



Artisan Sustainable Emerging Markets Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTZX | Advisor Class: APDEX

As of 30 September 2024

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Emerging markets (EM) equities climbed higher in September, adding to a positive year for the asset class. The ability to perform in an eventful market environment, characterized by government changes, geopolitical tensions and shifts in monetary policy, demonstrated EM resilience. Furthermore, investors have reacted favorably to the announcement of China's economic stimulus plan, spurring Chinese equity market gains. China was the benchmark's largest contributor in Q3, while Korea was the benchmark's main detractor. Our portfolio slightly lagged the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Our primary relative detractors for the quarter included Samsung Electronics and Cosmax. Samsung is one of the world's leading producers of memory semiconductors, mobile handsets and other digital convergence products. The stock suffered due to investor uncertainty toward the semiconductor industry and anticipated weakness in memory chip demand.

Cosmax is a Korean cosmetics manufacturer and global leader in the original development and design manufacturing space. It offers design, material sourcing, manufacturing, product management and branding services to independent cosmetic and skincare brands. Shares of Cosmax declined this quarter due to China's economic slowdown, which led to weaker domestic demand for the company's Chinese subsidiary. However, we believe China's recent measures to reactivate the economy will lift investor sentiment and increase consumer demand.

Among our top relative contributors for the quarter were MercadoLibre and E Ink. MercadoLibre, the leading e-commerce platform in Latin America, continued to outperform. The company's expansion of fintech services, including its Mercado Pago and Mercado Crédito platforms, demonstrates the success of its diversified growth strategy. With a preestablished and dedicated client base, MercadoLibre is, in our opinion, positioned for future growth as its fintech and e-commerce services become further integrated.

E Ink is a Taiwan-based producer of e-paper technology used in e-readers, such as Amazon's Kindle, and electronic shelf label (ESL) systems used to display pricing on retail shelves. The company's stock gained momentum this quarter, supported by the implementation of its ESL systems in retail stores. Additionally, the company's shift in focus to digital signage has increased the applications of its e-paper technology. We have long believed in E Ink's role in the widespread adoption of electronic paper and are confident in its future growth prospects.

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.

Investment Results (%)

As of 30 September 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
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.

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.

Portfolio Details

	ARTZX	APDEX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$18.50	\$18.49
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)	12.7
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (Korea)	5.4
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (China)	4.0
ICICI Bank Ltd (India)	3.9
E Ink Holdings Inc (Taiwan)	3.7
MercadoLibre Inc (Argentina)	3.6
MediaTek Inc (Taiwan)	3.0
Reliance Industries Ltd (India)	2.9
Prosus NV (Netherlands)	2.7
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co Ltd (China)	2.5
TOTAL	44.4%

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

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
Consumer Goods	11.8	7.6
Extractives & Minerals Processing	7.7	9.7
Financials	19.6	22.5
Food & Beverage	1.3	4.5
Health Care	5.3	3.9
Infrastructure	2.2	5.5
Renewable Resources & Alternative Energy	0.0	0.7
Resource Transformation	8.1	5.1
Services	1.5	1.1
Technology & Communications	38.4	34.1
Transportation	4.2	5.4
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/SASB/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.0% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Average Annual Total Returns

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Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	MSCI EM ¹
EMERGING ASIA	65.6	80.6
Taiwan	20.0	17.6
China	15.2	27.8
Korea	11.8	10.4
India	11.8	19.5
Vietnam	2.4	—
Indonesia	1.9	1.6
Malaysia	1.7	1.5
Thailand	0.7	1.5
LATIN AMERICA	17.6	7.5
Argentina	6.9	—
Brazil	6.0	4.8
Mexico	2.2	1.9
Peru	1.6	0.3
Panama	1.0	—
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA	10.2	11.9
South Africa	3.1	3.1
Greece	2.3	0.5
Kazakhstan	1.8	—
United Arab Emirates	1.4	1.2
Egypt	0.7	0.1
Turkey	0.6	0.6
Georgia	0.4	—
Russia	0.0	—
DEVELOPED MARKETS	6.6	—
Netherlands	4.4	—
Hong Kong	1.6	—
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	20
Jessica Lin, CFA	19
Javier Cervantes	9

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