

## 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	10.4	11.0	15.4	6.0	0.8	10.7
<b>MSCI World</b>	12.8	11.1	9.2	20.6	0.3	-0.3	13.2
<b>Relative</b>	-0.3	-0.7	1.7	-5.2	5.7	1.1	-2.5

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

## MARKET COMMENTARY

September provided mixed returns for global equity markets. The S&P 500 and Euro STOXX 50 were both up 2.1% and 0.9% respectively while the FTSE 100 lagged behind, falling 1.5% fuelled by poor corporate earnings and, persistent uncertainty over interest rates. It was a stellar month for Asia Pacific markets with the Hang Seng and the Shenzhen CSI 300 increasing 18.3% and 21.1% respectively driven primarily by a significant stimulus package including interest rate cuts introduced by the People's Bank of China, which created positive sentiment across Asian markets. In fixed income markets, US 10-year bond yields were down 12 basis points due to the Federal Reserve Bank's 50 basis point rate cut, while UK 10-year bond yields remained stable. Commodities had a positive month overall with gold prices increasing 5.7% buoyed by a weaker US dollar. Copper prices increased 8.6% spurred by supply constraints and increased industrial activity. Brent Crude oil prices fell 5.6% due to floundering Chinese demand and news of Saudi Arabia preparing to increase production from December 2024. The pound had a bumper month appreciating 1.9% against the US dollar and 1.1% against the Euro.

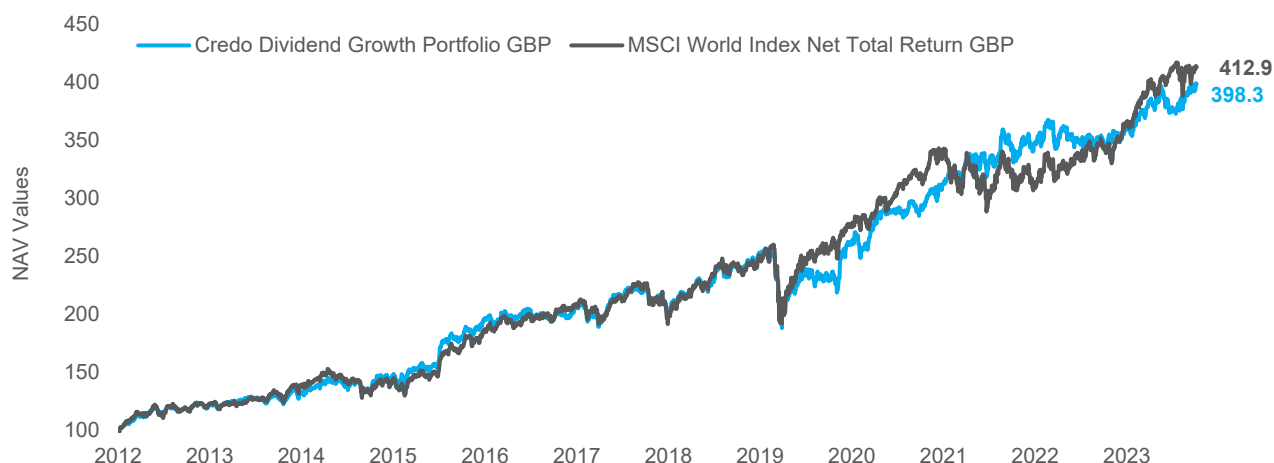
### Key Contributors to Return

AIA Group's shares increased by 24.4% after Chinese policymakers announced stimulus measures that started to lift the seemingly negative sentiment towards companies with exposure to Hong Kong and Chinese equity markets. Flutter Entertainment plc's shares increased by 8.5% after management raised its estimate of the company's addressable market in the US at maturity by more than expected.

### Key Detractors from Return

Shell plc's shares declined by 9.6% after oil prices were driven lower by news of Saudi Arabia's willingness to abandon its unofficial oil price target of \$100 per barrel and preparations to increase oil supply. The Cigna Group's shares declined by 5.9% after the Federal Trade Commission alleged the company as well as its competitors created a rebate system that led to inflated insulin drug prices.

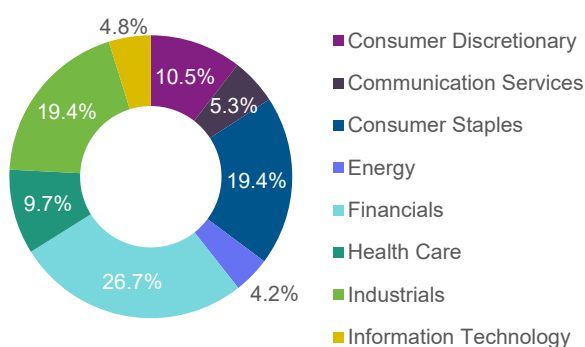
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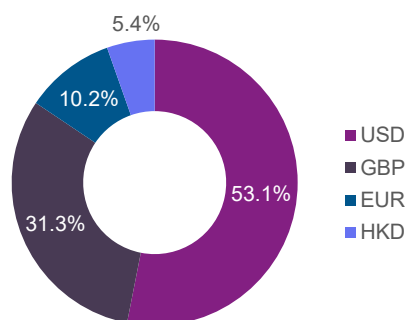
## SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
<b>British American Tobacco plc</b>	2724p	6.4x	7.4x	8.6%
<b>PepsiCo Inc</b>	\$170.1	21.5x	20.2x	3.1%
<b>Union Pacific Corp</b>	\$246.5	23.1x	21.2x	2.1%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>33.0x</b>	<b>14.0x</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>23.1x</b>	<b>20.9x</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)



## CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)



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<b>MSCI World</b>	11.1	13.0	9.1	32.4	6.4	1.8	18.9
<b>Relative</b>	-0.2	-0.8	1.9	-5.8	6.0	1.1	-2.5

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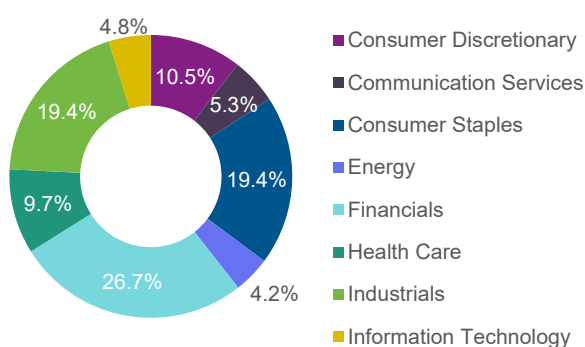
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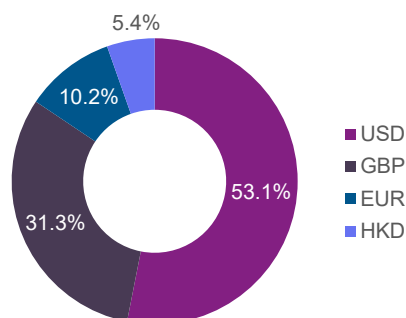
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