

## 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>	13.0	10.0	9.3	27.2	0.8	-1.1	11.7
<b>MSCI World</b>	14.1	12.9	12.0	23.6	2.5	-2.1	14.6
<b>Relative</b>	-1.1	-2.9	-2.7	3.6	-1.7	1.0	-2.9

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

## Market Commentary

September was not a positive month for global equity markets and much of the quarter's prior gains were erased as several risks came to the surface, such as increasing inflation, supply disruption and concerns over peak economic growth. The S&P 500, the Euro STOXX 50 and the FTSE 100 were down 4.7%, 3.4% and 0.2% respectively. Central banks around the world delivered a hawkish shift with the Federal Reserve announcing it would start tapering asset purchases and the Bank of England suggesting it may put up interest rates, both before the end of the year. On the back of this narrative, the yields on US, UK and German 10-year bonds increased by 18, 31 and 18 basis points respectively. Brent crude oil increased by 10.2% due to rising global demand being met with tight supply as a result of the global lockdowns. The pound was down against the euro and the US dollar by 0.1% and 2.0% respectively.

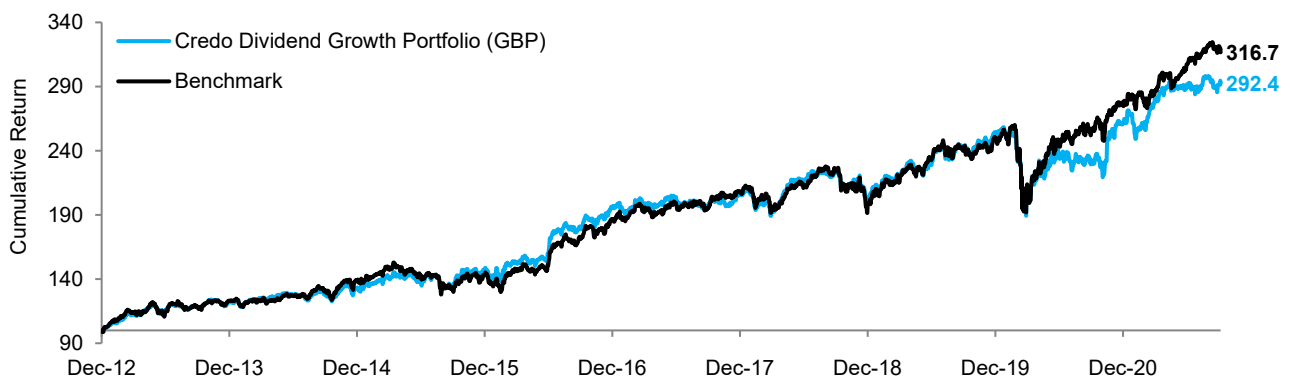
### Key Contributors to Return

BP's shares increased by 14.6% alongside the shares of other energy stocks after oil prices hit three-year highs, amid concerns over supply not keeping up with rising demand. Flutter Entertainment's shares increased by 4.0% after the company settled a multi-million decade-long legal dispute with the US state of Kentucky.

### Key Detractors from Return

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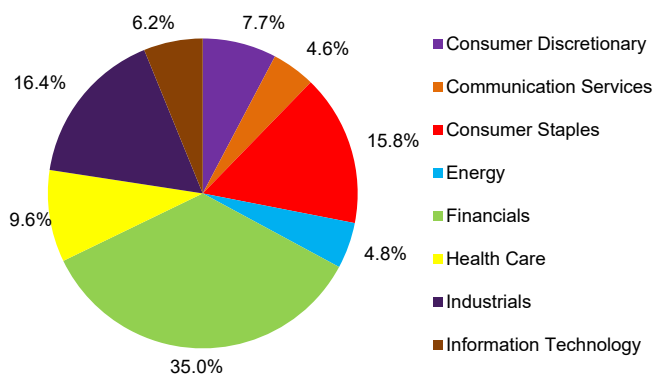
## Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)<sup>2</sup>



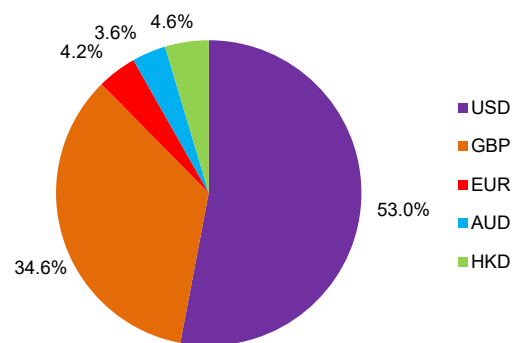
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Diageo plc	3606p	30.4x	26.8x	2.0%
PepsiCo Inc	\$150.4	24.2x	22.8x	2.9%
Raytheon Technologies Corp	\$86.0	33.9x	18.0x	2.4%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>16.5x</b>	<b>14.8x</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>23.4x</b>	<b>18.5x</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

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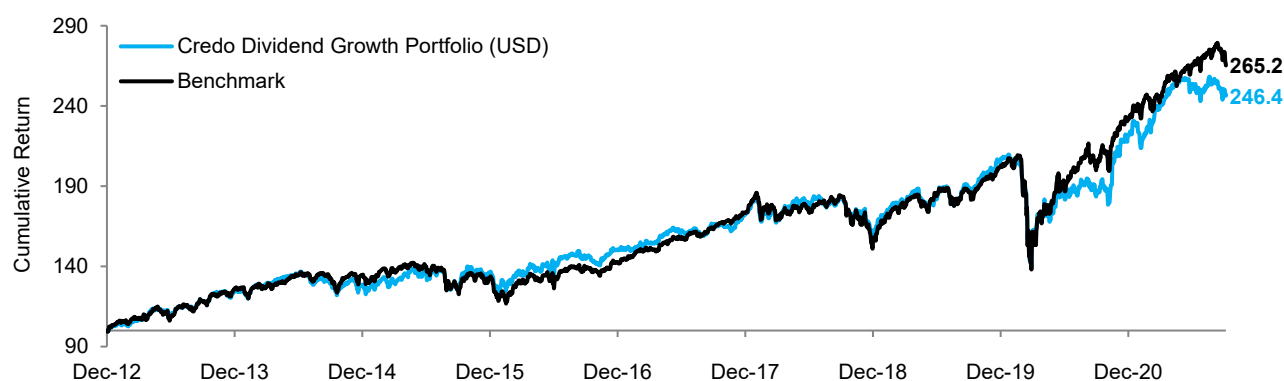
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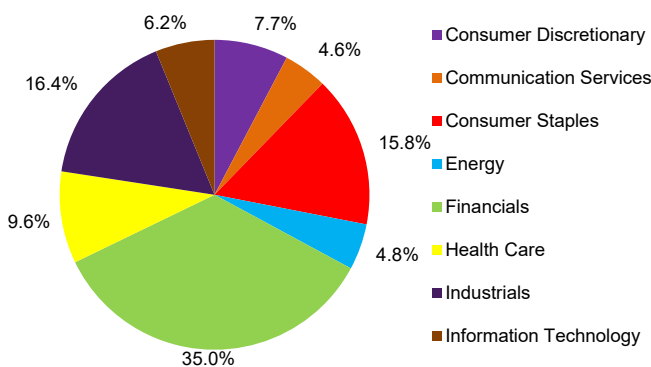
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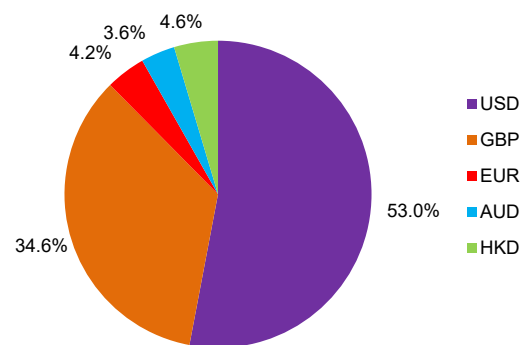
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