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## **Artisan Funds Launches New Fund Artisan Global Equity Fund Managed by Mark Yockey and Barry Dargan**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin. March 29, 2010.** Artisan Funds announced today the launch of Artisan Global Equity Fund (ARTHX), co-managed by Mark Yockey and Barry Dargan. Mr. Yockey is the portfolio manager of Artisan International Fund and Artisan International Small Cap Fund. Mr. Dargan recently joined Artisan from MFS<sup>®</sup> Investment Management where he was a managing director, portfolio manager of MFS International Growth Fund and portfolio co-manager of MFS Global Growth Fund.

Mr. Yockey, leader of Artisan's global equity team, will work with Mr. Dargan to manage and develop the new global equity strategy. The duo will be supported by Artisan's deep and highly experienced global equity analyst team.

Eric Colson, Artisan's Chief Executive Officer, said, "We're thrilled to have someone of Barry's caliber and expertise join Artisan and incredibly excited to bring Barry's global experience together with our strong global equity team, led by Mark Yockey, to launch Artisan Global Equity Fund."

### **About Artisan Partners**

Artisan Partners Limited Partnership, an independent, multi-product investment management firm based in Milwaukee, with principal investment offices in San Francisco, Atlanta and New York, is the investment adviser to Artisan Funds, a family of 12 no-load mutual funds. As of December 31, 2009, Artisan Partners managed more than \$46 billion for individuals, financial professionals, endowments, foundations and pension plans by focusing exclusively on high-value-added equity strategies in the U.S. and international markets. The firm offers both mutual fund and separate account management in each strategy to accommodate a broad range of client mandates.

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