# Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)





# Strategy & Objective

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# Portfolio Performance (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

		Annualised					
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.8	9.7	4.2	3.1	-1.2	0.8	-9.1
MSCI World	12.7	10.5	7.5	9.5	4.5	7.1	-1.1
Relative	-0.9	-0.8	-3.3	-6.4	-5.7	-6.3	-8.0

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	26.7	13.2
MSCI World	26.2	15.0

## **Market Commentary**

Although the impact of the coronavirus pandemic continued to dominate the headlines, May saw an extended rebound in global equity markets. A clear contrast to the negative macroeconomic data prevalent in the real economy. Volatility declined as investors became more optimistic about a successful vaccine and countries started to ease their lockdown restrictions. The S&P 500, FTSE 100 and Euro STOXX were all up 4.8%, 3.4% and 4.9% respectively. Oil prices made significant gains over the month, with Brent crude oil up 36.0%, driven by eased lockdown restrictions and oil production cuts. In the UK, the Chancellor of the Exchequer confirmed that the furlough scheme would be extended until October with businesses taking on some of the contributions from August. The yields for US and German 10-year bonds increased by 1 and 14 basis points respectively while the yield on UK 10-year bonds decreased by 5 basis points. The pound was down 2.0% against the US dollar and 3.3% against the euro.

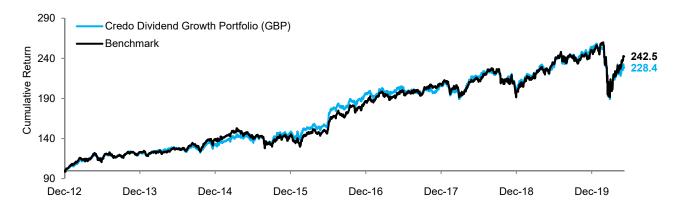
#### **Key Contributors to Return**

Chubb's shares increased by 12.9% after early judicial rulings alleviated fears of unlimited business interruption exposure, as the pricing cycle continued to harden and the company raised its annual dividend. Union Pacific's shares increased by 6.9% in the wake of the economy re-opening in the US and after being upgraded by several sell-side analysts.

#### **Key Detractors from Return**

AIA Group's shares declined by 12.7% along with other Hong Kong listed stocks after China announced plans to enforce a national security law amid renewed protests. Imperial Brands' shares declined by 11.5% after the company cut its dividend and reduced guidance for the year.

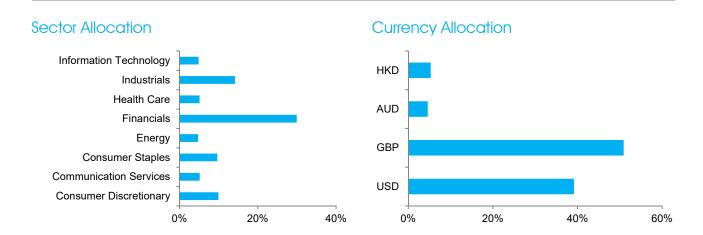
### Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>





## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1672p	14.0x	13.9x	4.8%
Otis Worldwide Corp	\$52.7	0.0x	24.2x	1.5%
Union Pacific Corp	\$169.9	19.7x	20.7x	2.3%
Total Portfolio Average		15.2x	15.0x	4.1%
MSCI World		20.9x	19.8x	2.4%



### 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
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# Dividend Growth Portfolio (USD)





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# Portfolio Performance (USD)<sup>1,2</sup>

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Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	8.0	5.4	2.9	1.1	-4.1	-1.1	-14.6
MSCI World	8.7	5.8	5.9	6.8	0.9	4.8	-8.2
Relative	-0.7	-0.4	-3.0	-5.7	-5.0	-5.9	-6.4

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	33.3	13.4
MSCI World	34.0	14.4

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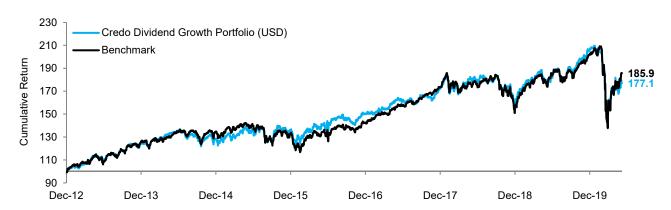
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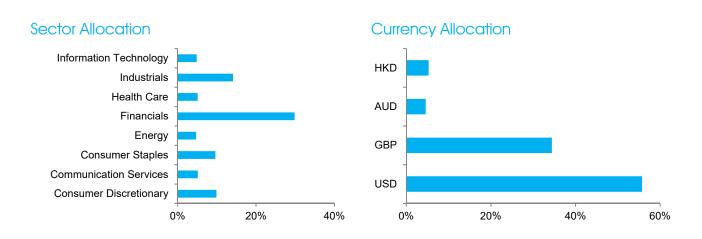
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