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Artisan Partners Launches Thematic Strategy

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Artisan Partners announced today that it launched the Artisan Thematic Strategy. The strategy is managed by Christopher Smith, founding portfolio manager of the Artisan Partners Thematic Team, who joined the firm in October 2016 to start the eighth autonomous investment team. Mr. Smith has 14 years investment experience at high-quality investment firms including Karsch Capital, Soros Capital and Kingdon Capital.

Artisan Partners CEO Eric Colson said, "Our business model provides the Thematic Team with the resources and autonomy to fully and purely implement its philosophy and process without distractions. Chris Smith brings a wealth of experience in managing concentrated long-only and long/short portfolios. We are excited to have him and the team launch their first strategy, which utilizes a unique approach to capitalizing on multi-year thematic trends through a high-conviction portfolio. The Thematic Fund is emblematic of our investment offerings that have higher degrees of investment flexibility and risk management tools."

In regards to the team's approach, Mr. Smith added, "We believe the combination of a top-down thematic framework and bottom-up analysis, with a keen focus on risk management, positions the portfolio to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long term."

ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Christopher Smith is a managing director of Artisan Partners and founding portfolio manager of the Thematic team. He joined Artisan Partners in October 2016 and has managed the strategy since inception in 2017. Prior to joining Artisan Partners in 2016, Mr. Smith was a senior analyst at Kingdon Capital from October 2014 to October 2016. From September 2013 to October 2014, he was the founder and portfolio manager at Centerline Investment Partners and prior thereto, he was a managing director with Karsch Capital Management. Mr. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (summa cum laude).

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Artisan Partners is a global investment management firm that provides a broad range of high value-added investment strategies in growing asset classes to sophisticated clients around the world. Since 1994, the firm has been committed to attracting experienced, disciplined investment professionals to manage client assets. Artisan Partners' autonomous investment teams oversee a diverse range of investment strategies across multiple asset classes. Strategies are offered through various investment vehicles to accommodate a broad range of client mandates.