# Best Ideas Portfolio (GBP)

October 2017



# 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	3.9	1.1	2.6	9.2	13.2	13.7	12.2
MSCI World	9.9	2.8	3.7	13.1	15.1	16.0	12.3
Relative	-6.0	-1.7	-1.1	-3.9	-1.9	-2.3	-0.1

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Best Ideas Portfolio	17.3	12.0
MSCI World	19.0	12.7

#### **Market Commentary**

October was a positive month for global equity markets. In the US, the DJIA rose 4.4% as both the Senate and the House approved a fiscal budget providing scope for future tax reform legislation. Secession was the theme across headlines in Europe, with the Spanish national government dissolving the Catalan Parliament and Catalonian leader Puigdemont announcing independence. The UK's Brexit Secretary David Davis admitted that any deal will likely favour the EU, as proposed transition talks were rejected by leading EU states until a divorce deal is agreed. Yet the Euro STOXX 50 rose 2.3% and FTSE 100 returned 1.8% during the period. The major bond markets saw some divergence with 10 year rates in the US rising to 2.38%, whilst UK and German 10 year rates fell to 1.33%, and 0.36% respectively.

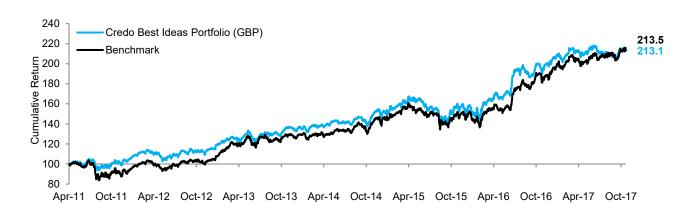
#### **Key Contributors to Return**

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## **Key Detractors from Return**

Nielsen's shares declined by 10.6%, suffering from negative commentary on the outlook for the Buy segment in developed markets. McKesson's shares declined by 10.2%, reacting negatively to continued rumours that Amazon are looking to enter the pharmaceutical retail market.

## Performance Since Inception (14/04/2011)<sup>2</sup>





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

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Babcock Intl Group plc	812p	13.2x	9.4x	3.5%
BP plc	510p	28.8x	18.5x	6.0%
Nielsen Holdings plc	\$37.1	23.1x	13.4x	3.7%
Total Portfolio Average		15.9x	14.3x	2.9%
MSCI World		21.0x	16.8x	2.4%



20%

# Investment Philosophy

**Consumer Discretionary** 

Consumer Staples

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

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• We believe wealth is created and preserved by following a patient and disciplined investment strategy that is focused on the long-term.

40%

USD

0%

20%

40%

60%

80%

- 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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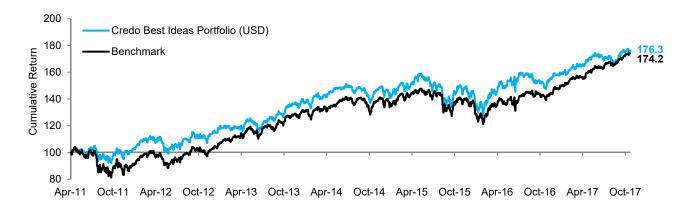
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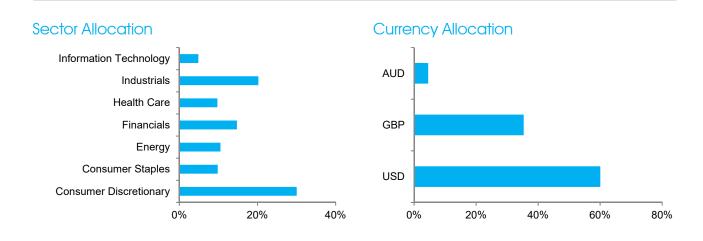
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