Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)

February 2020



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	12.4	10.7	5.2	6.6	-6.8	-6.4	-8.0
MSCI World	12.4	10.0	6.3	8.8	-5.0	-5.3	-5.4
Relative	0.0	0.7	-1.1	-2.2	-1.8	-1.1	-2.6

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.3
MSCI World	16.2	12.3

Market Commentary

Global, developed equity markets made significant losses in February as the outbreak of the coronavirus restricted travel and caused serious disruptions to global supply chains. Confirmed cases in Italy increased fears which led to a large sell-off in global equities towards the end of the month. The S&P 500, FTSE 100 and Euro STOXX 50 were down 8.2%, 9.0% and 8.4% respectively. Against the backdrop of a continued weaker global economy largely due to the outbreak and increased spread of the coronavirus, Brent Crude oil was down 11.9% over the month. In fixed income, bond yields hit record lows with the prospect that Central Banks may need to provide monetary policy support. Notably, US, UK and German 10-year bond yields were all down 0.36%, 0.08% and 0.17% basis points respectively. The pound was down 2.9% against the US dollar and 2.3% against the euro.

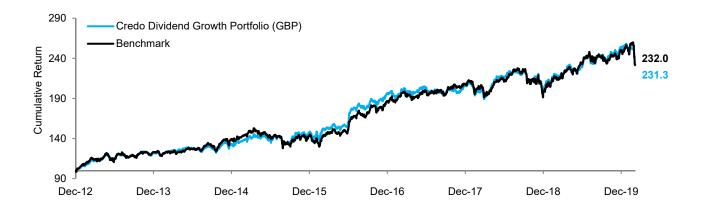
Key Contributors to Return

IG Group's shares increased by 1.5% buoyed by volatile markets which benefits trading volumes. AIA Group's shares declined by 1.1%, outperforming the MSCI World Index as Asia-Pacific shares, hurt by the coronavirus outbreak in January 2020, rebounded.

Key Detractors from Return

Meggitt's shares declined by 19.8% after the company gave more cautious than expected guidance for 2020 and 2021 owing to the spread of the coronavirus and ongoing Boeing 737 MAX grounding. Imperial Brands' shares declined by 16.9% after the company warned that its annual profit will be affected by regulatory headwinds along with weaker than expected consumer demand.

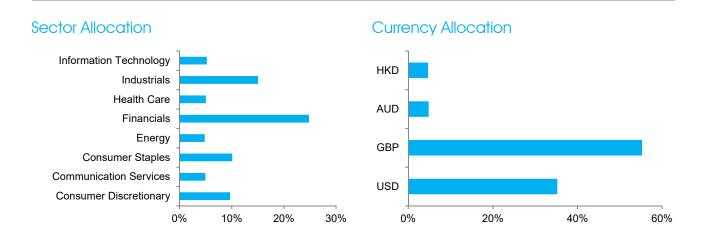
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²





Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1562p	14.0x	13.4x	5.1%
PepsiCo Inc	\$132.0	23.5x	22.1x	2.9%
Verizon Communications Inc	\$54.2	10.1x	10.9x	4.5%
Total Portfolio Average		16.0x	13.5x	4.1%
MSCI World		18.7x	15.4x	2.6%



Investment Philosophy

Credo's investment philosophy is based on the following tenets:

- We believe that wealth is best created and preserved through patient and disciplined investing, with a focus on the long term
- We follow a value-based approach to investing
- We seek to invest in high quality companies that are attractively priced relative to their future business prospects
- We believe that the market's short-term focus creates opportunities for those willing to concentrate on underlying business performance
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility

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Dividend Growth Portfolio (USD)

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Portfolio Performance (USD)^{1,2}

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MSCI World	8.9	5.9	7.2	4.6	-6.3	-8.5	-9.0
Relative	0.0	0.9	-1.0	-1.7	-1.5	-0.4	-2.0

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Dividend Growth Portfolio	14.3	11.1
MSCI World	18.7	11.1

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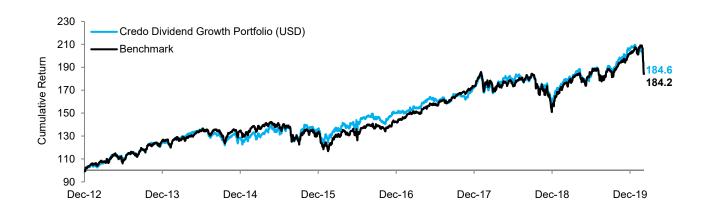
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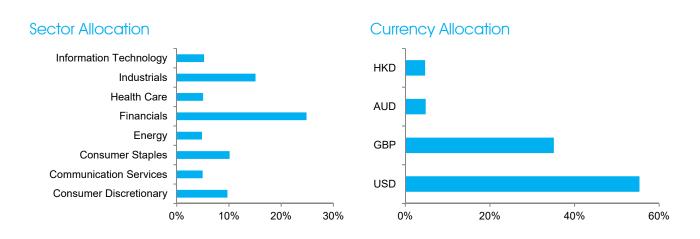
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