



Artisan Small Cap Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTSX | Advisor Class: APDSX As of 31 July 2024

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The Russell 2000® Index returned 10.2% in July. US macroeconomic data in July was supportive of soft-landing hopes. At the headline level, the US consumer price index declined 0.1% in June (versus May), which was the first month-over-month deflationary print since July 2022. Meanwhile, economic data remains resilient as the US economy grew at a stronger-than-expected 2.8% rate in Q2 versus only 1.4% in Q1. Amid this backdrop, the market increased rate-cut expectations, and equity performance rapidly rotated toward smaller cap and more value-oriented companies.

Our portfolio underperformed the Russell 2000® Growth Index in July. Among our top detractors were Lattice Semiconductor and Saia. Lattice shares struggled due to continued cyclical pressures, most notably within its industrial end market and a continued weak environment within the telecom business. We believe some of these headwinds are set to ease, but it now looks like it will take longer than expected. Lattice expects to return to growth at the end of 2024 or early 2025, partly fueled by the company's steady flow of new product launches, which continues to drive market share gains. We continue to remain patient.

Saia operates in less-than-truckload shipping, a structurally attractive area of transportation that features several solid franchise characteristics supported by real estate assets and network advantages. Shares declined after the company reported disappointing earnings results. Most notably, operating ratio expectations were not met, in part due to higher-than-expected costs incurred to add more terminals. We remain invested due to industry pricing trends that remain rational, added capacity that should be accretive in the future, the bankruptcy of Yellow (a key competitor) in August 2023 that has left a void in the market and an attractive valuation.

Among our top contributors were Argenx and Guidewire. Shares of Argenx have experienced strong recent performance due to multiple exciting developments. The company recently received approval from the FDA to use VYVGART® for chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP), which we expect to be the drug's second blockbuster indication given this is the first meaningful advance for patients in decades. Meanwhile, VYVGART®'s first approved indication in myasthenia gravis continues to shine, with sales beating analyst expectations in Q2. Lastly, the company continues to invest in clinical trials studying VYVGART® in numerous other rare autoimmune disorders and is making good progress in advancing its second breakthrough medicine.

Guidewire is a market leader in next-generation software for the property and casualty (P&C) insurance industry. The company's software enhances modern underwriting and claims operations by supporting workflows, external collaboration and rule-based decision-making. It recently transitioned away from a licensed software business model to a subscription-based cloud service. In an environment that has generally been challenging for software, company shares have outperformed due to strong earnings results, including strong annual recurring revenue growth and continued signings of new cloud deals.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 July 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTSX	2.94	2.94	7.63	3.65	-8.53	4.69	10.10	8.99
Advisor Class: APDSX	2.96	2.96	7.70	3.82	-8.39	4.84	10.21	9.03
Russell 2000® Growth Index	8.19	8.19	12.99	12.80	-1.12	7.64	8.92	7.82
Russell 2000® Index	10.16	10.16	12.07	14.25	1.85	8.91	8.72	9.09

As of 30 June 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTSX	1.60	-4.45	4.56	5.05	-9.51	4.77	8.93	8.91
Advisor Class: APDSX	1.61	-4.40	4.60	5.19	-9.38	4.91	9.04	8.95
Russell 2000® Growth Index	-0.17	-2.92	4.44	9.14	-4.86	6.17	7.39	7.55
Russell 2000® Index	-0.93	-3.28	1.73	10.06	-2.58	6.94	7.00	8.76

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (28 March 1995); Advisor (1 February 2017). 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. Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results. Investment returns and principal values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. Call 800.344.1770 for current to most recent month-end performance.

Portfolio Details

	ARTSX	APDSX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$34.69	\$35.09
Inception	28 Mar 1995	1 Feb 2017
Expense Ratios		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2024 ¹	1.22%	1.09%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 ²	1.23%	1.07%

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

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Halozyme Therapeutics Inc (Health Care)	6.0
Argenx SE (Health Care)	5.1
Guidewire Software Inc (Information Technology)	4.9
Ascendis Pharma A/S (Health Care)	4.3
Lattice Semiconductor Corp (Information Technology)	4.2
SPX Technologies Inc (Industrials)	3.7
Twist Bioscience Corp (Health Care)	3.6
Novanta Inc (Information Technology)	3.1
SharkNinja Inc (Consumer Discretionary)	2.6
MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc (Information Technology)	2.6
TOTAL	39.9%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	R2G ¹
Communication Services	0.0	2.1
Consumer Discretionary	10.3	9.8
Consumer Staples	2.6	3.2
Energy	0.0	4.0
Financials	1.9	8.2
Health Care	34.8	25.3
Industrials	14.6	21.9
Information Technology	35.7	19.5
Materials	0.0	3.9
Real Estate	0.0	1.5
Utilities	0.0	0.5
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 1.4% of the total portfolio. ¹Russell 2000® Growth Index.

Average Annual Total Returns

Market Cap Distribution (% of portfolio securities)

\$ in billions	Fund	R2G ¹
5.9+	75.2	20.0
4.1–5.9	7.8	22.8
2.9–4.1	7.8	18.4
1.8–2.9	7.3	19.8
0.0–1.8	1.9	19.1
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. ¹Russell 2000[®] Growth Index.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Craig Cepukenas, CFA (Co-Lead)	35
Jay Warner, CFA (Co-Lead)	22
James Hamel, CFA	27
Jason White, CFA	24
Matthew Kamm, CFA	24

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