



# Artisan Value Fund

## MONTHLY Commentary

Investor Class: ARTLX | Advisor Class: APDLX

As of 31 January 2024

### Commentary

Top month-to-date contributors: Meta Platforms Inc; Arch Capital Group Ltd; Netflix Inc; Comcast Corp; Merck & Co Inc

Bottom month-to-date contributors: United Parcel Service Inc; Schlumberger NV; Samsung Electronics Co Ltd; EOG Resources Inc; Warner Bros Discovery Inc

In this space, we discuss one top contributor (Netflix) and one bottom contributor (United Parcel Service) from the recent month.

Netflix, one of our top performers of 2023, added to its gains in January on announced strong revenue and subscriber growth as price increases and a crackdown on password sharing have driven subscriber additions and higher average revenue per user. When we purchased Netflix in 2022, the stock was selling significantly below our estimates of fair value. At that time, there were questions about the long-term economics of streaming, slowing subscriber growth and increasing competition. We saw Netflix's slowing subscriber growth as natural given its size and a maturing streaming market. Despite the growth slowdown, we viewed Netflix's position as the largest streaming service (~260 million subscribers currently) as a key strategic advantage. Streaming is a scale and intellectual property business model that should result in a few large winners. Netflix remains far ahead of all streaming peers in subscribers, revenue, content spend and cash flow generation. Importantly, Netflix has also evolved its business model over the past year, becoming more efficient with its content spending, cracking down on password sharing and introducing a lower cost advertising-supported tier (lowering subscriber churn). Importantly, these changes have led to robust earnings and free cash flow growth.

United Parcel Service (UPS) is a global package delivery and supply chain business. We added UPS to the portfolio in November when shares were under pressure due to concerns about its new labor contract diverting volumes and driving up costs, as well as the continued normalization of volumes following COVID-related gains. The stock moved higher after we purchased it but gave up those gains in January when the company reported weaker-than-expected shipping volumes and a decline in revenue in the prior quarter. Despite the long-term growth tailwinds from the secular shift toward e-commerce, the shipping business is still cyclical, so disappointments will happen. However, we welcomed the market's short-term focus as it provided us an opportunity to purchase UPS at an undemanding valuation of less than 11X our view of normalized earnings. UPS is a good transport operation that easily earns its cost of capital, generates cash, has an economic moat, has a strong financial profile and pays a dividend yielding 4.6%. With the new 5-year labor agreement completed, we believe UPS can focus on regaining lost volume and improving its cost structure.

### Portfolio Details

	ARTLX	APDLX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$13.87	\$13.78
Inception	27 Mar 2006	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2023 <sup>1,2</sup>	1.09/1.06 <sup>3</sup>	0.97/0.88
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 <sup>1,2</sup>	1.10/1.07	0.97/0.88

<sup>1</sup>Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2025. <sup>2</sup>See prospectus for further details. <sup>3</sup>There was no expense limit prior to July 1, 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, expense limit was 0.98%.

### Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Alphabet Inc (Communication Services)	4.0
Meta Platforms Inc (Communication Services)	3.9
Arch Capital Group Ltd (Financials)	3.4
Comcast Corp (Communication Services)	3.4
Visa Inc (Financials)	3.0
Airbus SE (Industrials)	3.0
Heineken Holding NV (Consumer Staples)	2.8
US Bancorp (Financials)	2.8
Compass Group PLC (Consumer Discretionary)	2.8
Booking Holdings Inc (Consumer Discretionary)	2.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31.7%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS.

### Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	RIV <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	19.1	4.9
Consumer Discretionary	7.9	5.0
Consumer Staples	13.9	7.9
Energy	5.5	7.7
Financials	26.5	22.3
Health Care	11.5	14.8
Industrials	10.5	13.7
Information Technology	5.2	9.5
Materials	0.0	4.7
Real Estate	0.0	4.8
Utilities	0.0	4.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 5.1% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Value Index.

### Investment Results (%)

As of 31 January 2024	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTLX	0.80	0.80	0.80	14.53	13.18	12.82	9.91	8.13
Advisor Class: APDLX	0.88	0.88	0.88	14.64	13.37	13.01	10.06	8.21
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Value Index	0.10	0.10	0.10	6.08	9.23	9.28	8.80	7.28
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Index	1.39	1.39	1.39	20.23	9.78	13.99	12.32	9.77

As of 31 December 2023

Investor Class: ARTLX	5.21	9.75	24.23	24.23	11.70	14.97	9.33	8.12
Advisor Class: APDLX	5.19	9.75	24.32	24.32	11.85	15.14	9.47	8.20
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Value Index	5.54	9.50	11.46	11.46	8.86	10.91	8.40	7.31
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Index	4.94	11.96	26.53	26.53	8.97	15.52	11.80	9.73

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (27 March 2006); Advisor (1 April 2015). For the period prior to inception, Advisor Class performance is the Investor Class's return for that period ("Linked Performance"). Linked Performance has not been restated to reflect expenses of the Advisor Class and the share class's returns during that period would be different if such expenses were reflected.

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Market Cap Distribution (% of portfolio securities)

\$ in billions	Fund	RIV <sup>1</sup>
204.0+	22.0	20.0
114.0–204.0	24.8	22.7
50.0–114.0	32.4	18.0
21.0–50.0	14.1	19.3
0.0–21.0	6.6	20.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. <sup>1</sup>Russell 1000® Value Index.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Thomas A. Reynolds IV	25
Daniel L. Kane, CFA	25
Craig Inman, CFA	24

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Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet. Contribution to Return includes the securities with the highest positive and negative contribution to the portfolio's return and is calculated by multiplying a security's portfolio weight by its in-portfolio return for the period. Purchases/sales are accounted for by using end of the day prices, which may or may not reflect the actual purchase/sale price realized by the portfolio. Contribution to return is not exact, but should be considered an approximation.

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