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Artisan Partners Announces a Partial Closing of its U.S. Mid-Cap Value Strategy

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Artisan Partners announced today a partial closing of its U.S. mid-cap value strategy that will take effect on 10 July 2009. The strategy will be closing to most new investors, but will remain open to pre-qualified institutional investors, existing investors, investors who satisfy new account eligibility requirements and new 401(k) plans and their participants.

ABOUT ARTISAN PARTNERS

Artisan Partners is an independent investment management firm focused on providing high value-added, active investment strategies to sophisticated clients globally. Since 1994, the firm has been committed to attracting experienced, disciplined investment professionals to manage client assets. Artisan Partners has five autonomous investment teams that oversee twelve distinct U.S., non-U.S. and global investment strategies. Each strategy is offered through multiple investment vehicles to accommodate a broad range of client mandates.

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

For additional information, please contact your Artisan Partners representative.

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