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# PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (GBP)<sup>1,2</sup>

		Annualised					
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month	YTD
Best Ideas Portfolio	13.0	14.6	18.4	32.6	12.6	7.9	7.9
MSCI World	12.1	13.4	12.4	24.0	8.9	4.1	4.0
Relative	0.9	1.2	6.1	8.6	3.7	3.9	3.9

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Best Ideas Portfolio	30.4	14.8
MSCI World	26.2	15.1

## MARKET COMMENTARY

January saw strong returns across global equity markets. The S&P 500, FTSE 100, and Euro STOXX 50 rose by 2.8%, 6.2%, and 8.2%, respectively, and measured in their local currencies. There was continued optimism surrounding US President Trump, however, the launch of AI models by Chinese company, DeepSeek, posed questions of the US technology sector. This saw the NASDAQ posting lower returns of 1.7% during the month, measured in its local currency. Fixed income markets remained relatively flat throughout the month with UK and US 10-year bond yields both falling 3 basis points, despite heightened volatility around Trump's tariff policies, which created long-term inflationary expectations. Commodities experienced a strong start to the year. Gold, often regarded as a safe haven during times of market uncertainty, rose by 6.7%. Brent Crude oil climbed by 2.9%, largely influenced by the threat of more sanctions from the US on Russian oilexports, raising fears of further supply disruptions. Currency markets saw the pound depreciate by 1.0% against both the US dollar and euro.

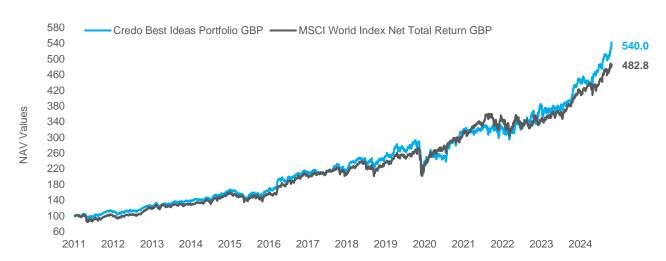
### Key Contributors to Return

Interactive Brokers Group's shares increased by 23.7% after reporting better than expected results on strong new client numbers and existing clients participating in rising markets with more leverage. Meta Platforms Inc's shares increased by 18.3% after reported earnings exceeded consensus expectations by 18.7% with the company stepping up investments into Al to drive future growth.

### **Key Detractors from Return**

MSG Sports Corp's shares declined by 2.1% after limited news flow in January failed to drive the shares higher. Chubb Ltd's shares declined by 1.1% after wildfires in Los Angeles drove US insurance shares lower, despite the company's limited Californian market exposure and better-than-expected quarterly earnings release.

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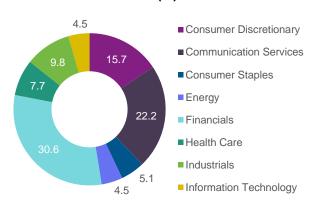




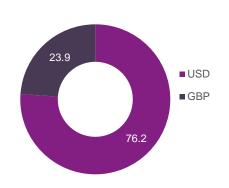
#### SAMPLE PORTFOLIO STATISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	<b>Current Price</b>	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	<b>Dividend Yield</b>
British American Tobacco plc	3197p	6.4x	8.8x	7.4%
Chubb Ltd	\$271.9	11.9x	12.6x	1.3%
Meta Platforms Inc-Class A	\$689.2	28.5x	26.6x	0.3%
Total Portfolio Average		31.5x	15.9x	1.5%
MSCI World		22.8x	22.3x	1.7%

### **SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)**



### **CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)**



## **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

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- We seek to invest in high quality companies that are attractively priced relative to their future business prospects
- · We believe that the market's short-term focus creates opportunities for those willing to concentrate on underlying business performance
- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility

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MSCI World	9.9	12.1	9.5	21.4	5.5	3.5	3.5
Relative	1.1	1.2	5.8	8.4	3.6	3.8	3.9

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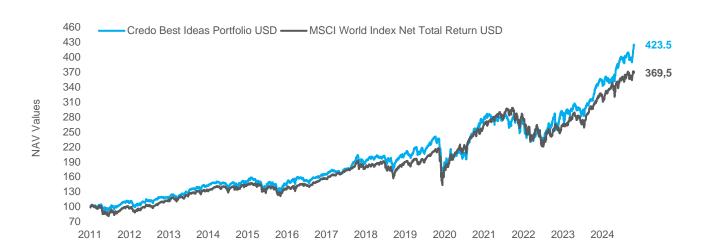
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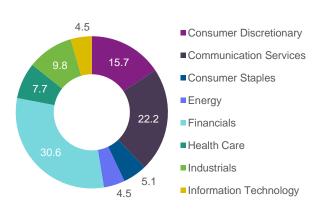




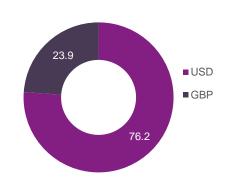
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