



# Artisan Floating Rate Fund

## MONTHLY Commentary

Investor Class: ARTUX | Advisor Class: APDUX As of 31 July 2024

### Commentary

Our portfolio underperformed the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index during the month. Across ratings, positive security selection within B-rated debt was offset by allocation effects in CCC-rated credits. From a sector perspective, our security selection in technology contributed positively while the most notable detractor was security selection in the specialty retail segment.

In July, rate volatility continued—this time, to the benefit of fixed rate assets. Following a softer-than-expected consumer price index report in mid-July and a growing narrative on a cooling (but still healthy) labor market, market participants dramatically reassessed rate cut expectations, resulting in a significant decline in interest rates across the curve. The 10-Year Treasury rate fell over 35bps during the month while the 2-Year Treasury rate dropped nearly 50bps—with both maturities erasing a majority of their yield increase this year. Concurrently, the evolving macro environment and changes in interest rates helped spark volatility in equity markets, with a significant change in market leadership from some of the previous winners (such as technology and artificial intelligence-related stocks) to those that have lagged year-to-date—namely, small-cap equities. Near the end of the month, the Federal Reserve held rates steady but noted that there has been “some progress” toward its 2% inflation target, spurring continued market speculation that the Federal Open Market Committee will vote to reduce interest rates at its upcoming September meeting.

While equity markets were volatile, credit markets held firm. Leveraged loans continued their return consistency by posting their 14th consecutive month of positive returns, with the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index gaining 73bps. At the broad index level, the average price of the index stayed relatively unchanged while discount margins tightened by 7bps, ending July at an index discount margin level of 500bps, which remains elevated versus long-term median spreads. It’s worth noting that the loan index has produced positive returns in 29 of the last 36 months (as compared to 21 of the last 36 for high yield bonds)—a remarkable level of consistency and a testament to the value of the asset class as it has historically been an attractive, income-generating component in an overall portfolio.

The month of July serves as a reminder for the potential value of leveraged loans and their role in an investor’s portfolio. While a significant rotation occurred in equity markets causing volatility to increase, leveraged loans posted solid returns. Income remains the primary driver of returns for the loan market this year, buoyed by yield levels that are attractive relative to history. Within our portfolio, we remain focused on fundamentals amid a highly active primary market and refinancing environment, looking to lend to high-quality businesses at attractive valuations.

### Portfolio Details

	ARTUX	APDUX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$9.55	\$9.54
Inception	1 Dec 2021	1 Dec 2021
30-Day SEC Yield (%)*	8.32/8.84	8.69/8.94
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2024 <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	1.74/1.20	1.38/1.10
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 <sup>3,4</sup>	2.76/1.22	1.59/1.12

\*Unsubsidized/subsidized. <sup>1</sup>Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. <sup>2</sup>Excludes Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses as described in the prospectus. <sup>3</sup>Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2025. <sup>4</sup>See prospectus for further details.

### Portfolio Statistics

Number of Holdings	92
Number of Issuers	70

Source: Artisan Partners.

### Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Delta Topco Inc	5.5
Nexus Buyer LLC	4.0
Edelman Financial Engines Center LLC	3.3
TKC Holdings Inc	3.0
Ultimate Software Group Inc	2.9
Applied Systems Inc	2.3
The Ardonagh Group	2.1
Fogo De Chao Inc	2.1
Surgery Center Holdings Inc	2.0
BroadStreet Partners Inc	2.0

**TOTAL** 29.2%

Source: Artisan Partners/Bloomberg. For the purpose of determining the portfolio’s holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the portfolio.

### Investment Results (%)

As of 31 July 2024	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTUX	0.51	0.51	3.73	9.28	—	—	—	5.42
Advisor Class: APDUX	0.52	0.52	3.69	9.29	—	—	—	5.48
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	0.73	0.73	5.21	10.42	—	—	—	6.54

As of 30 June 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTUX	0.16	1.04	3.21	10.23	—	—	—	5.39
Advisor Class: APDUX	0.07	0.96	3.16	10.23	—	—	—	5.46
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	0.27	1.86	4.44	11.04	—	—	—	6.46

Source: Artisan Partners/Credit Suisse. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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## Ratings Distribution (%)

BBB	1.3
BB	9.5
B	73.1
CCC and Below	12.6
Unrated	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners.

## Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

Automotive	0.0
Banking	0.0
Basic Industry	2.2
Capital Goods	4.9
Consumer Goods	5.4
Energy	0.0
Financial Services	9.2
Health Care	5.2
Insurance	21.4
Leisure	6.4
Media	4.0
Real Estate	3.0
Retail	8.5
Services	9.0
Technology & Electronics	17.5
Telecommunications	3.5
Transportation	0.0
Utility	0.0
Other	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/ICE BofA. Cash and cash equivalents represented 8.0% of the total portfolio. Sector categorizations for portfolio securities are based on ICE BofA classifications and are subject to reclassification at the investment team's discretion.

## Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

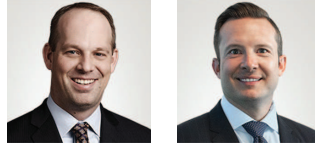
REGION	
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>95.6</b>
United States	94.2
Canada	1.4
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>PACIFIC BASIN</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners. Breakdown based on issuer country of domicile, excluding cash.

## Portfolio Construction

A high-conviction portfolio comprised primarily of floating rate debt instruments that are attractively valued. At least 80% will be invested in floating rate leveraged loans, which could include, among other types of loans, senior secured loans, unsecured loans, second lien loans, bridge loans and junior loans. The portfolio has a bias toward US issuers but has the ability to invest globally. It also has flexibility to invest across the quality spectrum, in various industries and issuance sizes.

## Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Bryan C. Krug, CFA (Lead)	24
Seth B. Yeager, CFA	20

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.

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk. The value of portfolio securities selected by the investment team may rise or fall in response to company, market, economic, political, regulatory or other news, at times greater than the market or benchmark index. A portfolio's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations may limit the investment opportunities available and, as a result, the portfolio may forgo certain investment opportunities and underperform portfolios that do not consider ESG factors. Fixed income securities carry interest rate risk and credit risk for both the issuer and counterparty and investors may lose principal value. In general, when interest rates rise, fixed income values fall. High income securities (junk bonds) are speculative, experience greater price volatility and have a higher degree of credit and liquidity risk than bonds with a higher credit rating. The portfolio typically invests a significant portion of its assets in lower-rated high income securities (e.g., CCC). Loans carry risks including insolvency of the borrower, lending bank or other intermediary. Loans may be secured, unsecured, or not fully collateralized, trade infrequently, experience delayed settlement, and be subject to resale restrictions. Private placement and restricted securities may not be easily sold due to resale restrictions and are more difficult to value. Use of derivatives may create investment leverage and increase the likelihood of volatility and risk of loss in excess of the amount invested. International investments involve special risks, including currency fluctuation, lower liquidity, different accounting methods and economic and political systems, and higher transaction costs. These risks typically are greater in emerging and less developed markets, including frontier markets.

Credit Suisse (CS) Leveraged Loan Index is an unmanaged market value-weighted index designed to mirror the investable universe of the US dollar-denominated leveraged loan market. New issues are added to the index on their effective date if they qualify according to the following criteria: loan facilities must be rated "BB" or lower; only fully funded term loan facilities are included; and issuers must be domiciled in developed countries. The index(es) are unmanaged; include net reinvested dividends; do not reflect fees or expenses; and are not available for direct investment.

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