



Artisan High Income Fund

MONTHLY Commentary

Investor Class: ARTFX | Advisor Class: APDFX

As of 31 January 2024

Commentary

Our portfolio outperformed the ICE BofA US High Yield Index in January. In a month where the high yield market returned near zero, a significant driver of our outperformance was our allocation to leveraged loans, which continue to be an important source of diversification and alpha for the portfolio. From a sector perspective, our allocations to insurance brokers and services contributed positively while our holdings in media and telecommunications detracted.

In January, investors digested a continued resilient macro economy, moderating inflation and an overall market narrative forecasting rate cuts in 2024. Equity markets responded by continuing their year-end rally with the S&P 500® Index gaining 1.7%, while coupon income for high yield offset marginal spread widening following a significant decrease in credit spreads in Q4 2023. The Fed's messaging at the end of the month reminded investors that monetary policy will continue to be data dependent. Based on incoming data that was stronger than anticipated, the market-implied likelihood of a March rate cut declined from a near certainty entering the year to approximately a one-third probability by month-end.

By credit quality, CCCs (-0.4%) lagged BBs and Bs (both returning +0.1%). Price action was relatively muted, with CCC spreads widening the most at 55bps, though the CCC market remains significantly tighter (217bps) than the start of 2023. We continue to remain highly selective in our CCC exposure, emphasizing strong fundamentals and business quality, noting that the CCC segment continues to exhibit high dispersion among issuers.

Default activity remains light, similar to December. The par-weighted default rate for bonds and loans, excluding distressed exchanges, ended the month at 2.05% and 1.96%, respectively. The primary market was extremely active in January; high yield bond issuance was the largest monthly total since November 2021 with \$32 billion priced during the month, while leveraged loans priced over \$136 billion. It's worth noting that the vast majority of new issuance continues to be driven by refinancing/repricing as issuers take advantage of recent spread tightening, with only \$6 billion and \$10 billion, respectively, of net new supply entering the high yield and loan market during the month.

Although the year begins with a quiet month from a performance perspective, investors continue to weigh a multitude of macro and market factors in their daily decision making. With the market expecting a significant amount of rate cuts during 2024, the path forward for investors remains uncertain, particularly if the macro environment remains strong. As always, we continue to be driven by our bottom-up focus, intensely monitoring fundamentals and quality among our portfolio companies while selectively investing in attractive new issuance.

Portfolio Details

	ARTFX	APDFX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$9.00	\$8.99
Inception	19 Mar 2014	19 Mar 2014
30-Day SEC Yield	8.14%	8.34%
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2023	0.94%	0.79%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 ¹	0.96%	0.80%

¹See prospectus for further details.

Portfolio Statistics

Number of Holdings	226
Number of Issuers	121

Source: Artisan Partners.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Charter Communications Inc	4.1
Carnival Corp	3.9
NCL Corp Ltd	3.6
NFP Corp	3.4
Acrisure LLC	2.7
Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC	2.7
Medline Industries Inc	2.6
Altice France	2.5
TKC Holdings Inc	2.4
VistaJet Ltd	2.2
TOTAL	30.1%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. For the purpose of determining the portfolio's holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the portfolio.

Portfolio Composition (% of total portfolio)

Corporate Bonds	75.9
Bank Loans	16.1
Equities	0.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7.7
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. Negative cash weightings and portfolio composition greater than 100% may be due to unsettled transactions or investment in derivative instruments. Treasury futures represented net notional exposure of 0.00% of net assets.

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: ARTFX	0.30	0.30	0.30	10.49	3.32	5.90	—	5.88
Advisor Class: APDFX	0.20	0.20	0.20	10.66	3.48	6.07	—	6.03
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	0.02	0.02	0.02	9.21	1.88	4.27	—	4.29
As of 31 December 2023								
Investor Class: ARTFX	3.39	6.66	15.69	15.69	3.45	6.77	—	5.90
Advisor Class: APDFX	3.41	6.83	15.87	15.87	3.61	6.94	—	6.06
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	3.69	7.06	13.46	13.46	2.00	5.21	—	4.33

Source: Artisan Partners/ICE BofA. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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Ratings Distribution (%)

BBB	4.3
BB	26.2
B	42.2
CCC	24.6
D	0.2
Unrated	2.5
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners.

Maturity Distribution (%)

< 1 year	0.8
1 - <3 years	9.0
3 - <5 years	39.1
5 - <7 years	42.1
7 - <10 years	7.4
10+ years	1.6
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. Percentages shown are of total fixed income securities in the portfolio.

Portfolio Construction

The team generally determines the amount of assets invested in each issuer based on conviction, valuation and availability of supply. Based on the team's analysis it divides the portfolio into three parts. Core investments are generally positions with stable to improving credit profiles and lower loan to value ratios. Spread investments are those where the team has an out-of-consensus view about a company's credit improvement potential. Opportunistic investments are driven by market dislocations that have created a unique investment opportunity. Allocations to each group will vary over time based on market conditions.

Team Leadership



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Bryan C. Krug, CFA	23

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ICE BofA US High Yield Index measures the performance of below investment grade \$US-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the US market. Credit Suisse (CS) Leveraged Loan Index is an unmanaged market value-weighted index designed to mirror the investable universe of the US dollar-denominated leveraged loan market. New issues are added to the index on their effective date if they qualify according to the following criteria: loan facilities must be rated "BB" or lower; only fully funded term loan facilities are included; and issuers must be domiciled in developed countries. The index(es) are unmanaged; include net reinvested dividends; do not reflect fees or expenses; and are not available for direct investment.

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