



# Artisan Sustainable Emerging Markets Fund

## MONTHLY Commentary

Investor Class: ARTZX | Advisor Class: APDEX

As of 31 October 2023

### Commentary

Emerging markets (EM) equities retreated to start the last quarter of the year. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East erupted as violent armed attacks in Israel exacerbated global market volatility. Poland was the MSCI Emerging Markets Index's main contributor, while China, Korea and India were the main detractors. Our portfolio's performance was on par with the benchmark.

Our top relative contributors QTD include MediaTek Inc and China Traditional Chinese Medicine. Taiwan-based MediaTek is the largest fabless semiconductor design house outside the US. The company remains at the forefront of technology, making progress on edge-computing products and benefiting from the democratization of artificial intelligence. In addition, MediaTek is increasingly providing design services to hyperscalers in the US, and its chips continue to be instrumental in powering Chromebooks for leading computer brands.

Health care has been one of the best performing sectors in our portfolio QTD, partially due to China Traditional's strong performance. China Traditional is the largest manufacturer of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) granules. The company is efficiently navigating government regulations that demand new quality standards in the TCM industry. Most of the company's products have received approval, further reinforcing our confidence in the company's role in modernizing and standardizing the rapidly growing TCM industry.

Our main relative detractors QTD include Estun Automation and MTN Group. Estun is a leading domestic Chinese robot producer. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the company has experienced unusual seasonality, with sales front-loaded in the first half of this year and a decline in Q3. Management anticipates orders will normalize and remains confident in meeting its annual forecast. We are confident the company can expand its market share, and we believe that its new products will be more competitive against leading Japanese and German robot producers.

MTN Group is a South Africa-based multinational telecommunications group operating in Africa and the Middle East. The stock has been impacted by the sharp decline in Nigeria's naira exchange rate due to new foreign exchange regulations. Though the level at which the naira will ultimately settle remains unclear, we believe MTN's leading market position and flexible balance sheet will allow it to weather the duration of currency weakness and volatility. We maintain a positive outlook on the company's potential to enhance the lives of millions by offering access to telecom connectivity services.

Volatility is to be expected in emerging markets, and it can be extreme at times—a natural part of what we believe is a superior growth opportunity over longer periods. 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 size as we believe appropriate.

### Investment Results (%)

As of 31 October 2023	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	-3.66	-3.66	5.70	15.45	-3.07	1.85	1.98	-0.29
Advisor Class: APDEX	-3.66	-3.66	5.78	15.55	-3.04	1.87	1.99	-0.29
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-3.89	-3.89	-2.14	10.80	-3.67	1.59	1.19	0.63

  

As of 30 September 2023	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	-4.09	-4.45	9.72	21.37	-1.70	1.19	2.94	-0.05
Advisor Class: APDEX	-4.03	-4.46	9.80	21.58	-1.67	1.20	2.95	-0.04
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-2.62	-2.93	1.82	11.70	-1.73	0.55	2.07	0.89

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.

Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results. Investment returns and principal values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. Call 800.344.1770 for current to most recent month-end performance. Performance may reflect agreements to limit a Fund's expenses, which would reduce performance if not in effect.

### Portfolio Details

	ARTZX	APDEX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$14.47	\$14.46
Inception	2 Jun 2008	27 Apr 2022
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2023 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1.75/1.15	1.40/1.05
Prospectus 30 Sep 2022 <sup>2,3</sup>	1.52/1.15	1.40/1.05 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. <sup>2</sup>Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2024. <sup>3</sup>See prospectus for further details. <sup>4</sup>Includes 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)	7.2
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (China)	3.9
ICICI Bank Ltd (India)	3.5
MercadoLibre Inc (Argentina)	3.1
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	2.9
China Traditional Chinese Medicine Holdings Co Ltd (China)	2.9
Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc (China)	2.6
E Ink Holdings Inc (Taiwan)	2.6
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40.4%</b>

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

### Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	MSCI EM <sup>1</sup>
Consumer Goods	8.6	7.9
Extractives & Minerals Processing	8.5	10.6
Financials	18.8	22.3
Food & Beverage	2.4	5.5
Health Care	7.3	4.3
Infrastructure	3.8	5.2
Renewable Resources & Alternative Energy	0.0	0.9
Resource Transformation	8.0	5.2
Services	3.6	1.2
Technology & Communications	37.4	31.6
Transportation	1.6	5.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/SASB/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.5% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

### Average Annual Total Returns

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

REGION	Fund	MSCI EM <sup>1</sup>
<b>EMERGING ASIA</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>78.4</b>
China	19.8	29.9
Taiwan	15.3	15.1
Korea	12.3	11.8
India	10.7	15.9
Indonesia	2.3	1.9
Malaysia	1.5	1.4
Vietnam	1.2	—
Thailand	0.8	1.9
<b>LATIN AMERICA</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>
Brazil	7.6	5.4
Argentina	5.4	—
Mexico	2.6	2.4
Chile	2.1	0.5
Peru	1.6	0.3
<b>EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12.9</b>
South Africa	3.4	3.1
Greece	2.6	0.5
Kazakhstan	2.4	—
United Arab Emirates	1.6	1.3
Romania	1.4	—
Russia	0.0	—
<b>DEVELOPED MARKETS</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>—</b>
Netherlands	3.5	—
Hong Kong	1.8	—
Singapore	0.3	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. <sup>1</sup>MSCI 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](http://www.sec.gov).

## Investment Team (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Maria Negrete-Gruson, CFA	32
<b>Analysts</b>	
Meagan Nace, CFA	31
Chen Gu, CFA	35
Nicolas Rodriguez-Brizuela	24
Gurpreet Pal	20
Jessica Lin, CFA	18
Javier Cervantes	8

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MSCI Emerging Markets Index measures the performance of emerging markets. The index(es) are unmanaged; include net reinvested dividends; do not reflect fees or expenses; and are not available for direct investment.

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 Oct 2023: Estun Automation Co Ltd 2.2%; MTN Group Ltd 1.3%. As of 3 Mar 2022, Russian holdings are 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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