



# Artisan Mid Cap Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTMX | Advisor Class: APDMX

As of 31 January 2019

## Commentary

Markets rose in relatively uniform fashion in January—led by emerging markets, which were followed closely by the US and foreign developed markets—as investors largely put aside concerns that plagued much of 2018. As the month ended, the US Fed soothed investors' nerves, indicating signs of softer economic growth would lead to a pause in rate hikes for now. Sector returns were uniformly positive, with the energy sector among the top performers as it bounced back along with oil prices. Utilities, health care and staples were the bottom performers. From a style perspective, growth outperformed value, and smaller stocks generally outperformed their larger counterparts.

Our portfolio outperformed Russell Midcap® and Russell Midcap® Growth Indices in January. Among our top contributors were Veeva Systems and Global Payments. Veeva Systems, a leading provider of cloud-based SaaS solutions for the pharmaceutical and life sciences industries, is executing impressively as it expands its product offerings and enters new industries. Similarly, Global Payments, a fast-growing provider of payments technology solutions for merchants, is capitalizing on the results of multi-year efforts to expand beyond its initial offerings to more valuable and stickier software tools that provide customers with end-to-end payments solutions. Shares of both companies were pressured in Q4 as investors seemed to generally sell better performing stocks. As fundamentals seemed to regain primacy among investors in January, shares of both bounced back nicely.

Our sole negative contributors in January were Genmab and Wabtec. Genmab's Darzalex™ continues to be embraced as an effective therapy for multiple myeloma—though the drug's growth has moderated after a strong initial launch, weighing on shares. However, we expect strong clinical trial results in first-line multiple myeloma reported in Q4 to drive a reacceleration in 2019.

Wabtec is a leading component supplier to the freight and transit rail markets. We have held it as we expected it was well-positioned to capitalize on growing demand for its automation technology aimed at improving rail safety and efficiency. We also anticipated it would capitalize on recent acquisitions to broaden its growth runway as more cyclical headwinds faded. However, the company's planned GE merger has raised questions with investors, in turn pressuring shares. We are weighing the potential opportunities and risks related to the deal and are prepared to pivot accordingly.

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.

## Investment Results (%)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
As of 31 January 2019								
<b>Investor Class: ARTMX</b>	<b>11.72</b>	<b>11.72</b>	<b>11.72</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>12.78</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>12.84</b>
<b>Advisor Class: APDMX</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>12.92</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>16.56</b>	<b>12.86</b>
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	11.49	11.49	11.49	0.51	15.60	10.26	16.92	8.52
Russell Midcap® Index	10.79	10.79	10.79	-2.90	13.29	8.89	16.09	9.49

As of 31 December 2018

<b>Investor Class: ARTMX</b>	<b>-9.90</b>	<b>-18.42</b>	<b>-4.02</b>	<b>-4.02</b>	<b>4.65</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>14.68</b>	<b>12.31</b>
<b>Advisor Class: APDMX</b>	<b>-9.89</b>	<b>-18.42</b>	<b>-3.92</b>	<b>-3.92</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>14.73</b>	<b>12.34</b>
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	-9.07	-15.99	-4.75	-4.75	8.59	7.42	15.12	8.00
Russell Midcap® Index	-9.92	-15.37	-9.06	-9.06	7.04	6.26	14.03	9.01

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (27 June 1997); 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.

Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results. Investment returns and principal values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. Call 800.344.1770 for current to most recent month-end performance.

## Portfolio Details

	ARTMX	APDMX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$32.22	\$32.47
Inception	27 Jun 1997	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2018	1.18%	1.04%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 <sup>1</sup>	1.18%	1.05%

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

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Global Payments Inc (Information Technology)	4.7
Atlassian Corp PLC (Information Technology)	4.5
IHS Markit Ltd (Industrials)	3.8
Veeva Systems Inc (Health Care)	3.6
The Progressive Corp (Financials)	3.5
Boston Scientific Corp (Health Care)	3.4
Tableau Software Inc (Information Technology)	3.3
Harris Corp (Industrials)	2.6
Worldpay Inc (Information Technology)	2.5
Roper Technologies Inc (Industrials)	2.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34.4%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	RMCG <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	5.2	4.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.2	16.2
Consumer Staples	1.0	3.0
Energy	0.7	1.6
Financials	8.8	6.5
Health Care	23.3	15.0
Industrials	16.7	15.7
Information Technology	32.2	32.1
Materials	1.0	3.6
Real Estate	0.0	2.3
Utilities	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 2.9% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>Russell Midcap® Growth Index.

## Average Annual Total Returns

## Market Cap Distribution (% of total portfolio equities)

\$ in billions	Fund	RMCGI <sup>1</sup>
22.0+	29.0	24.7
16.0–22.0	22.3	21.1
11.3–16.0	13.2	17.7
7.2–11.3	18.1	18.9
0–7.2	17.5	17.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet/Russell. <sup>1</sup>Russell Midcap® Growth Index.

## Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



### Portfolio Managers

Matthew H. Kamm, CFA (Lead)

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James D. Hamel, CFA

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Craig A. Cepukenas, CFA

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Jason L. White, CFA

### Years of Investment Experience

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