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Portfolio Performance (GBP)^{1,2}

					Annualised		
Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	S. Inception
Best Ideas Portfolio	1.3	-2.1	-0.3	8.0	13.9	13.6	12.3
MSCI World	6.0	1.0	3.1	16.5	15.8	15.5	12.1
Relative	-4.7	-3.1	-3.4	-8.5	-1.9	-1.9	0.2

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Best Ideas Portfolio	17.3	12.1
MSCI World	19.0	12.8

Market Commentary

A collapse of the Republican's healthcare bill in the Senate and a significant weakening of the US Dollar didn't stop the DJIA ending the month up 2.7%. Returns in Europe were more mixed. Despite signs of continued divergence in stance during Brexit negotiations, the FTSE 100 finished 0.9% higher. On the continent, the Euro STOXX 50 rose 0.3% as the ECB reaffirmed its commitment to current stimulus. After sharp moves in June, major government bond yields were relatively stable, with 10-year rates staying around 1.23% and 0.54% in UK and Germany respectively. US 10-year Treasury yields ended the month roughly where they started at 2.29%.

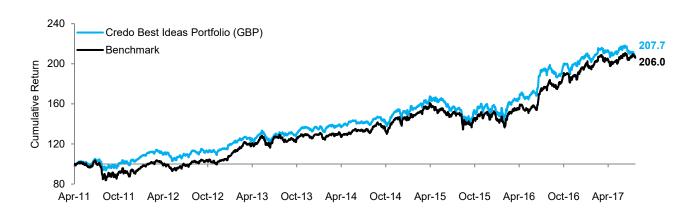
Key Contributors to Return

ServiceMaster's shares increased by 12.2% following the announcement of the hiring of a new CEO and the spin-off of the AHS business. Microsoft's shares increased by 5.5% after Microsoft confirmed reports of an internal sales reorganisation to allow increased focus on its cloud platform.

Key Detractors from Return

Imperial Brand's shares declined by 9.5% after the American Food and Drug Administration announced a new regulatory plan which included lowering the nicotine level in cigarettes. HCA's shares declined by 7.9% following slightly weak second quarter results which were marginally below consensus expectations.

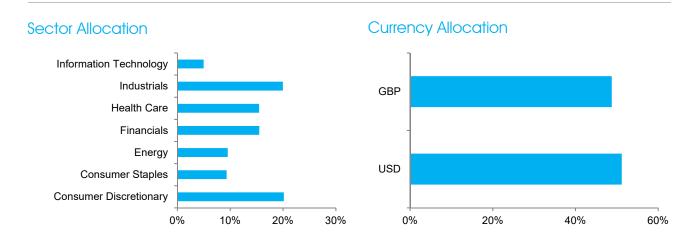
Performance Since Inception (14/04/2011)²





Sample Portfolio Statistics²

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Babcock Intl Group plc	845p	13.8x	9.9x	3.3%
BP plc	446p	30.3x	17.4x	7.0%
Prudential plc	1848p	14.2x	12.6x	2.4%
Total Portfolio Average		16.5x	14.3x	2.7%
MSCI World		21.0x	16.6x	2.5%



Investment Philosophy

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

- We believe wealth is created and preserved by following a patient and disciplined investment strategy that is focused on the long-term.
- We follow a value-based approach to investing.
- We strive to identify matters of strategic importance and focus on methodologies that have proven to be robust through a variety of market cycles, rather than fixating on short-term news-flow and forecasts.
- We aim to minimise turnover in our portfolios and apply our minds when considering transaction size in an attempt to limit transaction costs.
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility.

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MSCI World	13.3	2.4	5.0	16.1	6.6	11.6	8.5
Relative	-5.2	-3.1	-3.5	-8.1	-1.4	-1.8	0.4

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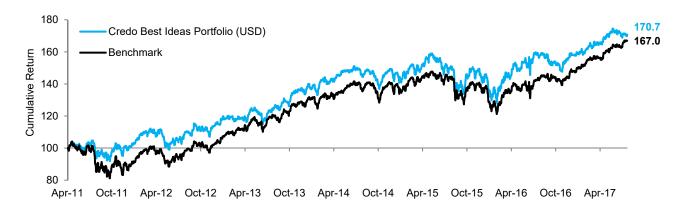
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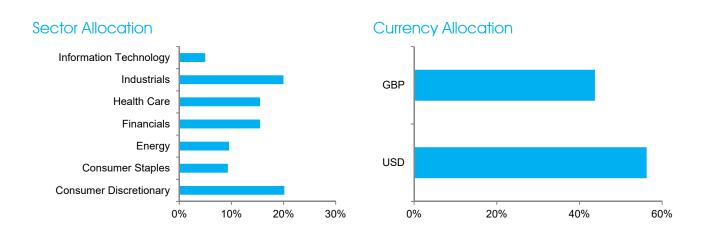
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