

# Strategy & Objective

The Best Ideas Portfolio is a diversified portfolio (not a fund) of global equities, which we believe to be well positioned to outperform the wider equity market over the longer term. The portfolio has a bias towards developed market, large capitalisation stocks.

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

		Annualised					
Return (%)	S. Inception	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Month	1 Month	YTD
Best Ideas Portfolio	11.9	11.8	13.6	5.4	3.1	-3.3	9.5
MSCI World	10.9	11.8	14.2	5.0	3.8	-2.7	10.8
Relative	1.0	0.0	-0.6	0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.3

Risk (%)	Largest Drawdown	Volatility (Annualised)
Best Ideas Portfolio	17.3	12.2
MSCI World	19.0	12.9

#### **Market Commentary**

Global equity markets performed poorly in May, with all major indices down over the month. The S&P 500, FTSE 100, the Euro STOXX 50 and Nikkei 225 had negative returns of 6.4%, 2.9%, 5.1% and 7.4% respectively. May saw the trade war between the US and China intensify as the US increased tariffs on a further \$200 billion of Chinese imports. President Trump also threatened to impose 5% tariffs on Mexican imports until Mexico contributes more to solving the migrant issue. Theresa May announced she is to step down as Prime Minister on 7th June after failing to get support for her Brexit. Pound sterling was down 3.2% against the US dollar and 2.8% against the euro. The yield on US, UK and German 10-year bonds decreased by 38, 30 and 22 basis points respectively, as investors moved into safer assets.

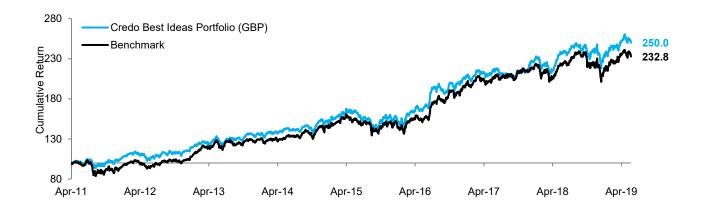
#### **Key Contributors to Return**

Frontdoor's shares increased 14.1% as the company reported better than expected results for the first quarter and increased its revenue growth outlook for the year. Merlin Entertainments' shares increased 3.5% after a public letter was published by activist shareholder, ValueAct, suggesting the company should be taken private.

#### **Key Detractors from Return**

Imperial Brands' shares declined by 20.2% after the company reported falling e-cigarette volumes in the US during the first half of the year, indicating high levels of unsold inventory. Las Vegas Sands' shares declined 18.0% alongside a general sell-off in the Macau gaming sector as a result of renewed US-China trade war fears.

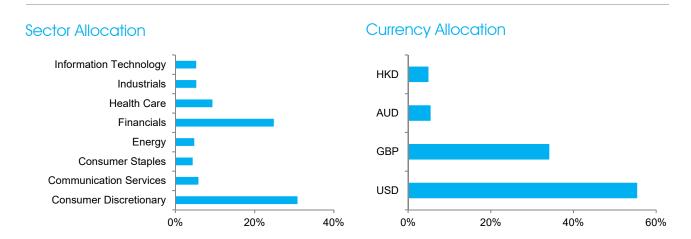
## Performance Since Inception (14/04/2011)<sup>2</sup>



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

	Current Price	Trailing 12 Month P/E	12 Month Forward P/E	Dividend Yield
Adtalem Global Education Inc	\$44	16.0x	14.3x	0.0%
BP plc	540p	10.1x	11.6x	5.8%
Imperial Brands plc	1915p	9.8x	6.7x	10.1%
Total Portfolio Average		15.9x	13.6x	2.4%
MSCI World		17.1x	14.7x	2.7%



# Investment Philosophy

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

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- We follow a value-based approach to investing.
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- We view risk as permanent losses of capital and not in terms of short-term volatility.

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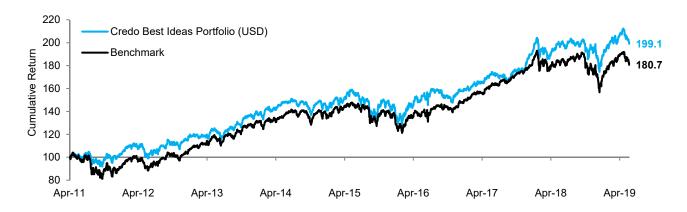
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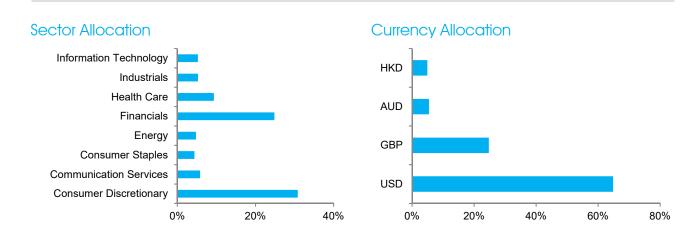
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