# Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)





## 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  |
| Dividend Growth Portfolio | 13.8         | 10.8       | 14.5    | 19.1   | 5.8     | 2.9     | 5.8  |
| MSCI World                | 13.8         | 11.4       | 14.6    | 15.7   | -2.3    | 4.7     | -2.3 |
| Relative                  | 0.0          | -0.6       | -0.1    | 3.4    | 8.1     | -1.8    | 8.1  |

| Risk (%)                  | Largest Drawdown | Volatility (Annualised) |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Dividend Growth Portfolio | 26.8             | 13.7                    |
| MSCI World                | 26.2             | 15.1                    |

### Market Commentary

March witnessed a small pull back in developed equity markets from the previous month, however the combination of heightened geopolitical risk and hawkish monetary policy continued to fuel market volatility. The S&P 500 and FTSE 100 gained 3.7% and 1.4% respectively, whereas the Euro STOXX 50 finished the month down by 0.4%. The Russia-Ukraine conflict continued to apply upward pressure on energy and commodity prices, with brent crude oil peaking above \$120 per barrel and finishing the month up by 12.1%. These price surges continued to contribute to inflation figures and raised concerns over economic slowdowns, particularly in export-dependent areas. In fixed income markets, the yields on US, UK and German 10-year bonds increased by 51, 20 and 41 basis points respectively. The pound fell 2.1% against the US dollar and 0.7% against the euro.

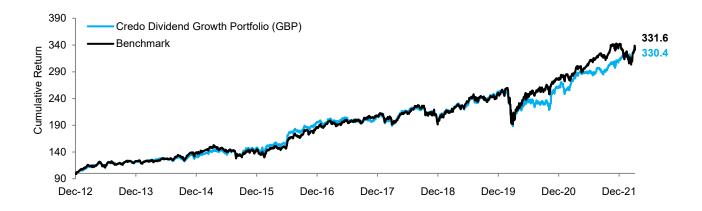
#### **Key Contributors to Return**

Bayer's shares increased by 20.6% after several brokers upgraded the stock on the basis of strong agricultural cycle fundamentals along with potential litigation catalysts coming in the next year. Union Pacific's shares increased by 11.2% along with rising oil prices as, in such an environment, railroad operators traditionally benefit from a switch in shipping volumes away from trucking and into trains.

#### **Key Detractors from Return**

Flutter Entertainment's shares declined by 17.8% after the company reported results, highlighting unfavourable sports betting outcomes throughout the year coupled with regulatory issues and a delay in positive catalysts. Wells Fargo's shares declined by 9.2% along with other major US banks after Russia's invasion of Ukraine fuelled inflation concerns and a slower US Federal Reserve rate-hike path.

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



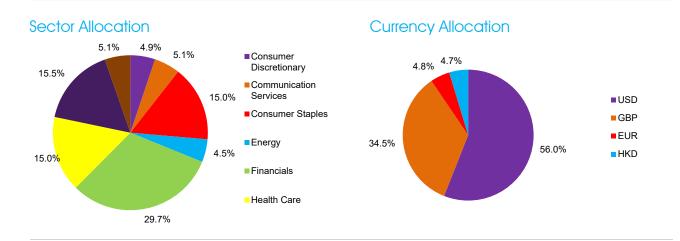
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## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

|                         | Current<br>Price | Trailing<br>12 Month P/E | 12 Month<br>Forward P/E | Dividend<br>Yield |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Cigna Corp              | \$239.6          | 14.2x                    | 10.3x                   | 1.9%              |
| PepsiCo Inc             | \$167.4          | 26.7x                    | 24.5x                   | 2.6%              |
| Union Pacific Corp      | \$273.2          | 27.8x                    | 23.0x                   | 1.7%              |
| Total Portfolio Average |                  | 16.6x                    | 14.0x                   | 2.6%              |
| MSCI World              |                  | 20.1x                    | 17.4x                   | 1.8%              |



## 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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# Dividend Growth Portfolio (USD)





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| Return (%)                | S. Inception | 5 Years    | 3 Years | 1 Year | 3 Month | 1 Month | YTD  |
| Dividend Growth Portfolio | 11.5         | 12.0       | 15.1    | 13.5   | 2.8     | 1.1     | 2.8  |
| MSCI World                | 11.4         | 12.4       | 15.0    | 10.1   | -5.2    | 2.7     | -5.2 |
| Relative                  | 0.1          | -0.4       | 0.1     | 3.4    | 8.0     | -1.6    | 8.0  |

| Risk (%) Largest Drawdown |      | Volatility (Annualised) |  |
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| Dividend Growth Portfolio | 33.4 | 14.0                    |  |
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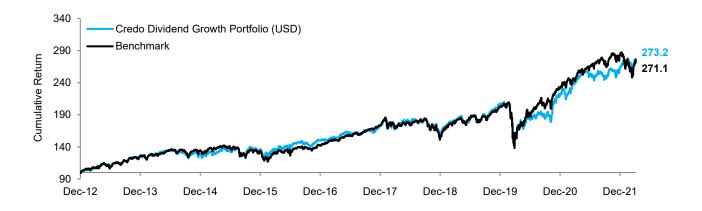
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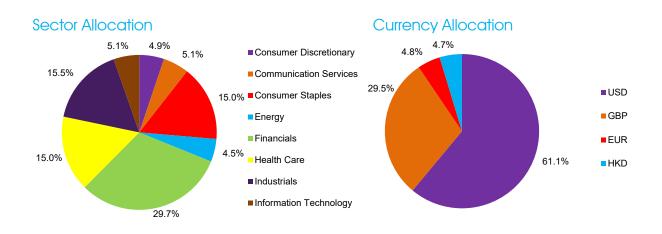
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