Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)





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	10.7	8.4	1.9	-5.6	-16.8	-9.6	-16.8
MSCI World	10.6	7.0	2.3	-6.1	-15.5	-10.7	-15.5
Relative	0.1	1.4	-0.4	0.5	-1.3	1.1	-1.3

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	26.7	12.9
MSCI World	26.2	14.7

Market Commentary

In February we reported that equity markets made significant losses following the spread of the coronavirus across the globe. March followed a similar pattern, although this was more pronounced as containment measures brought large parts of the global economy to a standstill, with many countries imposing lockdowns. The S&P 500, Euro STOXX 50, FTSE 100 and Nikkei 225 were all down 12.4%, 16.2%, 13.4% and 9.8% respectively. Coronavirus fears also disturbed the alliance between OPEC and Russia, pushing oil prices to their worst one-day drop in thirty years. As a result, Brent Crude oil fell 43.2% over the month. Further, central banks across the globe cut interest rates and restarted quantitative easing programs in order to keep borrowing costs low, improve liquidity and protect their economies from the effects of the coronavirus. US and UK 10-year bonds decreased by 48 and 9 basis points respectively. The pound was down 3.3% against the US dollar and 2.8% against the euro.

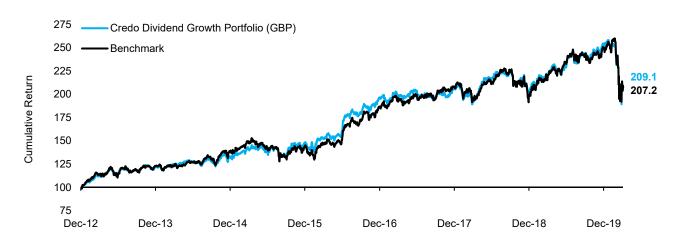
Key Contributors to Return

IG Group's shares increased by 2.8% after the company issued a trading update noting a surge in revenues following unprecedented volatility in the markets. Progressive's shares increased by 0.9%, outperforming other financial companies, given the auto insurer's defensive business, benefitting from a decline in the number of accidents in light of social distancing.

Key Detractors from Return

Meggitt's shares declined by 46.4% after the company retracted its guidance for the full year and pulled its dividend, in light of collapsing demand in the civil aviation aftermarket. Wells Fargo's shares declined by 29.7%, along with the entire banking sector, after the US Federal Reserve Bank cut interest rates to near 0% and credit markets collapsed.

Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



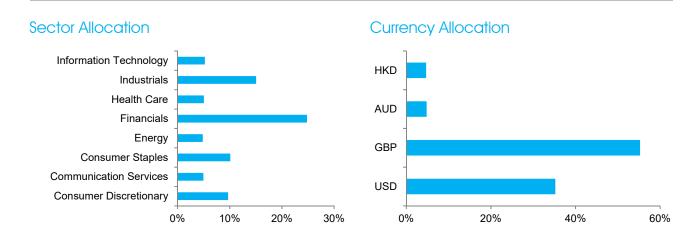
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Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1515p	13.6x	13.0x	5.3%
PepsiCo Inc	\$120.1	21.4x	20.4x	3.2%
Verizon Communications Inc	\$53.7	10.0x	10.8x	4.6%
Total Portfolio Average		13.5x	13.0x	4.3%
MSCI World		16.3x	14.6x	3.0%



Investment Philosophy

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- 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
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Dividend Growth Portfolio (USD)





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MSCI World	6.7	3.2	1.9	-10.4	-21.1	-13.2	-21.1
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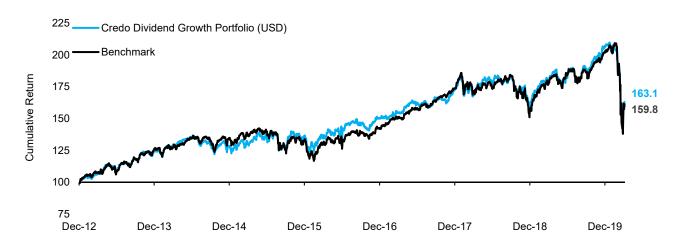
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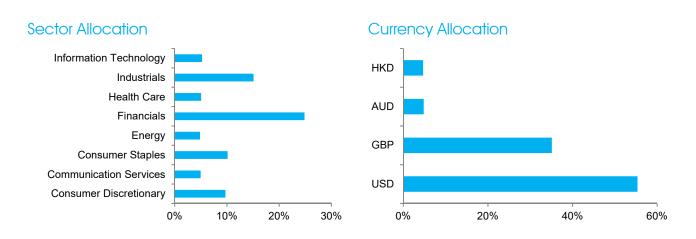
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