Dividend Growth Portfolio (GBP)

December 2025

STRATEGY & OBJECTIVE

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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	11.9	10.6	7.6	10.2	1.8	0.3	10.2
MSCI World	13.2	12.5	16.7	12.8	3.2	-0.7	12.8
Relative	-1.3	-1.9	-9.1	-2.6	-1.4	1.0	-2.6

Risk (%)	**Volatility (Annualised)**	**Largest Drawdown**
DGP (GBP)	10.4	-26.8
MSCI World (GBP)	12.2	-26.1

MARKET COMMENTARY

December failed to deliver on the “Santa Claus Rally” many investors anticipated, but global markets still ended the year on a positive note supported by easing inflationary pressures, solid corporate earnings, and expectations that major central banks will continue lowering interest rates in 2026. The S&P 500, FTSE 100 and Euro STOXX 50 ended the month up by 0.1%, 2.3% and 2.3%, respectively, and measured in their local currencies, while the Nasdaq slipped by 0.5%, as profit-taking in technology stocks continued amid concerns over elevated valuations. In fixed income, both the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank cut interest rates by 25 basis points over December, while the European Central Bank kept rates unchanged, reflecting a cautious approach to easing as hawkish expectations remain for future policy paths. The yields on US and UK 10-year bonds increased by 15 and 4 basis points respectively, despite the December rate cuts. In commodity markets, copper surged by 8.1% supported by strong demand in green energy projects amid falling global inventories. In currencies, sterling strengthened by 1.8% against the US dollar and 0.5% against the euro.

Key Contributors to Return

Bayer AG’s shares increased by 20.8% after the US Solicitor General recommended the Supreme Court review a key glyphosate case, increasing the odds that related legal disputes can be resolved. IG Group Holdings plc’s shares increased by 15.9% after reporting higher than expected quarterly revenues and a more favourable revenue growth outlook for 2026 in the mid- to-high single-digits.

Key Detractors from Return

Diageo plc’s shares declined by 7.6% after a broker downgrade and news that global whisky sales remained negative for the third year as tariffs and cost of living pressures weighed on demand. The Hershey Company’s shares declined by 4.8% after cocoa prices increased during the month of December while surveys indicate weak US consumer sentiment citing affordability concerns.

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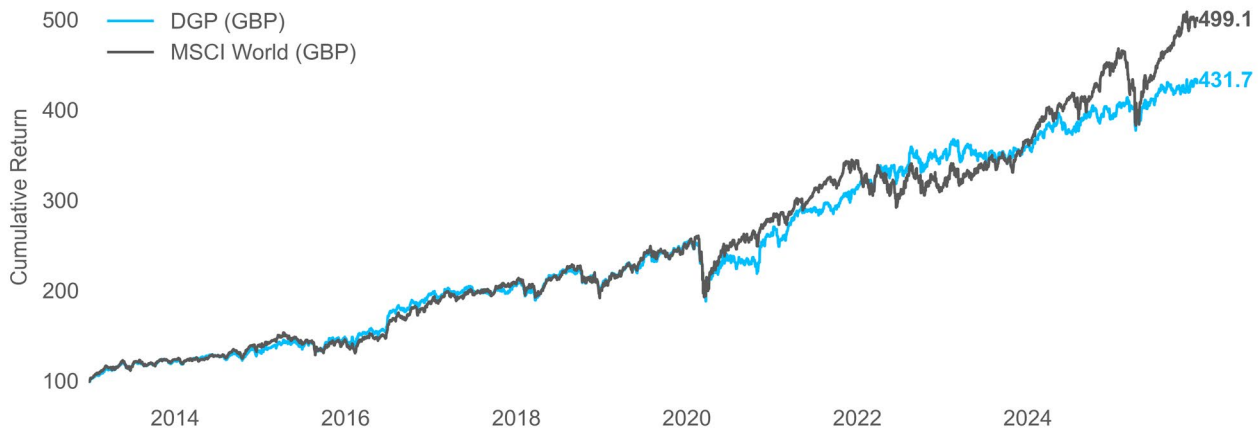

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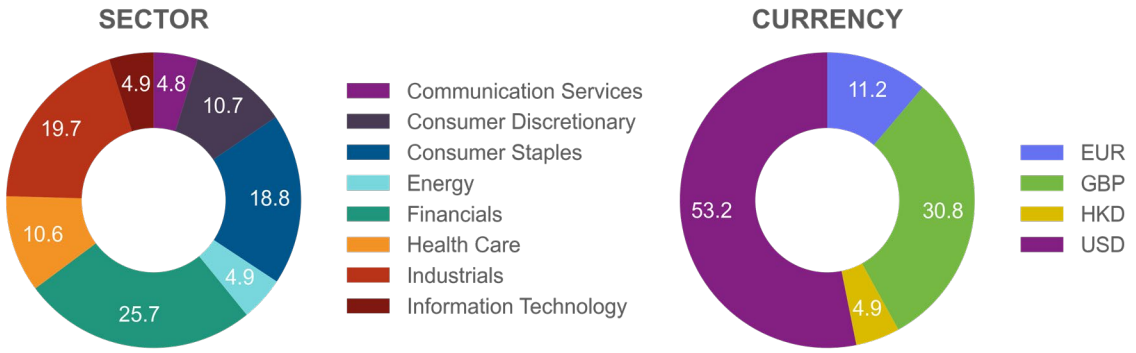
SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS[2]

	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield (%)
AIA Group Ltd	17.0	14.6	2.1
The Cigna Group	2.8	9.2	2.2
IG Group Holdings PLC	11.0	11.1	3.6
Total Portfolio Average	14.0	13.9	2.7
MSCI World	24.5	20.0	1.6

ASSET ALLOCATION (%)



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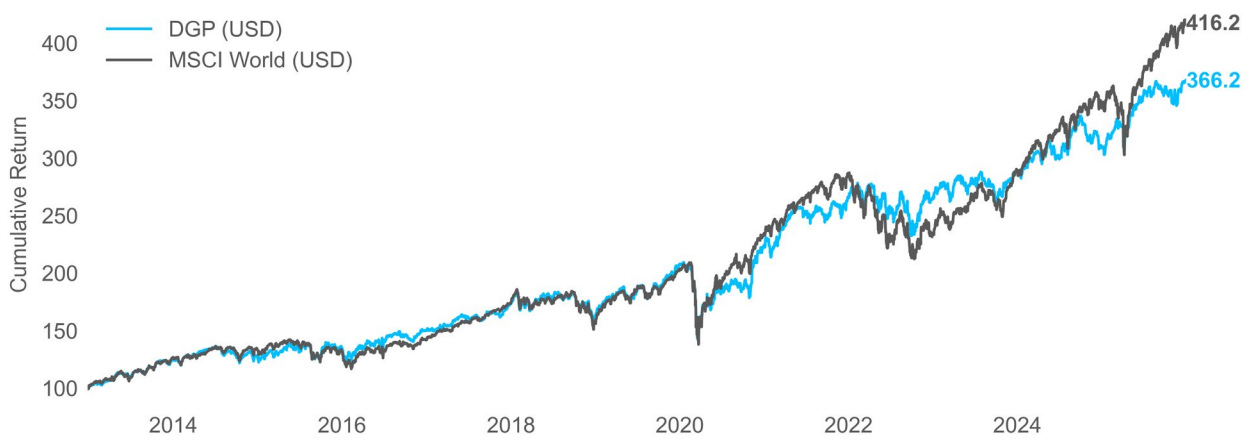

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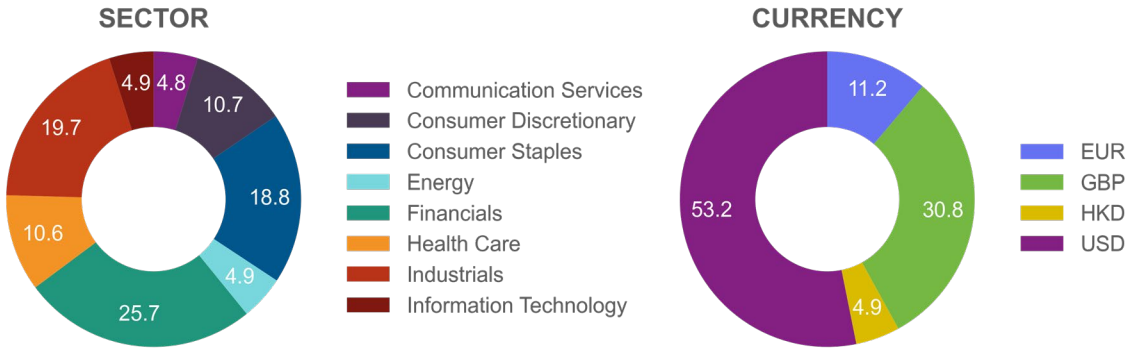

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