



Artisan Global Equity Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTHX

As of 28 February 2018

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A lengthy period of historically low volatility came to an abrupt end in late January with a sharp pullback in global equities. The selloff was triggered by a pick-up in wage gains in the US, which added to existing concerns about rising Treasury yields, potential global inflationary pressures and the direction of monetary policy under new Fed leadership. Despite the broad-based weakness in February, QTD returns for most broad equity indices remain positive. By geography, QTD returns were led by emerging markets with Europe lagging. By sector, cyclicals (e.g., financials, consumer discretionary and technology) outperformed, while defensives and yield-sensitive groups (e.g., utilities, consumer staples, telecom and real estate), in addition to energy, trailed.

Our portfolio held up better than the MSCI AC World Index in February, adding to its QTD performance advantage. Deutsche Boerse and PTC were among our top QTD contributors. Deutsche Boerse is the largest exchanges operator in Europe and owner of Eurex, Europe's largest derivatives trading and clearing platform. The company began the year with a new CEO who is well-regarded by investors for his close relationships with German regulators and politicians from his tenure at UniCredit's German unit. In addition to strong structural growth drivers—such as the regulatory push to on-exchange trading—cyclical headwinds are turning to tailwinds with the reemergence of market volatility as bond yields normalize and central bank tapering comes into focus.

PTC is a provider of software-based product management and development solutions. Its fast-growing Internet of things (IoT) segment, combined with progress in its shift to a subscription-based model, is contributing to strong bookings growth. PTC also announced a large new business deal with BMW to provide the automaker with product lifecycle management (PLM) and IoT solutions, which should help bolster future bookings growth.

On the down side, Albemarle, a specialty chemical company, was a key detractor. The stock sold off due to concerns that newly announced lithium expansion projects by other industry producers could result in excess supply, driving down lithium prices. We anticipate near-term volatility in lithium spot prices but continue to believe that on a longer term basis, increased lithium production is necessary to keep up with robust demand growth driven by the emergent electric vehicle market.

Portfolio Details

Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$21.48
ARTHX Inception	29 March 2010
Expense Ratios	
Annual Report 30 Sep 2017	1.40%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2017 ¹	1.40%

¹See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Deutsche Boerse AG (Germany)	4.6
Wirecard AG (Germany)	4.2
Alphabet Inc (United States)	3.5
Raytheon Co (United States)	3.2
ING Groep NV (Netherlands)	3.0
PTC Inc (United States)	2.9
Applied Materials Inc (United States)	2.9
Intercontinental Exchange Inc (United States)	2.9
ASM International NV (Netherlands)	2.8
Linde AG (Germany)	2.6
TOTAL	32.5%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	ACWI ¹
Consumer Discretionary	7.2	12.3
Consumer Staples	6.1	8.2
Energy	1.4	6.0
Financials	26.0	19.1
Health Care	7.2	10.6
Industrials	14.2	10.9
Information Technology	27.5	19.0
Materials	7.7	5.5
Real Estate	0.0	2.9
Telecommunication Services	0.0	2.9
Utilities	2.6	2.7
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 1.9% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI All Country World Index.

Investment Results (%)

As of 28 February 2018	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTHX	-3.02	4.53	4.53	31.44	8.96	11.37	—	12.66
MSCI All Country World Index	-4.20	1.20	1.20	18.79	8.34	10.07	—	9.07

As of 31 December 2017

Investor Class: ARTHX	0.98	5.54	31.34	31.34	9.24	11.79	—	12.30
MSCI All Country World Index	1.61	5.73	23.97	23.97	9.30	10.80	—	9.09

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

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Region/Country Allocation (% of total portfolio equities)

REGION	Fund	ACWI ¹
AMERICAS	48.7	55.4
United States	45.0	52.5
Canada	3.6	2.9
EUROPE	34.7	20.4
Germany	11.7	3.1
Netherlands	8.8	1.2
United Kingdom	4.4	5.5
France	4.0	3.5
Switzerland	2.7	2.5
Italy	2.1	0.8
Ireland	0.8	0.2
Denmark	0.2	0.6
PACIFIC BASIN	8.5	11.9
Japan	5.2	8.0
Hong Kong	3.3	1.2
EMERGING MARKETS	8.2	12.1
Chile	2.6	0.2
China	1.8	3.7
Brazil	1.6	0.9
India	1.1	1.0
Russia	1.0	0.4
MIDDLE EAST	—	0.2
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI). ¹MSCI 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	37
Charles-Henri Hamker	28
Andrew J. Euretig	14

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