Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)

January 2021



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	11.9	10.9	6.7	0.9	12.6	-4.7	-4.7
MSCI World	13.2	14.2	9.5	11.2	9.9	-1.4	-1.4
Relative	-1.3	-3.3	-2.8	-10.3	2.7	-3.3	-3.3

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	26.7	13.6
MSCI World	26.2	15.1

Market Commentary

After a bright start to the year, most US and European equity markets performed poorly in January, with the S&P 500, FTSE 100 and Euro STOXX 50 down 1.0%, 0.8% and 1.8% respectively. Optimism relating to the vaccine rollout waned as new coronavirus strains were discovered and concerns over the ongoing economic impact of continued restrictions took hold. In the US, the Democrats won control of the Senate, giving them control over both houses of Congress. President Biden's new administration announced their plans for a new USD 1.9 trillion stimulus package, the 'American Rescue Plan'. Brent Crude oil was up 6.3% over the month, as Saudi Arabia agreed to cut its oil production as the coronavirus forced economies back into further lockdowns. The yields on UK, US and German 10-year bonds increased by 13, 15, 5 basis points respectively. The pound was up 0.3% against the US dollar and 0.9% against the euro.

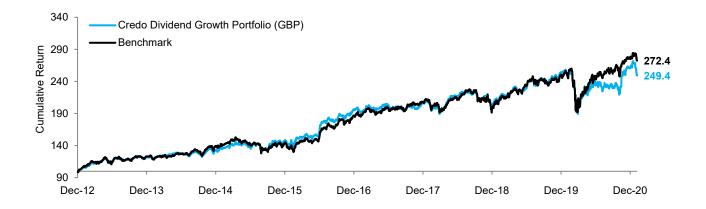
Key Contributors to Return

BP's shares increased by 6.6% after OPEC reached an agreement to cut production, sparking a rally in the oil price. Microsoft's shares increased by 4.3% after the company reported better than expected sales and raised guidance for all three divisions, supported by working-from-home trends.

Key Detractors from Return

Meggitt's shares declined by 14.9% alongside other transport and leisure shares, after news of new COVID-19 strains led countries to tighten restrictions on travel once again. Prudential's shares declined by 13.0% after the company announced it would split off its US business through a demerger, rather than an Initial Public Offering (IPO), along with issuing approximately \$3bn in equity.

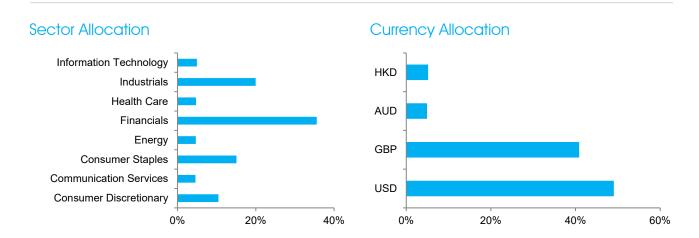
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²





Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Diageo plc	2,949p	30.4x	24.3x	2.4%
Meggitt plc	397p	34.2x	17.4x	0.0%
Prudential plc	1,173p	65.0x	10.0x	2.1%
Total Portfolio Average		21.1x	15.4x	2.8%
MSCI World		32.7x	19.9x	1.9%



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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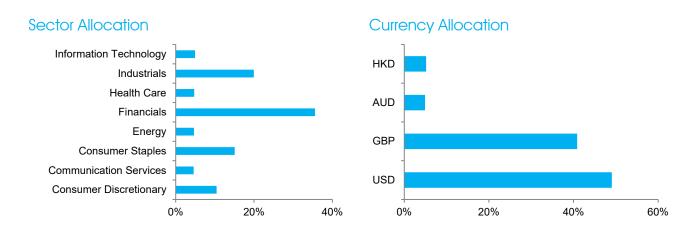
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