

# Artisan High Income Strategy

## QUARTERLY Fact Sheet

For Institutional Investors - Not for Onward Distribution

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\$9,407

9.0%

### **Investment Process Highlights**

The investment team seeks to invest in issuers with high-quality business models that have compelling risk-adjusted return characteristics. The team will invest primarily in non-investment grade corporate bonds and secured and unsecured loans of US and non-US issuers.

#### **Business Ouality**

- Qualitative industry analysis
- Examine management decision-making history
- Consider ESG-related risk factors

#### **Financial Strength & Flexibility**

- Free cash flow analysis
- Corporate structure review
- Capital structure review

### **Competitive Edge**

- Conservative financial projections
- Competitive dynamics
- Capital structure position
- Enterprise value support

#### Value Identification

- Credit improvement opportunities
- Relative value within the capital structure
- Credit cycle awareness
- Catalysts with optionality
- Dislocation exploitation

#### Portfolio Composition (% of total portfolio)

10.0
10.0
0.3
14.7
75.0

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.

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Investment Results (% USD)	ment Results (% USD) Average Annual Total Returns									
As of 31 December 2023	QTD		YTD		1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	1	10 Yr	Inception
Composite — Gross	7.05		16.95		16.95	4.42	7.78			6.92
Composite — Net	6.88		16.18		16.18	3.72	7.05		_	6.18
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	7.06		13.46		13.46	2.00	5.21		_	4.31
Annual Returns (% USD) Trailing 12 months e	nded 31 December				2019	2020	2021	1	2022	2023
Composite — Net					14.30	10.24	6.45	-!	9.76	16.18
Calendar Year Returns (% USD)		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Composite — Gross		2.02	15.74	9.90	-0.72	15.09	11.00	7.16	-9.15	16.95
Composite — Net		1.28	14.92	9.14	-1.41	14.30	10.24	6.45	-9.76	16.18
ICE BofA US High Yield Index		-4.64	17.49	7.48	-2.26	14.41	6.17	5.36	-11.22	13.46

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

Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance shown. Unlike the Index, the High Income Composite may hold loans and other security types. At times, this causes material differences in relative performance. Composite performance has been presented in both gross and net of investment management fees.

Investment Risks: Investments will rise and fall with market fluctuations and investor capital is at risk. Investors investing in strategies denominated in non-local currency should be aware of the risk of currency exchange fluctuations that may cause a loss of principal. These risks, among others, are further described on the next page, which should be read in conjunction with this material.

Portfolio Statistics	
Number of Holdings	219
Number of Issuers	120
Duration (years)	2.6
Avg. Coupon	7.1%
Avg. Price	\$90.52
Current Yield	7.9%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg.

Yield to Maturity

**Portfolio Details** 

Composite Inception

Total AUM (USD Millions)

#### Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Charter Communications Inc	4.0
Carnival Corp	4.0
NFP Corp	3.5
Acrisure LLC	3.3
NCL Corp Ltd	3.2
Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC	2.7
Altice France	2.7
Medline Industries Inc	2.6
TKC Holdings Inc	2.4
VistaJet Ltd	2.1
TOTAL	30.5%
Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. For the purpose of dete	ermining the portfolio's

s/Bloomberg. For the purpose of d holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the portfolio.

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#### Team Leadership

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

#### Ratings Distribution (%)

BBB	4.4
BB	27.1
В	38.4
ССС	26.0
D	0.2
Unrated	3.9
TOTAL Source: Artisan Partners.	100.0%

#### Maturity Distribution (%)

< 1 year	0.9
1 - <3 years	7.8
3 - <5 years	42.0
5 - <7 years	40.9
7 - <10 years	6.5
10+ years	1.9
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.



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Investment Risks: Fixed income securities carry interest rate risk and credit risk for both the issuer and counterparty and investors may lose principal value. In general, when interest rates rise, fixed income values fall. High income securities (junk bonds) are speculative, experience greater price volatility and have a higher degree of credit and liquidity risk than bonds with a higher credit rating. The portfolio typically invests a significant portion of its assets in lower-rated high income securities (e.g., CCC). Loans carry risks including insolvency of the borrower, lending bank or other intermediary. Loans may be secured, unsecured, or not fully collateralized, trade infrequently, experience delayed settlement, and be subject to resale restrictions. Private placement and restricted securities may not be easily sold due to resale restrictions and are more difficult to value. Use of derivatives may create investment leverage and increase the likelihood of volatility and risk of loss in excess of the amount invested. International investments involve special risks, including currency fluctuation, lower liquidity, different accounting methods and economic and political systems, and higher transaction costs. These risks typically are greater in emerging and less developed markets, including frontier markets. These risks, among others, are further described in Artisan Partners Form ADV, which is available upon request.

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