



Artisan International Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTIX | Advisor Class: APDIX As of 31 December 2023

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Global stock markets finished the year on a positive note in December as investors cheered further declines in inflation and the prospects of lower interest rates. In the US, markets rallied on resilient economic growth and dovish signals from the Federal Reserve, with many anticipating cuts to policy rates in the new year. While gains in European markets were more modest than those in the US, solid returns underscored the progress made by central banks in reducing inflation there. The broad participation in the rally across market cap and style was also noteworthy. Small-cap stocks, in particular, outperformed large caps by a meaningful margin.

Despite positive returns, the portfolio fell short of the benchmark this month. Stock selection in materials weighed on relative performance the most. Global industrial gas leader Linde, a stock that has been a durable winner year to date, ended the month down slightly after hitting highs early in the month. Linde's share price spiked after it reported increased liquid hydrogen output at its Alabama plant, one that can now produce up to 30 metric tons of liquid hydrogen per day for local merchants. It is an example of how Linde continues to invest in and expand its hydrogen production and supply network. Linde is part of an oligopoly that provides it pricing power. We appreciate the company's focus on near-term profits and its strategic, long-term investment in clean energy alternatives, such as hydrogen, giving it a long runway for growth. Also, Argenx sold off this month after it released disappointing results from its Phase 3 study of Vyvgart in adults with pemphigus vulgaris and pemphigus foliaceus, conditions in which the body's immune system attacks the top layer of skin and mucous membranes. The outcome of the trial prompted Argenx to discontinue further development of Vyvgart in this indication. Nevertheless, we believe the Vyvgart franchise has ongoing opportunities in other autoimmune diseases. We are attracted to biopharma companies like Argenx that can leverage its R&D capabilities to develop several drug candidates from a body of research, thus increasing opportunities for success.

Alternatively, stock selection in consumer discretionary added to relative returns. Swiss luxury firm Richemont peaked this month after it terminated an agreement to sell a majority stake in its fashion e-commerce unit YNAP to Farfetch, a luxury goods platform. Farfetch's troubled finances and sliding share price in recent months made the tie-up less desirable. Richemont will consider other options for creating a neutral online luxury brand platform. The company remains a beneficiary of long-term demographic trends supporting demand for its luxury brands. We value its ability to generate sustainable earnings growth, particularly in hard luxury.

Portfolio Details

	ARTIX	APDIX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$26.82	\$26.67
Inception	28 Dec 1995	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2023	1.19%	1.05%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2022 ¹	1.20%	1.05%

¹See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

UBS Group AG (Switzerland)	6.8
Novo Nordisk A/S (Denmark)	5.1
Air Liquide SA (France)	5.1
Linde PLC (United States)	5.1
Amazon.com Inc (United States)	4.8
Deutsche Telekom AG (Germany)	4.3
Allianz SE (Germany)	3.8
Nestle SA (Switzerland)	3.3
Deutsche Boerse AG (Germany)	3.3
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd (Canada)	3.1
TOTAL	44.7%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	EAFE ¹
Communication Services	4.4	4.1
Consumer Discretionary	6.6	11.8
Consumer Staples	8.9	9.3
Energy	3.4	4.3
Financials	22.1	18.9
Health Care	17.3	12.8
Industrials	22.8	16.4
Information Technology	1.0	8.6
Materials	13.5	7.8
Real Estate	0.0	2.5
Utilities	0.0	3.5
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.0% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI EAFE Index.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 December 2023	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTIX	4.32	9.90	14.26	14.26	0.06	6.84	3.41	8.00
Advisor Class: APDIX	4.35	9.91	14.44	14.44	0.20	6.99	3.55	8.05
MSCI EAFE Index	5.31	10.42	18.24	18.24	4.02	8.16	4.28	4.91
MSCI All Country World ex USA Index ¹	5.02	9.75	15.62	15.62	1.55	7.08	3.83	5.09

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. ¹Performance represents the MSCI ACWI ex USA (Gross) Index from inception to 31 Dec 2000 and the MSCI ACWI ex USA (Net) Index from 1 Jan 2001 forward. Class inception: Investor (28 December 1995); 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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Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	EAFE ¹
EUROPE	72.3	65.5
Switzerland	15.2	10.0
France	12.5	12.0
Germany	12.2	8.6
United Kingdom	10.1	14.7
Denmark	10.1	3.3
Netherlands	4.0	4.6
Belgium	3.8	1.0
Ireland	3.1	0.5
Spain	1.4	2.7
AMERICAS	19.5	—
United States	13.7	—
Canada	5.7	—
PACIFIC BASIN	5.4	33.8
Japan	4.2	22.5
Singapore	0.9	1.4
Hong Kong	0.2	2.2
EMERGING MARKETS	2.8	—
Brazil	1.7	—
Mexico	0.6	—
Hungary	0.5	—
Russia	0.0	—
MIDDLE EAST	—	0.7
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. ¹MSCI EAFE Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Mark L. Yockey, CFA	43
Associate Portfolio Managers	
Charles-Henri Hamker	34
Andrew J. Euretig	20
Michael Luciano	23

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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 31 Dec 2023: Argenx SE 1.8%; Cie Financiere Richemont SA 1.6%. As of 3 Mar 2022, Russian holdings were valued at zero. 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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