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Investing Environment

Global markets delivered mixed results in Q1 2026, with international equities generally outperforming the US for much of the period. Early optimism was supported by easing inflation in parts of Europe and growing confidence that monetary policy would become more accommodative later in the year. Asian emerging markets were a notable area of strength, led by technology hardware companies benefiting from sustained demand tied to artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure investment. Japan also saw support from improving inflation trends and more constructive currency dynamics, while leadership in the US broadened beyond mega-cap technology into more defensive and value-oriented areas of the market.

As the quarter progressed, investor sentiment became more uneven. AI remained an important market driver, particularly across semiconductors, hardware and data center-related infrastructure. New AI agents released by Anthropic intensified investor concern that AI adoption could threaten software companies, leading to an industry selloff. At the same time, parts of the global market faced pressure from shifting economic growth and inflation expectations, as well as concerns that recent gains may not hold up, particularly in sectors that had benefited most from enthusiasm around new AI developments. Beyond AI, broader market conditions were increasingly shaped by policy uncertainty and geopolitical developments. Trade tensions reemerged, and concerns around tariffs added to investor caution.

Geopolitical risk became the dominant market influence by quarter-end. Escalating conflict in the Middle East and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz drove energy prices sharply higher, weighing on markets globally, particularly in Europe, where rising energy costs pushed inflation further above the European Central Bank's target. Asia also experienced increased volatility due to its reliance on Middle Eastern oil, although a late-quarter rebound in the information technology (IT) sector supported regional performance. Overall, the quarter ended with a more volatile backdrop, as resilient demand tied to AI and other structural growth areas was increasingly offset by inflationary pressure, energy market disruption and heightened geopolitical uncertainty.

Portfolio Performance

In Q1, the portfolio outperformed the MSCI All Country World Index, as the benchmark posted a negative absolute return. We experienced strong results from two of our three leading three investment themes: electrification as well as defense and aerospace. Stock selection was the leading driver of portfolio performance, particularly in the industrials and information technology (IT) sectors. Additional support came from our limited weighting in consumer discretionary, outperformance by our communication services holdings and an overweight to utilities. The portfolio's limited exposure to the energy sector hurt relative performance after the sector produced sharp gains in the wake of the Iranian conflict. Our overweight to the underperforming financial sector, a by-product of the team's bottom-up stock selection, negatively impacted our relative performance. Regionally, our emerging markets holdings started out the year strong, followed by US holdings.

Starting with our electrification theme, several holdings contributed positively during the quarter as investors continued to reward companies exposed to grid expansion, transmission investment and rising electricity demand, particularly those tied to AI infrastructure. LS Electric was among the strongest performers. The company reported healthy earnings for 2025, with new orders growing 30% year over year and EPS close behind at 28% year over year. Investor sentiment strengthened further based on the company's growing exposure to North American AI data center power infrastructure and constrained global transformer supply. Model usage reports from large AI companies reinforced astronomical energy consumption projections for the space and validated the market's view that the company is well positioned to benefit from rising power equipment demand.

Conversely, SPIE was a detractor during the quarter. Its shares traded lower due to near-term concerns about higher energy costs and weaker-than-expected organic growth for 2025 in several regions and a full-year 2025 free cash flow total that fell short of its target. However, we believe the market reaction was overdone, and investors failed to recognize the durability of SPIE's long-term growth opportunities. Management also raised its medium-term EBITDA margin target, reflecting confidence in continued margin improvement driven by operating leverage, acquisition integration and growing demand across transmission and distribution projects, data center buildouts and industrial automation.

On the topic of AI infrastructure, Samsung Electronics was one of the portfolio's top performers this quarter. The company is one of the world's largest manufacturers of memory chips, positioning the holding nicely for increased demand from AI data center construction. Samsung has been gaining market share in high-bandwidth memory (HBM) via its sixth-generation HBM4 semiconductor. The semiconductor recorded the highest operating speed in Broadcom's recent technical tests. The stock also received a bump after Korean publications reported Samsung will be an exclusive supplier of HBM4 semiconductors for NVIDIA's next-generation graphics processing unit for AI. NVIDIA's Vera Rubin AI accelerator will leverage Samsung's HBM4E advanced semiconductor, which will roll out sometime in the second half of this year.

In the defense and aerospace theme, geopolitical turmoil drove up shares of our Korean defense holdings. While individual conflicts may be episodic, they reflect a broader rise in global tensions, supporting sustained growth in defense spending. LIG Nex1 and Hanwha Aerospace were among the portfolio's strongest contributors during the quarter, reflecting continued investor enthusiasm toward South Korean defense companies as their global relevance has been increasing.

Investors focused on LIG Nex1's air defense exposure. Management highlighted a growing overseas backlog, ongoing manufacturing expansion and continued strong export demand for its medium-range surface-to-air missile (M-SAM) systems that can intercept ballistic missiles. An important caveat to that point—overseas orders for Korean defense equipment carry higher margins than domestic business. The company's shorter lead times relative to many European and US industry peers have also become an important advantage in the current environment. More broadly, we believe LIG Nex1 remains attractively positioned through its exposure to missiles, radar, anti-drone systems and other higher value defense electronics, which continue to see rising demand as countries invest in more modern and responsive defense capabilities.

Investor sentiment toward Hanwha Aerospace improved as management highlighted a robust 2026 outlook supported by deliveries to Poland, Egypt and Australia, alongside a growing opportunity set in Saudi Arabia and other European markets. The company ended 2025 with an order backlog of 37.2 trillion won (approximately $25 billion) for land-based systems, providing a window into future potential growth. Shares were additionally supported by Hanwha's acquisition of a stake in Korea Aerospace Industries, which reinforced the company's position in the broader Korean aerospace and defense ecosystem.

Within financials, performance was mixed during the quarter, and the sector posed a headwind to relative returns. UBS was one of the main detractors during the quarter. Although the company reported broadly solid Q4 results, the shares traded lower as investors remained focused on uncertainty surrounding potential Swiss capital reforms that could require the bank to hold meaningfully higher levels of capital. Weaker-than-expected net new asset trends in the US wealth management business added to the pressure, as restructuring-related advisor departures continued to weigh on flows. In our view, the market reaction reflected concern that regulatory uncertainty could stunt otherwise solid operating progress, including profitability, ongoing cost savings and continued capital return. In our view, the market overreacted to short-term headwinds, but we will continue to watch developments in the government's decision-making on capital reforms.

BFF Bank, an Italian financial institution focused on factoring and specialty finance, was the portfolio's largest detractor during the quarter. The shares came under pressure after the financial institution was forced to announce €95 million in one-off provisions to de-risk its Italian factoring portfolio. BFF has an excess of invoices owed by Italian public entities, and court rulings have made payment delays more costly than the bank previously expected. The provisions led the bank to lower its 2026 earnings target, and an untimely CEO departure added to investor concerns. These developments increased the risk profile too much for our liking and led us to close our position, but we will monitor the situation through the lens of the company's longer term earnings power.

Portfolio Activity

Activity during the quarter was centered on adding to areas where we see durable long-term demand, while also taking advantage of stock-specific opportunities created by market volatility. Our purchases reflected continued conviction in several of the portfolio's core themes, particularly defense and electrification, but we also added in areas where we believe the market is underappreciating earnings durability, asset quality and future growth potential.

One holding we are excited about is CSG, a European defense company that went public in January. We believe the company offers exposure to continued growth in European defense spending, particularly in ammunition, as governments across the region prioritize defense readiness and increase domestic industrial capacity to solidify supply chains. The shares fell in March due to an investigation tied to financial irregularities in its FMG division's 120mm tank ammunition contracts. However, we viewed that weakness as an opportunity to begin building a position in a company operating in an area of sustained demand.

Elsewhere, we added Fujikura, a Japanese manufacturer of fiber-optic cables, connectors and wiring solutions used in telecom networks and data centers. We believe the company is well positioned to benefit from rising demand for high-speed connectivity in AI infrastructure, particularly as data centers become more complex and require more sophisticated optical cabling. What attracted us most was Fujikura's operation in a severely supply-constrained market, where pricing is rising in tandem with production growth.

In real estate, we bought into Sun Hung Kai Properties, a Hong Kong real estate company that operates and manages hotels, properties, car parking and transportation infrastructure. The company holds a large market share of Hong Kong private real estate, a sector that has been revived by more favorable mortgage rates and a return of mainland China buyers. In its interim results for the first half of FY2026, the company reported a 16.7% increase in underlying profit.

We trimmed our insurance portfolio weighting by more than half over the quarter. We exited our position in Prudential after strong share price performance and solid operating execution made the risk-reward less compelling relative to other opportunities in the portfolio. Prudential reported double-digit growth across several key metrics in 2025 and increased shareholder returns.

Outlook

Looking ahead, we continue to believe the portfolio is well positioned around several long-duration themes that are increasingly supported by visible capital spending and changing government priorities. Defense and aerospace remains a key area of conviction, as elevated geopolitical tensions continue to drive greater urgency around procurement, localization and military readiness across Europe, Asia and the Middle East. At the same time, electrification remains one of the most compelling opportunities in the portfolio, supported by rising electricity demand, grid modernization and the growing power needs tied to AI infrastructure.

More broadly, we believe international markets continue to offer an attractive opportunity set relative to the US, with the S&P 500® Index at 19.4X forward P/E compared to the MSCI Europe Index at 14.4X, and earnings growth is supported by structural investment rather than multiple expansion alone. After the MSCI All Country World ex USA Index gained 32% in 2025, compared to an 18% gain for the S&P 500® Index, relative strength carried into early 2026. Broad non-US equities were up roughly 6% in Q1, while the S&P 500® Index was roughly flat over the same period.

While macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty remains elevated, we continue to focus on businesses with strong competitive positions, resilient earnings potential and exposure to long-term spending priorities laid out by governments around the globe. We believe this approach should continue to serve the portfolio well as we move through 2026.

Investment Results (%)

As of 31 March 2026	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
			Average Annual Total Returns				
Investor Class: ARTHX—Inception: 29 Mar 2010	**1.43**	**1.43**	**37.57**	**22.55**	**10.24**	**13.65**	**12.39**
Advisor Class: APDHX—Inception: 5 Aug 2020	**1.39**	**1.39**	**37.59**	**22.64**	**10.31**	**13.68**	**12.41**
Institutional Class: APHHX—Inception: 15 Oct 2015	**1.45**	**1.45**	**37.84**	**22.85**	**10.52**	**13.92**	**12.56**
MSCI All Country World Index	-3.20	-3.20	20.01	16.58	9.49	11.33	9.56

Source: Artisan Partners/MSCI. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. For the period prior to inception, each of Advisor Class and Institutional Class's performance is the Investor Class's return for that period ("Linked Performance"). Linked Performance has not been restated to reflect expenses of the Advisor or Institutional Class and each share's respective returns during that period would be different if such expenses were reflected.

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Expense Ratios (%)*

	ARTHX	APDHX	APHHX
Annual Report	1.35/—	1.67/1.25	1.10/—
Prospectus	1.35/—	1.67/1.25	1.10/—

*Unsubsidized/subsidized. Annual Report: 30 Sep 2025. Prospectus: 30 Sep 2025. Net expenses reflect a contractual expense limitation agreement in effect through 31 Jan 2027. See prospectus for further details.

Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

SPIE SA	4.2
National Grid PLC	4.0
Tesco PLC	3.9
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	3.7
SKY Perfect JSAT Corp	3.6
T-Mobile US Inc	3.6
Alpha Bank SA	3.3
Ovzon AB	3.1
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd	3.0
SSE PLC	3.0
Total	**35.3%**

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