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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	12.6	16.1	12.2	1.3	1.7	4.0
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.3	9.7	11.9	2.6	-1.2	-0.6	4.5
<b>Relative</b>	1.1	2.9	4.2	9.6	2.5	2.3	-0.5

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

## Market Commentary

Following a strong start to the year, February witnessed a divergence in performance across global equity markets. The S&P 500 finished the month down by 2.4% in US dollar terms, whereas the Euro STOXX 50 and FTSE 100 both finished the month up by 1.9% and 1.8%, respectively in their local currencies. Most notably, February marked an all-time high for the FTSE 100. In amongst strong labour market data, inflation continued to prove persistent, leaving central banks with little option but to continue with their sustained hawkish monetary policies. In fixed income markets, yields rose on US, UK and German 10-year bonds by 41, 49 and 37 basis points, respectively. The pound fell 1.8% against the US dollar and 2.4% against the euro.

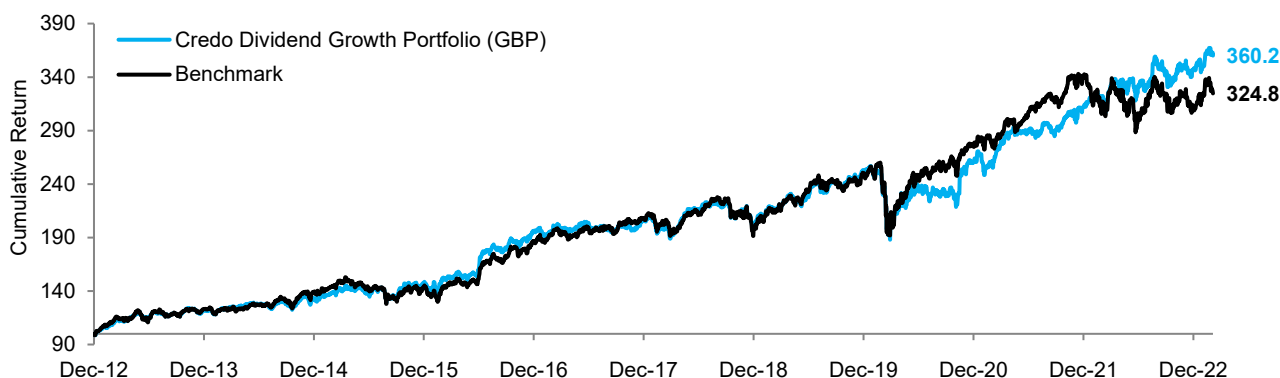
### Key Contributors to Return

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### Key Detractors from Return

The Cigna Group's shares declined by 6.0% after reporting a mixed set of results and providing a disappointing product mix and margin outlook for the current year. Verizon Communications' shares declined by 4.9% after the CEO confirmed the market's expectation of a lacklustre performance during 2023 in an interview.

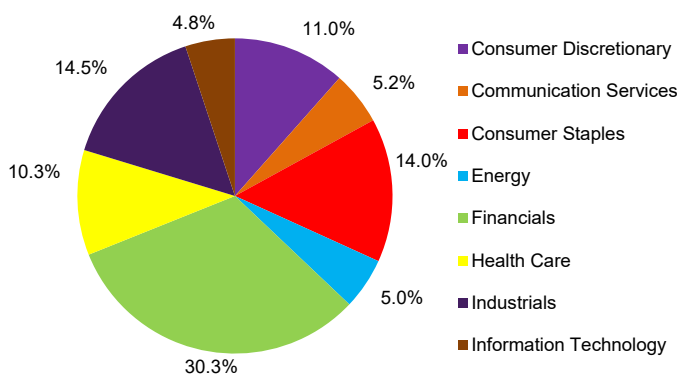
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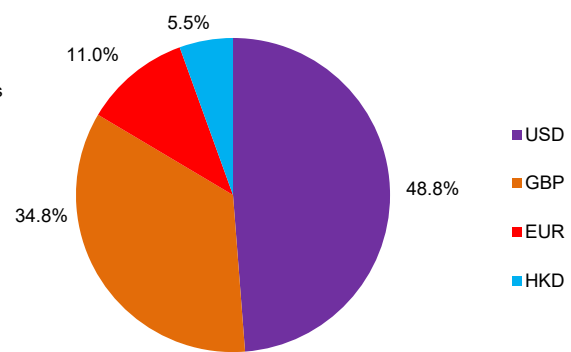
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
BP plc	551p	5.4x	6.2x	4.0%
PepsiCo Inc	\$173.5	25.5x	23.6x	2.7%
Union Pacific Corp	\$207.3	18.5x	17.6x	2.5%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>15.3x</b>	<b>13.7x</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>17.1x</b>	<b>16.1x</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

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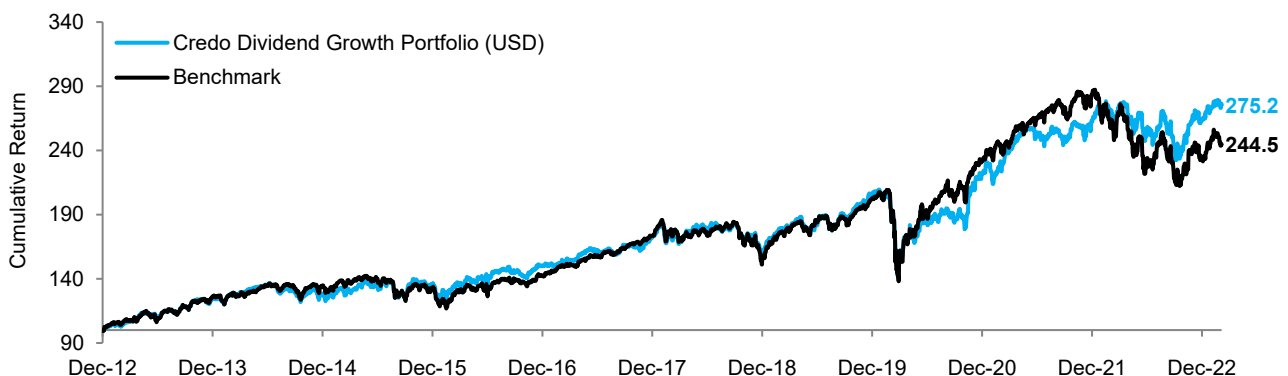
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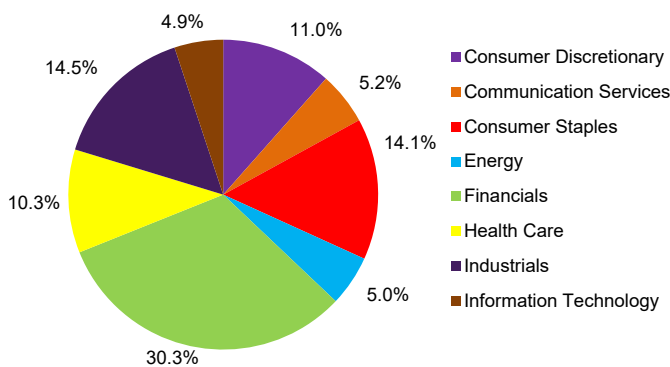
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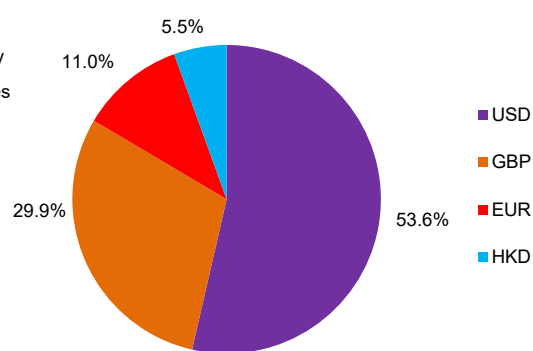
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