# Strategy & Objective

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

					Annualised		
Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	S. Inception
Best Ideas Portfolio	-1.3	-1.3	3.7	29.8	15.0	13.4	12.9
MSCI World	0.6	0.6	3.5	32.5	15.9	14.9	12.2
Relative	-1.9	-1.9	0.3	-2.7	-0.9	-1.6	0.7

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown Volatility (Annuali		
Best Ideas Portfolio	17.3	10.5	
MSCI World	19.0	11.0	

# Market Commentary

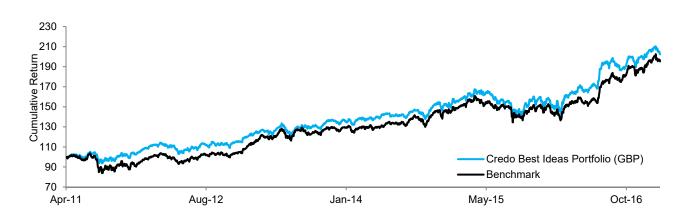
January saw a mixed period for equity markets. The month began with broad indices continuing their ascent, with the FTSE 100 closing at an all-time high after fourteen consecutive days of gains stretching back to 21st December and the Dow Jones Industrial Average breaking the 20,000 barrier. However with geopolitics coming to the fore towards the end of the period, optimism waned, as the indices ended the period with muted returns of -0.6% and 0.6% respectively. Elsewhere in Europe, the DAX rose 0.5% and the CAC 40 fell - 2.3%. In Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng finished the month 6.2% higher while in Japan the Nikkei 225 fell -0.4%. In fixed income, the rise in global bond yields continued, with UK 10-year gilts climbing 18bps to 1.42%, German 10-year bunds up 23bps to 0.44% and US 10-year Treasury yields rising to 2.45%.

#### Key Contributors to Return

HCA Holding's shares returned 8.5% driven by strong 4th quarter results in the face of market concerns over the impact of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Halliburton's shares increased by 4.6% after their latest earnings results were significantly above consensus estimates.

#### Key Detractors from Return

AutoZone's shares fell -8.2% following reports that Amazon is looking to invest in the auto parts industry. BP's shares declined - 7.2% due to concerns raised by some sell-side brokers that the upcoming 4th quarter earnings will have a greater level of upstream cost seasonality than seen in previous years.



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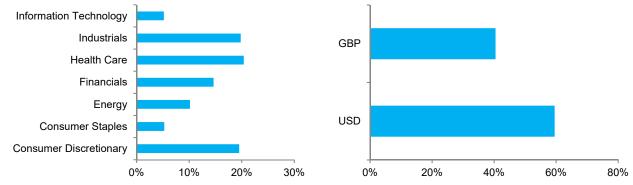


#### Sample Portfolio Statistics<sup>2</sup>

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
BP plc	473p	192.3x	14.6x	6.7%
Chubb Ltd	\$131.5	13.9x	12.6x	2.1%
Microsoft Corp	\$64.7	30.8x	20.6x	2.4%
Total Portfolio Average		21.0x	16.7x	2.4%
MSCI World		22.1x	16.3x	2.5%

# Sector Allocation

Currency Allocation



#### **Investment Philosophy**

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Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	S. Inception
Best Ideas Portfolio	0.4	0.4	6.6	15.3	5.4	8.5	8.3
MSCI World	2.4	2.4	6.4	17.1	6.0	9.9	7.3
Relative	-2.0	-2.0	0.2	-1.8	-0.5	-1.4	0.9

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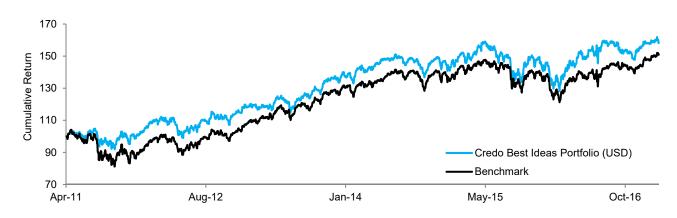
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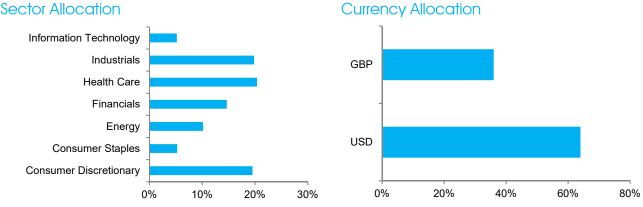
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