



Artisan International Small-Mid Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTJX | Advisor Class: APDJX

As of 31 August 2019

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Non-US 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, industrials and financials. Defensives and interest rate proxies (consumer staples, real estate and utilities) were the best performers.

Our portfolio has held up better than the MSCI ACWI ex USA SMID Index for the QTD period and remains solidly ahead YTD. SolarEdge Technologies and NICE are our top QTD contributors. SolarEdge is an Israel-based producer of solar photovoltaic systems. After a few quarters of weak gross margins due to higher manufacturing costs and customer support expenses, shares have rallied on a rebound in margins and continued strong top-line growth. We believe the company's intellectual property positions it well to benefit from the sustainability of solar power. The cost of solar, which is already on par with coal, is continuing to come down. We also expect that due to its expertise in power optimization, which is relevant in other fields (e.g., utility-scale solar, charging stations for electric vehicles), the company can develop into a broader electrical power company.

NICE, an Israel-based provider of cloud-based and on-premise enterprise software solutions, is benefiting from the ongoing transition to cloud computing. Compared to traditional licensed software, cloud software boasts a greater customer lifetime value, higher operating margins and a greater mix of recurring revenue. We also think highly of the company's management team, which has a demonstrated track record of successfully making critical strategic decisions, including shedding less profitable businesses while making accretive acquisitions and focusing on taking share in the contact center market.

Among our biggest QTD detractors are Aston Martin Lagonda Global Holdings and Cree. Shares of Aston Martin, a luxury sports car maker, fell after the company lowered its sales forecast for the year on weakness in the UK and Europe. Investors are also concerned about the company's financial position given a large debt load and negative cash flow in the recent quarter due partly to a planned inventory build and heavy investment in new products. Our interest in the company is based on the growth potential from a model line expansion, including the launch of its new DBX sports utility vehicle. Unless it can reduce its cash burn, the company may look to raise capital, possibly via a debt offering. The stock remains a small position in the portfolio.

Cree—a holding in our next-generation auto theme—produces next-generation power semiconductors used in electric car batteries. Shares have been pressured by trade-related issues tied to the US ban on sales to Huawei, a Chinese multinational technology and telecommunications company, that represents about 4-5% of annual revenue. Additionally, trade uncertainty has slowed LED sales. Notwithstanding these near-term headwinds, the company's competitive position is strong. Cree is one of only a handful of companies with the intellectual property and process know-how to manufacture the silicon carbide wafers from which the next generation of power semiconductors used in electric vehicles is produced.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 August 2019	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTJX	-2.11	-3.02	19.40	-3.80	7.00	3.39	7.76	10.92
Advisor Class: APDJX	-2.10	-3.02	19.59	-3.72	7.03	3.40	7.77	10.92
MSCI All Country World ex USA SMID Index	-2.81	-3.69	8.45	-7.40	4.90	2.25	6.04	8.46
MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index	-2.88	-3.53	7.66	-9.01	4.65	2.28	6.52	9.17

As of 30 June 2019								
Investor Class: ARTJX	3.89	6.92	23.12	2.65	9.20	2.64	9.64	11.22
Advisor Class: APDJX	3.96	7.00	23.32	2.72	9.23	2.65	9.65	11.23
MSCI All Country World ex USA SMID Index	5.22	2.14	12.61	-3.81	8.15	2.80	7.93	8.78
MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index	4.41	1.21	11.60	-5.94	7.76	2.77	8.48	9.48

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (21 December 2001); Advisor (4 December 2018). 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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Portfolio Details

	ARTJX	APDJX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$13.48	\$13.49
Inception	21 Dec 2001	4 Dec 2018
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2019	1.43% ¹	1.26% ²
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 ³	1.36% ⁴	1.27% ⁵

¹Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. ²Unaudited, for the period from commencement of operations 4 Dec 2018 through 31 Mar 2019. ³See prospectus for further details. ⁴Restated to reflect a reduction in management fees, effective 1 Dec 2018. ⁵Includes estimated expenses for the current fiscal year.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Nice Ltd (Israel)	3.1
Tecan Group AG (Switzerland)	2.2
SG Holdings Co Ltd (Japan)	2.1
Obic Co Ltd (Japan)	1.8
SolarEdge Technologies Inc (United States)	1.8
Almirall SA (Spain)	1.7
Koninklijke DSM NV (Netherlands)	1.6
Azbil Corp (Japan)	1.6
Cree Inc (United States)	1.6
CAE Inc (Canada)	1.4
TOTAL	19.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund
Communication Services	2.8
Consumer Discretionary	9.7
Consumer Staples	9.0
Energy	0.0
Financials	3.5
Health Care	25.6
Industrials	17.5
Information Technology	27.9
Materials	2.8
Real Estate	1.2
Utilities	0.0
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS). Cash and cash equivalents represented 2.5% of the total portfolio.

Region/Country Allocation (% of total portfolio equities)

REGION	Fund
EUROPE	50.6
United Kingdom	16.3
Germany	7.0
Switzerland	6.9
Denmark	6.1
Sweden	4.6
Netherlands	2.7
Spain	2.3
Italy	1.6
Finland	1.3
Belgium	0.9
France	0.7
Ireland	0.2
PACIFIC BASIN	23.2
Japan	21.6
Australia	1.6
AMERICAS	16.8
United States	11.5
Canada	5.4
MIDDLE EAST	5.7
Israel	5.7
EMERGING MARKETS	3.6
Brazil	3.6
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

Team Leadership



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Rezo Kanovich	20

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