



Artisan Mid Cap Value Fund

MONTHLY
Commentary

Investor Class: ARTQX | Advisor Class: APDQX

As of 31 January 2025

Commentary

Top month-to-date contributors: Asbury Automotive Group Inc; Genpact Ltd; Check Point Software Technologies Ltd; Humana Inc; Waters Corp

Bottom month-to-date contributors: Polaris Inc; Electronic Arts Inc; Cable One Inc; Expedia Group Inc; Vail Resorts Inc

In this space, we discuss one top contributor (Humana) and one bottom contributor (Electronic Arts) from the recent month.

Shares of managed health care company Humana, a stock we purchased in Q4 2024, rebounded in January. After a few years of benign health care costs, mainly related to lower utilization trends during COVID in which the managed care industry enjoyed expanding profits and strong growth, utilization has since ticked higher, driving up costs for Humana and its peers. Due to the timing of annual negotiated repricing for Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, Humana has been unable to adjust pricing higher to counter these higher costs—restraining earnings in the interim. Further negative news came in October when Humana announced that preliminary data provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) showed that the percentage of the insurer's members enrolled in higher quality MA plans had fallen, which would impact government bonus payments. Humana is working with CMS to appeal the process as the company believes there were potential errors; however, this introduces risk to 2026 and 2027 margin targets. Like the market, we appreciate Humana's current challenges, but we believe the long-term drivers for the business remain intact and shares are selling cheaply on our normalized earnings estimates.

Video game publisher Electronic Arts (EA) disappointed the market by reducing guidance for Q3 2025 and FY25 bookings and offering little clarity on the medium-term outlook. The majority of the guide down was attributed to the company's flagship EA FC football franchise. Additionally, unit sales of the recent release Dragon Age have come in meaningfully below internal expectations. We own EA for its strong balance sheet, cash flows and relative stability, with its soccer/futbol franchise. Though expensive, we understood the company's foray into mobile gaming in 2021 via M&A. The deals did not work out, but the cash flows have delivered EA back to a healthy place. However, we are growing concerned with management's execution in the core franchise. As such, we have reduced our position.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 January 2025	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTQX	1.99	1.99	1.99	7.26	4.12	8.68	7.04	9.47
Advisor Class: APDQX	2.00	2.00	2.00	7.37	4.27	8.82	7.18	9.53
Russell Midcap® Value Index	3.51	3.51	3.51	19.18	6.63	9.78	8.63	9.77
Russell Midcap® Index	4.25	4.25	4.25	21.99	7.96	11.02	10.26	10.04

As of 31 December 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Investor Class: ARTQX	-6.15	-3.70	4.49	4.49	2.33	7.38	6.57	9.41
Advisor Class: APDQX	-6.13	-3.67	4.65	4.65	2.46	7.53	6.71	9.47
Russell Midcap® Value Index	-7.32	-1.75	13.07	13.07	3.88	8.59	8.10	9.65
Russell Midcap® Index	-7.04	0.62	15.34	15.34	3.79	9.92	9.63	9.88

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Class inception: Investor (28 March 2001); 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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Portfolio Details

	ARTQX	APDQX
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$15.90	\$15.79
Inception	28 Mar 2001	1 Apr 2015
Expense Ratios		
Annual Report 30 Sep 2024	1.23%	1.11%
Prospectus 30 Sep 2024 ^{1,2}	1.17%	1.06%

¹The Fund's operating expenses have been restated to reflect a reduction in management fees, effective as of 31 May 2024. ²See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

First Citizens BancShares Inc (Financials)	3.6
U-Haul Holding Co (Industrials)	3.2
Vontier Corp (Information Technology)	3.2
Lamar Advertising Co (Real Estate)	3.2
Globe Life Inc (Financials)	3.1
Genpact Ltd (Industrials)	3.1
Expedia Group Inc (Consumer Discretionary)	2.7
Waters Corp (Health Care)	2.6
OGE Energy Corp (Utilities)	2.6
Humana Inc (Health Care)	2.6
TOTAL	29.9%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS.

Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

	Fund	RMCV ¹
Communication Services	10.7	3.2
Consumer Discretionary	15.9	9.3
Consumer Staples	7.3	5.5
Energy	2.0	5.7
Financials	16.1	18.5
Health Care	15.1	8.4
Industrials	12.1	17.2
Information Technology	8.8	9.3
Materials	0.0	6.7
Real Estate	7.1	9.5
Utilities	5.0	6.7
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 3.5% of the total portfolio. ¹Russell Midcap® Value Index.

Average Annual Total Returns

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Market Cap Distribution (% of portfolio securities)

\$ in billions	Fund	RMCV ¹
39.4+	7.4	21.8
28.1–39.4	17.8	18.4
17.8–28.1	12.9	21.1
10.6–17.8	26.8	19.4
0–10.6	35.1	19.3
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. ¹Russell Midcap® Value Index.

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Thomas A. Reynolds IV	26
Daniel L. Kane, CFA	26
Craig Inman, CFA	25

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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 31 Jan 2025: Asbury Automotive Group Inc 2.3%; Cable One Inc 1.4%; Check Point Software Technologies Ltd 2.5%; Electronic Arts Inc 1.5%; Polaris Inc 1.8%; Vail Resorts Inc 2.2%. 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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Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet. Contribution to Return includes the securities with the highest positive and negative contribution to the portfolio's return and is calculated by multiplying a security's portfolio weight by its in-portfolio return for the period. Purchases/sales are accounted for by using end of the day prices, which may or may not reflect the actual purchase/sale price realized by the portfolio. Contribution to return is not exact, but should be considered an approximation.

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