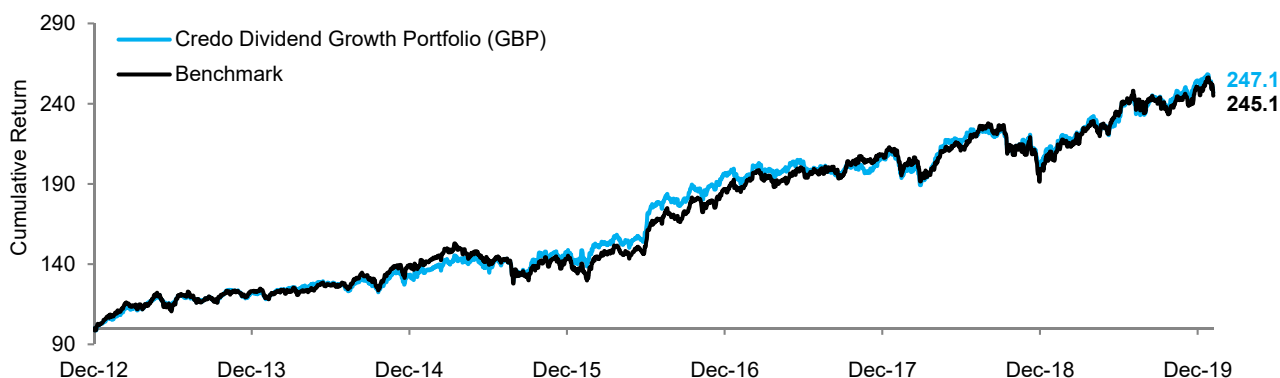
Key Contributors to Return

Microsoft's shares increased by 8.0% after the company delivered better than expected quarterly results, projecting continued double-digit revenue growth in 2020. Imperial Brands' shares increased by 4.4%, continuing the positive trend from the previous month after the US regulator imposed less severe sanctions on the industry than what was expected.

Key Detractors from Return

Wells Fargo's shares declined by 12.8% after the company reported a disappointing first set of results under the new CEO, reflecting higher than expected costs weighed further by an unfavourable low rate environment. Las Vegas Sands' shares declined by 8.4% along with shares of other casino operators with exposure to Macau, amid travel bans and increased concern over the spread of the coronavirus.

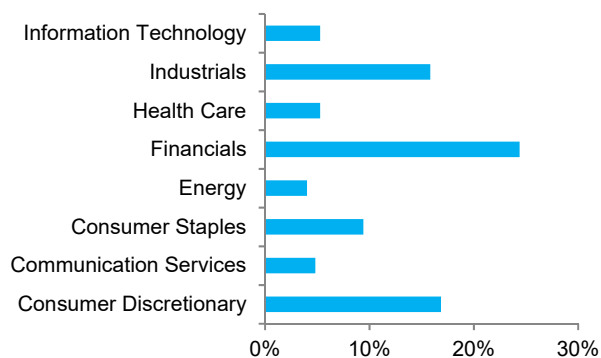
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



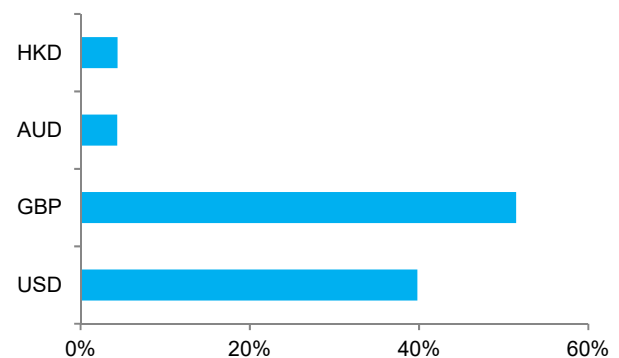
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1784p	15.1x	14.9x	4.5%
PepsiCo Inc	\$142	25.7x	23.7x	2.7%
Wells Fargo & Co	\$46.9	11.5x	11.4x	4.3%
Total Portfolio Average		18.1x	14.7x	3.9%
MSCI World		20.4x	16.8x	2.4%

Sector Allocation



Currency Allocation



Investment Philosophy

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- We seek to invest in high quality companies that are attractively priced relative to their future business prospects
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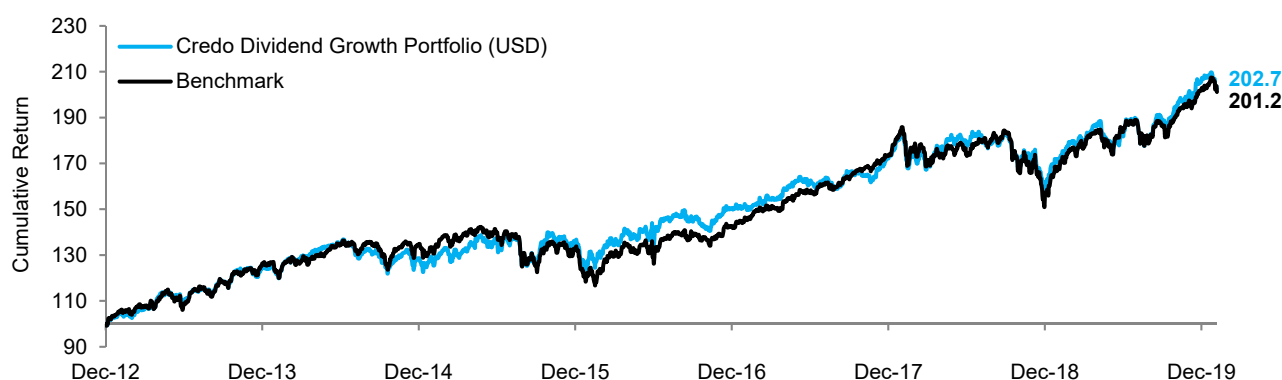
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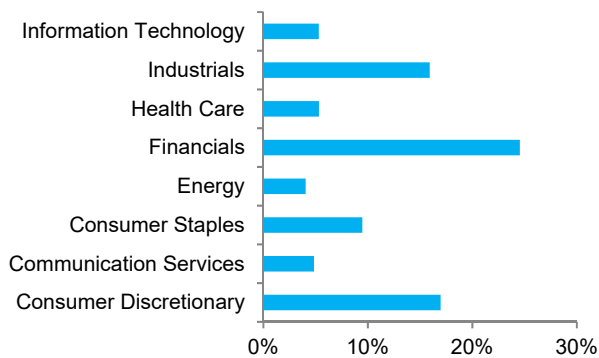
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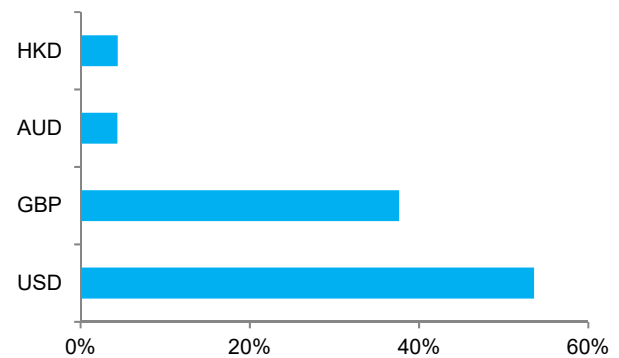
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