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Artisan Partners to Launch Global Small-Cap Growth Strategy

San Francisco, California. Artisan Partners announced today that it plans to launch a new active equity investment strategy, Artisan Global Small-Cap Growth Strategy, in early 2013. The strategy will be managed by the Artisan Partners Global Equity team and led by portfolio managers Mark L. Yockey, Charles-Henri Hamker and David Geisler. The trio has over 65 years of combined investment experience and will be supported by the deep and highly experienced global equity research team.

Artisan Partners CEO Eric Colson said, "Mark Yockey and his team have been investing in small-cap stocks in our Non-U.S. Small-Cap Growth Strategy for over a decade. We are excited to launch a strategy that will provide our Global Equity team with the freedom to invest in small-cap opportunities without restriction on a global basis."

ABOUT ARTISAN PARTNERS

Artisan Partners is an independent investment management firm focused on providing high value-added, active investment strategies to sophisticated clients globally. Since 1994, the firm has been committed to attracting experienced, disciplined investment professionals to manage client assets. Artisan Partners has five autonomous investment teams that oversee twelve distinct U.S., non-U.S. and global investment strategies. Each strategy is offered through multiple investment vehicles to accommodate a broad range of client mandates.

The firm's principal offices are located in Milwaukee, San Francisco, Atlanta, New York and London.

For additional information, please contact your Artisan Partners representative.

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