



# Artisan Focus Fund

## MONTHLY Summary

Investor Class: ARTTX | Advisor Class: APDPTX

As of 29 February 2024

### Investment Process Highlights

The team's investment approach is based on idea generation, a systematic framework for analyzing companies and proactive risk management. Utilizing this approach, the team seeks to construct a focused portfolio designed to maximize alpha while limiting downside risk over the long term.

#### Idea Generation

- Identify inflections in multi-year trends caused by changes in supply/demand dynamics, societal behavior, market conditions, technology, laws/regulations and business models, among other variables—these can lead to powerful re-ratings of industries and companies
- Find areas where the team's views on industry fundamentals differ from consensus estimates—a key element in alpha generation

#### Systematic Analytical Framework

- Apply a systematic framework for analyzing companies across sectors and themes, creating a repeatable and methodical decision-making process
- Focus on multi-year earnings power differentiation, expected outcome scenario analysis, return on invested capital and discounted cash flow valuations using the team's proprietary company models
- Utilize internally developed visual outputs to consistently evaluate positions across the portfolio

#### Proactive Risk Management

- Incorporate risk management into all stages of the investment process
- Evaluate metrics including crowding, correlation, volatility, stress tests, liquidity, factor analysis and macro drivers, in order to inform portfolio construction and position sizing
- Where appropriate, use various instruments, such as options, in an effort to magnify alpha and minimize downside

### Portfolio Details

	ARTTX	APDPTX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$20.32	\$20.45
Inception	24 Apr 2017	31 Jul 2018
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2023	1.30%	1.12%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 <sup>1</sup>	1.31%	1.13%

<sup>1</sup>See prospectus for further details.

### Top 5 Issuers\* (% of net assets)

Microsoft Corp (Transformation of the Enterprise)	9.8
Amazon.com Inc (Digitization of Commerce)	8.8
Visa Inc (Digitization of Commerce)	5.4
TransDigm Group Inc (Aero Normalization)	4.7
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd (De-Globalization)	4.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners.

### Portfolio Statistics\*

Number of Companies	29
Top 5 Issuers (% of net assets)	33.0%
Non-US Companies (% of net assets)	18.7%
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (Billions)	\$736.7
Weighted Avg. ROE	17.2%
Weighted Avg. LT EPS Growth Rate (3-5 Yr)	17.1%
Weighted Avg. P/E (FY2) <sup>1</sup>	27.5X
Active Share <sup>2</sup>	82.3%

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet. <sup>1</sup>Harmonic. <sup>2</sup>Not delta-adjusted and includes cash, cash equivalents, ETFs and ETF/Index options.

### Investment Results (%)

As of 29 February 2024	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTTX	6.11	10.74	10.74	29.51	4.27	12.73	—	16.82
Advisor Class: APDPTX	6.07	10.72	10.72	29.92	4.48	12.95	—	16.98
S&P 500® Index	5.34	7.11	7.11	30.45	11.91	14.76	—	13.79

As of 31 December 2023

Investor Class: ARTTX	3.15	11.69	15.63	15.63	1.80	12.60	—	15.48
Advisor Class: APDPTX	3.13	11.80	16.02	16.02	2.01	12.83	—	15.65
S&P 500® Index	4.54	11.69	26.29	26.29	10.00	15.69	—	12.98

Source: Artisan Partners/S&P. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (24 April 2017); Advisor (31 July 2018). 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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\*% of net assets represents the portfolio's exposures based on the economic value of investments and options are delta-adjusted. Categories "Other" and "Not Applicable" may include ETFs, ETF/Index options and other securities which have not explicitly been classified.

## Market Cap Distribution\* (% of net assets)

\$ in billions	
75.0+	58.4
25.0–75.0	20.5
5.0–25.0	10.1
0.0–5.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners.

## Portfolio Exposure By Theme\* (% of net assets)

Transformation of the Enterprise	23.6
Aero Normalization	16.6
Digitization of Commerce	14.8
Data Monetization	11.4
Medical Innovations	10.1
De-Globalization	9.9
Network Infrastructure Modernization	4.8
Market Hedges	-5.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85.5%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners. As of 31 Dec 2023. Theme categorizations are at the sole discretion of the team. Themes and constituents are as of the date indicated and subject to change. The Cash Flow Inflection theme was renamed to Idiosyncratic Ideas as of 31 Mar 2023.

## Sector Diversification\* (% of net assets)

Communication Services	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	12.4
Consumer Staples	2.0
Energy	0.0
Financials	11.6
Health Care	11.1
Industrials	18.3
Information Technology	29.4
Materials	4.2
Real Estate	0.0
Utilities	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners. Cash and cash equivalents represented 19.2% of the total portfolio. Portfolio sector classifications are defined by the investment team and may differ substantially from the GICS classifications. For the portfolio's sector breakdown according to GICS methodology, refer to the Fund's most recent portfolio holdings filed at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## Portfolio Construction

- Typically hold 20-40 names across 5-8 themes
- Maximum position size generally 15%<sup>1</sup>
- Maximum of 25% in any one industry<sup>1</sup>
- Primarily US with ability to invest globally

<sup>1</sup>Limitations apply at the time of purchase. See prospectus for more details.

## Team Leadership



Portfolio Manager

Christopher Smith

Years of Investment Experience

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