



Artisan Mid Cap Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTMX

Advisor Class: APDMX

As of 31 May 2019

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Global equity markets pulled back in May, leaving QTD performance mostly in the red—with US markets leading QTD, followed by non-US developed and emerging markets. The pullback is likely tied to the recent halt to the US and China trade talks, which has seemingly disappointed investors and weighed on growth estimates. At the sector level, financials and communication services are among the leaders, while energy has been the primary laggard.

Our portfolio is outperforming the Russell Midcap® and Russell Midcap® Growth Indices QTD. Among our top contributors are Gardner Denver and Harris Corporation. Gardner Denver (GDI) is a leading manufacturer of flow control and compression technologies for industrial end markets. In early May, the company announced an intended merger with Ingersoll Rand, in turn boosting shares as investors anticipate GDI will become a global leader in the industrial pump and compressor markets. We believe the company is executing well and maintain our conviction in the long-term profit cycle potential.

Harris Corp provides technology-based solutions for tactical communications, geospatial systems and services, air-traffic management and other applications. The company is progressing well with its pending merger with L3 Technologies, which has itself seen robust order growth. We believe the opportunities ahead of Harris are sizeable and the profit cycle remains nicely in motion.

Among our bottom contributors are Tableau Software and Alexion Pharmaceutical. Tableau provides unique, interactive data visualization software that allows customers to quickly translate complex data into compelling graphics. Though investors seemed disappointed by quarterly results, which weighed on shares, we believe there are a number of catalysts still ahead of the company—including several recent and upcoming product launches. Further, demand for data-analytics tools remains robust, and Tableau's competitive positioning is solid. We capitalized on recent weakness to increase our position at an attractive valuation.

Shares of Alexion, a biotechnology company focused on rare disease drugs, have been pressured QTD largely in sympathy with the health care sector amid amplifying US political rhetoric. However, we believe the company remains well-positioned under its new management team and have capitalized on recent weakness to add modestly to our position.

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 (%)

As of 31 May 2019	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTMX	-2.15	2.34	24.48	10.76	12.94	9.41	14.90	13.19
Advisor Class: APDMX	-2.14	2.35	24.58	10.87	13.08	9.53	14.96	13.22
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	-5.75	-1.51	17.81	6.87	13.88	10.28	15.29	8.66
Russell Midcap® Index	-6.14	-2.56	13.55	1.59	9.87	7.89	14.43	9.46

As of 31 March 2019	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTMX	0.92	21.64	21.64	12.30	13.87	8.00	16.72	13.18
Advisor Class: APDMX	0.91	21.72	21.72	12.43	14.01	8.11	16.79	13.21
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	1.35	19.62	19.62	11.51	15.06	10.89	17.60	8.80
Russell Midcap® Index	0.86	16.54	16.54	6.47	11.82	8.81	16.88	9.67

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.

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Portfolio Details

	ARTMX	APDMX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$35.90	\$36.19
Inception	27 Jun 1997	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2019 ¹	1.20%	1.08%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2018 ²	1.18%	1.05%

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

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Global Payments Inc (Information Technology)	5.8
Atlassian Corp PLC (Information Technology)	4.1
Veeva Systems Inc (Health Care)	3.8
IHS Markit Ltd (Industrials)	3.7
Worldpay Inc (Information Technology)	3.5
The Progressive Corp (Financials)	3.0
Boston Scientific Corp (Health Care)	2.9
Harris Corp (Industrials)	2.8
Tableau Software Inc (Information Technology)	2.8
Roper Technologies Inc (Industrials)	2.7
TOTAL	35.1%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS).

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	RMCG ¹
Communication Services	4.5	4.0
Consumer Discretionary	10.3	16.2
Consumer Staples	0.0	3.1
Energy	0.0	1.4
Financials	6.0	6.8
Health Care	24.8	14.2
Industrials	17.1	15.7
Information Technology	37.2	32.8
Materials	0.1	3.4
Real Estate	0.0	2.4
Utilities	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet (GICS)/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.7% of the total portfolio. ¹Russell Midcap® Growth Index.

Market Cap Distribution (% of total portfolio equities)

\$ in billions	Fund	RMCG ¹
22.0+	45.7	33.6
16.0–22.0	9.8	17.6
11.3–16.0	12.6	16.4
7.2–11.3	17.3	16.5
0–7.2	14.6	15.9
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet/Russell. ¹Russell Midcap[®] Growth Index.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Matthew H. Kamm, CFA (Lead)	19
James D. Hamel, CFA	22
Craigh A. Cepukenas, CFA	30
Jason L. White, CFA	19

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Our capital allocation process is designed to build position size according to our conviction. Portfolio holdings develop through three stages: GardenSM, CropSM and HarvestSM. GardenSM 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. CropSM investments are holdings where we have gained conviction in the company's profit cycle, so positions are larger. HarvestSM investments are holdings that have exceeded our estimate of intrinsic value or holdings where there is a deceleration in the company's profit cycle. HarvestSM investments are generally being reduced or sold from the portfolios.

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