

# Artisan Sustainable Emerging Markets Fund

Investor Class: ARTZX | Advisor Class: APDEX

# Commentary

Emerging markets (EM) equities advanced in Q2, building on strong Q1 returns. Despite market volatility from EM general elections, economic growth was broadly positive, and attempts to fight rising inflation showed initial signs of success. Taiwan, China and India were the MSCI Emerging Markets Index's main contributors, while Brazil and Mexico were the benchmark's largest detractors in Q2. Our portfolio underperformed the benchmark for the quarter.

Our leading relative detractors for the quarter included Estun Automation and Gentera. Estun is a leading domestic Chinese robot producer. Like industry peers, the company's earnings were hurt by write-offs to accounts receivable. Despite the stock's recent underperformance, we believe the write-offs will have a temporary impact. Estun is successfully increasing its market share in China, and we believe the company is positioned to benefit from China's expanding industrial sector.

Gentera is a Mexico-based financial institution with a focus on providing credit to low-income women entrepreneurs. The Mexican economy became more volatile this quarter ahead of the general election held in early June. The electoral outcome dampened investor sentiment, and the company's stock followed the index lower. In contrast to the stock's recent weakness, we believe the electoral outcome is favorable for Gentera's business segments, and we are confident that market sentiment will rebound as investors move beyond the election.

Our top relative contributors for the quarter included Cosmax and MediaTek. Cosmax is a Korean cosmetics manufacturer and global leader in the original development and design manufacturing (ODM) space, offering design, material sourcing, manufacturing, product management and branding services to independent cosmetic and skincare brands. We believe the company is uniquely positioned for growth as demand for independent brands increases, since they rely on ODM services like those provided by Cosmax.

Taiwan-based MediaTek is the largest fabless semiconductor design house outside the US. The company is a dominant provider of semiconductor chips and hardware for various technological products, including smartphones, tablets, smartwatches and televisions. After the company's stock price slipped early in the quarter, it subsequently rallied for the rest of the period aided by MediaTek's potential partnership with Microsoft on existing and future chipsets. In addition, as MediaTek continues developing artificial intelligence smartphone chips, we believe the company will gain market share.

Volatility is to be expected in emerging markets, and it can be extreme at times—a natural part of what we believe can be a superior growth opportunity over longer periods. We maintain our disciplined process and closely monitor positions—including engagement with management teams—to adjust valuations and position size as we believe appropriate.

Portfolio Details	ARTZX	APDEX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$17.20	\$17.18
Inception	2 Jun 2008	27 Apr 2022
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2024 <sup>1,</sup>	<sup>2,3</sup> 1.65/1.15	1.22/1.05
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 <sup>2,3</sup>	1.75/1.16	1.34/1.06

<sup>1</sup>Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. <sup>2</sup>Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2025.  ${}^3\mbox{See}$  prospectus for

# Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Taiwan)	13.3
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Korea)	7.2
ICICI Bank Ltd (India)	4.0
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	3.7
E Ink Holdings Inc (Taiwan)	3.4
MercadoLibre Inc (Argentina)	3.3
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	3.2
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (China)	2.7
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co Ltd (China)	2.7
Prosus NV (Netherlands)	2.3
TOTAL	45.7%

Source: Artisan Partners. Portfolio country classifications are defined by the

### Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	MSCI EM <sup>1</sup>
Consumer Goods	10.5	6.5
Extractives & Minerals Processing	8.8	10.4
Financials	18.2	21.7
Food & Beverage	0.8	4.3
Health Care	4.2	3.5
Infrastructure	3.2	5.4
Renewable Resources & Alternative Energy	0.0	0.7
Resource Transformation	7.9	5.2
Services	1.4	1.1
Technology & Communications	41.9	35.8
Transportation	3.1	5.5
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/SASB/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 6.1% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Investment Results (%)					Aı	verage Annual Total Returr	S	
As of 30 June 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	2.56	2.56	6.57	9.89	-6.09	3.00	3.68	0.83
Advisor Class: APDEX	2.57	2.57	6.64	9.93	-6.05	3.02	3.69	0.83
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	3 04	5.00	7.49	12.55	-5.07	3 10	2 70	1 70

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (2 June 2008); Advisor (27 April 2022). 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. Performance may reflect agreements to limit a Fund's expenses, which would reduce performance if not in effect.

# Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	MSCI EM <sup>1</sup>
EMERGING ASIA	66.0	80.6
Taiwan	21.6	19.4
China	13.0	25.1
Korea	12.6	12.2
India	12.4	19.2
Vietnam	2.4	_
Indonesia	1.7	1.6
Malaysia	1.7	1.4
Thailand	0.5	1.3
LATIN AMERICA	18.3	7.2
Argentina	6.8	
Brazil	5.8	4.2
Mexico	2.4	2.1
Peru	1.7	0.3
Panama	1.2	
Chile	0.4	0.4
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA	10.0	12.1
South Africa	3.1	3.0
Kazakhstan	2.4	_
Greece	2.2	0.5
United Arab Emirates	1.1	1.1
Romania	0.9	_
Egypt	0.3	0.1
Russia	0.0	_
DEVELOPED MARKETS	5.7	<del></del>
Netherlands	4.1	_
Hong Kong	1.1	_
Singapore	0.5	_
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. <sup>1</sup>MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed. Portfolio country classifications are defined by the investment team and may differ substantially from MSCI classifications; index country classifications reflect MSCI methodology. For the portfolio's country breakdown according to MSCI methodology, refer to the Fund's most recent portfolio holdings at www.sec.gov.

## Investment Team (Pictured left to right)















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Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience		
Maria Negrete-Gruson, CFA	32		
Analysts			
Meagan Nace, CFA	32		
Chen Gu, CFA	36		
Nicolas Rodriguez-Brizuela	24		
Gurpreet Pal	20		
Jessica Lin, CFA	19		
Javier Cervantes	8		

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

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For the purpose of determining the Fund's holdings, securities of the same issuer are aggregated to determine the weight in the Fund. The discussion of portfolio holdings does not constitute a recommendation of any individual security. These holdings comprise the following percentages of the Fund's total net assets as of 30 Jun 2024: Cosmax Inc 1.6%; Estun Automation Co Ltd 1.8%; Gentera SAB de CV 1.4%. As of 3 Mar 2022, Russian holdings are valued at zero. Securities named in the Commentary, but not listed as a Top Ten Holding or not listed here are not held in the Fund as of the date of this report. The portfolio managers' views and portfolio holdings are subject to change and the Fund disclaims any obligation to advise investors of such changes.

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