



Artisan Global Equity Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTHX | Advisor Class: APDHX

As of 28 February 2021

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In February, solid corporate earnings and signs of economic reopening fueled strong gains among cyclical stocks, with returns in the MSCI AC World Index led by energy and financials stocks. Conversely, defensives (the consumer staples, utilities and health care sectors) incurred declines. As one might expect, the outperformance of cyclicals resulted in value outperforming growth during the month. Regionally, developed markets edged emerging markets; however, EM still holds the advantage QTD, driven by strength in China. The improved outlook for global growth pressured bond yields higher, though rates remain historically low.

Given this environment, the portfolio underperformed the MSCI AC World Index QTD. Our below-benchmark weighing in financials and outsized exposure to the health care sector were key headwinds. Among our weakest individual QTD performers were Jeol and CM.com. Both stocks pulled back after robust gains in Q4 2020. We view the resulting volatility as transient and continue to like their long-term growth potential. Jeol is a Japanese company that's a world leader in transmission electron microscopy, which is a tool historically used in academia. But this technology is moving away from academia to industrial applications in the semiconductor, oil and gas, and life sciences industries, where the margins are meaningfully higher.

CM.com is a Netherlands-based provider of CPaaS (communication platform as a service), one of the world's fastest growing software categories. CM.com's software lets developers easily add mobile-based messaging and phone/voice functionality to their applications. We see revenue growth accelerating as the company pursues this large untapped market opportunity, utilizing its February 2020 IPO proceeds to triple its sales and marketing headcount by 2022 and accelerate its international expansion.

Johnson Controls and China Youzan were among our top QTD contributors. Johnson Controls is an operator in the building services market, providing building controls, HVAC systems, fire and safety, and power solutions. In a post-pandemic world, we believe new air quality standards and demand for touchless technologies will drive a new investment cycle in renovating existing commercial office buildings. Johnson Controls estimates this market opportunity is likely between \$10 billion and \$15 billion and growing double-digits over the next 5 years. In addition, Johnson Controls' solutions for enhancing buildings' energy efficiency and sustainability should see greater demand as government regulations and stimulus plans increasingly address the sources of climate change.

China Youzan, similar to Canada's Shopify, operates a cloud-based e-commerce platform. Secular growth trends in e-commerce and cloud software—tailwinds for the company's solutions—have experienced increased demand amid the pandemic as merchants have been forced to move online as physical stores have had to close due to weaker foot traffic.

Investment Results (%)

As of 28 February 2021	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTHX	0.81	1.42	1.42	37.71	16.69	19.26	13.27	13.75
Advisor Class: APDHX	0.81	1.37	1.37	37.70	16.69	19.26	13.27	13.75
MSCI All Country World Index	2.32	1.85	1.85	30.25	10.29	14.24	8.85	9.40

As of 31 December 2020

Investor Class: ARTHX	5.34	13.97	29.30	29.30	17.87	16.11	13.41	13.82
Advisor Class: APDHX	5.38	13.96	29.35	29.35	17.88	16.12	13.42	13.83
MSCI All Country World Index	4.64	14.68	16.25	16.25	10.06	12.26	9.13	9.36

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (29 March 2010); Advisor (5 August 2020). 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

	ARTHX	APDHX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$23.62	\$23.62
Inception	29 Mar 2010	5 Aug 2020
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2020	1.26/—	2.51/1.25 ^{1,2,3}
Prospectus 30 Sep 2020 ^{3,4}	1.27/—	1.21/—

¹For the period from commencement of operations 5 Aug 2020 through 30 Sep 2020. ²Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2022. ³See prospectus for further details. ⁴Reflects a reduction in management fees, effective as of 15 Nov 2019.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Halozyne Therapeutics Inc (United States)	4.0
Vertiv Holdings Co (United States)	3.2
Microsoft Corp (United States)	3.0
Amazon.com Inc (United States)	2.9
Johnson Controls International PLC (United States)	2.8
Alphabet Inc (United States)	2.5
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc (United States)	2.4
Natera Inc (United States)	2.1
Booking Holdings Inc (United States)	2.1
Jeol Ltd (Japan)	2.0
TOTAL	27.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI.

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)

	Fund	ACWI ¹
Communication Services	9.0	9.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.7	12.9
Consumer Staples	1.0	6.8
Energy	1.0	3.4
Financials	6.9	14.1
Health Care	27.6	11.4
Industrials	18.4	9.7
Information Technology	21.5	21.7
Materials	4.0	5.0
Real Estate	0.0	2.6
Utilities	0.9	2.7
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

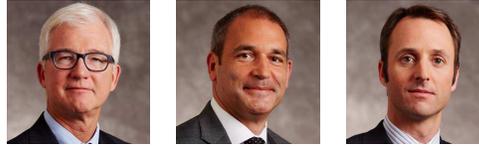
Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 1.4% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI All Country World Index.

Region/Country Allocation (% of total portfolio equities)

REGION	Fund	ACWI ¹
AMERICAS	51.2	60.0
United States	49.7	57.2
Canada	1.5	2.8
EUROPE	28.9	16.5
Germany	9.3	2.5
Switzerland	4.8	2.4
United Kingdom	3.2	3.8
Belgium	2.9	0.2
Sweden	2.5	0.9
Denmark	1.7	0.6
Netherlands	1.7	1.1
Ireland	1.3	0.2
Portugal	0.9	<0.1
Italy	0.5	0.7
Norway	0.2	0.2
EMERGING MARKETS	11.9	13.5
China	8.1	5.3
Russia	1.2	0.4
Korea	1.0	1.8
India	1.0	1.2
Brazil	0.5	0.6
PACIFIC BASIN	8.0	9.9
Japan	4.6	6.7
Hong Kong	3.4	0.9
MIDDLE EAST	—	0.2
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. ¹MSCI 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	40
Charles-Henri Hamker	31
Andrew J. Euretig	17

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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 28 Feb 2021: China Youzan Ltd 1.4%; CM.com NV 1.6%. 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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