

## MONTHLY Commentary

Investor Class: ARTIX | Advisor Class: APDIX

As of 31 January 202.

## Commentary

Global equity markets rebounded in January led by strong gains in Europe. Softening inflation paved the way for the ECB to lower key interest rates by 25bps to 2.75%, starting in February, marking its fifth reduction since May. While the Fed held US rates steady, US indices broadly advanced, supported by solid corporate earnings and expectations of tax cuts and fewer regulations under the new administration. Japan rose on positive economic data, including mild inflation and lower unemployment.

The portfolio outperformed the MSCI EAFE and MSCI AC World ex USA Indices in January. The strength of our holdings overcame negative currency and weighting effects.

In industrials, South Korean defense company Hanwha Aerospace surged after reporting a 62% year-over-year increase in sales and a 458% jump in operating profit in its latest quarterly report. Given increased geopolitical uncertainty, the company has seen its order backlog grow markedly on a surge in export demand. The stock gained further after President Trump, speaking at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, called for NATO members to increase defense spending to 5% of GDP, up from the approximately 2.7% spent currently. Meanwhile, the share price of North American railroad CPKC hit a four-month high following a tentative labor agreement management reached with its Canadian union representing mechanics and laborers.

Holdings in financials added to relative returns this month. In particular, UBS saw its share price jump after it announced job cuts. The company is pushing to reduce headcount as part of its integration of Credit Suisse, acquired in a 2023 regulator-orchestrated deal to stabilize the Swiss banking sector. UBS has already implemented \$7.5 billion of the \$13 billion in identified overlapping costs. We believe the market underestimates UBS' long-term earnings potential.

Alternatively, our holdings in health care detracted from relative performance. Shares of UCB ended the month down slightly after more than doubling its stock price in 2024 on the success of Bimzelx<sup>®</sup>, a treatment for autoimmune disorders that cause chronic inflammatory skin conditions. We think Bimzelx<sup>®</sup> could conservatively generate peak sales of €6 billion.

In utilities, our energy transition holding TransAlta weighed on relative performance. Its shares declined sharply on a weaker hydroelectric and natural gas pricing outlook. The stock weakened further, along with other Canadian energy stocks, on the prospect of US trade tariffs. While TransAlta is one of Canada's largest wind power producers and Alberta's largest thermal and hydroelectric generator, natural gas remains its primary profit driver across North America and Australia.

Portfolio Details	ARTIX	APDIX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$28.43	\$28.27
Inception	28 Dec 1995	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2024	1.19%	1.05%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2024 <sup>1</sup>	1.20%	1.05%
<sup>1</sup> See prospectus for further details.		

## Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

UBS Group AG (Switzerland)	5.9
National Grid PLC (United Kingdom)	4.8
Deutsche Telekom AG (Germany)	4.5
Argenx SE (Belgium)	3.9
Amazon.com Inc (United States)	3.6
Deutsche Boerse AG (Germany)	3.3
Air Liquide SA (France)	3.1
Aon PLC (United States)	3.0
Melrose Industries PLC (United Kingdom)	2.9
British American Tobacco PLC (United Kingdom)	2.7
TOTAL	37.6%
Source: Artison Partners/MSCL	

## Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	EAFE1
Communication Services	7.0	4.9
Consumer Discretionary	5.6	11.2
Consumer Staples	8.4	7.9
Energy	0.2	3.5
Financials	30.2	22.3
Health Care	11.2	12.7
Industrials	22.1	17.6
Information Technology	0.0	8.9
Materials	5.9	6.0
Real Estate	1.9	2.0
Utilities	7.5	3.1
TOTAL Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash an		<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 2.6% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI EAFE Index.

Average Annual Total Returns

Investment Results (%)					Αι	verage Annual Total Keturr	IS	
As of 31 January 2025	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTIX	5.37	5.37	5.37	15.77	4.29	4.70	4.96	8.26
Advisor Class: APDIX	5.37	5.37	5.37	15.91	4.44	4.85	5.12	8.32
MSCI EAFE Index	5.26	5.26	5.26	8.65	5.12	6.25	5.69	5.04
MSCI All Country World ex USA Index <sup>1</sup>	4.03	4.03	4.03	10.89	3.45	5.50	5.23	5.24
As of 31 December 2024								
Investor Class: ARTIX	-2.93	-3.44	10.64	10.64	0.56	3.58	4.56	8.09
Advisor Class: APDIX	-2.90	-3.38	10.83	10.83	0.71	3.73	4.72	8.15
MSCI EAFE Index	-2.27	-8.11	3.82	3.82	1.65	4.73	5.20	4.87
MSCI All Country World ex USA Index <sup>1</sup>	-1.94	-7.60	5.53	5.53	0.82	4.10	4.80	5.11

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. <sup>1</sup>Performance represents the MSCI ACWI ex USA (Gross) Index from inception to 31 Dec 2000 and the MSCI ACWI ex USA (Net) Index from 1 Jan 2001 forward. Class inception: Investor (28 December 1995); Advisor (1 April 2015). 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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## Artisan International Fund

## Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	EAFE <sup>1</sup>
EUROPE	76.1	65.6
United Kingdom	17.7	14.9
France	13.5	11.4
Switzerland	12.6	9.8
Germany	12.0	9.6
Belgium	8.3	1.0
Denmark	4.8	2.7
Italy	3.0	2.9
Ireland	2.0	0.3
Spain	1.8	2.8
Netherlands	0.2	4.6
AMERICAS	10.9	—
United States	7.5	
Canada	3.4	
EMERGING MARKETS	7.1	—
Korea	3.0	
China	2.0	
Mexico	1.2	
Hungary	0.9	
Russia	0.0	
PACIFIC BASIN	5.9	33.5
Japan	5.5	22.4
Singapore	0.4	1.7
MIDDLE EAST	—	1.0
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI.  $^1\mbox{MSCI}$  EAFE Index. Countries held in the index, but not held in the portfolio, are not listed.

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#### Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Manager	Years of Investment Experience		
Mark L. Yockey, CFA	44		
Associate Portfolio Managers			
Charles-Henri Hamker	35		
Andrew J. Euretig	21		

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