

Artisan Global Discovery Fund

MONTHLY Commentary

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Commentary

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.

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Investment Results (%)					Α	verage Annual Total Return	1S	
As of 28 February 2025	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Class I USD—Inception: 21 Aug 2017	-3.79	3.57	3.57	14.17	5.24	11.58	—	12.55
MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index (USD)	-2.04	1.17	1.17	8.38	3.87	9.38	_	7.05
MSCI All Country World Index (USD)	-0.60	2.73	2.73	15.06	9.14	12.79	—	10.25
Class I NOK (Hedged)—Inception: 03 Feb 2020	-3.84	3.43	3.43	12.80	2.73	8.95	—	7.59
MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index (NOK)	-2.57	0.16	0.16	14.97	12.73	13.19	_	11.34
MSCI All Country World Index (NOK)	-1.14	1.70	1.70	22.05	18.45	16.72		14.97
Class I EUR—Inception: 02 Feb 2023	-3.77	3.45	3.45	19.03	—	—	—	15.63
MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index (EUR)	-2.08	0.74	0.74	12.77	—	_	_	9.42
MSCI All Country World Index (EUR)	-0.65	2.29	2.29	19.72	_	_	_	18.34
Calendar Year Returns (%)				2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class I USD				45.95	12.83	-30.92	20.83	16.39

Class I USD

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

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Portfolio Details

Net Asset Value (NAV) ¹	\$24.34
Base Currency	USD
Class I Management Fee	0.90%

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Argenx SE (Belgium)	4.4
Ascendis Pharma A/S (Denmark)	3.3
Babcock International Group PLC (United Kingdom)	3.0
Melrose Industries PLC (United Kingdom)	2.8
Tyler Technologies Inc (United States)	2.8
London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)	2.5
adidas AG (Germany)	2.2
Techtronic Industries Co Ltd (Hong Kong)	2.2
Galderma Group AG (Switzerland)	2.2
Guidewire Software Inc (United States)	2.1
TOTAL	27.5%

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	25.2	8.6
Industrials	18.1	19.3
Information Technology	29.0	12.4
Materials	1.5	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 6.2% of the total portfolio. ¹MSCI All Country World Small Mid Index.

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Region/Country Allocation (% of portfolio securities)

REGION	Fund	ACWI SMID
AMERICAS	56.5	57.4
United States	54.7	54.3
Canada	1.9	3.0
EUROPE	39.0	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	2.3	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.

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 (Hedged)	IE00BG0WJF59	BG0WJF5	kr5,000,000

Team Leadership (Pictured left to right)



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

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