

# **Artisan Floating Rate Strategy**

# **QUARTERLY** Fact Sheet

For Institutional Investors — Not for Onward Distribution

1 January 2022

91

70

0.2

\$96.43

9.2%

9.5%

10.0%

# **Investment Process Highlights**

The investment team will employ a fundamental investment process to construct a high-conviction portfolio comprised primarily of floating rate debt instruments that are attractively valued, including, without limitation, floating rate leveraged loans, which could include, among other types of loans, senior secured loans, unsecured loans, second lien loans, bridge loans and junior loans. The team's aim is to invest across the credit quality spectrum in various industries and issuance sizes to construct a portfolio that can generate appealing risk-adjusted returns.

### **Business Quality**

- 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

# **Downside Analysis**

- 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
- Dislocation exploitation

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- Catalysts with optionality

# Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Portfolio Details

Composite Inception

**Portfolio Statistics** 

Number of Holdings

Number of Issuers

Duration (years)

Avg. Coupon

Current Yield

Yield to Maturity

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg.

Avg. Price

Total AUM (USD Millions)

Delta Topco Inc	4.7
Nexus Buyer LLC	4.4
Edelman Financial Engines Center LLC	3.4
Ultimate Software Group Inc	3.3
AssuredPartners Inc	2.6
Applied Systems Inc	2.4
Fogo De Chao Inc	2.1
TKC Holdings Inc	2.1
Surgery Center Holdings Inc	2.0
KUEHG Corp	1.9
TOTAL	28.9%

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

-1.06

13.04

# Portfolio Composition (% of total portfolio)

■ Floating Rate Loans	85.0
■ Fixed Rate Bonds	4.6
■ Other Floating Rate Securities	0.8
■ Fixed Rate Loans	0.2
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9.4
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.

Investment Results (% USD)					Average Annual Total Retu	rns	
As of 31 March 2024	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Composite — Gross	2.52	2.52	13.81	_	_	_	7.19
Composite — Net	2.35	2.35	13.04	_	_	_	6.46
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	2.52	2.52	12.40	_	_	_	6.28
Annual Returns (% USD) Trailing 12 months ende	d 31 March		2020	2021	2022 —	2023 <b>2.51</b>	2024 <b>13.04</b>
Calendar Year Returns (% USD)						2022	2023
Composite — Gross						-0.80	14.94
Composite — Net						-1.48	14.17

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

Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index

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. 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.

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# Team Leadership

Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Bryan C. Krug, CFA (Lead)	23
Seth B. Yeager, CFA	20
Ratings Distribution (%)	
BBB	2.5
BB	10.5
В	75.0
CCC	9.2
D	0.9
Unrated	1.9
TOTAL Source: Artisan Partners.	100.0%

### Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

Automotive	0.0
Banking	0.0
Basic Industry	0.7
Capital Goods	5.9
Consumer Goods	5.7
Energy	0.0
Financial Services	10.6
Health Care	5.6
Insurance	21.8
Leisure	5.5
Media	4.2
Real Estate	0.6
Retail	8.4
Services	10.6
Technology & Electronics	18.6
Telecommunications	2.0
Transportation	0.0
Utility	0.0
Other	0.0
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/ICE BofA. Cash and cash equivalents represented 9.4% of the total portfolio. Sector categorizations for portfolio securities are based on ICE BofA classifications and are subject to reclassification at the investment team's discretion.

# Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	
AMERICAS	97.4
United States	96.0
Canada	1.4
EUROPE	2.6
TOTAL	100.0%
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Source: Artisan Partners. Breakdown based on issuer country of domicile, excluding cash.

# Portfolio Construction

A high-conviction portfolio comprised primarily of floating rate debt instruments that are attractively valued. At least 80% will be invested in floating rate leveraged loans, which could include, among other types of loans, senior secured loans, unsecured loans, second lien loans, bridge loans and junior loans. The portfolio has a bias toward US issuers but has the ability to invest globally. It also has flexibility to invest across the quality spectrum, in various industries and issuance sizes.



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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