



Artisan Sustainable Emerging Markets Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTZX | Advisor Class: APDEX

As of 29 February 2024

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Emerging markets equities were strong in February, more than offsetting January losses. The stable market volatility supported EM stocks, yet risks persist due to ongoing geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East and China's economic slowdown. India and Taiwan were the MSCI Emerging Markets Index's main contributors, while China, Korea and Brazil were the benchmark's primary detractors. Our portfolio has outperformed the index QTD.

Our top relative contributors QTD include E Ink and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC). E Ink is a Taiwan-based producer of e-paper technology used in e-readers, such as Amazon's Kindle, and electronic shelf label (ESL) systems used to display product pricing on retail shelves. Growth is gaining momentum, supported by retailers, such as Walmart, aiming to automate their stores with upgrades like ESL adoption. Moreover, the company has a robust pipeline of product applications, such as replacing paper in advertising signs and introducing color e-readers.

TSMC is the world's largest dedicated chip foundry. Investor optimism about the semiconductor industry remains strong, fueled by the rapid innovation and the evolution of artificial intelligence. TSMC's significance as the backbone of the AI industry and the primary chip supplier for Apple and Nvidia cannot be overstated. We maintain confidence in the company's long-term prospects as computing power continues to grow, driving demand for TSMC's leading-edge chips.

Our primary relative detractors QTD include MTN Group and Samsung Electronics. MTN Group is a South Africa-based multinational telecommunications group operating in Africa and the Middle East. The weakness in Nigeria's naira has impacted the stock since the country lifted currency controls, resulting in steep currency depreciation that has yet to stabilize. We remain optimistic about the company as it is growing in South Africa, Ghana and other African markets, and its balance sheet remains healthy.

Samsung Electronics is one of the world's leading producers of memory semiconductors, mobile handsets and other digital convergence products. Concerns about memory chip oversupply following a rise in the capacity utilization rate among producers have impacted the stock recently. Nevertheless, we believe Samsung has compelling fundamentals and a sustainable competitive advantage, attributable to its diversified product portfolio and cost leadership.

Volatility is to be expected in emerging markets, and it can be extreme at times—a natural part of what we believe is a superior growth opportunity over longer periods. We maintain our disciplined process and closely monitor positions—including engagement with management teams—to adjust valuations and position size as we believe appropriate.

Investment Results (%)

As of 29 February 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	5.11	0.68	0.68	12.40	-6.54	2.16	3.90	0.48
Advisor Class: APDEX	5.12	0.74	0.74	12.52	-6.51	2.18	3.92	0.49
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	4.76	-0.11	-0.11	8.73	-6.30	1.89	3.01	1.35

As of 31 December 2023	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	3.18	7.92	18.41	18.41	-5.58	4.02	3.42	0.44
Advisor Class: APDEX	3.15	7.89	18.47	18.47	-5.56	4.03	3.43	0.45
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	3.91	7.86	9.83	9.83	-5.08	3.68	2.66	1.37

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (2 June 2008); Advisor (27 April 2022). 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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Portfolio Details

	ARTZX	APDEX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$16.25	\$16.23
Inception	2 Jun 2008	27 Apr 2022
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2023 ^{1,2}	1.74/1.15	1.33/1.05
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 ^{1,2}	1.75/1.16	1.34/1.06

¹Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2025. ²See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Taiwan)	10.6
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Korea)	6.9
ICICI Bank Ltd (India)	3.7
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	3.5
MercadoLibre Inc (Argentina)	3.4
E Ink Holdings Inc (Taiwan)	3.3
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (China)	3.0
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	3.0
Estun Automation Co Ltd (China)	2.4
Vietnam Technological & Commercial Joint Stock Bank (Vietnam)	2.3
TOTAL	42.1%

Source: Artisan Partners. Portfolio country classifications are defined by the investment team.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
Consumer Goods	8.6	7.1
Extractives & Minerals Processing	9.3	10.7
Financials	19.9	22.6
Food & Beverage	1.8	5.0
Health Care	5.2	3.9
Infrastructure	3.3	5.4
Renewable Resources & Alternative Energy	0.0	0.8
Resource Transformation	8.0	5.2
Services	2.9	1.3
Technology & Communications	38.6	32.5
Transportation	2.4	5.5
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/SASB/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 4.3% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Average Annual Total Returns

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Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
EMERGING ASIA	63.6	78.2
Taiwan	18.1	16.7
China	15.1	25.8
Korea	12.2	12.5
India	11.2	17.6
Vietnam	2.4	—
Indonesia	2.4	1.9
Malaysia	1.5	1.4
Thailand	0.6	1.6
LATIN AMERICA	20.4	9.0
Brazil	6.9	5.5
Argentina	6.4	—
Mexico	3.1	2.6
Peru	1.9	0.3
Chile	1.8	0.5
Panama	0.5	—
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA	9.9	12.8
South Africa	3.3	2.7
Greece	2.5	0.5
Kazakhstan	2.0	—
United Arab Emirates	1.1	1.2
Romania	1.0	—
Russia	0.0	—
DEVELOPED MARKETS	6.0	—
Netherlands	3.7	—
Hong Kong	1.4	—
United States	0.6	—
Singapore	0.3	—
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. ¹MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed. Portfolio country classifications are defined by the investment team and may differ substantially from MSCI classifications; index country classifications reflect MSCI methodology. For the portfolio's country breakdown according to MSCI methodology, refer to the Fund's most recent portfolio holdings at www.sec.gov.

Investment Team (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Maria Negrete-Gruson, CFA	32
Analysts	
Meagan Nace, CFA	31
Chen Gu, CFA	36
Nicolas Rodriguez-Brizuela	24
Gurpreet Pal	20
Jessica Lin, CFA	19
Javier Cervantes	8

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For the purpose of determining the Fund's holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the Fund. The discussion of portfolio holdings does not constitute a recommendation of any individual security. These holdings comprise the following percentages of the Fund's total net assets as of 29 Feb 2024: MTN Group Ltd 1.0%. As of 3 Mar 2022, Russian holdings are valued at zero. Securities named in the Commentary, but not listed as a Top Ten Holding or not listed here are not held in the Fund as of the date of this report. The portfolio managers' views and portfolio holdings are subject to change and the Fund disclaims any obligation to advise investors of such changes.

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