

Investor Class: ARTUX | Advisor Class: APDUX

## Commentary

Our portfolio underperformed the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index during the month. The portfolio benefited from the allocation to secured bonds, which generally outperformed loans as interest rates fell, though this was offset by negative selection effects in bank loans. From a sector perspective, the largest positive contributor was security selection in media, while the largest detractor was security selection in retail.

The economic backdrop continues to be supportive of risk broadly, a trend that continued in May with the S&P 500° Index rising approximately 5% and both high yield bonds (as measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index) and leveraged loans (as measured by the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index) notching positive returns for the month. Markets continue to be fixated on the timing of Federal Reserve rate cuts, with data releases and Fed commentary contributing to a volatile month for Treasury yields; the 10-Year Treasury yield declined from 4.68% at the start of the month to a low of 4.34% in mid-May before nearly reversing its entire decline, settling at 4.50% at month-end.

At the index level, discount margins for loans tightened by 13bps, contributing to their best performing month year-to-date. All rating categories performed well, led by CCC-rated loans, which notched gains of over 2% during the month and are up over 9% year-to-date. Through May, leveraged loans have outperformed high yield bonds by over 2.5% year-to-date, continuing to provide support for the potential benefits of loans and their ability to generate attractive total returns shielded from interest rate volatility. When viewed over the past three years, leveraged loans have outperformed high yield bonds by an astounding 4.2% per year with less than half the annualized volatility (standard deviation); we'd argue this performance necessitates allocators to recognize the potential value of leveraged loans as a powerful "tool in the toolbox," as they continue to fine-tune asset allocations for clients.

The strength of the primary market continues to be the "story of the year," with high yield bonds in May registering their largest gross supply in nearly three years while leveraged loans set a monthly record for the highest gross issuance ever recorded. The vast majority of this issuance continues to be refinancing related, with net issuance year-to-date of only \$27 billion in bonds and \$60 billion in loans (compared to gross issuance of \$147 billion and \$549 billion in bonds and loans, respectively). Accommodative capital markets have enabled companies to address near-term refinancing needs, helping to extend the maturity wall; just 5% of the US high yield and loan market now matures by the end of 2025, according to BofA market statistics.

Leveraged credit markets continue to perform well, commensurate with a resilient economy and accommodative capital markets. In today's environment, security selection is paramount, as the strong primary market has allowed most companies—good and bad—the ability to continue to fund their operations. We remain focused, allocating capital prudently while identifying opportunities to selectively add risk where we believe there is value.

Portfolio Details	ARTUX	APDUX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$9.62	\$9.62
Inception	1 Dec 2021	1 Dec 2021
30-Day SEC Yield (%)*	7.53/8.23	7.85/8.33
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2024 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	4 1.74/1.20	1.38/1.10
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 <sup>3,4</sup>	2.76/1.22	1.59/1.12
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\*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	98
Number of Issuers	72
Source: Artisan Partners.	

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

Delta Topco Inc	5.4
Nexus Buyer LLC	4.7
TKC Holdings Inc	2.9
Ultimate Software Group Inc	2.9
Applied Systems Inc	2.3
Fogo De Chao Inc	2.1
Surgery Center Holdings Inc	2.0
BroadStreet Partners Inc	2.0
Acrisure LLC	1.9
Amynta Agency Borrower Inc	1.9
TOTAL	28.1%

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 (%)						Average Annual Total Ketur	ns	
As of 31 May 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTUX	0.39	0.88	3.04	12.39	—	—	—	5.51
Advisor Class: APDUX	0.40	0.89	3.09	12.51	—	_	—	5.62
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	0.91	1.59	4.16	13.22		_	—	6.57
As of 31 March 2024								
Investor Class: ARTUX	0.72	2.15	2.15	12.34	—	—	—	5.52
Advisor Class: APDUX	0.73	2.18	2.18	12.46	—	—	—	5.63
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	0.83	2.52	2.52	12.40	—	—	—	6.33

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

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# Artisan Floating Rate Fund

# Ratings Distribution (%)

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BBB	1.0
BB	12.4
В	71.0
ССС	11.2
D	0.8
Unrated	3.6
TOTAL Source: Artisan Partners.	100.0%

## Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

Automotive	0.0
Banking	0.0
Basic Industry	2.2
Capital Goods	5.0
Consumer Goods	5.4
Energy	0.0
Financial Services	11.4
Health Care	5.4
Insurance	20.0
Leisure	5.9
Media	4.0
Real Estate	0.5
Retail	8.4
Services	9.5
Technology & Electronics	18.8
Telecommunications	3.5
Transportation	0.0
Utility	0.0
Other	0.0
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/ICE BofA. Cash and cash equivalents represented 10.3% 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	
AMERICAS	96.9
United States	95.5
Canada	1.4
EUROPE	3.1
TOTAL	100.0%

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.

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## Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience	
Bryan C. Krug, CFA (Lead)	23	
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.

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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. S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index measures the performance of 500 US companies focused on the large-cap sector of the market. ICE BofA US High Yield Index measures the performance of below investment grade US dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the US market. 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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