

## 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>	13.4	13.1	10.0	26.1	12.4	-0.7	10.0
<b>MSCI World</b>	13.7	14.7	11.9	21.9	7.7	-1.2	7.0
<b>Relative</b>	-0.3	-1.6	-1.9	4.2	4.7	0.5	3.0

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

## Market Commentary

Global equity markets maintained their upward momentum in May for a fourth month in a row as the progress of the ongoing vaccine rollout around the world allowed many economies to steadily reopen. Most major equity indices made gains over the month, with the S&P 500, Euro STOXX 50 and the FTSE 100 up 0.7%, 2.5% and 1.1% respectively. However, markets were constrained by concerns of rising inflation due to increased consumer demand and rising input costs. In the US, the Federal Reserve acknowledged it may need to consider tapering its bond purchases at some point but advised it believes the recent jump in inflation will prove to be transitory. In the UK, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's roadmap for lifting lockdown restrictions progressed to the next stage with the reopening of indoor hospitality. The yields on UK and US 10-year bonds decreased by 5 and 3 basis points respectively. The pound was up 2.8% against the US dollar and 1.1% against the euro.

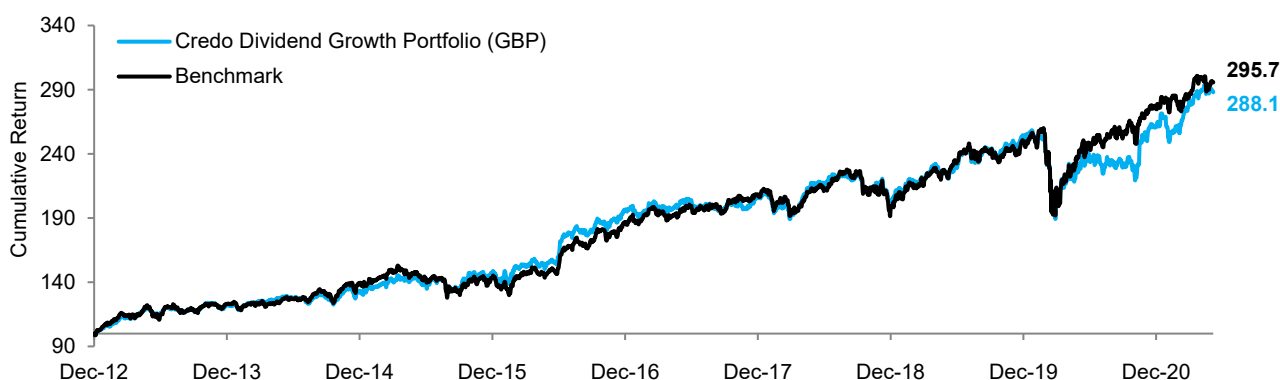
### Key Contributors to Return

CME Group's shares increased by 8.3% after a surge in commodity prices brought elevated activity in futures trading. Imperial Brands' shares increased by 7.5% after the company reported solid results for the first half of the year while maintaining guidance, despite one-off headwinds, and increasing the dividend.

### Key Detractors from Return

Flutter Entertainment's shares declined by 11.0% after the CEO of FanDuel announced he will step down, with Flutter confirming this will affect the timing of the potential US listing of the business. IG Group's shares declined by 6.5% as the market volatility which drove trading volumes higher has now receded.

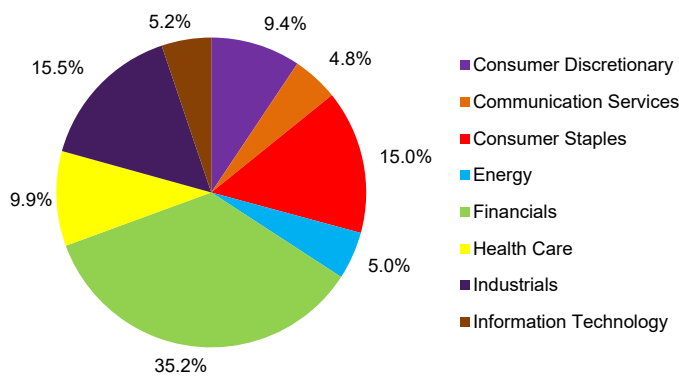
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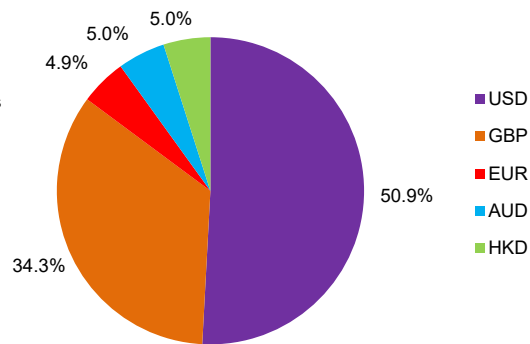
Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Diageo plc	3404p	35.1x	26.7x	2.1%
Imperial Brands plc	1600p	6.7x	6.5x	8.6%
Prudential plc	1501p	n/a	13.0x	0.8%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>22.4x</b>	<b>15.7x</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>29.7x</b>	<b>19.6x</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

Sector Allocation



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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
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- 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
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Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	11.8	12.8	12.5	44.6	14.6	2.0	14.6
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.1	14.2	14.4	40.6	9.7	1.4	11.4
<b>Relative</b>	-0.3	-1.4	-1.9	4.0	4.9	0.6	3.2

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	33.3	13.9
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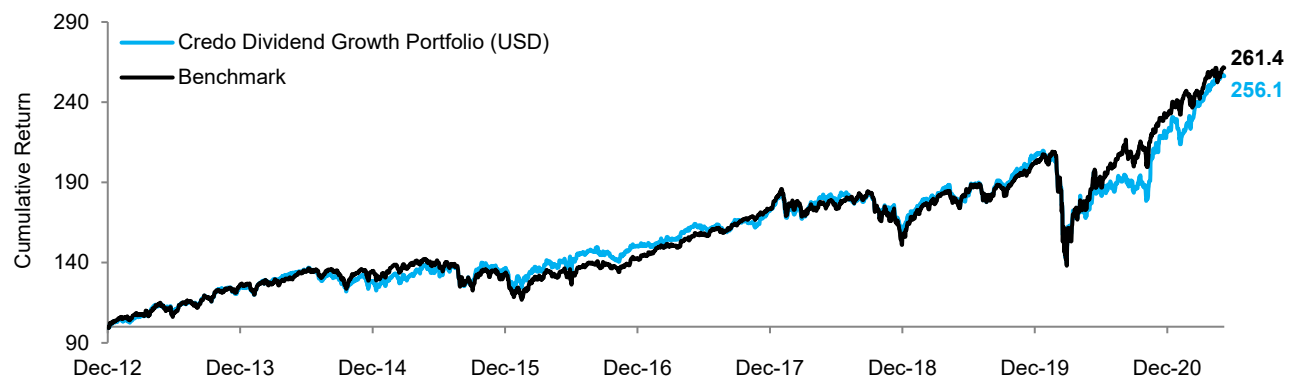
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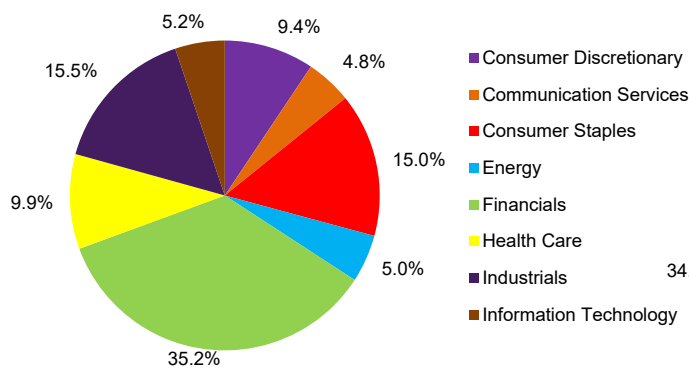
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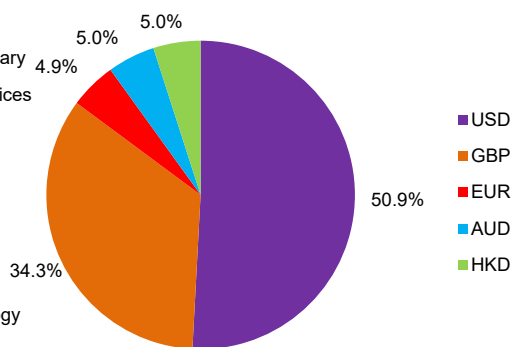
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