

## STRATEGY & OBJECTIVE

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## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month	YTD
<b>Dividend Growth Portfolio</b>	12.5	10.7	10.3	12.5	2.4	2.2	9.8
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.9	11.4	8.6	20.1	3.4	0.4	13.6
<b>Relative</b>	-0.5	-0.7	1.7	-7.7	-1.0	1.8	-3.7

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

## MARKET COMMENTARY

August was a positive month for global equity markets. The S&P 500, FTSE 100, and Euro STOXX 50 were up 2.4%, 0.8%, and 1.8%, respectively and measured in their local currencies. The Nikkei 225 fell 1.1% due to overreaction following the Bank of Japan's interest rate hike coupled with concerning US jobs data which sent shockwaves market wide. This was swiftly quelled at the prospect of lower interest rates in the US and a flurry of positive earnings results. In fixed income markets, 10-year bond yields were mixed in the US and UK, falling 13 basis points and rising 4 basis points, respectively. Brent Crude Oil prices dropped 3.7% amid Middle East tensions and weak demand in the US and China. Gold rose 2.6% on potential US rate cuts and its use as a hedge against economic instability. The pound gained 2.1% on the US dollar driven by strong UK economic data particularly in the manufacturing sector coupled with fears of a US recession.

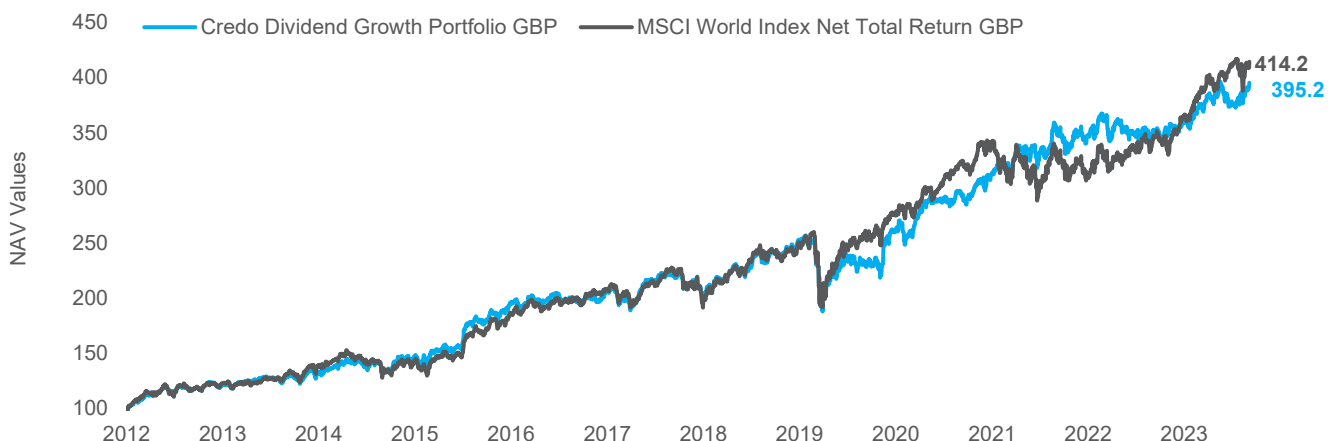
### Key Contributors to Return

Progressive Corp's shares increased by 15.3% after the company reported better than expected numbers across a range of metrics. CME Group's shares increased by 9.0% after the company reported record average daily volume and growth in all asset classes amid macro data releases and shifting rate sentiment.

### Key Detractors from Return

Shell plc's shares declined by 4.7% along with shares of other oil stocks, after the Brent Crude price fell to its lowest point in the month amid concerns about Chinese demand. Hershey Co's shares declined by 3.7% after the company reported second-quarter results below market expectations as consumers pulled back on discretionary spending.

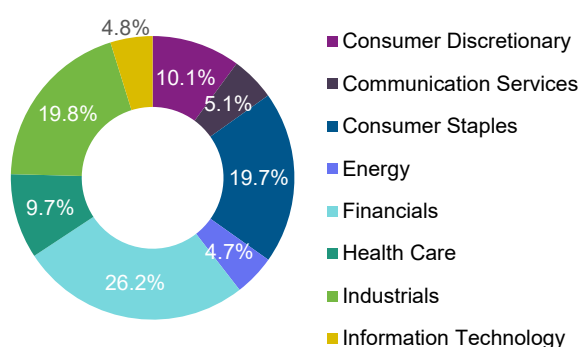
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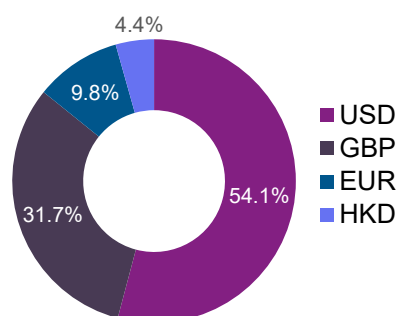
## SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
British American Tobacco plc	2836p	6.4x	7.7x	8.2%
PepsiCo Inc	\$172.9	21.8x	20.5x	3.0%
Union Pacific Corp	\$256.1	24.0x	21.8x	2.0%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>34.1x</b>	<b>13.9x</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
MSCI World		<b>22.7x</b>	<b>20.5x</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)



## CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)



## 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
- We believe that the market's short-term focus creates opportunities for those willing to concentrate on underlying business performance
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility

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### PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (USD)<sup>1,2</sup>

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<b>MSCI World</b>	11.0	13.1	6.9	24.4	6.6	2.6	16.7
<b>Relative</b>	-0.3	-0.8	1.8	-7.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.7

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
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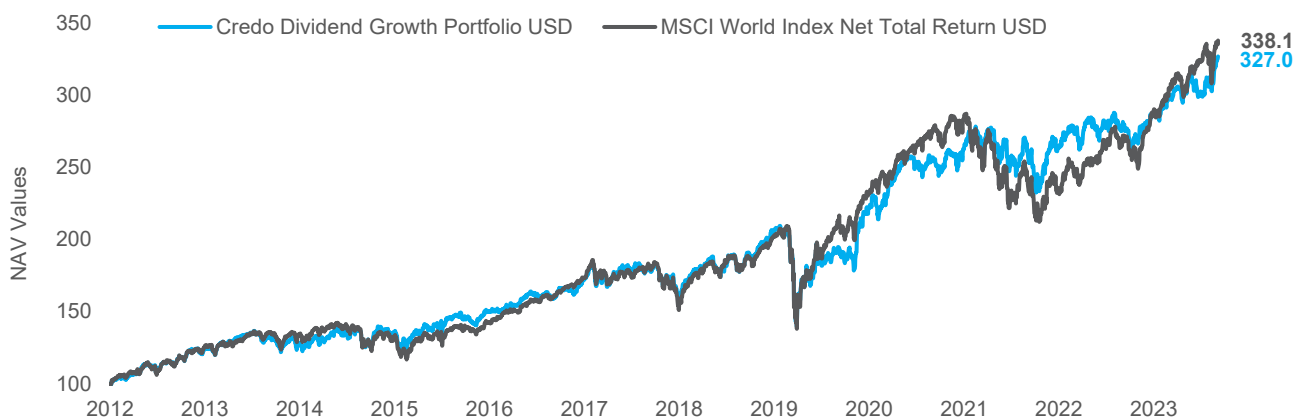
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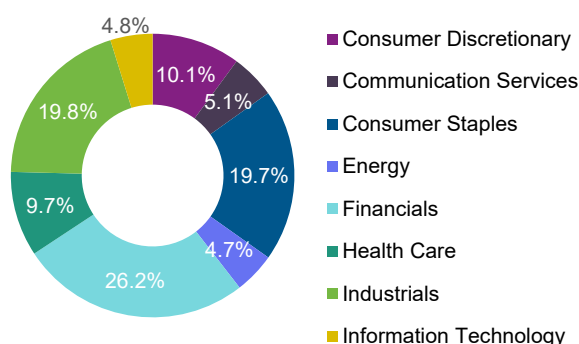
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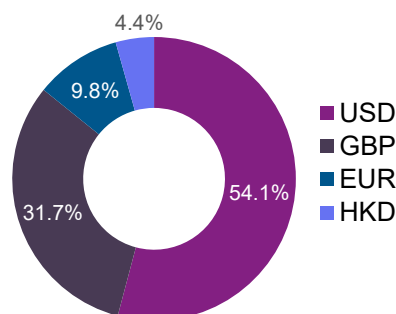
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