



Artisan Global Discovery Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: APFDX | Advisor Class: APDDX

As of 28 February 2025

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The MSCI AC World SMID Index declined 2.0% in February as markets grappled with concerns over persistent US inflation and emerging economic weakness. January inflation data exceeded expectations for both headline and core figures, fueling investor uncertainty. Meanwhile, key economic indicators—including nonfarm payrolls, the Institute of Supply Management's services report and retail sales—signaled softening growth.

Our portfolio underperformed the MSCI AC World SMID Index in February but remains ahead QTD. Among our top contributors were Spotify and Ascendis. Spotify is a leading global audio streaming franchise with 675 million monthly active users. We believe its position in the supply chain is solid given a secular trend of fragmentation in the music industry as well as internal product and pricing initiatives. Share momentum has continued in 2025 following another set of strong earnings results, including 12% growth in monthly active users and 16% revenue growth. Importantly, the company's profit margin has been expanding nicely, and we believe it can continue to rise due to likely price increases, potentially better terms with labels and further cost discipline. We trimmed the position due to our valuation discipline.

Ascendis is a biotechnology company leveraging a proprietary technology platform (TransCon) to drive the development of multiple leading therapies. Shares rallied following the company's recent earnings results, which showed the launch of YORVIPATH trending well ahead of expectations. YORVIPATH is used to treat patients with hypoparathyroidism, which is a rare endocrine disorder characterized by deficient or absent parathyroid hormone. We continue to believe YORVIPATH will serve as a significant catalyst for the company's profit cycle, given the substantial addressable market and our expectation that physicians will adopt the drug for a considerable portion of their patients since the current standard of care does little to effectively address the short-term symptoms and long-term complications of patients.

Among our top detractors were West Pharmaceutical Services and Pure Storage. West reported earnings results that were ahead of Street estimates, but shares declined due to disappointing forward guidance. The outlook for the company's core injectable drug packaging component business was positive, but margin pressures from its on-body drug pump offering and lost continuous glucose monitoring business in its lower margin contract manufacturing segment are expected to pressure 2025 results. While disappointed in these negative surprises, we continue to believe in the long-term prospects for West's core franchise. We have maintained our position while increasing our scrutiny on the company's path to reaccelerating progress.

Pure Storage is redefining enterprise data storage by sourcing raw NAND flash memory and designing custom all-flash storage systems, providing a cost advantage. The company has been gaining share of the core enterprise data storage market due to this offering, but we believe its recent announcement of securing a large hyperscaler data center contract potentially opens the company up to a much larger addressable market. After a strong rally in Q4, shares pulled back following its most recent earnings release that indicated margin weakness due to elevated NAND input costs and growth in lower margin parts of the business.

Portfolio Details

	APFDX	APDDX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$21.75	\$21.85
Inception	21 Aug 2017	3 Feb 2020
Expense Ratios (% Gross/Net)		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2024 ^{1,2}	1.44/1.40	1.41/1.30
Prospectus 30 Sep 2024 ^{1,2}	1.45/1.41	1.42/1.31

¹Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2026. ²See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Argenx SE (Belgium)	4.5
Ascendis Pharma A/S (Denmark)	3.4
Babcock International Group PLC (United Kingdom)	3.0
Melrose Industries PLC (United Kingdom)	2.9
Tyler Technologies Inc (United States)	2.8
London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)	2.5
Techtronic Industries Co Ltd (Hong Kong)	2.2
adidas AG (Germany)	2.2
Galderma Group AG (Switzerland)	2.2
Guidewire Software Inc (United States)	2.1
TOTAL	27.8%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	ACWI SMID ¹
Communication Services	8.1	4.1
Consumer Discretionary	8.1	11.2
Consumer Staples	2.5	4.8
Energy	1.0	4.1
Financials	4.7	16.4
Health Care	25.1	8.6
Industrials	18.2	19.3
Information Technology	28.9	12.4
Materials	1.6	7.4
Real Estate	1.9	7.0
Utilities	0.0	4.8
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 5.3% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index.

Investment Results (%)

As of 28 February 2025	Average Annual Total Returns							
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: APFDX	-3.63	3.67	3.67	14.05	5.08	11.16	—	12.51
Advisor Class: APDDX	-3.62	3.65	3.65	14.16	5.19	11.25	—	12.58
MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index	-2.04	1.17	1.17	8.38	3.87	9.38	—	7.05
MSCI All Country World Index	-0.60	2.73	2.73	15.06	9.14	12.79	—	10.25

As of 31 December 2024

Investor Class: APFDX	-4.10	2.65	16.11	16.11	-1.19	9.52	—	12.25
Advisor Class: APDDX	-4.04	2.69	16.22	16.22	-1.08	9.62	—	12.32
MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index	-5.16	-3.37	8.68	8.68	0.82	6.62	—	7.04
MSCI All Country World Index	-2.37	-0.99	17.49	17.49	5.44	10.06	—	10.08

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (21 August 2017); Advisor (3 February 2020). 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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Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	ACWI SMID ¹
AMERICAS	56.4	57.4
United States	54.5	54.3
Canada	1.9	3.0
EUROPE	39.2	14.8
United Kingdom	10.5	3.6
Germany	8.4	1.9
Switzerland	5.2	1.6
Denmark	5.1	0.5
Belgium	4.7	0.3
Sweden	3.1	1.5
Italy	1.2	1.1
Netherlands	0.9	0.8
PACIFIC BASIN	4.4	13.2
Hong Kong	2.4	0.7
Singapore	2.1	0.6
EMERGING MARKETS	—	13.6
MIDDLE EAST	—	1.1
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. ¹MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers

Years of Investment Experience

Jason White, CFA (Lead)	25
Jim Hamel, CFA	28
Matt Kamm, CFA	25
Jay Warner, CFA	23

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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 28 Feb 2025: Pure Storage Inc 1.4%; Spotify Technology SA 2.0%; West Pharmaceutical Services Inc 1.7%. 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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Our capital allocation process is designed to build position size according to our conviction. Portfolio holdings develop through three stages: GardenSM, CropSM and HarvestSM. GardenSM investments are situations where we believe we are right, but there is not clear evidence that the profit cycle has taken hold, so positions are small. CropSM investments are holdings where we have gained conviction in the company's profit cycle, so positions are larger. HarvestSM investments are holdings that have exceeded our estimate of intrinsic value or holdings where there is a deceleration in the company's profit cycle. HarvestSM investments are generally being reduced or sold from the portfolios.

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