

# Artisan International Explorer Fund

# MONTHLY Commentary

Advisor Class: ARDBX

As of 31 December 2023

#### **Investment Process Highlights**

The investment team seeks to invest in high-quality, undervalued businesses that offer the potential for superior risk/reward outcomes. The investment universe is generally non-US equities with market caps below \$5 billion.

#### Undervaluation

- Determine the intrinsic value of the business
- Invest at a significant discount to intrinsic value

#### **Business Quality**

- Strong free cash flow
- High/improving returns on capital
- Strong competitive positions

#### **Financial Strength**

- Strong balance sheets reduce potential for capital risk
- Provides management ability to build value

#### **Shareholder Oriented Management**

History of building shareholder value

Portfolio Details		ARDBX	
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$11.48		
Inception	16 May 2022		
Expense Ratios	Gross	Net	
Annual Report 30 Sep 20231,2	1.75%	1.40%	
Prospectus 30 Sep 2022 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1.84%	1.41%	

<sup>1</sup>Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2025. <sup>2</sup>See prospectus for further details. <sup>3</sup>Includes estimated expenses for the current fiscal year.

#### Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

M&C Saatchi PLC (Communication Services)	9.0
Glenveagh Properties PLC (Consumer Discretionary)	8.2
Despegar.com Corp (Consumer Discretionary)	7.1
Zuken Inc (Information Technology)	4.3
Alten SA (Information Technology)	4.2
Sato Holdings Corp (Industrials)	4.0
Care Ratings Ltd (Financials)	3.5
Signify NV (Industrials)	3.3
Steadfast Group Ltd (Financials)	3.2
IDOX PLC (Information Technology)	2.8
TOTAL	49.6%
Source: Artisan Partners/GICS.	

## Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	ACxUS SC <sup>1</sup>
Communication Services	10.8	3.7
Consumer Discretionary	25.1	11.9
Consumer Staples	0.0	6.2
Energy	0.0	4.0
Financials	10.7	11.0
Health Care	4.8	7.0
Industrials	19.0	20.7
Information Technology	20.5	11.9
Materials	7.0	11.3
Real Estate	2.3	9.2
Utilities	0.0	3.0
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 16.0% of the total portfolio.  $^{1}\!$ MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index.

Investment Results (%)					A\	rerage Annual Total Retu	rns ·····	
As of 31 December 2023	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Advisor Class: ARDBX	8.92	11.92	20.56	20.56	_	_	_	10.31
MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index	6.35	10.12	15.66	15.66	_	_	_	7.35

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

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## **Artisan International Explorer Fund**

#### Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	ACxUS SC <sup>1</sup>
EUROPE	56.6	32.3
United Kingdom	23.5	9.8
Ireland	9.7	0.2
Germany	5.2	3.0
Netherlands	5.2	1.0
France	5.0	2.7
Italy	3.1	2.0
Switzerland	1.8	3.0
Denmark	1.7	1.3
Norway	1.4	1.6
EMERGING MARKETS	20.9	28.9
Argentina	8.5	_
India	4.2	7.4
Indonesia	3.3	0.6
Korea	2.0	3.9
Mexico	1.4	0.6
South Africa	1.3	1.0
China	0.3	2.1
PACIFIC BASIN	18.8	30.5
Japan	11.6	21.7
Australia	3.8	6.2
Hong Kong	3.3	1.0
AMERICAS	3.7	6.6
Canada	1.9	6.6
United States	1.8	_
MIDDLE EAST	<del></del>	1.8
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed.

#### Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)





Co-Portfolio Managers	
Beini Zhou, CFA	18
Anand Vasagiri	18
Managing Director	
N. David Samra	31

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