

### Strategy & Objective

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

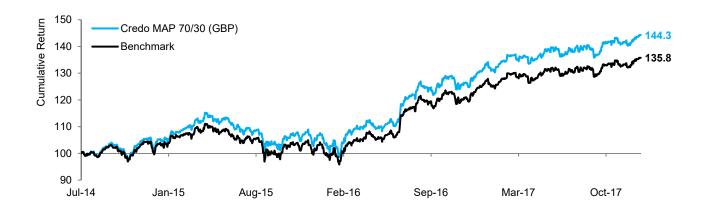
					Annualised		
Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	S. Inception	
Multi Asset - 70/30	10.5	2.6	4.4	10.5	11.3	11.0	
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	8.7	2.6	3.9	8.7	9.6	9.1	
Relative	1.8	0.0	0.5	1.8	1.7	1.9	

Risk	Largest Drawdown (%)	Volatility (Annualised %)	Sharpe Ratio	
Multi Asset - 70/30	14.3	9.2	1.0	
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	13.7	8.7	0.8	

#### Market Commentary

2017 drew to a close with mixed returns across equity regions. December saw a 1.1% rise in the S&P 500, in a month where President Trump signed US tax reforms into law. In contrast, markets across continental Europe were down over the period, with the CAC 40 and DAX falling -0.9% and -0.8% respectively. UK equities saw the largest rise, with the FTSE 100 increasing 5.0%, despite the government losing a vote that required any Brexit deal to be approved through a full parliamentary vote. Having flirted with the 2% level earlier in the late summer, US 10 year bond yields ended the year where they began, at 2.4%. This masked a continued flattening of the US yield curve, as 2 year interest rates reached 1.9%, a significant rise from their 1.2% level in January.

# Performance Since Inception (02/07/2014)<sup>4</sup>



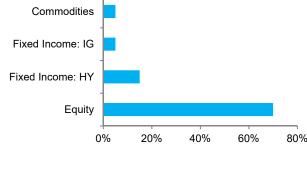
#### Multi-Asset Portfolio - 70/30 (GBP) December 2017



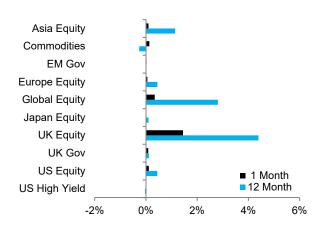
#### Sample Holdings

	Weight (%)	Alternatives				
AQR Global Defensive Equity	3.9%	- Commodities				
iShares FTSE 100	14.3%	- Commodities				
DB X-trackers S&P500 Equal Weight	4.8%	Fixed Income: IG				
SPDR Barclays 15+ UK GILT	1.3%	Fixed Income: HY				
Hermes Asia ex Japan	3.4%	- Equity				
Total	27.7%	 0%	6	20%	40%	60%

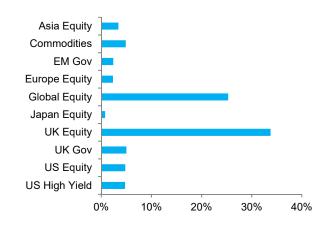
### Strategic Asset Allocation



### Performance of Underlying Funds<sup>4</sup>



#### **Fund Allocation**



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- (2) Benchmark comprised of 35% MSCI UK NTR, 35% MSCI World NTR, 15% iBoxx GBP Corporates TR, 5% iBoxx GBP Gilts TR, 5% Bloomberg Commodities TR, 5% GBP Cash.
- (3) Figures represent portfolio volatility, calculated using daily return data, annualised.
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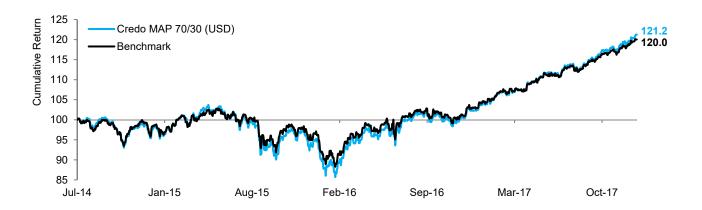
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Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	S. Inception
Multi Asset - 70/30	18.2	1.5	4.8	18.2	7.4	5.6
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	16.6	1.2	4.3	16.6	7.0	5.3
Relative	1.6	0.3	0.5	1.6	0.4	0.3

Risk	Largest Drawdown (%)	Volatility (Annualised %)	Sharpe Ratio	
Multi Asset - 70/30	17.3	8.6	0.7	
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	14.1	7.7	0.7	

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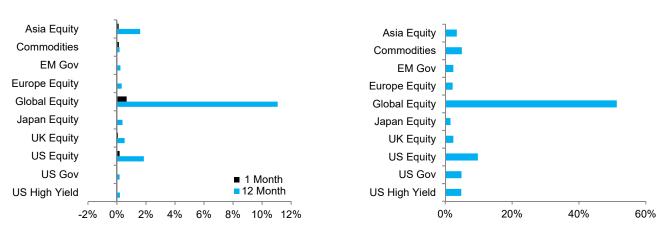
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AQR Global Defensive Equity	7.9%	· · · · ·				
ETFS Longer Commodities	5.0%	Commodities				
Lyxor US Treasuries	1.2%	Fixed Income: IG				
UBS MSCI EMU \$ Hedged	2.2%	- Fixed Income: HY				
Shares \$ High Yield	2.4%	-				
Total	18.7%	Equity				
		0%	20%	40%	60%	80

Strategic Asset Allocation

**Fund Allocation** 

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