



Artisan Sustainable Emerging Markets Fund

MONTHLY Commentary

Investor Class: ARTZX | Advisor Class: APDEX

As of 28 February 2023

Commentary

Following a solid start to the new year aided by the reopening rally in China, emerging markets retreated in February due to global inflationary pressure and continued geopolitical tensions. Our portfolio outperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets Index QTD. Taiwan was the benchmark's primary contributor QTD, while India was its main detractor.

Our top relative QTD contributors included Alpha Services and Holdings and E Ink. Alpha, a Greek banking company that offers a diverse range of financial services, has benefited from broad economic recovery in Greece and the current higher interest rate environment. We expect Alpha to generate sustainable earnings based on its strong balance sheet and favorable competitive position, in addition to an increasingly positive macroeconomic backdrop in Greece.

E Ink is a Taiwan-based producer of e-paper technology and electronic shelf label (ESL) systems used to display product pricing on retail shelves. The company has outperformed due in part to increased ESL adoption—a trend we expect to continue based on the many advantages of ESL, including simplifying and streamlining pricing management, allowing for dynamic pricing and reducing paper waste.

Our bottom relative contributors QTD included two Chinese names, Sino Bio and Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric. Some areas of the Chinese economy have experienced volatility as investors anxiously await China's upcoming annual parliamentary meeting, where targets for GDP growth, inflation and employment will be revealed. We believe shares of Sino Bio, a diversified pharmaceutical company, were caught up in this recent volatility. We remain attracted to the company's impressive drug pipeline, investment in research and development, and subsequent sustainable, long-term earnings potential.

Zhuzhou provides and integrates train-borne electrical systems for China's railway industry. The company also has a growing non-rail business that is gaining market share in insulated-gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs), a key component in electrical vehicles (EVs). Although EV demand in China has experienced some recent weakness, we believe Zhuzhou's IGBTs will be a long-term growth driver for the company.

Volatility is to be expected in emerging markets, and it can be extreme at times. In this current bout of volatility, we are maintaining our disciplined process and closely monitoring positions—including engagement with management teams—to adjust valuations and position sizes as we believe appropriate.

Portfolio Details

	ARTZX	APDEX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$14.52	\$14.50
Inception	2 Jun 2008	27 Apr 2022
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2022 ¹	1.58/1.26 ²	1.97/1.05 ³
Prospectus 30 Sep 2022 ^{1,4}	1.52/1.15	1.40/1.05 ⁵

¹Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2024. ²Expense limit was lowered during the period, effective 1 Mar 2022. ³For the period from commencement of operations 25 Apr 2022 through 30 Sep 2022. ⁴See prospectus for further details. ⁵Includes estimated expenses for the current fiscal year.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Taiwan)	9.3
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Korea)	6.6
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (China)	3.7
E Ink Holdings Inc (Taiwan)	3.5
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co Ltd (China)	3.4
MercadoLibre Inc (Argentina)	3.3
ICICI Bank Ltd (India)	3.3
Estun Automation Co Ltd (China)	3.1
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	2.9
Prosus NV (Netherlands)	2.7
TOTAL	41.9%

Source: Artisan Partners. Portfolio country classifications are defined by the investment team.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
Consumer Goods	8.5	8.2
Extractives & Minerals Processing	6.4	10.5
Financials	18.2	21.6
Food & Beverage	3.7	5.8
Health Care	6.4	4.2
Infrastructure	5.2	5.3
Renewable Resources & Alternative Energy	0.2	1.1
Resource Transformation	8.5	5.5
Services	3.4	1.2
Technology & Communications	38.3	32.0
Transportation	1.2	4.6
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/SASB/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.9% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Investment Results (%)

As of 28 February 2023	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	-4.91	6.06	6.06	-13.30	-0.26	-2.12	1.98	-0.28
Advisor Class: APDEX	-4.92	6.07	6.07	-13.29	-0.26	-2.11	1.99	-0.28
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-6.48	0.90	0.90	-15.28	0.97	-1.87	1.52	0.87
As of 31 December 2022								
Investor Class: ARTZX	-3.46	10.63	-28.47	-28.47	-4.96	-2.78	1.19	-0.69
Advisor Class: APDEX	-3.46	10.72	-28.46	-28.46	-4.96	-2.78	1.19	-0.68
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-1.41	9.70	-20.09	-20.09	-2.69	-1.40	1.44	0.81

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (2 June 2008); Advisor (27 April 2022). 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	MSCI EM ¹
EMERGING ASIA	65.3	78.6
China	22.0	32.1
Taiwan	17.7	15.3
Korea	11.1	11.7
India	9.3	13.2
Indonesia	2.3	1.9
Malaysia	1.2	1.5
Thailand	0.9	2.1
Vietnam	0.8	—
LATIN AMERICA	18.3	8.6
Brazil	6.4	5.0
Argentina	6.0	—
Mexico	2.7	2.6
Chile	2.0	0.6
Peru	1.2	0.3
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA	10.8	12.8
Greece	4.6	0.4
South Africa	2.9	3.5
Kazakhstan	2.1	—
United Arab Emirates	1.2	1.3
Russia	0.0	—
DEVELOPED MARKETS	5.6	—
Netherlands	3.5	—
Hong Kong	1.7	—
Singapore	0.4	—
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. ¹MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed. Portfolio country classifications are defined by the investment team and may differ substantially from MSCI classifications; index country classifications reflect MSCI methodology. For the portfolio's country breakdown according to MSCI methodology, refer to the Fund's most recent portfolio holdings at www.sec.gov.

Investment Team (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Maria Negrete-Gruson, CFA	31
Analysts	
Meagan Nace, CFA	30
Chen Gu, CFA	35
Nicolas Rodriguez-Brizuela	23
Gurpreet Pal	19
Jessica Lin, CFA	18

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