Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)

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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	13.7	10.8	15.2	17.2	4.8	2.0	7.7
MSCI World	13.0	10.2	12.7	7.1	0.0	-0.3	-6.7
Relative	0.7	0.6	2.5	10.1	4.8	2.3	14.4

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

Market Commentary

After April's sell-off, markets were broadly flat at the end of May which provided some much-needed relief for investors. Volatility remained high with negative sentiment persisting due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, tightening monetary policy by central banks, and coronavirus restrictions continuing in China. The S&P 500, Euro STOXX 50 and FTSE 100 all finished the month up by 0.2%, 1.3% and 1.1% respectively. In the UK, the Bank of England raised the base rate to 1.0% as an attempt to tackle spiralling inflation which has been made worse by Russia's war in Ukraine. Brent crude oil finished the month up by 8.3% as prices surged after EU leaders reached an agreement to ban 90% of Russian oil by the end of the year. The yields on both UK and German 10-year bonds increased by 20 and 18 basis points respectively, whereas the US 10-year bond decreased by 9 basis points. The pound was up by 0.2% against the US dollar and down by 1.6% against the euro.

Key Contributors to Return

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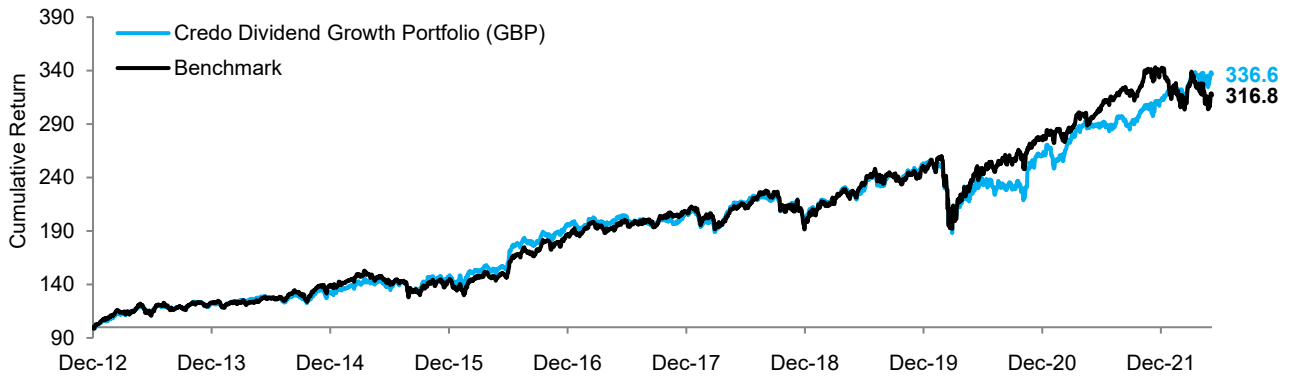
Key Detractors from Return

Shares in IG Group and CME Group declined by 12.3% and 9.3% respectively after industry data pointed to further easing of trading activity as interest rate expectations and energy prices stabilise along with retail participation returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)[2]



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	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Cigna Corp	$268.3	14.7x	11.3x	1.7%
PepsiCo Inc	$167.8	26.4x	24.3x	2.7%
Union Pacific Corp	$219.8	21.2x	18.0x	2.4%
Total Portfolio Average		**15.8x**	**12.8x**	**2.6%**
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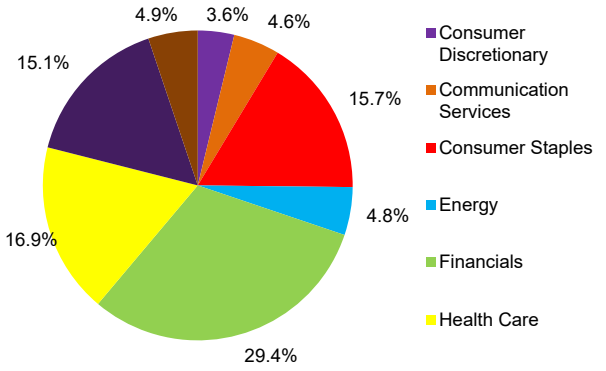

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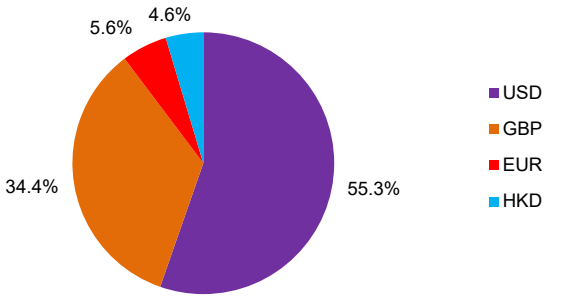

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Relative	0.9	0.8	2.7	9.3	4.8	2.2	13.8

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Dividend Growth Portfolio	33.4	14.0
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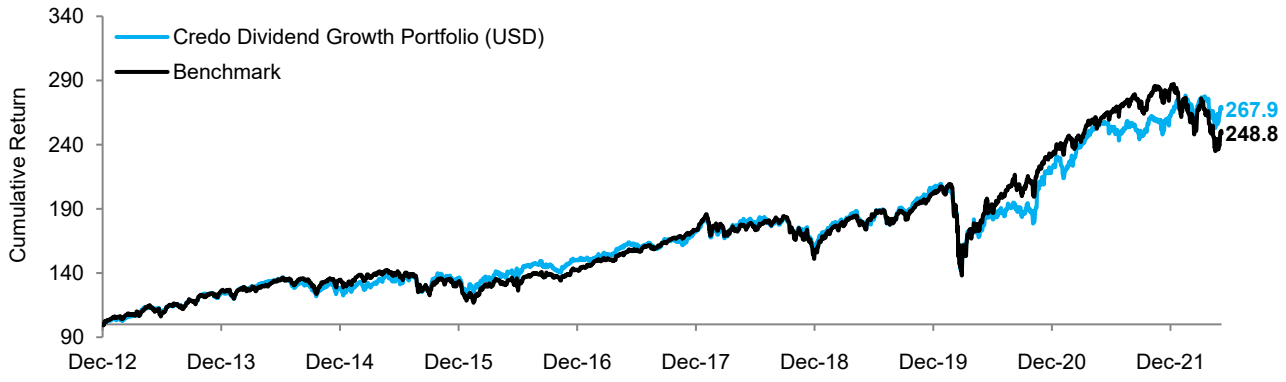

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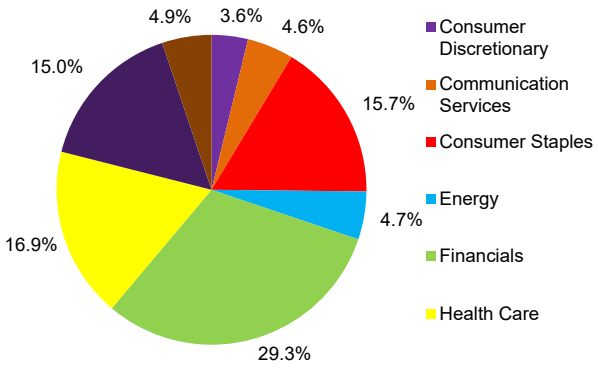

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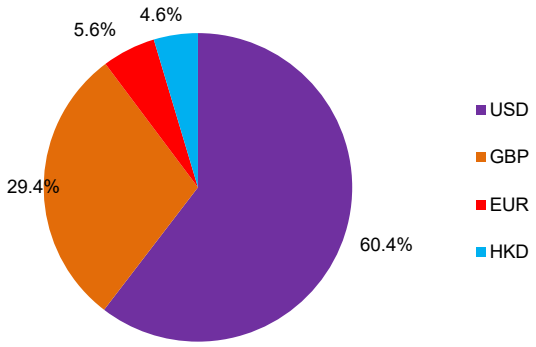

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