



Artisan Sustainable Emerging Markets Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTZX | Advisor Class: APDEX

As of 31 October 2024

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Emerging markets equities retreated in October. China's stimulus measures, which lifted stocks last quarter, have struggled to sustain momentum amid investor skepticism of their ability to reactivate the economy. Lingering geopolitical conflicts have presented an additional challenge for the asset class. India and China have been the benchmark's largest detractors, while Taiwan has been its main contributor QTD. Our portfolio has been outperforming the MSCI Emerging Markets Index QTD.

Top relative contributors QTD include Vista Energy and Genera. Vista Energy, an Argentine oil and gas exploration and production company, has been exceeding production expectations and benefiting from favorable realization prices and optimized midstream operations. An upcoming pipeline is expected to further boost efficiency. Additionally, investor confidence in Argentina's energy sector is growing, supported by signs of economic stabilization.

Genera, a Mexico-based financial institution focused on providing credit to middle- and low-income women entrepreneurs, saw its stock rally following strong Q3 earnings. Significant portfolio expansion through individual loans and Genera's flagship group lending product drove growth. Despite macroeconomic challenges, Genera has shown resilience through effective risk management. We believe the company is well positioned to continue its digital transformation and advance financial inclusion across underserved communities.

Primary relative detractors QTD include China Traditional Chinese Medicine and Havells India. China Traditional Medicine (CTM), the largest manufacturer of traditional Chinese medicine granules, faced significant downward pressure after Sinopharm unexpectedly withdrew from acquisition talks. Event-driven funds, positioned for a buyout, were forced to liquidate holdings, amplifying the impact on CTM's stock. Despite this setback, we remain optimistic about the outlook for traditional medicine adoption and CTM's sustainable long-term growth.

Havells, a fast-moving electrical goods company in India with a diverse product portfolio, has underperformed recently due to weaker margins despite resilient top-line growth. Short-term factors, including increased advertising outlays for the festive season and investments in new marketing channels, contributed to the margin contraction. We believe these pressures will ease in the coming quarters and remain positive on Havells' long-term growth opportunity and its market-leading positions among a diversified offering of products.

Volatility is to be expected in emerging markets and 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 sizes as we believe appropriate.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 October 2024	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTZX	-3.57	-3.57	10.53	23.83	-2.77	3.53	4.41	1.03
Advisor Class: APDEX	-3.57	-3.57	10.68	23.95	-2.71	3.57	4.43	1.05
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-4.45	-4.45	11.66	25.32	-1.43	3.93	3.43	1.98

As of 30 September 2024

Investor Class: ARTZX	3.47	7.56	14.62	23.70	-0.56	5.19	4.91	1.26
Advisor Class: APDEX	3.53	7.63	14.77	23.83	-0.50	5.23	4.93	1.28
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	6.68	8.72	16.86	26.05	0.40	5.75	4.02	2.28

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.

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Portfolio Details

	ARTZX	APDEX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$17.84	\$17.83
Inception	2 Jun 2008	27 Apr 2022
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Semi-Annual Report 31 Mar 2024 ^{1,2,3}	1.65/1.15	1.22/1.05
Prospectus 30 Sep 2023 ^{2,3}	1.75/1.16	1.34/1.06

¹Unaudited, annualized for the six-month period. ²Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2025. ³See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (Taiwan)	13.8
ICICI Bank Ltd (India)	4.1
E Ink Holdings Inc (Taiwan)	3.9
MercadoLibre Inc (Argentina)	3.8
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (China)	3.6
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	3.3
Prosus NV (Netherlands)	2.7
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	2.7
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co Ltd (China)	2.6
Vietnam Technological & Commercial Joint Stock Bank (Vietnam)	2.3
TOTAL	42.8%

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

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
Consumer Goods	11.5	7.1
Extractives & Minerals Processing	7.8	9.5
Financials	19.8	22.9
Food & Beverage	1.3	4.3
Health Care	4.6	3.8
Infrastructure	2.1	5.4
Renewable Resources & Alternative Energy	0.0	0.7
Resource Transformation	9.8	5.0
Services	1.4	1.1
Technology & Communications	37.1	35.2
Transportation	4.5	5.1
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/SASB/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.7% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
EMERGING ASIA	64.5	80.5
Taiwan	21.7	19.1
China	14.1	27.4
India	11.4	18.8
Korea	10.5	10.1
Vietnam	2.4	—
Indonesia	1.9	1.6
Malaysia	1.7	1.4
Thailand	0.6	1.5
LATIN AMERICA	18.5	7.4
Argentina	7.5	—
Brazil	5.9	4.8
Mexico	2.4	1.9
Peru	1.7	0.3
Panama	1.1	—
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA	10.3	12.1
South Africa	3.0	3.2
Greece	2.1	0.4
Kazakhstan	1.9	—
United Arab Emirates	1.6	1.2
Egypt	0.7	0.1
Turkey	0.5	0.6
Georgia	0.5	—
Russia	0.0	—
DEVELOPED MARKETS	6.7	—
Netherlands	4.6	—
Hong Kong	1.5	—
Singapore	0.6	—
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. ¹MSCI 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)



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience
Maria Negrete-Gruson, CFA	33
Analysts	
Meagan Nace, CFA	32
Chen Gu, CFA	36
Nicolas Rodriguez-Brizuela	25
Gurpreet Pal	21
Jessica Lin, CFA	19
Javier Cervantes	9

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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