



# Artisan Mid Cap Value Fund

MONTHLY  
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTQX | Advisor Class: APDQX

As of 31 July 2019

## Commentary

Quarter to date, the Russell Midcap® Value Index is up 0.83%, led by the financials, communication services and technology sectors. Energy and utilities posted negative total returns in the index, which was a boost to our relative returns given notable below-benchmark weightings. Our portfolio outpaced the index, led on a relative basis by consumer discretionary, materials and financials holdings, while exposures to the industrials and health care sectors detracted.

AutoNation, an automobile retailer, is among the top contributors. Management has executed well by improving variable gross profit per vehicle, and the predictable, high-margin parts and service business continues to grow. In addition, a renewed emphasis on cost controls has supported the margin-focused efforts, which has been a welcome surprise for investors and carried the stock higher throughout Q2.

Gentex, a manufacturer of automatic-dimming mirrors and related driver-assistance systems for the global auto industry, has been a top QTD contributor. While auto industry suppliers have recently struggled, Gentex appears to be an outlier, beating expectations for revenue growth in the second quarter. Additionally, margins recently improved as management has executed well on costs and product mix (particularly growth in emerging markets) amid an intensifying trade war. While auto suppliers face cyclical headwinds in general, the company maintains a robust cash position and dedicated share buyback program.

Ryder System, one of the largest, full-service truck lease and commercial rental companies in the US, has been a top detractor. Softening demand for commercial rentals—both tractors and trucks—weighed on the stock price at month-end, despite earnings being in line with consensus forecasts. We continue to believe Ryder will benefit as companies increasingly outsource their transportation needs. We have maintained a position in Ryder (in varying weights) since 2005, and we continue to like its scale, cost of capital advantages and strong service business. In our view, it's an above-average business selling at an undemanding valuation.

Dentsply Sirona, a global dental products manufacturer and distributor, has been a top detractor. Consumables revenues in Q2 were less than expected while the technologies and equipment business showed strength. Despite another quarter of improving margins, the stock price suffered as the earnings data was not as strong as investors expected. We trimmed our position ahead of the earnings releases. Still, we like the company's steady, recurring, market-leading consumables business that serves the dentist office at every patient visit. That, along with management's commitment to prudent capital management, we expect to continue building value for shareholders.

## Investment Results (%)

As of 31 July 2019	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTQX	1.20	1.20	19.07	-0.51	7.69	5.02	10.73	9.98
Advisor Class: APDQX	1.21	1.21	19.12	-0.38	7.83	5.13	10.78	10.01
Russell Midcap® Value Index	0.83	0.83	19.00	1.78	7.75	7.53	13.59	9.77
Russell Midcap® Index	1.43	1.43	23.08	6.71	11.02	9.59	14.35	9.76

  

As of 30 June 2019	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTQX	7.56	5.06	17.65	0.44	8.47	4.12	11.43	9.95
Advisor Class: APDQX	7.58	5.13	17.70	0.57	8.59	4.23	11.49	9.99
Russell Midcap® Value Index	6.75	3.19	18.02	3.68	8.95	6.72	14.56	9.77
Russell Midcap® Index	6.87	4.13	21.35	7.83	12.16	8.63	15.16	9.72

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (28 March 2001); 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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## Portfolio Details

	ARTQX	APDQX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$20.17	\$20.12
Inception	28 Mar 2001	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2019 <sup>1</sup>	1.21%	1.09%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 <sup>2</sup>	1.20%	1.05%

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

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Celanese Corp (Materials)	3.8
AutoNation Inc (Consumer Discretionary)	3.3
Air Lease Corp (Industrials)	3.2
Analog Devices Inc (Information Technology)	3.2
Torchmark Corp (Financials)	3.0
Arch Capital Group Ltd (Financials)	3.0
Gentex Corp (Consumer Discretionary)	2.9
AMERCO (Industrials)	2.8
M&T Bank Corp (Financials)	2.8
Thor Industries Inc (Consumer Discretionary)	2.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.5%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS).

## Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	RMCV <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	13.4	4.0
Consumer Discretionary	15.6	9.0
Consumer Staples	2.3	4.3
Energy	3.0	6.0
Financials	28.9	19.2
Health Care	4.1	7.0
Industrials	14.1	11.5
Information Technology	6.7	7.5
Materials	8.2	6.7
Real Estate	3.6	13.7
Utilities	0.0	11.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 2.6% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>Russell Midcap® Value Index.

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

\$ in billions	Fund	RMCV <sup>1</sup>
21.0+	20.9	26.5
14.5–21.0	19.1	19.5
10.5–14.5	13.4	15.4
6.5–10.5	14.6	19.8
0–6.5	32.1	18.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

## Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
James C. Kieffer, CFA	30
Thomas A. Reynolds IV	20
Daniel L. Kane, CFA	21
Craig Inman, CFA	20

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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 Jul 2019: DENTSPLY SIRONA Inc 2.1%; Ryder System Inc 2.0%. 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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