

# Artisan International Fund

Investor Class: ARTIX | Advisor Class: APDIX

## Commentary

Major global equity indices fell in September as key central banks signaled a hawkish long-term outlook. Oil prices rose higher, adding to cost pressures for consumers and businesses. Labor strikes and the prospect of a second federal government shutdown this year added to the negative sentiment in the US. In Europe, the European Commission cut its 2023 economic growth forecast to 0.8% from 1.0% due to weakening demand, despite a relatively strong labor market. China's evolving property sector crisis continued to be a headwind in Asia's developing markets.

The portfolio ended the month lower than its primary benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index, and its secondary benchmark, the MSCI All Country World ex USA Index. In financials, UBS Group, a holding that has outperformed year to date, detracted from relative performance, although mostly due to the large position size. UBS' stock price weakened as it sought to unwind a deal that Credit Suisse struck with Apollo Global Management in the weeks leading up to Credit Suisse's forced sale to UBS. The agreement centered on Apollo taking over a large portion of Credit Suisse's securitized products business in order to reduce the distressed bank's risk profile. When UBS took over its troubled rival this year, it included \$13.5 billion in asset write-downs, or fair value adjustments, to reflect the expected costs of the merger, including those associated with unwinding the Apollo agreement. We think UBS is undervalued given its defensive profile, capital return prospects and growing wealth management business. In another sector, luxury maker Richemont slid on slower-than-expected growth in China and the US, two large markets for the company. In addition, Richemont's chairman commented that inflation was negatively affecting demand in Europe, which put further downward pressure on its stock price and others across the luxury goods segment.

Alternatively, a below-benchmark weighting in information technology contributed to relative returns. While this positioning has detracted in previous periods, rising 10-year Treasury yields and an increasingly defensive market outlook by many investors created headwinds for the tech sector. We continue to consider companies in this sector that exhibit sustainable growth, have sustainable competitive advantages and can be purchased for a reasonable price, particularly those that align with our investment themes.

Portfolio Details	ARTIX	APDIX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$24.86	\$24.77
Inception	28 Dec 1995	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2023	1.18%	1.05%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2022 <sup>2</sup>	1.20%	1.05%

<sup>1</sup>Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. <sup>2</sup>See prospectus for further details.

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

UBS Group AG (Switzerland)	6.0
Linde PLC (United States)	5.1
Novo Nordisk A/S (Denmark)	5.0
Air Liquide SA (France)	4.8
Amazon.com Inc (United States)	4.5
Nestle SA (Switzerland)	4.0
Deutsche Telekom AG (Germany)	3.8
Aon PLC (United States)	3.4
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd (Canada)	3.2
Cie Financiere Richemont SA (Switzerland)	3.1
TOTAL	43.0%
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Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI.

#### Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	EAFE1
Communication Services	4.1	4.1
Consumer Discretionary	8.2	12.0
Consumer Staples	11.1	9.8
Energy	2.7	4.8
Financials	24.4	19.1
Health Care	19.2	13.4
Industrials	17.5	15.9
Information Technology	0.4	7.7
Materials	11.9	7.5
Real Estate	0.0	2.3
Utilities	0.5	3.4
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 6.4% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI EAFE Index.

Average Annual Total Returns

# Investment Results (%)

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As of 30 September 2023	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTIX	-5.04	-4.82	3.97	21.79	-0.25	2.36	3.17	7.71
Advisor Class: APDIX	-5.02	-4.77	4.12	21.99	-0.11	2.52	3.31	7.76
MSCI EAFE Index	-3.42	-4.11	7.08	25.65	5.75	3.24	3.82	4.58
MSCI All Country World ex USA Index <sup>1</sup>	-3.16	-3.77	5.34	20.39	3.74	2.58	3.35	4.79

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)

DECION		EAFE1
REGION	Fund	EAFE1
EUROPE	71.3	65.1
Switzerland	17.6	9.9
France	13.1	12.0
United Kingdom	11.4	15.3
Germany	10.9	8.3
Denmark	8.8	3.3
Belgium	3.8	1.0
Ireland	2.9	0.5
Netherlands	1.4	4.3
Spain	1.3	2.6
AMERICAS	22.6	
United States	16.5	_
Canada	6.1	_
PACIFIC BASIN	6.1	34.2
Japan	3.2	22.9
Singapore	2.4	1.5
Hong Kong	0.5	2.3
EMERGING MARKETS	<del>-</del>	
Russia	0.0	_
MIDDLE EAST	<del></del>	0.7
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. 'MSCI 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	33
Andrew J. Euretig	19
Michael Luciano	23

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