

## STRATEGY & OBJECTIVE

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# Portfolio Performance (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

		Annualised					
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	12.7	11.8	11.5	8.6	6.9	2.4	6.9
MSCI World	13.1	12.7	11.9	22.4	10.1	3.2	10.1
Relative	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	-13.8	-3.2	-0.8	-3.2

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

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Global equity markets remained positive in March amidst resilient economic data and Growth stocks continuing to show strength. Over the month, the DJIA, S&P 500, NASDAQ, Euro STOXX 50 and FTSE 100 all experienced positive returns of 2.2%, 3.2%, 1.8%, 4.4% and 4.8%, respectively and measured in their local currencies. The S&P 500 continued to set all-time highs, driven by returns from four of the so called "Magnificent 7" stocks, being Nvidia, Microsoft, Meta Platforms, and Amazon, as their gains accounted for 47% of the S&P 500 total return for the year to the end of March. In fixed income markets, yields on US, UK and German 10-year bonds fell by 5.0, 19.1, and 11.3 basis points, driven by shifts in investor expectations around the timing and pace of changes to interest rates. Brent Crude oil was up 7.1% over the month due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The pound was flat against the US dollar and up by 0.1% against the euro.

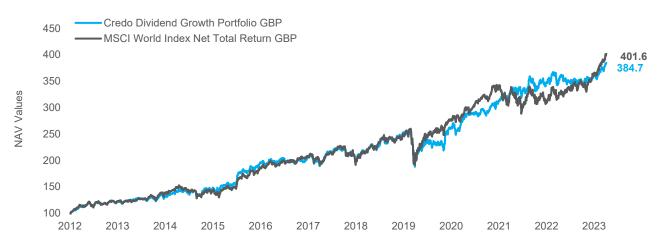
### **Key Contributors to Return**

Adidas AG's shares increased by 10.5% after reporting weak earnings but with an outlook for a recovery in sales and profitability as management seems increasingly confident the business can achieve a 10% EBIT margin over time. Progressive Corp's shares increased by 9.1% after broker upgrades and reported February results which showed a 7% increase in policies compared to last year.

# Key Detractors from Return

Flutter Entertainment's shares declined by 7.7% after the company reported strong results which were overshadowed by regulatory developments in the US that could imply tougher rules and higher taxes for the whole industry. AIA Group's shares declined by 17.4% after the seemingly negative sentiment towards companies with exposure to Hong Kong and Chinese equity markets prevailed.

## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION<sup>2</sup>



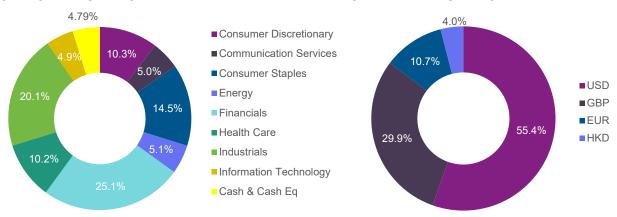


### SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
British American Tobacco plc	2406p	6.5x	6.5x	9.6%
PepsiCo Inc	\$175.0	22.9x	21.5x	2.9%
Union Pacific Corp	\$245.9	23.5x	22.1x	2.1%
Total Portfolio Average		41.3x	13.8x	2.7%
MSCI World		21.6x	19.4x	1.8%

## **SECTOR ALLOCATION**

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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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Dividend Growth Portfolio	33.4	14.0
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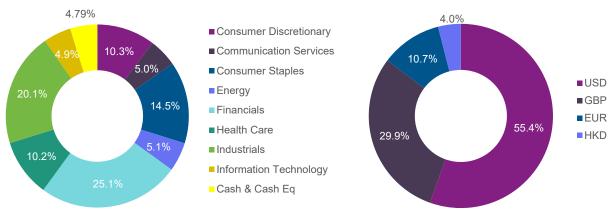


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