

## Strategy & Objective

The Dividend Growth Portfolio is a diversified portfolio (not a fund) of global equities, which we believe to be well positioned to outperform the wider equity market over the longer term. The portfolio has a bias towards developed market, large capitalisation stocks.

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

Long Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
<b>Since Inception</b>	99.7%	84.8%	15.0%
<b>3 Year</b>	62.9%	50.1%	12.8%
<b>1 Year</b>	33.6%	28.3%	5.3%

Short Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
<b>YTD</b>	33.6%	28.3%	5.3%
<b>3 Months</b>	8.0%	7.0%	1.0%
<b>1 Month</b>	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%

## Market Commentary

The final month of 2016 saw the FTSE 100 experience a “Santa rally” as the market closed at an all-time high of 7,142 points and finished the month up 5.4%. Results around Europe were equally impressive with the CAC 40 and DAX rising 6.4% and 7.9% respectively as the ECB extended its QE program until December 2017. In the US, the DJIA continued its post-Trump rise 3.4% and coming within touching distance of a 20,000 close. In Asia, the Nikkei 225 rose 4.5% as the yen continued to weaken against the dollar. In global government bond markets, major European yields fell slightly, including UK 10-year gilts dropping 18bps to 1.2%. Meanwhile US 10-year Treasury yields rose to 2.4% as the Fed raised its target federal funds rate to a range of 0.50 to 0.75%.

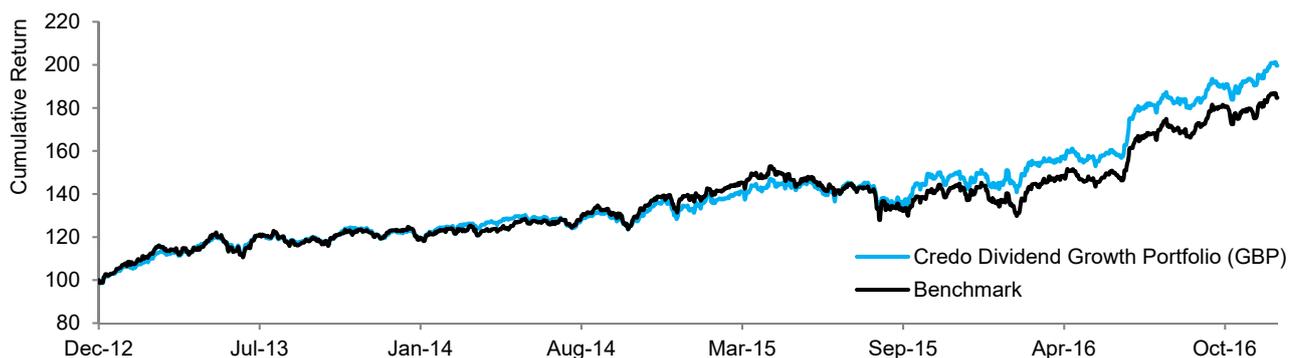
### Key Contributors to Return

BP’s shares increased by 10.9% as the market digested OPEC’s (supported by certain non-OPEC countries) agreement to cut oil production. Whitbread’s shares increased by 9.0% on the back of positive hotel industry statistics.

### Key Detractors from Return

Las Vegas Sands’ shares declined by -12.6% on the back of concerns over tightening Chinese capital controls. Meggitt’s shares declined by -2.9% without obvious cause.

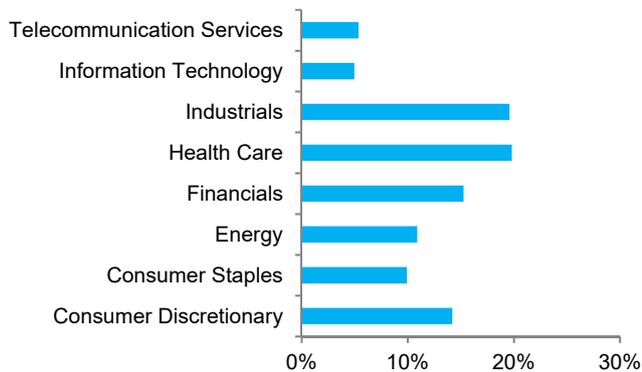
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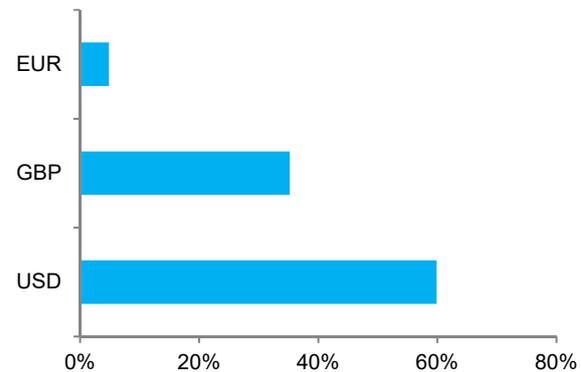
## Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Chubb Ltd	\$132.1	14.0x	12.7x	2.1%
Microsoft Corp	\$62.1	29.5x	19.9x	2.5%
Pepsico Inc	\$104.6	21.9x	20.2x	2.9%
<b>Total Portfolio Average</b>		<b>21.0x</b>	<b>15.3x</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>MSCI World</b>		<b>22.0x</b>	<b>16.3x</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

## Sector Allocation



## Currency Allocation



## Investment Philosophy

Credo's investment philosophy is based on the following tenets:

- Wealth is preserved and created by following a long-term, low-turnover strategy.
- We believe in a value-based approach to investing, given that the price which is paid when investing is one of the very few things in financial markets that investors can actually control.
- We do not define risk in terms of quantitative metrics, but simply as the potential to lose clients' money; accordingly, our approach to investing can be described as a relatively conservative one, focusing first and foremost on capital preservation.
- Yield is an important consideration across all asset classes.
- Transaction costs have the potential to erode investment returns quickly; based on this, we not only follow a low-turnover approach, but we also apply our minds when considering transaction size.
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## Portfolio Performance (USD)<sup>1,2</sup>

Long Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
<b>Since Inception</b>	53.4%	41.9%	11.5%
<b>3 Year</b>	21.4%	11.8%	9.6%
<b>1 Year</b>	11.9%	7.5%	4.4%

Short Term Returns	Dividend Growth Portfolio	MSCI World	Relative Return
<b>YTD</b>	11.9%	7.5%	4.4%
<b>3 Months</b>	2.8%	1.9%	0.9%
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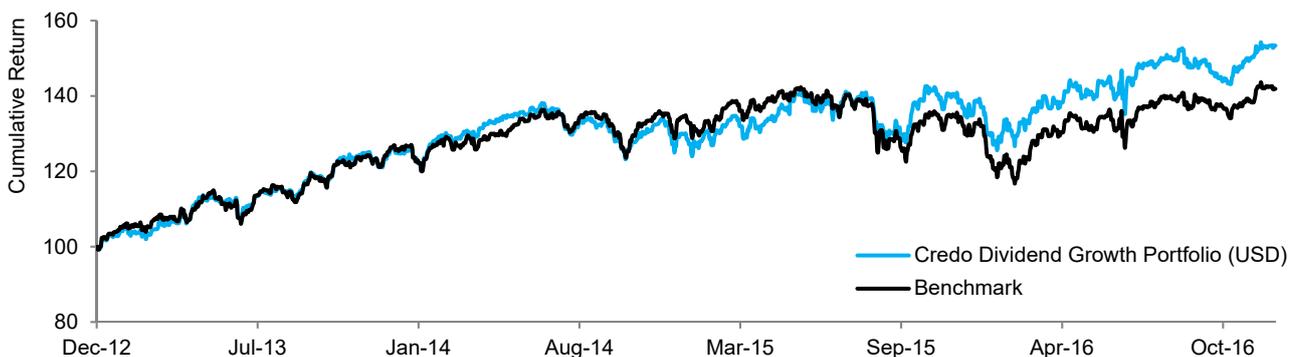
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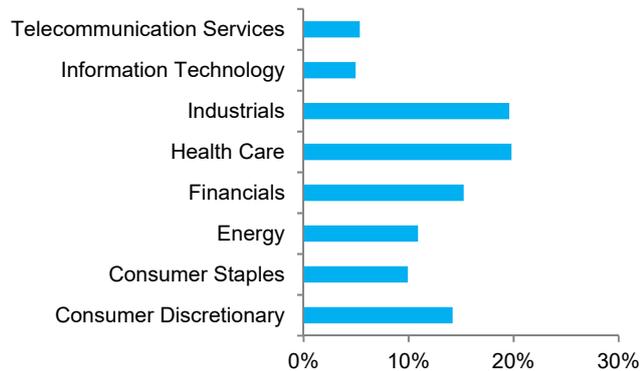
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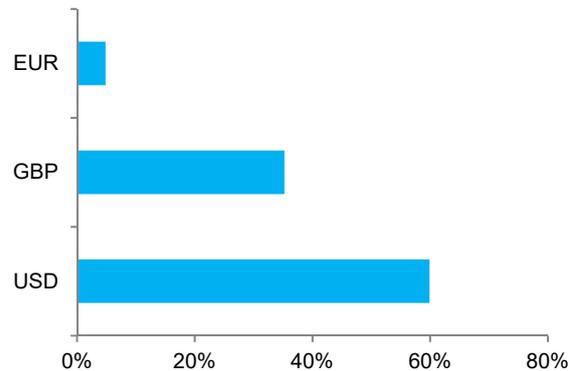
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