



Artisan High Income Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTFX | Advisor Class: APDFX As of 31 August 2017

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Following months of steady returns and a quiet march higher, non-investment grade markets took a breather in August with returns just flat. Our portfolio's performance was also flat in August, though the fund remains in line with the index for the quarter and ahead for the year, aided by good credit selection and our strategic mix of bonds and loans.

The traditionally quiet month of August was marked by more cautious sentiment, as mounting US-North Korean tensions and ongoing political uncertainty in Washington weighed on risk assets. After starting the month near three-year highs, high yield bond spreads widened by more than 35bps mid-month before rallying into month-end. Spreads finished the period 24bps higher at 398bps while yields increased 12bps to 6.1%.

Leveraged loans (as measured by the JPMorgan Leveraged Loan Index) were down a modest 0.1% in August. Despite a lower historical correlation to broader risk assets, sharply lower Treasury yields and rising equity volatility made the asset class modestly less attractive during the period. Loan yields (to three-year takeout) increased 9bps to 5.9%, while spreads widened 18bps to 434bps.

Across the credit spectrum, CCC-rated debt sharply underperformed higher-rated bonds during August, generating a total return of -0.9% versus the B-rated return of -0.1% and the BB-rated return of 0.3%. At the industry level, utility, services and autos led on the upside while retail and energy were among the weakest performers.

While US high yield valuations remain historically rich, we believe the idiosyncratic and focused nature of our portfolio positions it well in this environment. We remain committed to our strategy of searching for issuers with high-quality business models, and together with capital structure flexibility, believe we can continue to find compelling, risk-adjusted investment opportunities.

Portfolio Details	ARTFX	APDFX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$10.13	\$10.13
Inception	19 Mar 2014	19 Mar 2014
30-Day SEC Yield	4.94%	5.10%
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2017 ¹	1.01%	0.81%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2016 ²	1.03%	0.84%

¹Unaudited, annualized for the six month period. ²See prospectus for more information.

Portfolio Statistics	Fund
Number of Holdings	125
Number of Issuers	73

Source: Artisan Partners.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

VEREIT Inc	6.2
Charter Communications Inc	6.0
HUB Holdings LLC	3.8
Endeavor Energy Resources LP	3.5
York Risk Services Holding Corp	3.1
Altice SA	2.8
Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc	2.3
Seven Generations Energy Ltd	2.2
Ardonagh Midco 3 PLC	2.1
Scientific Games Corp	2.1
TOTAL	34.1%

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	73.8
Bank Loans	20.2
Equities	0.4
Cash and Equivalents	5.6
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 (%)

As of 31 August 2017	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD ¹	QTD ¹	YTD ¹	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTFX	0.01	1.17	6.74	9.47	6.79	—	—	6.89
Advisor Class: APDFX	0.02	1.19	6.86	9.68	6.97	—	—	7.06
BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II Index	-0.03	1.13	6.09	8.79	4.81	—	—	5.06
As of 30 June 2017								
Investor Class: ARTFX	0.38	2.35	5.50	12.81	6.68	—	—	6.88
Advisor Class: APDFX	0.39	2.39	5.60	13.03	6.86	—	—	7.05
BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II Index	0.11	2.14	4.91	12.75	4.48	—	—	4.97

Source: Artisan Partners/BofA Merrill Lynch. ¹Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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Ratings Distribution (%)

BBB	8.1
BB	22.3
B	40.4
CCC	27.5
Unrated	1.7
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: S&P/Moody's.

Maturity Distribution (%)

< 1 Year	0.0
1 - <3 years	5.1
3 - <5 years	26.2
5 - <7 years	33.3
7 - <10 years	33.0
10+ years	2.4
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	17

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