

# Artisan Global Discovery Fund

## MONTHLY Commentary

Artisan Partners Global Funds plc

As of 30 June 2024

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### Commentary

The MSCI AC World Small Mid Index returned -1.1% in June, bringing the Q2 total to -2.1%. Investors entered the month relieved that US economic activity was not running too hot to allow for easing inflationary pressures, but then the May employment report called the softlanding scenario into question. 272,000 jobs were added to US payrolls, well above the 190,000 consensus. However, these concerns were alleviated as the month went on due to headline consumer price index data showing consumer prices were unchanged from April to May.

Our portfolio outperformed the MSCI AC World Small Mid Index in June but trailed in Q2. Among our top detractors were Veeva Systems and Lattice Semiconductor. Veeva Systems shares sold off after management slightly lowered its 2024 forward guidance due to macroeconomic uncertainty weighing on small- and medium-sized businesses and disruption in large enterprises that are currently focused on artificial intelligence plans. We continue to view Veeva as a premier franchise whose growth can reaccelerate over time as its clinical software and data products reach mass adoption by the pharmaceutical industry.

Cyclical pressures continued to impact recent financial results for Lattice. While some areas of the business, such as 5G wireless infrastructure, may take a little while to recover, we believe headwinds in many other areas of the business are set to ease as customers finish selling down elevated inventory levels. During the quarter, sentiment toward the stock was further impacted by the departure of the well-respected CEO. While we were disappointed to see him go, he's taking on an exciting new turnaround challenge, and we believe the company's strategy and operations are on very strong footing. We modestly added to the position ahead of what we view as a likely profit cycle acceleration in the year's second half.

Among our top contributors were Tyler Technologies and Twist Bioscience. Tyler Technologies provides end-to-end information management solutions and services for local government offices throughout the US, Canada, Puerto Rico and the UK. We believe the company will generate durable growth given its defensive end markets, the potential of its cloud subscription transition (it just started transitioning legacy on-premises customers in 2019) and the transformative acquisition of NIC (a leading digital government solutions and payments company) that allows for increased cross-sell opportunities. Earnings results were thesis affirming, including 9% growth in overall revenues, 22% in SaaS revenues and 9% in annual recurring revenue.

Twist Bioscience is a life sciences company with a proprietary silicon-based platform for writing DNA. Synthetic biology is used by biotech companies looking to extend drug discovery and development capabilities as well as diagnostics companies developing methods of detecting diseases at earlier stages. Other applications include creating disease-resistant food crops and the creation of biofuels as alternatives to fossil fuels. Synthetic biology is a large and rapidly growing market, and we believe Twist is currently in the pole position. Shares outperformed after the company reported strong earnings results, including growth of 25% for revenues and 48% for orders. We added to the position.

#### Portfolio Details

| Net Asset Value (NAV) <sup>1</sup> | \$21.27 |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Base Currency                      | USD     |
| Class I Management Fee             | 0.90%   |
| Class L HSD                        |         |

### Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

| Tyler Technologies Inc (United States)                     | 4.7   |
|--|-------|
| Argenx SE (Belgium)  | 3.5   |
| London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)           | 3.2   |
| MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc<br>(United States) | 3.2   |
| Melrose Industries PLC (United Kingdom)                    | 3.0   |
| adidas AG (Germany)  | 2.6   |
| Guidewire Software Inc (United States)                     | 2.6   |
| Spotify Technology SA (United States)                      | 2.5   |
| Gerresheimer AG (Germany)                                  | 2.4   |
| Lattice Semiconductor Corp (United States)                 | 2.3   |
| TOTAL  | 30.0% |
| Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI.                             |       |

### Sector Diversification (% of portfolio securities)

|                        | Fund   | ACWI SMID <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Communication Services | 6.4    | 4.0                    |
| Consumer Discretionary | 7.3    | 11.3                   |
| Consumer Staples       | 2.5    | 5.0                    |
| Energy                 | 0.0    | 4.4                    |
| Financials             | 6.4    | 14.6                   |
| Health Care            | 19.3   | 8.7                    |
| Industrials            | 21.5   | 19.1                   |
| Information Technology | 35.7   | 13.3                   |
| Materials              | 0.9    | 8.0                    |
| Real Estate            | 0.0    | 7.0                    |
| Utilities              | 0.0    | 4.4                    |
| TOTAL                  | 100.0% | 100.0%                 |

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/MSCI. Cash and cash equivalents represented 5.1% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index.

| Investment Results (%)                          |         |       |       |       | A     | verage Annual Total Returi | ns           |           |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| As of 30 June 2024                              | MTD     | QTD   | YTD   | 1 Yr  | 3 Yr  | 5 Yr                       | 10 Yr        | Inception |
| Class I USD—Inception: 21 Aug 2017              | -0.05   | -2.88 | 5.35  | 12.01 | -2.39 | 9.78                       | _            | 11.63     |
| MSCI All Country World Small Mid<br>Index (USD) | -1.14   | -2.06 | 2.83  | 10.71 | -0.34 | 7.07                       | _            | 6.72      |
| MSCI All Country World Index (USD)              | 2.23    | 2.87  | 11.30 | 19.38 | 5.43  | 10.76                      | <del>_</del> | 9.99      |
| Class I NOK (Hedged)—Inception: 03<br>Feb 2020  | -0.14   | -3.25 | 4.51  | 9.75  | -4.67 | _                          | _            | 5.68      |
| MSCI All Country World Small Mid<br>Index (NOK) | 0.24    | -3.87 | 7.81  | 10.03 | 6.99  | _                          | _            | 10.08     |
| MSCI All Country World Index (NOK)              | 3.65    | 0.96  | 16.69 | 18.64 | 13.19 | _                          | <del>_</del> | 13.85     |
| Class I EUR—Inception: 02 Feb 2023              | 1.24    | -2.14 | 8.55  | 14.07 | _     | _                          | _            | 9.98      |
| MSCI All Country World Small Mid<br>Index (EUR) | 0.14    | -1.30 | 5.99  | 12.70 | _     | _                          | _            | 6.57      |
| MSCI All Country World Index (EUR)              | 3.55    | 3.66  | 14.72 | 21.52 | _     | _                          | _            | 18.42     |
| Annual Returns (%) Trailing 12 months ended     | 30 June |       |       | 2020  | 2021  | 2022                       | 2023         | 2024      |
| Class I USD                                     |         |       |       | 23.09 | 39.28 | -27.50                     | 14.54        | 12.01     |

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

Past performance does not predict future returns. Performance is NAV to NAV, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any, and is net of fees and expenses, excluding any subscription or redemption charges which may be levied. At the moment, the Fund does not intend to charge subscription or redemption fees. The Fund may be offered in different share classes, which are subject to different fees, expenses and inception dates (which may affect performance), have different minimum investment requirements and are entitled to different services. Funds are actively managed and are not managed to a benchmark index.

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

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|------------------|--|------------------------|
| REGION           | Fund                                     | ACWI SMID <sup>1</sup> |
| AMERICAS         | 62.3                                     | 55.5                   |
| United States    | 62.3                                     | 52.2                   |
| EUROPE           | 31.9                                     | 15.6                   |
| United Kingdom   | 10.2                                     | 4.0                    |
| Germany          | 9.5                                      | 1.7                    |
| Denmark          | 4.4                                      | 0.6                    |
| Belgium          | 3.7                                      | 0.4                    |
| Switzerland      | 1.8                                      | 1.6                    |
| Sweden           | 1.3                                      | 1.5                    |
| Italy            | 0.9                                      | 1.0                    |
| PACIFIC BASIN    | 3.6                                      | 13.6                   |
| Hong Kong        | 2.3                                      | 0.6                    |
| Singapore        | 1.2                                      | 0.6                    |
| EMERGING MARKETS | 1.2                                      | 14.4                   |
| Brazil           | 1.2                                      | 0.6                    |
| MIDDLE EAST      | 1.0                                      | 0.9                    |
| Israel           | 1.0                                      | 0.9                    |
| TOTAL            | 100.0%                                   | 100.0%                 |

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

#### Identifiers

| Class/Currency          | ISIN         | SEDOL   | Minimum Investment |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|
| Class I USD             | IE00BF2VV687 | BF2VV68 | \$500,000          |
| Class I EUR             | IE00BF2VV794 | BF2VV79 | €500,000           |
| Class I GBP             | IE00BF2VV802 | BF2VV80 | £500,000           |
| Class I NOK<br>(Hedged) | IE00BG0WJF59 | BG0WJF5 | kr5,000,000        |

### Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)











| Dortfolio | Managers  |
|-----------|-----------|
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| Jason White, CFA (Lead) | 24 |
|-------------------------|----|
| James Hamel, CFA        | 27 |
| Matthew Kamm, CFA       | 24 |
| Craigh Cepukenas, CFA   | 35 |
| Jay Warner, CFA         | 22 |

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