



# Artisan Global Equity Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTHX

As of 31 May 2017

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Global equities added to their gains in May as Q1 earnings growth was solid, and the French election outcome relieved worries about the euro zone's future. QTD strength was fairly broad-based by sector. Technology, consumer staples and utilities led. The energy and materials sectors—meaningful outperformers in 2016—were laggards. Growth stocks outpaced their value peers, a continuation from Q1. Additionally, the euro's appreciation versus the US dollar remained a tailwind for USD-based investors.

The growth-stock performance advantage continued to work to our benefit as our portfolio outperformed its benchmark QTD. The technology sector was a meaningful contributor to our absolute and relative performance and a source of several top performers, including top-10 holdings Alphabet and Wirecard. Google's parent company Alphabet is experiencing sustained momentum across products and broad-based global growth. Strength in mobile search and YouTube remain key drivers, while the company is also seeing substantial growth in Google Play, hardware and Google Cloud.

Wirecard, a global payments company, is successfully integrating accretive acquisitions in higher-growth Asian markets, and more recently in the US. It recently completed the purchase of US-based pre-paid card business Citi Prepaid Services, providing the company with the opportunity to cross-sell and deepen its relationships with a large base of Fortune 200 clients. It is also experiencing solid organic revenue growth driven by transaction volumes.

Key QTD detractors included Ginko International and Synchrony Financial. Taiwan-based contact lens maker Ginko—whose major market is China—is contending with FX headwinds from a weaker RMB. However, on a constant currency basis, the company is growing revenue at mid-teens percentage rates, which is faster than the overall market. We're still attracted to Ginko's market-share dominance in the fast-growing Chinese market.

Synchrony, an issuer of private label credit cards, suffered from higher credit costs as credit normalization from low loss levels continued, but was partially offset by better retailer share arrangements and double-digit loan growth. We think the selloff is overdone. We also believe the backdrop remains positive for the company due to the potential for improved consumer spending, easing regulatory scrutiny and higher interest rates.

We added this month to our position in Tencent, a former holding that we re-purchased in April. Tencent is a major Chinese Internet company with a widely used mobile messaging and social networking platform. Tencent provides Internet, mobile, and telecommunication value-added services in China. Its products include games for both PC and mobile devices as well as the WeChat messaging service. We think Tencent is one of the best-positioned Chinese Internet companies in terms of mobile monetization.

## Portfolio Details

Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$18.04
ARTHX Inception	29 March 2010
Expense Ratios	
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2017 <sup>1</sup>	1.42%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2016 <sup>2</sup>	1.40%

<sup>1</sup>Unaudited, annualized for the six month period. <sup>2</sup>See prospectus for more information.

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Alphabet Inc (United States)	4.8
Wirecard AG (Germany)	4.3
Mastercard Inc (United States)	4.1
Amazon.com Inc (United States)	3.7
Deutsche Boerse AG (Germany)	3.6
ING Groep NV (Netherlands)	3.2
Facebook Inc (United States)	3.1
Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd (Canada)	3.0
Comcast Corp (United States)	2.8
InterXion Holding NV (Netherlands)	2.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.2%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	ACWI <sup>1</sup>
Consumer Discretionary	14.9	12.3
Consumer Staples	5.7	9.7
Energy	2.3	6.2
Financials	18.8	17.9
Health Care	9.2	11.2
Industrials	4.7	10.8
Information Technology	36.1	17.1
Materials	4.5	5.2
Real Estate	1.4	3.1
Telecommunication Services	1.3	3.4
Utilities	1.0	3.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/MSCI. Cash represented 3.0% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Index.

## Investment Results (%)

As of 31 May 2017	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD <sup>1</sup>	QTD <sup>1</sup>	YTD <sup>1</sup>	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTHX	4.04	7.00	14.54	13.46	5.18	13.25	—	11.22
MSCI All Country World Index	2.21	3.80	10.97	17.53	5.31	11.51	—	8.19
As of 31 March 2017								
Investor Class: ARTHX	2.49	7.05	7.05	11.14	3.15	10.11	—	10.43
MSCI All Country World Index	1.22	6.91	6.91	15.04	5.08	8.37	—	7.82

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. <sup>1</sup>Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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## Region/Country Allocation (% of total portfolio equities)

REGION	Fund	ACWI <sup>1</sup>
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>55.6</b>
United States	55.7	52.6
Canada	3.1	3.0
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>21.5</b>
Germany	11.9	3.2
Netherlands	6.0	1.2
Denmark	2.4	0.6
France	2.3	3.5
Switzerland	1.6	3.0
Italy	1.2	0.7
United Kingdom	0.7	6.0
Ireland	0.6	0.2
<b>EMERGING MARKETS</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Taiwan	3.5	1.4
China	3.2	3.1
Mexico	1.0	0.4
Chile	1.0	0.1
Korea	0.5	1.7
<b>PACIFIC BASIN</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Japan	4.3	7.7
Hong Kong	0.9	1.2
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI). <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed.

## Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Mark L. Yockey, CFA	36
Charles-Henri Hamker	27
Andrew J. Euretig	13

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