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Artisan Partners Launches Artisan Global Equity Strategy Managed by Mark Yockey and Barry Dargan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Artisan Partners announced today the launch of Artisan Global Equity Strategy, co-managed by Mark Yockey and Barry Dargan. Mr. Yockey is the portfolio manager of Artisan Non-U.S. Growth Strategy and Artisan Non-U.S. Small-Cap Growth Strategy. Mr. Dargan recently joined Artisan from MFS® Investment Management where he was a managing director, portfolio manager of the firm's international growth equity portfolios and portfolio co-manager of the firm's global growth equity portfolios.

Mr. Yockey, leader of Artisan's global equity team, and Mr. Dargan are working together to manage the new global equity strategy. Mr. Dargan has primary responsibility for the day-to-day oversight of the strategy. The duo is supported by Artisan's deep and highly experienced global equity analyst team.

Eric Colson, Artisan's Chief Executive Officer, said, "We're thrilled to have someone of Barry's caliber and expertise join Artisan and incredibly excited to bring Barry's global experience together with our strong global equity team, led by Mark Yockey, to launch Artisan Global Equity Strategy."

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The firm's principal offices are located in Milwaukee, San Francisco, Atlanta, New York and London.

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