



# Artisan Global Opportunities Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTRX | Advisor Class: APDRX As of 31 August 2019

## Commentary

Global equity markets have given back some of the solid YTD gains so far in Q3 as US–China trade tensions have ratcheted higher, with both countries signaling they will impose another round of tariffs and a near-term resolution seemingly unlikely. The US leads QTD, followed by non-US developed and emerging markets. Concerns about slowing global growth linger, and many central banks have shifted toward accommodative policies. At the sector level, energy, materials and financials lag QTD, while real estate, utilities and consumer staples lead.

Our portfolio is outperforming the MSCI AC World Index QTD and remains ahead YTD. Among our top QTD contributors are Pagueguero Digital and L3Harris Technologies. Brazilian digital payments provider Pagueguero is capitalizing on its first-mover advantages to drive higher payment volumes and profitability. Further, its expanded banking-product offerings position it well to take share in a still-underpenetrated market for small and micro-sized merchants who value easy, online provisioning.

L3Harris, a defense, communications and electronics equipment provider, is progressing well with the L3 integration, which we anticipate will lead to meaningful synergies. Further, with a growing backlog, mainly in communications, we believe there remains ample runway ahead.

Among our bottom QTD contributors are Alexion Pharmaceuticals and Vestas Wind Systems. Shares of Alexion have been pressured as investors weigh the competitive threats from future generic versions of Soliris®—a risk we believe is still a few years out. Alexion is well-positioned to stave off most competition by converting Soliris® patients to the company's more convenient and patent-protected drug Ultomiris® over the next couple of years—an effort that is already underway and which is progressing well.

Vestas shares have been pressured QTD in sympathy with peers, who face stiff offshore competition—a small part of Vestas's business that is not currently key to our investment thesis. Investors are also weighing the potential impact of additional tariffs in the US and Europe—a risk we are monitoring closely. We recently capitalized on weakness to add to our position and believe we are in the early innings of a transition to a less carbon-intensive world, with Vestas well-positioned as a low-cost producer of onshore wind turbines that aren't reliant on subsidies.

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. We will continue to adhere to this approach, regardless of the macro backdrop and how it evolves in the period ahead.

Portfolio Details	ARTRX	APDRX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$27.06	\$27.20
Inception	22 Sep 2008	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2019 <sup>1</sup>	1.16%	1.02%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 <sup>2</sup>	1.15%	1.01%

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

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

IHS Markit Ltd (United States)	6.6
AstraZeneca PLC (United Kingdom)	4.3
Techtronic Industries Co Ltd (Hong Kong)	3.7
Microsoft Corp (United States)	3.5
Fidelity National Information Services Inc (United States)	3.5
L3Harris Technologies Inc (United States)	3.4
Lonza Group AG (Switzerland)	3.3
Bank of America Corp (United States)	3.2
Genmab A/S (Denmark)	3.0
London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)	2.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37.3%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	ACWI <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	7.7	8.9
Consumer Discretionary	11.1	10.9
Consumer Staples	2.8	8.7
Energy	0.0	5.3
Financials	9.4	16.3
Health Care	23.2	11.6
Industrials	18.5	10.4
Information Technology	24.9	16.3
Materials	1.2	4.7
Real Estate	0.0	3.4
Utilities	1.1	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 6.8% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Index.

## 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: ARTRX	-1.60	0.41	24.01	4.25	12.50	9.69	13.94	11.20
Advisor Class: APDRX	-1.59	0.44	24.09	4.39	12.64	9.81	14.00	11.25
MSCI All Country World Index	-2.37	-2.09	13.80	-0.28	9.17	5.51	8.61	6.72

As of 30 June 2019

Investor Class: ARTRX	7.24	6.06	23.51	8.06	15.28	10.29	14.94	11.34
Advisor Class: APDRX	7.25	6.07	23.54	8.19	15.43	10.41	15.00	11.40
MSCI All Country World Index	6.55	3.61	16.23	5.74	11.62	6.16	10.15	7.04

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (22 September 2008); 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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## Region/Country Allocation (% of total portfolio equities)

REGION	Fund	ACWI <sup>1</sup>
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>59.1</b>
United States	58.8	56.0
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>
United Kingdom	10.9	4.7
Denmark	5.2	0.5
Switzerland	4.9	2.8
Netherlands	2.0	1.1
Germany	2.0	2.5
Spain	2.0	0.8
<b>PACIFIC BASIN</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>10.8</b>
Hong Kong	4.0	1.1
Japan	2.7	7.2
Australia	1.5	2.1
<b>EMERGING MARKETS</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>11.6</b>
China	2.9	3.7
Brazil	2.0	0.9
India	1.1	1.0
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<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

### Years of Investment Experience

James D. Hamel, CFA (Lead)	22
Matthew H. Kamm, CFA	19
Craigh A. Cepukenas, CFA	30
Jason L. White, CFA	19

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: Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc 1.8%; PageSeguro Digital Ltd 1.8%; Vestas Wind Systems A/S 1.9%. 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: Garden<sup>SM</sup>, Crop<sup>SM</sup> and Harvest<sup>SM</sup>. Garden<sup>SM</sup> 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. Crop<sup>SM</sup> investments are holdings where we have gained conviction in the company's profit cycle, so positions are larger. Harvest<sup>SM</sup> investments are holdings that have exceeded our estimate of intrinsic value or holdings where there is a deceleration in the company's profit cycle. Harvest<sup>SM</sup> investments are generally being reduced or sold from the portfolios.

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