



# Artisan Value Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTLX | Advisor Class: APDLX

As of 31 October 2018

## Commentary

Our portfolio trails the Russell 1000® Value Index QTD. Our energy sector holdings, a particularly hard-hit sector as crude oil prices plummeted, are among the largest QTD detractors from performance. Specifically, Occidental Petroleum and Hess Corp, both oil and natural gas exploration and production companies, are in the bottom five contributors to return.

Our top QTD detractor is Air Lease Corp, a global aircraft leasing company. Nothing fundamentally changed for Air Lease in October. Production challenges at OEMs Boeing and Airbus remain, but have not materially affected Air Lease's results, even if the stock price came under some pressure. The ongoing trade war between the US and China is a headline concern as China makes up a significant portion of OEM order books, but there has been nothing to curb demand yet. Despite Air Lease's consistent delivery record, the production backlog is weighing on its share price in much the same way that the slowdown is pressuring Boeing's and Airbus' share prices.

American content producer, broadband and cable operator Comcast was overwhelmingly the top contributor QTD after finalizing its acquisition of Britain's Sky TV, which lifted uncertainty on CMCSA's capital structure. We believe Comcast's focus will now be on integrating Sky and on deleveraging the balance sheet from the transaction. Subsequent to closing the deal, CMCSA reported strong results, which helped the market gain increased confidence in the duration of Comcast's cash flows. It was a relatively bright spot in an otherwise turbulent month.

In addition to top contributors Wells Fargo and Goldman Sachs, two financial services firms that traded in-line with rising front-end interest rates, Simon Property Group, a real estate investment trust, was another strong performer in the portfolio. Yes, Simon's Q3 financials beat expectations, which supported its rising valuation. But also, its notable exposure to bankrupted and shuttering Sears stores is turning into an opportunity. It expects to increase capital expenditures over the next year to redevelop big box, anchor Sears locations away from pure retail, into denser, more diversified revenue streams as it looks to re-energize the shopping mall experience for a new generation of consumers.

## Portfolio Details

	ARTLX	APDLX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$13.96	\$13.91
Inception	27 Mar 2006	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2018 <sup>1</sup>	1.04%	0.88%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2017 <sup>2</sup>	1.01%	0.85%

<sup>1</sup>Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. <sup>2</sup>See prospectus for further details.

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Alphabet Inc (Communication Services)	4.5
Berkshire Hathaway Inc (Financials)	4.3
Apple Inc (Information Technology)	4.1
Citigroup Inc (Financials)	3.8
Oracle Corp (Information Technology)	3.3
Comcast Corp (Communication Services)	3.2
Air Lease Corp (Industrials)	3.1
CBS Corp (Communication Services)	3.0
Wells Fargo & Co (Financials)	2.9
Cisco Systems Inc (Information Technology)	2.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.1%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	RIV <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	14.3	7.1
Consumer Discretionary	12.5	5.3
Consumer Staples	0.0	7.8
Energy	9.7	10.0
Financials	21.3	22.9
Health Care	9.5	15.3
Industrials	5.3	7.5
Information Technology	15.9	9.5
Materials	9.2	3.9
Real Estate	2.3	4.7
Utilities	0.0	6.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 2.0% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>Russell 1000® Value Index.

## Investment Results (%)

As of 31 October 2018	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTLX	-7.55	-7.55	-4.12	0.41	10.14	7.05	11.83	6.63
Advisor Class: APDLX	-7.51	-7.51	-4.00	0.55	10.28	7.15	11.89	6.67
Russell 1000® Value Index	-5.18	-5.18	-1.46	3.03	8.88	8.61	11.30	6.62
Russell 1000® Index	-7.08	-7.08	2.67	6.98	11.31	11.05	13.42	8.29

As of 30 September 2018

Investor Class: ARTLX	-0.26	4.35	3.71	9.32	16.87	9.42	9.81	7.35
Advisor Class: APDLX	-0.27	4.30	3.80	9.43	17.01	9.51	9.86	7.39
Russell 1000® Value Index	0.20	5.70	3.92	9.45	13.55	10.72	9.79	7.12
Russell 1000® Index	0.38	7.42	10.49	17.76	17.07	13.67	12.09	8.99

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (27 March 2006); 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	RIV <sup>1</sup>
230.0+	18.7	19.5
100.0–230.0	23.4	20.2
40.0–100.0	15.4	21.3
15.0–40.0	23.7	20.0
0.0–15.0	18.9	19.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet/Russell. <sup>1</sup>Russell 1000® Value Index.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
James C. Kieffer, CFA	29
Thomas A. Reynolds IV	19
Daniel L. Kane, CFA	20

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