

## 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
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	13.2	12.8	12.7	33.1	6.3	8.6	6.3
<b>MSCI World</b>	13.6	14.3	13.4	38.4	3.8	4.4	3.8
<b>Relative</b>	-0.4	-1.5	-0.7	-5.3	2.5	4.2	2.5

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

## Market Commentary

US and European equity markets maintained their positive momentum in March, supported by the progress made by the UK and US on the vaccine rollout and further US fiscal stimulus. The S&P 500, Euro STOXX 50 and the FTSE 100 were up 4.4%, 7.9% and 4.2% respectively. In the US, President Joe Biden signed a \$1.9 trillion "Rescue Plan" into law, which will provide stimulus cheques of \$1,400 to most Americans. Brent Crude oil was down 1.3% over the month on the back of both growing concerns over increasing coronavirus cases in Europe and OPEC's failure to reach a deal on oil supply cuts with Russia and Saudi Arabia. The yield on UK and US 10-year bonds increased by 3 and 34 basis points respectively. The pound was down 1.1% against the US dollar and up 1.8% against the euro.

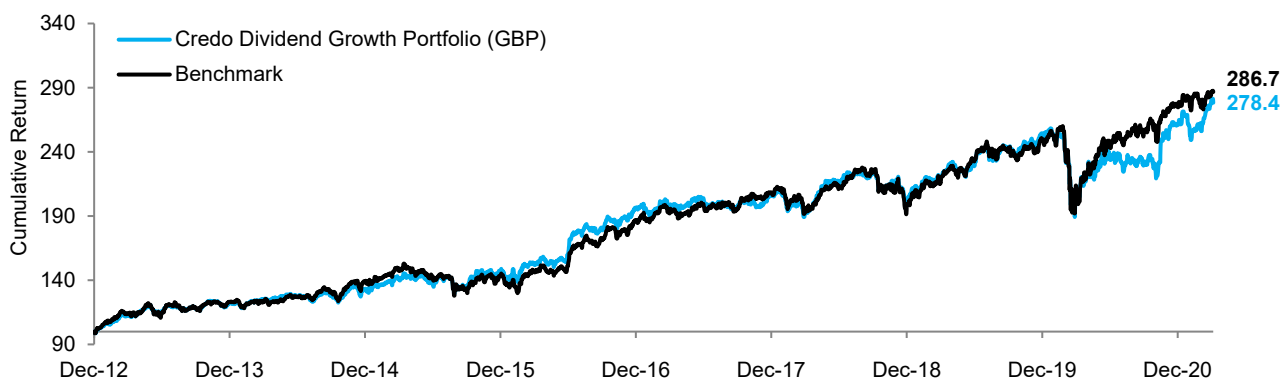
### Key Contributors to Return

Meggitt's shares increased by 18.4% along with the Aerospace sector, as the global rollout of vaccines, coupled with major cost cutting programmes, fuelled confidence in the company's future earnings. Crown Resorts' shares increased by 18.2% after the Blackstone Group submitted a bid, valuing the company at A\$8bn.

### Key Detractors from Return

AIA Group's shares declined by 2.8% amid a broad sell-off of the Hang Seng Index, as Hong Kong's suspension of BioNtech vaccinations sparked concerns over the pace of the pandemic recovery. Chubb's shares declined by 2.4% after the company made a takeover offer for Hartford Financial Services, which was rejected by the target company's Board.

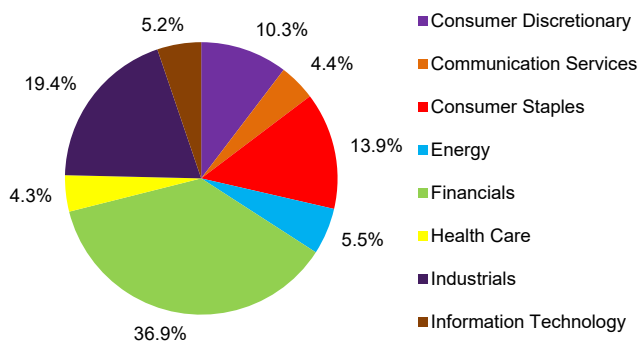
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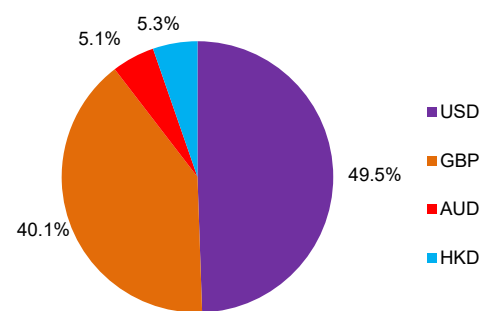
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Diageo plc	2,990p	30.8x	24.4x	2.4%
Imperial Brands plc	1,492p	7.1x	6.0x	9.2%
Prudential plc	1,541p	0.0x	12.0x	0.8%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>22.3x</b>	<b>15.4x</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>34.2x</b>	<b>20.1x</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## 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
- We seek to invest in high quality companies that are attractively priced relative to their future business prospects
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Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	11.2	12.0	12.1	47.4	7.5	7.5	7.5
<b>MSCI World</b>	11.5	13.4	12.8	54.0	4.9	3.3	4.9
<b>Relative</b>	-0.3	-1.4	-0.7	-6.6	2.6	4.2	2.6

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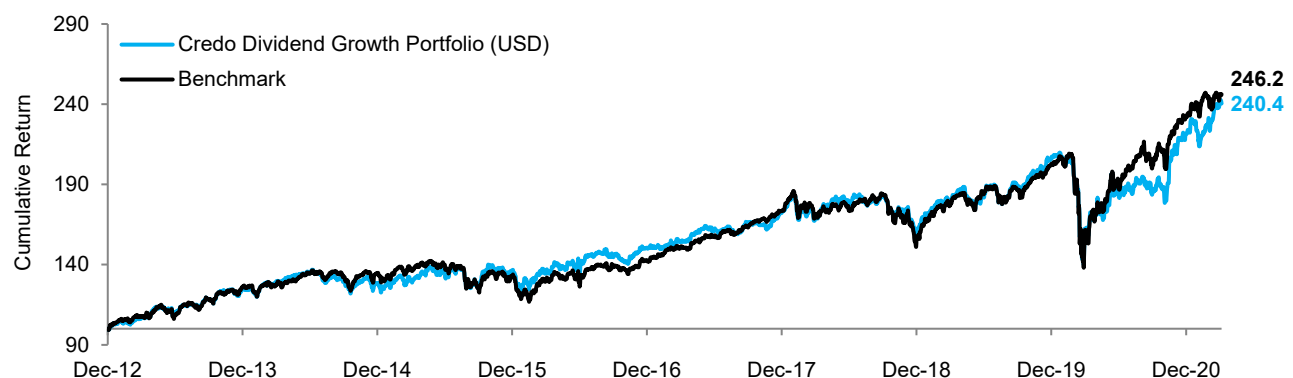
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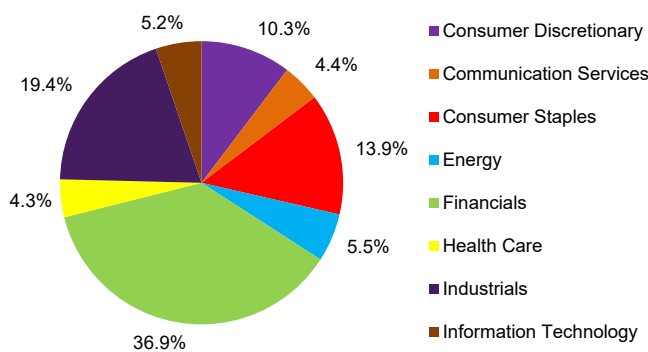
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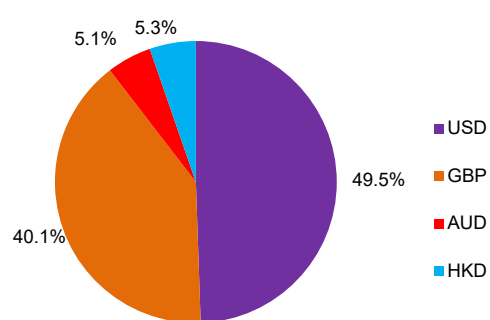
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