



# Artisan Global Equity Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTHX

As of 28 February 2019

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Stocks have snapped back strongly QTD, with all regions and sectors participating in the upswing. Solid corporate earnings, which have been generally better than expected, a dovish pivot by the Fed and anticipation of a US-China trade deal have been among the key storylines impacting global equity markets.

Our portfolio has outpaced the MSCI AC World Index for the QTD period. Positive stock selection, driven by strength in our energy and industrials holdings, has been partially offset by currency impacts—namely our above-benchmark exposure to the euro and lighter exposure to the British pound. Brazilian oil and gas company Petrobras and Airbus are among our top QTD contributors. Investors received Petrobras's new CEO Roberto Castello Branco's inaugural comments well. Mr. Castello outlined his key priorities over the next year, which are focused on divesting lower return businesses, cost cutting, deleveraging the balance sheet and reducing the company's cost of capital. While the company has no control over prevailing commodities prices, these are all positive self-help measures that should contribute to increased business value, if achieved.

Airbus rallied when the company announced it met full-year guidance of 800 aircraft deliveries, an 11% increase over the prior year. The stock was one of our weaker performers in Q4 2018 due partly to concerns that supply chain bottlenecks would hinder its deliveries and free cash flow. Our investment case in Airbus remains centered around the company's decade-long, 6,000+ aircraft backlog and the potential to grow free cash flow as production increases and program ramp-up-related capital expenditures fall.

Our biggest detractor was top-10 holding Wirecard, an electronic payments company. Shares plummeted on reports by the *Financial Times* that the company may have engaged in fraudulent activity. Citing a presentation provided by a whistleblower, the reports allege Wirecard's Singapore office falsified contracts and moved currency in and out of Wirecard subsidiaries designed to meet regulators' funding rules. Wirecard has vehemently denied these allegations and released a statement indicating it is taking legal actions against the *FT* to protect the rights of employees who may have been slandered. Furthermore, an internal investigation has found no evidence to support the allegations. Additionally, in May 2018, Wirecard hired an external law firm to conduct an independent investigation. This audit is about to be completed, with no conclusions to date. Until the report is released, we expect the stock to be volatile. Our investment case in Wirecard remains focused on sustainable growth in electronic payments processing due to the secular tailwinds of e-commerce and the convergence of mobile, online and offline payments—augmented by market-share gains, new value-added services and global footprint expansion. We continue to have high conviction in the management team and long-term growth trajectory of the business. Shares are reasonably valued in our view, selling at a PEG ratio of 0.7X our estimates of 2019 earnings per share.

## Portfolio Details

Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$18.87
ARTHX Inception	29 March 2010
Expense Ratios	
Annual Report 30 Sep 2018	1.36%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 <sup>1</sup>	1.36%

<sup>1</sup>See prospectus for further details.

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Linde PLC (United Kingdom)	4.8
Deutsche Boerse AG (Germany)	4.2
Wirecard AG (Germany)	4.1
Harris Corp (United States)	4.0
Petroleo Brasileiro SA (Brazil)	3.7
Intercontinental Exchange Inc (United States)	3.3
Alphabet Inc (United States)	3.1
InterXion Holding NV (Netherlands)	3.1
Abbott Laboratories (United States)	2.8
Airbus SE (France)	2.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (MSCI).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	ACWI <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	4.6	8.3
Consumer Discretionary	4.5	11.1
Consumer Staples	5.8	8.1
Energy	4.6	6.3
Financials	18.0	17.2
Health Care	17.8	11.7
Industrials	11.8	10.6
Information Technology	24.5	15.3
Materials	7.1	4.9
Real Estate	0.0	3.2
Utilities	1.3	3.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 0.8% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Index.

## Investment Results (%)

As of 28 February 2019	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
<b>Investor Class: ARTHX</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>11.79</b>	<b>11.79</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>16.19</b>	<b>7.13</b>	—	<b>11.57</b>
MSCI All Country World Index	2.67	10.78	10.78	-0.84	12.87	6.28	—	7.91

  

As of 31 December 2018	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
<b>Investor Class: ARTHX</b>	<b>-6.22</b>	<b>-12.41</b>	<b>-3.41</b>	<b>-3.41</b>	<b>7.57</b>	<b>5.40</b>	—	<b>10.38</b>
MSCI All Country World Index	-7.04	-12.75	-9.41	-9.41	6.60	4.26	—	6.80

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>49.4</b>	<b>57.9</b>
United States	47.6	54.9
Canada	1.7	3.1
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Germany	9.8	2.7
France	8.8	3.4
United Kingdom	7.1	5.2
Netherlands	5.9	1.1
Switzerland	4.0	2.7
Italy	2.5	0.7
Denmark	1.8	0.5
Finland	1.1	0.3
Ireland	0.3	0.2
Belgium	0.1	0.3
<b>EMERGING MARKETS</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Brazil	3.8	0.9
Greece	0.7	<0.1
China	0.5	3.7
<b>PACIFIC BASIN</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Japan	2.4	7.3
Hong Kong	1.9	1.2
<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
Mark L. Yockey, CFA	38
Charles-Henri Hamker	29
Andrew J. Euretig	15

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