



Artisan Floating Rate Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTUX | Advisor Class: APDUX

As of 31 October 2022

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Leveraged loans generated positive returns in October, led by a risk-on rally fueled by better-than-expected earnings and a less hawkish tone from Fed officials. Loan secondary market prices were bolstered by a combination of anemic new supply and slowing collateralized loan obligation creation. Capital markets activity for October was the lightest since 2010 as new syndications slowed under the weight of higher borrowing costs and weaker sentiment. The asset class finished the month with gains of 0.9% (as measured by the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index). Price returned 0.2% with current income producing 0.6% during the month. Year to date, leveraged loan's small loss of 2.5% ranks among the best across both equity and fixed income asset classes.

Our portfolio modestly outperformed the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index during the month. Idiosyncratic strength from our technology holdings was the largest source of outperformance. Also, our small out-of-benchmark exposure to floating-rate and high yield bonds was additive to relative returns. However, this was modestly offset by credit-specific weakness across food and media sectors.

Loan yields (based on three-year takeout) inched higher to 11.1%—200bps more than structurally subordinated risk in the high yield market. Loan valuations are now approaching 2016 levels with discount margins and prices at 665bps and \$91.78, respectively. Across ratings, higher rated credit risk continues to diverge from lower rated, as concerns of a slowdown disproportionately impacted more levered structures. Overall, BBs performed best with gains of 1.8%, followed by Bs (0.7%). CCCs were a clear laggard with losses of 1.7%. This preference for quality was also evident across seniority, where first liens provided an index-like gain of 1.0% and second liens lagged with losses of 2.3%.

October saw no new loan defaults, leaving the par-weighted default rate largely unchanged at 1.1%—levels still below the long-term historical average of 2.2%. While distress underneath the surface has begun to inch higher, fundamentals continue to remain in a place of strength, with the health of corporate borrowers at one of the best starting points in years heading into this period of uncertainty.

While we expect volatility to remain a dominant feature of the market environment over the near term, these periods play into the strength of our approach. Our value-oriented, research-intensive philosophy allows us to lean into periods when dislocation and liquidity are most severe. Ultimately, our ability to capitalize on market inefficiencies through individual security selection will be a critical differentiator as we move forward.

Portfolio Details

	ARTUX	APDUX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$9.34	\$9.34
Inception	1 Dec 2021	1 Dec 2021
30-Day SEC Yield (%)*	3.27/6.06	5.94/6.16
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2022 ^{1,2,3}	14.76/1.20	2.56/1.10
Prospectus 15 Nov 2021 ^{2,3,4}	1.35/1.21	1.19/1.11

*Unsubsidized/subsidized. ¹Unaudited, for the period from commencement of operations 1 Dec 2021 through 31 Mar 2022. ²Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2023. ³See prospectus for further details. ⁴Includes estimated expenses for the current fiscal year.

Portfolio Statistics

	Fund
Number of Holdings	72
Number of Issuers	57

Source: Artisan Partners.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

KUEHG Corp	4.9
Gridiron Fiber Corp	4.3
Edelman Financial Engines Center LLC	3.7
Ultimate Software Group Inc	3.1
Renaissance Learning Inc	2.8
Virgin Pulse Inc	2.8
Employbridge LLC	2.8
AssuredPartners Inc	2.7
TKC Holdings Inc	2.6
Ancestry.com Operations Inc	2.6
TOTAL	32.3%

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.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 October 2022	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTUX	0.97	0.97	-2.95	—	—	—	—	-3.24
Advisor Class: APDUX	0.98	0.98	-2.86	—	—	—	—	-3.15
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	0.85	0.85	-2.49	—	—	—	—	-1.90
As of 30 September 2022								
Investor Class: ARTUX	-1.93	1.31	-3.88	—	—	—	—	-4.17
Advisor Class: APDUX	-1.91	1.34	-3.80	—	—	—	—	-4.09
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	-2.17	1.19	-3.31	—	—	—	—	-2.73

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

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Ratings Distribution (%)

BBB	2.9
BB	13.0
B	73.7
CCC	10.0
Unrated	0.4
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: S&P/Moody's.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

Automotive	0.6
Banking	0.0
Basic Industry	0.9
Capital Goods	7.4
Consumer Goods	8.1
Energy	0.0
Financial Services	12.9
Health Care	4.9
Insurance	9.3
Leisure	6.4
Media	4.1
Real Estate	0.0
Retail	3.0
Services	14.7
Technology & Electronics	21.7
Telecommunications	4.8
Transportation	1.2
Utility	0.0
Other	0.0
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/ICE BofA. Cash and cash equivalents represented 10.5% of the total portfolio.

Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	
AMERICAS	100.0
United States	100.0
EUROPE	—
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners. Breakdown based on issuer country of domicile, excluding cash.

Portfolio Construction

A high-conviction portfolio comprised primarily of floating rate debt instruments that are attractively valued. At least 80% will be invested in floating rate leveraged loans, which could include, among other types of loans, senior secured loans, unsecured loans, second lien loans, bridge loans and junior loans. The portfolio has a bias toward US issuers but has the ability to invest globally. It also has flexibility to invest across the quality spectrum, in various industries and issuance sizes.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Bryan C. Krug, CFA (Lead)	22
Seth B. Yeager, CFA	19

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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