

## Strategy & Objective

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

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	11.3	11.1	4.9	-6.0	-2.6	-0.9	-8.6
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.9	14.0	9.1	5.1	3.5	0.0	4.5
<b>Relative</b>	-1.6	-2.9	-4.2	-11.1	-6.1	-0.9	-13.1

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	26.7	13.4
<b>MSCI World</b>	26.2	15.1

## Market Commentary

Global equity markets performed poorly in September, with the majority generating a negative return over the month. The S&P 500, FTSE 100 and Euro STOXX 50 were down 3.8%, 1.5% and 2.3% respectively. September saw the resurgence of Covid-19 cases across the developed world, as localised lockdowns were enforced across the UK and Europe. In the US, the presidential race began to build momentum with some polls showing Trump to be gaining ground in key swing states, such as Florida. In the UK, Rishi Sunak delivered a statement on the Winter Economy Plan which promised yet more fiscal stimulus and Brexit negotiations plodded along with little progress. The pound was down 1.6% against the euro and down 3.4% against the US dollar. The yield on US, UK and German 10-year bonds nudged lower by 2, 8 and 13 basis points respectively. Brent crude oil fell 8.2% over the month due to mounting fears that a second wave would stall the global economy.

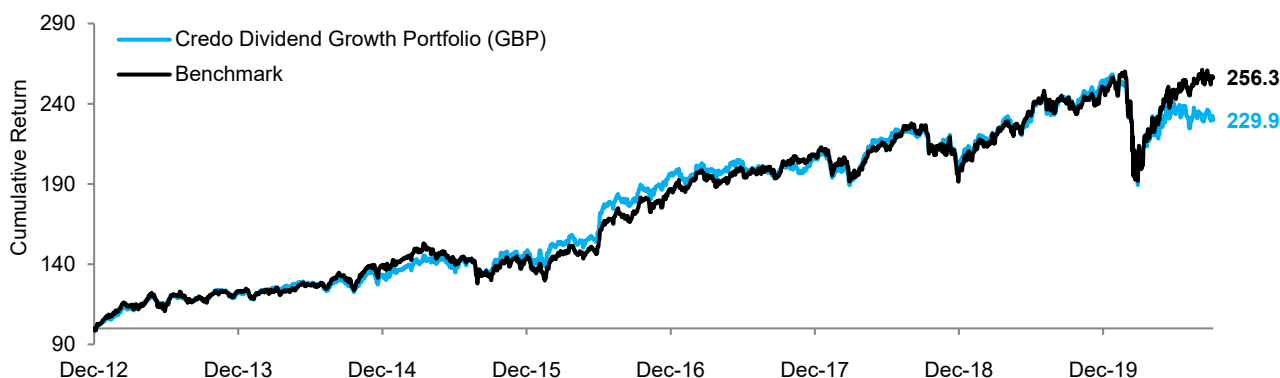
### Key Contributors to Return

Imperial Brands' shares increased by 9.1% after the company was upgraded by several sell-side analysts on expectations of deploying cash into share buybacks. IG Group's shares increased by 4.2% after the company reported another jump in revenue and clients as trading activity levels remain elevated.

### Key Detractors from Return

BP's shares declined by 14.8% along with European energy producers reflecting concerns about demand as economic indicators signal a challenging outlook. Meggitt's shares declined by 11.5% after the company reported a loss in the first half of the year and suspended the dividend, highlighting uncertainty in air traffic recovery.

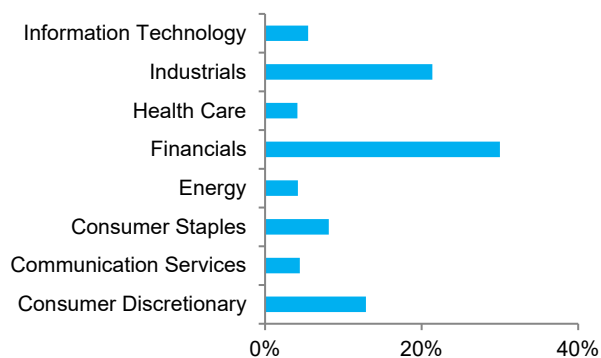
## Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>



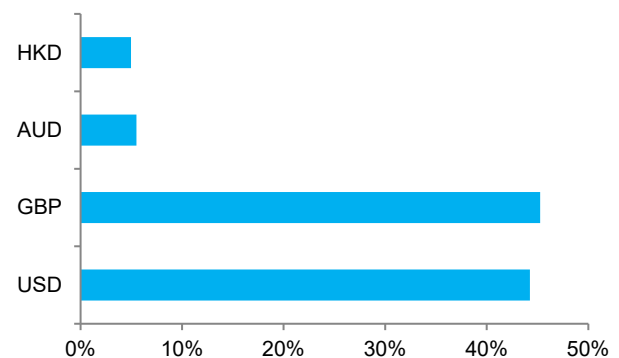
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1452p	13.7x	12.2x	5.5%
Otis Worldwide Corp	\$62.4	0.0x	25.4x	1.3%
Union Pacific Corp	\$196.9	24.6x	22.2x	2.0%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>21.6x</b>	<b>15.2x</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>28.8x</b>	<b>20.0x</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## 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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<b>MSCI World</b>	9.7	10.5	7.7	10.4	7.9	-3.4	1.7
<b>Relative</b>	-1.4	-2.7	-3.9	-11.9	-6.7	-0.7	-12.0

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	33.3	13.7
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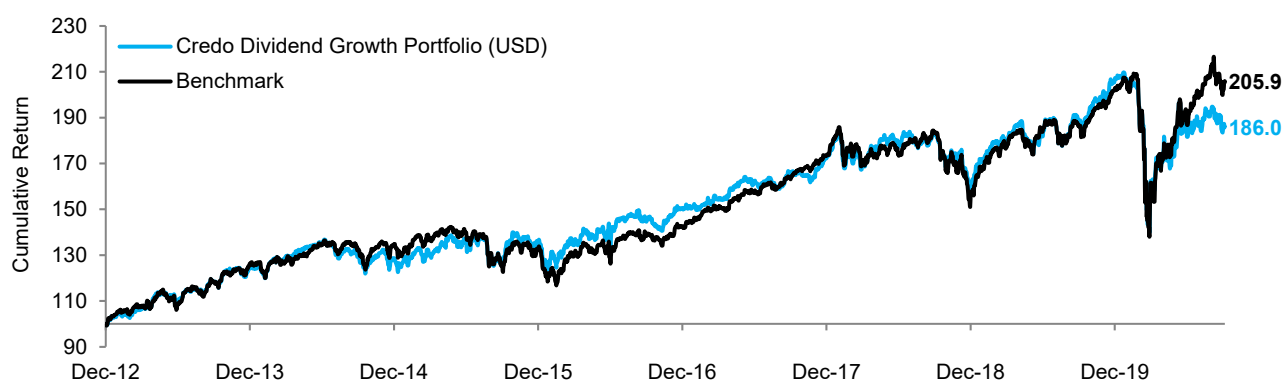
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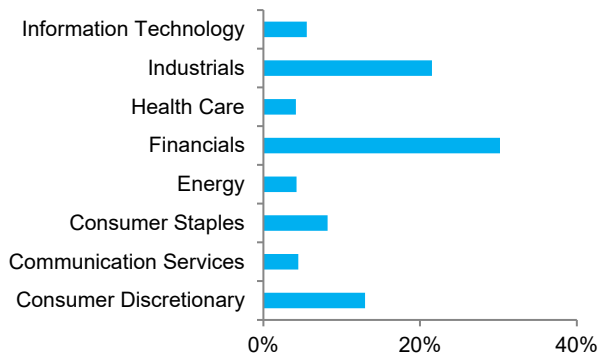
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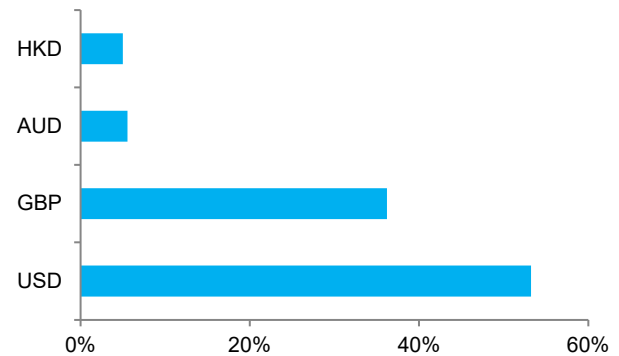
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