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Portfolio Performance (GBP)^{1,2}

Return (%)	Annualised						
	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Dividend Growth Portfolio	14.0	13.9	8.8	22.9	2.9	1.3	22.9
MSCI World	13.7	12.3	9.9	22.7	0.6	0.4	22.7
Relative	0.3	1.6	-1.1	0.2	2.3	0.9	0.2

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Dividend Growth Portfolio	11.9	11.3
MSCI World	16.2	12.2

Market Commentary

December provided some relief for investors as significant political risks in the UK and between the US and China were avoided. All major equity indices made gains over the month, with the FTSE 100, the S&P 500 and the Euro STOXX 50 all up 2.8%, 3% and 1.2% respectively. US President Donald Trump announced that he plans to sign a 'phase one' trade deal with China on 15 January, which meant that the 15% tariff increases due on 15 December would not be imposed. In the UK, the Conservative Party won a commanding majority in the House of Commons which will allow Boris Johnson to push through a Brexit withdrawal agreement with the EU. Sterling ended the month up 2.6% against the US dollar and up 0.6% against the euro. The yield on UK, US and German 10-year bonds increased by 0.13%, 0.14%, 0.18% respectively.

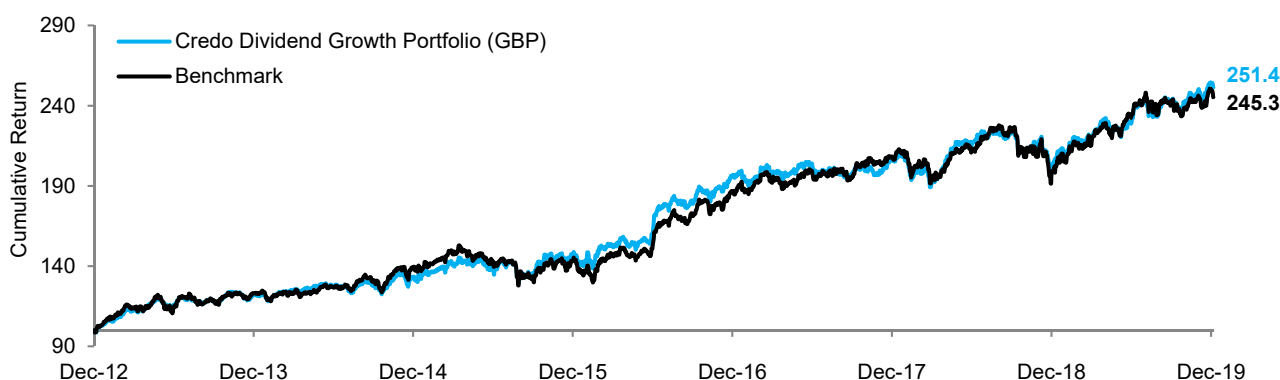
Key Contributors to Return

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Key Detractors from Return

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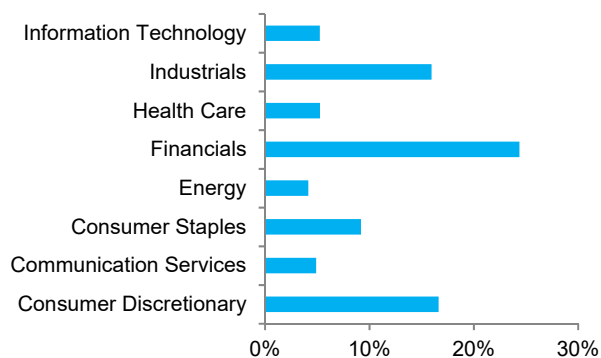
Performance Since Inception (28/12/2012)²



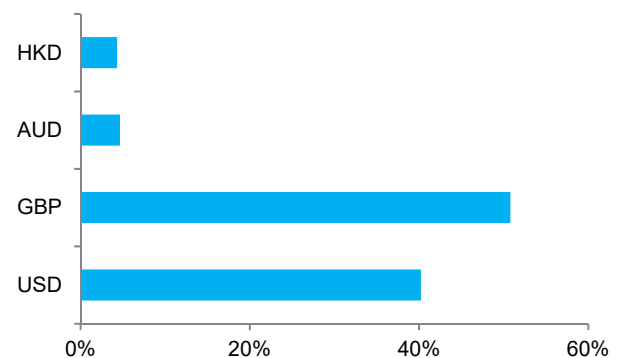
Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
GlaxoSmithKline plc	1779p	15.1x	14.5x	4.5%
Microsoft Corp	\$157.7	31.2x	27.5x	1.3%
Verizon Communications Inc	\$61.4	11.9x	12.4x	4.0%
Total Portfolio Average		18.6x	15.2x	3.9%
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Sector Allocation



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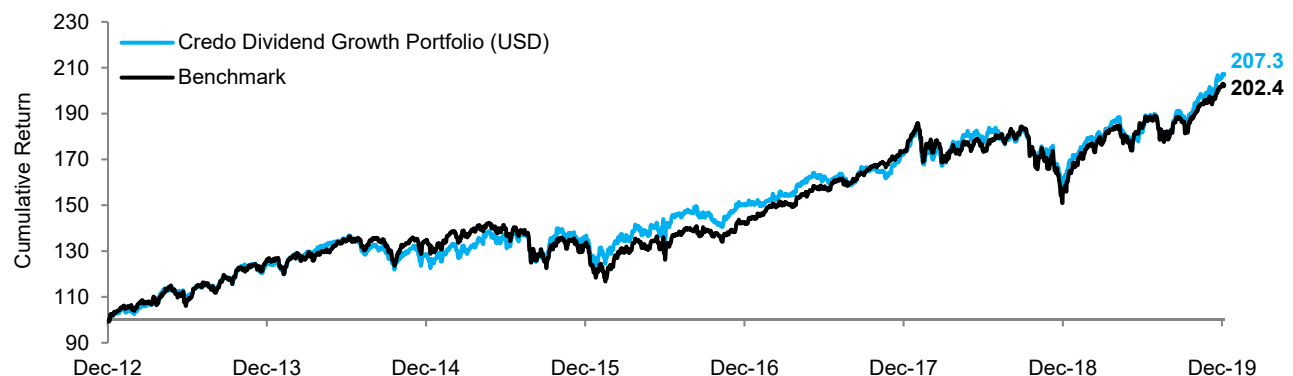
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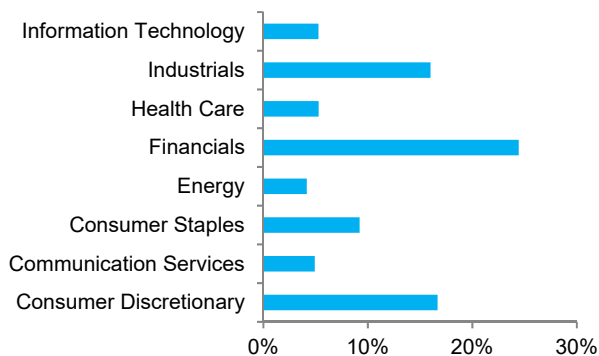
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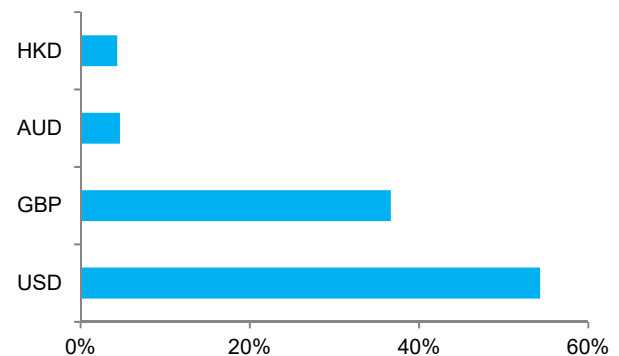
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