



# Artisan Global Equity Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTHX

As of 31 August 2019

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Global equities weakened in August as softening global growth and the US-China trade conflict returned to the fore of investor concerns. Reflecting macro uncertainties, returns were weakest in cyclicals: energy, materials and financials. Defensives and interest rate proxies held up relatively well, with consumer staples, real estate and utilities stocks gaining in August. Q2 earnings were generally better than feared, although year-over-year EPS growth was negative outside the US and only marginally positive in the US.

Our portfolio has held up better than the MSCI AC World Index for the QTD period and remains solidly ahead YTD. M&A drivers are behind strong QTD gains by two of our top individual contributors: London Stock Exchange (LSE) and Fidelity National Information Services (FIS). LSE, one of the largest market infrastructure groups operating globally, is a holding in our financial exchanges theme. LSE agreed to acquire Refinitiv, Thomson Reuters' former financial and risk business. The combination should strengthen LSE's existing leadership position in market data services—a secular growth business with an attractive subscription-based revenue model—and diversify its geographic footprint.

FIS is a leading provider of banking technology solutions that is benefiting from demand for software at banks to improve customer offerings and lower costs. FIS is acquiring payments processor Worldpay. The Worldpay acquisition combines a leader in merchant acquiring both online and offline with FIS's strengths in providing core banking software, payments capabilities and capital markets software to financial institutions. We believe the combined entity should benefit from scale and the ability to cross-sell payments services into FIS's bank and global customer bases.

ViewRay and Petrobras are among our biggest QTD decliners. Shares of ViewRay, a developer of radiation therapy technology for the treatment of cancer, tumbled on weaker-than-expected orders for the company's MRIdian MR-LINAC system and reduced top-line guidance driven by slower systems installations. The weakness was attributed to the lumpy nature of capital sales, customer-related delays and a new sales team. We continue to believe MRIdian's best-in-class technology provides a real clinical benefit in the safety and efficacy of radiation treatment but are disappointed with these execution challenges. We remain investors.

Petrobras, a Brazilian oil and gas company, reported softer-than-expected Q2 production due to operational setbacks. However, in early September, the company indicated production growth rebounded in August to 17% over its Q2 monthly average.

## Portfolio Details

Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$20.58
ARTHX Inception	29 March 2010
Expense Ratios	
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2019 <sup>1</sup>	1.37%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 <sup>2</sup>	1.36%

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

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Deutsche Boerse AG (Germany)	4.5
Wirecard AG (Germany)	4.3
Linde PLC (United Kingdom)	4.2
Fidelity National Information Services Inc (United States)	4.1
InterXion Holding NV (Netherlands)	3.5
Intercontinental Exchange Inc (United States)	3.4
Mastercard Inc (United States)	3.0
Alphabet Inc (United States)	2.9
Petroleo Brasileiro SA (Brazil)	2.9
Airbus SE (France)	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.4%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	ACWI <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	5.9	8.9
Consumer Discretionary	6.0	10.9
Consumer Staples	4.3	8.7
Energy	2.9	5.3
Financials	16.5	16.3
Health Care	19.6	11.6
Industrials	10.1	10.4
Information Technology	30.4	16.3
Materials	4.3	4.7
Real Estate	0.0	3.4
Utilities	0.0	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 2.2% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Index.

## Investment Results (%)

As of 31 August 2019	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
<b>Investor Class: ARTHX</b>	<b>-1.11</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>21.92</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>14.24</b>	<b>8.88</b>	—	<b>11.94</b>
MSCI All Country World Index	-2.37	-2.09	13.80	-0.28	9.17	5.51	—	7.78

As of 30 June 2019

<b>Investor Class: ARTHX</b>	<b>6.26</b>	<b>8.60</b>	<b>22.63</b>	<b>12.27</b>	<b>15.62</b>	<b>9.12</b>	—	<b>12.24</b>
MSCI All Country World Index	6.55	3.61	16.23	5.74	11.62	6.16	—	8.17

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 <sup>1</sup>
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>59.1</b>
United States	45.8	56.0
Canada	2.8	3.1
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>18.4</b>
Germany	9.9	2.5
United Kingdom	7.5	4.7
Switzerland	7.1	2.8
Netherlands	5.4	1.1
France	3.5	3.3
Denmark	2.2	0.5
Italy	1.8	0.7
Ireland	1.0	0.2
Spain	0.8	0.8
Norway	0.6	0.2
<b>PACIFIC BASIN</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>
Japan	4.7	7.2
Hong Kong	2.3	1.1
<b>EMERGING MARKETS</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Brazil	3.2	0.9
Greece	0.9	<0.1
China	0.3	3.7
India	0.1	1.0
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	—	0.2
<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**

Mark L. Yockey, CFA

**Years of Investment Experience**

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Charles-Henri Hamker

29

Andrew J. Euretig

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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 31 Aug 2019: London Stock Exchange Group PLC 1.7%; ViewRay Inc 1.2%. 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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