

# **Artisan Focus Fund**

## **OUARTERLY** Fact Sheet

Investor Class: ARTTX | Advisor Class: APDTX

#### **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

#### **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
- 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

#### Sector Diversification\* (% of net assets) ■ Communication Services 0.0 **Consumer Discretionary** 0.0 **Consumer Staples** Energy 0.0 Financials 10.0 Health Care 10.6 Industrials 19.8 Information Technology 34.3 Materials 4.0 Real Estate 5.2 Utilities 5.8 TOTAL 95.2%

Source: Artisan Partners. Cash and cash equivalents represented 1.4% 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.

| Portfolio Details                   | ARTTX       | APDTX       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net Asset Value (NAV)               | \$23.62     | \$23.78     |
| Inception                           | 24 Apr 2017 | 31 Jul 2018 |
| Expense Ratios                      |             |             |
| Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2024      | 1.41%       | 1.13%       |
| Prospectus 31 May 2024 <sup>2</sup> | 1.31%       | 1.13%       |
| Total Net Assets (Millions)         |             | \$1,160     |

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

#### Portfolio Statistics\*

| Number of Companies                       | 25        |
|---|-----------|
| Top 5 Issuers (% of net assets)           | 36.9%     |
| Non-US Companies (% of net assets)        | 14.4%     |
| Weighted Avg. Market Cap (Billions)       | \$971.6   |
| Weighted Avg. ROE                         | 24.4%     |
| Weighted Avg. LT EPS Growth Rate (3-5 Yr) | 20.3%     |
| Weighted Avg. P/E (FY2) <sup>1</sup>      | 30.8X     |
| Active Share <sup>2</sup>                 | 75.0%     |
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Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet. <sup>1</sup>Harmonic. <sup>2</sup>Not delta-adjusted and includes cash, cash equivalents, ETFs and ETF/Index options.

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

| General Electric Co (Aero Normalization)  | 8.6   |
|---|-------|
| Apple Inc (Digitization of User Experience & Commerce)                          | 8.0   |
| NVIDIA Corp (Transformation of the Enterprise)                                  | 7.9   |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd<br>(Transformation of the Enterprise) | 6.5   |
| Constellation Energy Corp (De-Globalization)                                    | 5.8   |
| TOTAL   | 36.9% |
| Source: Artisan Partners.   |       |

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

| TOTAL                                      | 95.2% |
|--|-------|
| Network Infrastructure Modernization       | 8.2   |
| Data Monetization                          | 10.0  |
| Medical Innovations                        | 10.6  |
| Digitization of User Experience & Commerce | 14.5  |
| De-Globalization                           | 14.7  |
| Aero Normalization                         | 15.0  |
| Transformation of the Enterprise           | 22.2  |

Source: Artisan Partners. Theme categorizations are at the sole discretion of the team. Themes and constituents are as of the date indicated and subject to change. The Digitization of Commerce theme was broadened to Digitization of User Experience and Commerce as of 31 Mar 2024.

| Investment Results (%)  |      |       |       |       | Average Annual Total Retur | 15    |           |
|-------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| As of 30 September 2024 | QTD  | YTD   | 1 Yr  | 3 Yr  | 5 Yr                       | 10 Yr | Inception |
| Investor Class: ARTTX   | 6.97 | 28.72 | 43.76 | 7.34  | 13.61                      | _     | 17.75     |
| Advisor Class: APDTX    | 6.97 | 28.75 | 43.95 | 7.54  | 13.81                      | _     | 17.91     |
| S&P 500° Index          | 5.89 | 22.08 | 36.35 | 11.91 | 15.98                      | _     | 14.64     |

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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<sup>\*%</sup> 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+          | 81.3  |
| 25.0-75.0      | 13.8  |
| 5.0-25.0       | 0.0   |
| 0.0-5.0        | 0.0   |
| TOTAL          | 95.2% |

Source: Artisan Partners

#### 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.

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#### Morningstar Medalist Rating<sup>™</sup> (cs of 30 Sep 2024)



Analyst Driven: 10% Data Coverage: 96%

### Team Leadership

| Portfolio Manager | Years of Investment Experience |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   |                                |
| Christopher Smith | 21                             |

Carefully consider the Fund's investment objective, risks and charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 800.344.1770. Read carefully before investing.

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