



Artisan Mid Cap Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTMX | Advisor Class: APDMX As of 30 November 2018

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Markets drifted modestly higher in November, leaving most major indices in the red QTD. Emerging markets and the US lead QTD, falling less than foreign developed stocks. Utilities and real estate are the only positive sectors globally QTD as investors shun prior leaders, including technology and consumer names. Energy is also meaningfully in the red as oil prices retreat to recent lows.

Our portfolio trails the Russell Midcap[®] and Russell Midcap[®] Growth Indices QTD but remains ahead YTD. Among our bottom QTD contributors are Global Payments and Atlassian. Global Payments is capitalizing on the results of multi-year efforts to expand beyond its initial offerings to more valuable and stickier software tools that provide its customers with end-to-end payments solutions. Though shares have been pressured QTD, we believe this is largely due to investors' selling their better performing stocks, rather than anything fundamental. As the company enters more countries, we believe it will continue reaping faster, more sustainable revenue growth and margin expansion.

Similarly, we believe shares of Atlassian, a leading provider of innovative, customizable team-collaboration software tools for enterprises, have been caught up as investors have generally consolidated gains. However, Atlassian is executing impressively, and we maintain our conviction that fundamentals will ultimately regain primacy in investors' eyes.

Among our top QTD contributors are Tableau and Cree. Tableau is capitalizing on the beneficial combination of favorable technology spending, new product offerings and growing demand for tools to help firms maximize the value of their data to drive a compelling profit cycle. With its transition to the cloud and a subscription-based model ongoing, we believe Tableau is well-positioned in front of a secular tailwind that remains in its middle innings.

Cree owns a silicon-carbide (SiC) business which is particularly compelling, as SiC's high electronic connectivity properties and very high melting point mean it can be used in particularly harsh environments. The business is growing at an attractive rate as demand in applications—particularly high-margin electronic vehicles—is robust.

Our process is focused on identifying franchises exposed to accelerating profit cycles with reasonable valuations. It is our belief that owning companies with these characteristics should lead to outperformance over full market cycles. While we are not macro prognosticators—nor does our process require it—we do believe periods of heightened volatility such as we're currently experiencing provide attractive opportunities to upgrade our portfolio into high-conviction stocks at what we believe to be more attractive valuations. We will continue to adhere to this approach, regardless of the macro backdrop and how it evolves in the period ahead.

Portfolio Details

	ARTMX	APDMX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$32.01	\$32.24
Inception	27 Jun 1997	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2018	1.18%	1.04%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2017 ¹	1.18%	1.05%

¹See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Atlassian Corp PLC (Information Technology)	4.8
Global Payments Inc (Information Technology)	4.7
IHS Markit Ltd (Industrials)	4.0
The Progressive Corp (Financials)	3.8
Tableau Software Inc (Information Technology)	3.6
Boston Scientific Corp (Health Care)	3.4
Veeva Systems Inc (Health Care)	3.2
Worldpay Inc (Information Technology)	2.4
Roper Technologies Inc (Industrials)	2.3
Guidewire Software Inc (Information Technology)	2.3
TOTAL	34.6%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS).

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	RMCG ¹
Communication Services	4.5	4.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.2	16.5
Consumer Staples	0.9	3.2
Energy	1.8	1.6
Financials	9.4	6.8
Health Care	19.9	14.8
Industrials	17.5	16.2
Information Technology	33.6	31.0
Materials	1.3	3.6
Real Estate	0.0	2.2
Utilities	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.0% of the total portfolio. ¹Russell Midcap[®] Growth Index.

Investment Results (%)

As of 30 November 2018	Average Annual Total Returns							Inception
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	
Investor Class: ARTMX	1.83	-9.46	6.53	6.42	7.46	7.24	16.36	12.91
Advisor Class: APDMX	1.80	-9.47	6.64	6.52	7.59	7.34	16.41	12.93
Russell Midcap [®] Growth Index	2.54	-7.61	4.75	5.32	11.24	10.17	16.64	8.52
Russell Midcap [®] Index	2.46	-6.05	0.95	1.89	9.84	9.14	15.71	9.58

As of 30 September 2018

Investor Class: ARTMX	0.47	9.31	17.66	21.12	13.67	9.95	13.22	13.55
Advisor Class: APDMX	0.47	9.33	17.79	21.26	13.81	10.06	13.28	13.57
Russell Midcap [®] Growth Index	-0.43	7.57	13.38	21.10	16.65	13.00	13.46	8.99
Russell Midcap [®] Index	-0.64	5.00	7.46	13.98	14.52	11.65	12.31	9.98

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (27 June 1997); Advisor (1 April 2015). For the period prior to inception, Advisor Class performance is the Investor Class's return for that period ("Linked Performance"). Linked Performance has not been restated to reflect expenses of the Advisor Class and the share class's returns during that period would be different if such expenses were reflected.

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Market Cap Distribution (% of total portfolio equities)

\$ in billions	Fund	RMCG ¹
25.0+	20.1	17.0
17.0–25.0	31.3	22.9
12.0–17.0	12.2	19.0
7.9–12.0	18.5	19.3
0–7.9	18.0	21.8
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet/Russell. ¹Russell Midcap[®] Growth Index.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Matthew H. Kamm, CFA (Lead)	19
James D. Hamel, CFA	22
Craigh A. Cepukenas, CFA	30
Jason L. White, CFA	18

Carefully consider the Fund's investment objective, risks and charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 800.344.1770. Read carefully before investing.

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For the purpose of determining the Fund's holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the Fund. The discussion of portfolio holdings does not constitute a recommendation of any individual security. These holdings comprise the following percentages of the Fund's total net assets as of 30 Nov 2018: Cree Inc 1.6%. Securities named in the Commentary, but not listed as a Top Ten Holding or not listed here are not held in the Fund as of the date of this report. The portfolio managers' views and portfolio holdings are subject to change and the Fund disclaims any obligation to advise investors of such changes.

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Our capital allocation process is designed to build position size according to our conviction. Portfolio holdings develop through three stages: GardenSM, CropSM and HarvestSM. GardenSM investments are situations where we believe we are right, but there is not clear evidence that the profit cycle has taken hold, so positions are small. CropSM investments are holdings where we have gained conviction in the company's profit cycle, so positions are larger. HarvestSM investments are holdings that have exceeded our estimate of intrinsic value or holdings where there is a deceleration in the company's profit cycle. HarvestSM investments are generally being reduced or sold from the portfolios.

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