



Artisan High Income Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTFX | Advisor Class: APDFX | As of 31 March 2022

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Leveraged credit markets saw another month of muted weakness despite a backdrop of geopolitical and economic uncertainty. The escalating conflict in Ukraine—and subsequent spike in commodity prices—led to widespread weakness across most risk assets before a late-month rally sent spreads back to pre-invasion levels. Still, high yield bonds (as measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index) finished the month down 0.9% to push YTD losses to 4.5%. With five-year Treasury rates at their highest levels since early 2019, interest rates—rather than credit risk—continue to largely dictate the direction of credit markets in the near term.

The price action for leveraged loans was similar to high yield bonds. The asset class (as measured by the JPMorgan Leveraged Loan Index) experienced a large mid-month selloff before finishing up on the month. Loans ended with returns of 0.1% to push YTD returns to unchanged. While YTD returns are relatively uninspiring, leveraged loans remain one of the best performing asset classes for the year.

Our portfolio materially outperformed the ICE BofA US High Yield Index for another month, extending YTD excess returns to 300bps. The portfolio's short-duration bias—largely from the portfolio's sizable leveraged loans stake—has helped the portfolio withstand the pressures from higher interest rates. Similarly, the portfolio's underweight to BB-rated risk in favor of more credit-sensitive risk has also been a notable contributor.

Credit valuations made a complete round trip in March, moving to December 2020 wide mid-month before finishing the month 25bps tighter. At 371bps, current spread levels remain well below long-term averages, suggesting the environment for credit risk remains relatively benign despite an uncertain economic and geopolitical environment. Across the credit spectrum, B-rated risk proved to be the sweet spot as more rate-sensitive risk (BBs) lagged with higher rates and credit-sensitive risk (CCCs) trailed with increased risk-asset volatility. In all, Bs finished with a loss of 0.5%, followed by CCCs (-1.0%) and BBs (-1.2%).

The default backdrop remained benign, despite one default and one distressed exchange impacting roughly \$7 billion in bonds and loans. While volume of debt impacted was large, the 12-month par-weighted default rate is just 0.5%. Notably, the number of distressed candidates in the markets is largely unchanged from levels at the start of the year.

As we move forward, investors must balance the trade-off of improving credit fundamentals with the risks of tighter monetary policy and uncertain geopolitical environment. This dynamic has led to more price dispersion within the investible universe, benefiting an active approach over time. With this in mind, we believe our portfolio is well-tailored to succeed in an environment like this, where discipline and careful credit selection are required.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 March 2022	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTFX	-0.09	-1.49	-1.49	2.29	7.17	6.35	—	6.46
Advisor Class: APDFX	-0.08	-1.56	-1.56	2.34	7.30	6.50	—	6.62
ICE BofA US High Yield Master II Index	-0.93	-4.51	-4.51	-0.29	4.40	4.56	—	4.60

Source: Artisan Partners/ICE BofA. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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Portfolio Details	ARTFX	APDFX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$9.70	\$9.69
Inception	19 Mar 2014	19 Mar 2014
30-Day SEC Yield	5.12%	5.24%
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2021	0.95%	0.79%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2021 ¹	0.96%	0.80%

¹See prospectus for further details.

Portfolio Statistics

Number of Holdings	211
Number of Issuers	128

Source: Artisan Partners.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Acrisure LLC	3.6
NFP Corp	3.3
Carnival Corp	3.2
Charter Communications Inc	2.8
NCL Corp Ltd	2.7
TKC Holdings Inc	2.5
Altice France	2.5
Callon Petroleum Co	2.3
Nordstrom Inc	2.2
Medline Industries Inc	2.1
TOTAL	27.2%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. For the purpose of determining the portfolio's holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the portfolio.

Portfolio Composition (% of total portfolio)

Corporate Bonds	69.2
Bank Loans	22.4
Equities	0.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8.1
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. Negative cash weightings and portfolio composition greater than 100% may be due to unsettled transactions or investment in derivative instruments. Treasury futures represented net notional exposure of -1.20% of net assets.

Average Annual Total Returns

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Ratings Distribution (%)

BBB	4.0
BB	17.2
B	49.3
CCC	27.0
Unrated	2.5
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: S&P/Moody's.

Maturity Distribution (%)

< 1 year	0.2
1 - <3 years	3.4
3 - <5 years	25.3
5 - <7 years	39.1
7 - <10 years	27.9
10+ years	4.1
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. Percentages shown are of total fixed income securities in the portfolio.

Portfolio Construction

The team generally determines the amount of assets invested in each issuer based on conviction, valuation and availability of supply. Based on the team's analysis it divides the portfolio into three parts. Core investments are generally positions with stable to improving credit profiles and lower loan to value ratios. Spread investments are those where the team has an out-of-consensus view about a company's credit improvement potential. Opportunistic investments are driven by market dislocations that have created a unique investment opportunity. Allocations to each group will vary over time based on market conditions.

Team Leadership



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Bryan C. Krug, CFA	21

Carefully consider the Fund's investment objective, risks and charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 800.344.1770. Read carefully before investing.

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