



Artisan Value Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTLX | Advisor Class: APDLX

As of 30 April 2019

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Shortly after receiving a more-robust-than-expected Q1 GDP print, the S&P 500® Index hit a record high in April. Beyond hitting a historical peak, the stock market's run-up has been noteworthy as well. You have to go back three decades to find a better start to a calendar year—and this is the best four-month stretch for the index since 2010. The rally has been consistent with a better-than-forecasted earnings season. With about half of the S&P 500® Index's constituents having reported Q1 results by month-end, 77% of those firms have beaten earnings per share estimates.

The Russell 1000® Value Index posted 3.55% total returns for the month, led by the financials, industrials and technology sectors. Health care, energy and real estate lagged, posting negative total returns. Our portfolio outperformed, with consumer discretionary and materials holdings driving strong relative returns.

NXP Semiconductors, a global semiconductor company, was April's top contributor to returns. The company designs semiconductors and software for mobile communications, consumer electronics, security applications, in-car entertainment and networking. With 49% of revenue coming from the automotive end market, NXP is positioned to benefit from the underlying trend toward auto electrification. Reliable automation needs sophisticated processors. Even amid near-term demand headwinds (autos, China) and relatively high debt levels, NXP is on track to control costs, hit margin improvement targets and remain aggressive with buybacks.

Global financial services holding company Citigroup was another top contributor. By continuing to be disciplined on expenses, even slight revenue improvements can lead to improving returns on tangible equity. Lower tax rates haven't hurt, either. The company is highly diversified by region and product, and it has one of the strongest balance sheets among all international banks. Cost-cutting efforts have succeeded at raising profits above expectations, and management continues to repurchase shares at a discount to tangible book value.

Occidental Petroleum made a hostile bid in April for rival Anadarko Petroleum. The details weighed on Occidental's stock, leading it to be our portfolio's top detractor. The \$38 billion cash-and-stock deal was \$11 more per share than an earlier bid from Chevron and hinges on an additional \$10 billion of relatively costly financing from Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway.

Portfolio Details

	ARTLX	APDLX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$12.85	\$12.79
Inception	27 Mar 2006	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2018	1.01/—	0.89/0.88 ^{1,2}
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 ²	1.02/—	0.90/0.89 ¹

¹Reflects a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2020.
²See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Alphabet Inc (Communication Services)	4.6
Berkshire Hathaway Inc (Financials)	4.5
Apple Inc (Information Technology)	4.1
Citigroup Inc (Financials)	3.8
NXP Semiconductors NV (Information Technology)	3.6
Comcast Corp (Communication Services)	3.4
Air Lease Corp (Industrials)	3.3
Cisco Systems Inc (Information Technology)	3.2
Facebook Inc (Communication Services)	3.2
Synchrony Financial (Financials)	3.1
TOTAL	36.9%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS).

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	RIV ¹
Communication Services	15.7	6.9
Consumer Discretionary	10.1	5.3
Consumer Staples	0.0	7.8
Energy	5.2	9.3
Financials	23.8	22.8
Health Care	9.2	14.5
Industrials	11.6	8.0
Information Technology	15.9	10.0
Materials	8.5	4.0
Real Estate	0.0	5.0
Utilities	0.0	6.3
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 6.0% of the total portfolio. ¹Russell 1000® Value Index.

Investment Results (%)

As of 30 April 2019	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTLX	5.41	5.41	19.42	5.59	9.82	6.86	12.18	6.85
Advisor Class: APDLX	5.44	5.44	19.42	5.70	9.98	6.99	12.25	6.89
Russell 1000® Value Index	3.55	3.55	15.90	9.06	10.97	8.27	13.76	6.98
Russell 1000® Index	4.04	4.04	18.60	13.33	14.82	11.41	15.39	8.76

As of 31 March 2019

Investor Class: ARTLX	0.58	13.29	13.29	1.10	9.92	6.00	13.21	6.46
Advisor Class: APDLX	0.58	13.26	13.26	1.26	10.08	6.12	13.28	6.50
Russell 1000® Value Index	0.64	11.93	11.93	5.67	10.45	7.72	14.52	6.74
Russell 1000® Index	1.74	14.00	14.00	9.30	13.52	10.63	16.05	8.48

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 ¹
225.0+	20.9	26.3
100.0–225.0	18.9	15.4
40.0–100.0	22.2	21.1
15.0–40.0	18.2	19.3
0.0–15.0	19.8	17.8
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

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

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
James C. Kieffer, CFA	30
Thomas A. Reynolds IV	20
Daniel L. Kane, CFA	20
Craig Inman, CFA	19

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