

APPLIED RESEARCH INVESTMENTS

MONTHLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

September 10, 2021

To:

Leading Edge Investment Advisors

ARI Account Number: U18A103

Client Name: NYCERS Custodian Account: N1YS

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Portfolio Commentary for the month of August 2021:

The portfolio was ahead of the benchmark as growth stocks continued to out performed value stocks in August. Stocks in the communication service, financial and industrial sectors were the performance leaders where those in the consumer discretionary and consumer staple sectors lagged. Of note, 3 stocks: SEA ltd, Daikin and Recruit had significant share price appreciation in August.

Market Outlook:

The quarter...In Q2-21, Account U18A103 rose by +8.01%, outperforming its benchmark by 253 basis points. Investors rotated back into growth stocks from value stocks in the quarter as US bond yields halted their upward trend and have stabilized somewhat.

When growth stocks were previously out of favor, with discipline, the team added mainly to business models already held, particularly in the Industrial and Consumer Discretionary sectors due to relatively favorable valuation.

ARI's View...As the world economy resumes growth, China and the U.S. are likely to remain the main growth contributors, with the latter on track to reach herd immunity (75-80% of population fully vaccinated) by the end of Q3. Europe is also on track to return to growth, albeit at a more modest rate.

With many Covid related challenges remaining in place, large EM countries such as India, Indonesia, Russia, Brazil, Mexico and Russia are unlikely to reach their pre-Covid growth rates for the remainder of 2021.

It is also becoming more apparent to us that many work-from-home related trends have become more permanent in nature.

Risks ARI is Monitoring... 1. Further increase of US bond yields 2. High equity market valuation 3. A resurgence of COVID cases (particularly the Delta variant) in several large economies other than the US and China, 4. US-China relations, 5. Chinese regulations in the Technology and Financial sectors, 6. Potential impact of rapidly increasing sovereign debt levels.

Portfolio Positioning...With the recent share price appreciation of growth stocks and the significant share price performance of cyclical and value stocks since Q4-20, the overall developed market valuation appears high once gain and reduces the risk/reward appeal. In such an environment, ARI's portfolio companies command superior long term growth prospects than the broader economy and we believe that they should deliver more shareholder value than the broader equity market over the long-run.



Statement of Performance

For the Period: August 01, 2021 - August 31, 2021

Account No: U18A103

Custodian Account No: N1YS

Account Activity Summary

Fund Balance Details:

Contribution Since Inception ¹	Beginning Market Value	Contributions/ (Redemptions)	Portfolio Profit/(Loss)	Gross Ending Market Value	Management Fees	Net Market Value
\$17,660,334.94 ²	\$31,987,195.42	(\$47,364.84)	\$1,062,114.59	\$33,001,945.17	\$0.00	\$33,001,945.17

Contribution/(Redemption) Details

Date Activity Description Amount Page 8/27/2021 Redemption \$47,364.84

Account Performance Summary		MTD %	QTD %	YTD %	One Year %	Since Inception ¹ %
Strategy: U18A103	Gross	3.32%	3.28%	9.87%	24.30%	25.81%
	Net	3.35%	3.28%	9.66%	23.82%	25.37%
Benchmark : MSCI AC World ExUS NT	1.90%	0.22%	9.40%	24.87%	15.56%	

Note: Unless specifically noted, the performance shown reflect the deduction for management fees, accrued performance allocations, all expenses of the strategy/account, net interest and the reinvestment of dividends, and include gains or losses from "new issues," if any. Actual returns for a particular investor will vary depending upon, among other things, the level of fees charged, whether such investor participates in new issues and the timing of subscriptions and redemptions. In the event of any discrepancy between the information contained herein and the information contained in an investor's monthly account statement, the latter shall govern.

- 1. Inception Date: January 01, 2019.
- 2. Initial contribution made on December 28, 2018.

All amounts reflected in USD



Holdings Report

As of: 31 August, 2021

Book Mkt Book Mkt **Security Description** % of Share Listing % Div Security Quantity Value Value Value Value Fund Price Currency Yield Type (In Local Currency) (In Fund Currency)

Account No: U18A103

Custodian Account No: N1YS

FC - Fund Currency USD

Net Assets

Accrued Investment Income and Expenses

Australia

Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	5,427	0.00	AUD	 5,427	5,427	3,970	3,970
Total for Australia		0.0 %						3,970	3,970
Brazil									
Brazilian Real	Currencies	0.0 %	3,335	1.00	BRL	 3,335	3,335	645	645
Total for Brazil		0.0 %						645	645
Canada									
Canada Dollar	Currencies	0.0 %	1,738	1.00	CAD	 1,738	1,738	1,378	1,378
Total for Canada		0.0 %						1,378	1,378
United Kingdom									
Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	10,686	0.00	GBP	 10,686	10,686	14,691	14,691
Total for United Kingdom		0.0 %						14,691	14,691
United States									
Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	660	0.00	USD	 660	660	660	660
Total for United States		0.0 %						660	660
Total for Accrued Investment Income and Expense	es	0.1 %						21,344	21,344



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Security Description	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Price	Listing Currency	Book Value	Mkt Value	Book Value	Mkt Value	% Div Yield
	-7 F					(In Local	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
Cash and Due Upon Settlement										
United States										
Cash	Currencies	0.4 %	134,735	0.00	USD	134,735	134,735	134,735	134,735	
Total for United States		0.4 %						134,735	134,735	
Total for Cash and Due Upon Settlement		0.4 %					_	134,735	134,735	
Investments										
Australia										
CSL LTD REA GROUP LTD	Equity Equity	1.2 % 2.6 %	1,789 7,538	311.94 153.50	AUD AUD	338,266 663,699	558,061 1,157,083	239,106 461,449	408,221 846,406	0.9 % 0.9 %
Total for Australia		3.8 %						700,554	1,254,628	
Brazil										
STONECO LTD-A	Equity	1.6 %	11,032	46.54	USD	829,366	513,429	829,366	513,429	
Total for Brazil		1.6 %						829,366	513,429	
Canada										
METRO INC/CN CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LTD CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A	Equity Equity Equity Equity	1.1 % 1.4 % 3.9 % 4.0 %	6,953 6,607 756 865	64.27 86.69 2,138.19 1,926.59	CAD CAD CAD CAD	394,848 559,466 1,022,111 571,415	446,869 572,761 1,616,472 1,666,500	277,690 431,015 791,021 432,174	354,236 454,032 1,281,389 1,321,047	1.5 % 0.9 % 0.2 %
Total for Canada		10.3 %						1,931,900	3,410,703	
China										
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD WUXI APPTEC CO LTD-H YUM CHINA HOLDINGS INC	Equity Equity Equity	1.1 % 1.2 % 1.2 %	17,100 19,680 6,500	165.50 155.00 479.00	HKD HKD HKD	3,842,870 2,873,935 3,393,338	2,830,050 3,050,400 3,113,500	494,673 369,881 437,037	363,877 392,208 400,321	0.2 % 0.8 %



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	2,70					(In Loca	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
JD.COM INC - CL A	Equity	1.4 %	12,100	306.40	HKD	3,639,615	3,707,440	468,509	476,688	
Total for China		4.9 %						1,770,100	1,633,094	
Denmark										
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B DSV Panalpina A/S	Equity Equity	1.5 % 3.9 %	4,999 5,013	627.70 1,605.00	DKK DKK	1,878,349 5,137,880	3,137,872 8,045,865	279,587 810,449	498,209 1,277,466	1.5 % 0.2 %
Total for Denmark	-4***	5.4 %	-,,,,,	-,,,,,,,,,				1,090,036	1,775,676	
France										
L'OREAL	Equity	1.5 %	1,054	396.30	EUR	361,263	417,700	434,093	493,179	1.0 %
PERNOD RICARD SA LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI	Equity	2.1 % 3.1 %	3,275	177.95 626.80	EUR EUR	492,361 398,674	582,786 871,879	556,003	688,096 1,029,427	1.6 % 1.0 %
AIRBUS SE	Equity Equity	3.2 %	1,391 7,820	115.70	EUR	767,646	904,774	447,976 930,201	1,068,267	1.0 /0
TELEPERFORMANCE	Equity	3.5 %	2,602	374.40	EUR	369,272	974,189	423,549	1,150,225	0.6 %
Total for France		13.4 %						2,791,823	4,429,193	
Germany										
ZALANDO SE	Equity	1.9 %	5,542	93.80	EUR	544,384	519,840	663,822	613,775	
Total for Germany		1.9 %						663,822	613,775	
India										
ICICI BANK LTD-SPON ADR	Equity	1.2 %	20,253	19.62	USD	392,260	397,364	392,260	397,364	0.3 %
INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR	Equity	2.5 %	33,988	23.82	USD USD	761,753	809,594	761,753	809,594	1.5 % 0.3 %
HDFC BANK LTD-ADR Total for India	Equity	3.5 %	14,887	78.31	USD	756,122	1,165,801	756,122	1,165,801	0.3 %
Indonesia		7.2 %						1,910,134	2,372,759	
indonesia										
BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA PERSER	Equity	2.3 %	2,760,700	3,930.00	IDR	11,041,082,61910	,849,551,000	769,929	760,411	2.5 %
Total for Indonesia		2.3 %						769,929	760,411	
Japan										
M3 INC	Equity	1.1 %	5,313	7,401.00	JPY	43,026,973	39,321,513	411,233	357,403	0.2 %
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	Equity	2.6 %	3,393	27,405.00	JPY	40,747,252	92,985,165	369,940	845,166	0.6 %
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						(In Loca	l Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	Equity	3.4 %	19,000	6,500.00	JPY	51,617,147	123,500,000	468,555	1,122,523	0.3 %
Total for Japan		7.0 %						1,249,727	2,325,093	
Mexico										
WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	Equity	3.0 %	277,929	71.46	MXN	16,394,298	19,860,806	831,103	988,838	2.1 %
Total for Mexico		3.0 %						831,103	988,838	
Netherlands										
ASML HOLDING NV KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	Equity Equity	3.6 % 3.7 %	1,420 5,685	704.50 180.25	EUR EUR	424,514 438,124	1,000,390 1,024,721	483,523 505,747	1,181,160 1,209,888	0.4 % 1.3 %
Total for Netherlands		7.2 %						989,270	2,391,049	
New Zealand										
FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	Equity	3.1 %	44,384	31.79	AUD	724,427	1,410,967	500,267	1,032,123	1.1 %
Total for New Zealand		3.1 %						500,267	1,032,123	
Poland										
DINO POLSKA SA	Equity	3.0 %	11,507	324.60	PLN	1,458,936	3,735,172	378,215	975,266	
Total for Poland		3.0 %						378,215	975,266	
Singapore										
SEA LTD-ADR	Equity	4.1 %	3,996	338.32	USD	804,257	1,351,927	804,257	1,351,927	
Total for Singapore		4.1 %						804,257	1,351,927	
Sweden										
ATLAS COPCO AB-A SHS	Equity	3.7 %	17,563	592.40	SEK	9,485,466	10,404,321	1,117,041	1,205,487	1.2 %
Total for Sweden		3.7 %						1,117,041	1,205,487	
Switzerland										
NESTLE SA-REG LONZA GROUP AG-REG	Equity Equity	1.5 % 3.0 %	3,874 1,182	115.74 775.00	CHF CHF	394,913 709,914	448,377 916,050	403,567 758,166	489,601 1,000,273	2.4 % 0.4 %
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SIKA AG-REG	Equity	4.2 %	3,878	330.10	CHF	622,039	1,280,128	629,778	1,397,825	0.8 %
Total for Switzerland		8.8 %						1,791,512	2,887,699	
Taiwan										
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	Equity	3.9 %	10,740	119.01	USD	619,800	1,278,167	619,800	1,278,167	1.5 %
Total for Taiwan		3.9 %			_			619,800	1,278,167	
United Kingdom										
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP DIAGEO PLC	Equity Equity	2.0 % 3.0 %	6,009 20,595	7,956.00 3,494.00	GBP GBP	310,910 607,955	478,076 719,589	400,844 791,698	657,259 989,291	1.0 % 2.1 %
Total for United Kingdom		5.0 %						1,192,542	1,646,550	
Total for Investments		99.5 %					-	21,931,398	32,845,867	
Total for Net Assets		100.0 %					-	22,087,476	33,001,945	
Total for N1YS		100.0 %					•	22,087,476	33,001,945	



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Transaction Report

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	: U18A103						
Custodian A	ccount No: N1YS						
CHF							
urchase	LONZA GROUP AG-REG	312.00	18 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	753.5322 CHF	-235,219.60	Building positions
urchase	Swiss Franc	235,219.60	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	1.0900 CHF	235,219.60	
otal for CHF						0.00	
OKK							
ivIncome	NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	17,496.50	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	1.0000 DKK	17,496.50	Cash dividend
ivTaxes	NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	4,724.06	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	1.0000 DKK	-4,724.06	Dividend tax on cash dividend
11	Danish Krone	12,772.44	18 Aug 2021	19 Aug 2021	0.1570 DKK	-12,772.44	
otal for DKK						0.00	
EUR							
ivIncome	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	4,548.00	05 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 EUR	4,548.00	Cash dividend
ivTaxes	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	682.20	05 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 EUR	-682.20	Dividend tax on cash dividend
rchase	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV RTS 2 DSM RT2 NA	5,160.00	09 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	0.0000 EUR	0.00	Spin Off: Open a spin off position
ırchase	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV RTS 2 DSM RT2 NA	525.00	09 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	0.0000 EUR	0.00	Spin Off: Open a spin off position
xpireLong	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV RTS 2 DSM RT2 NA	5,685.00	27 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	0.0000 EUR	0.00	
:11	Euro	3,865.80	27 Aug 2021	30 Aug 2021	1.1715 EUR	-3,865.80	
otal for EUR						0.00	
HKD							
ell	NETEASE INC	17,100.00	29 Jul 2021	02 Aug 2021	157.0713 HKD	2,681,683.53	Compliance trade
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,681,683.53	30 Jul 2021	02 Aug 2021	0.1286 HKD	-2,681,683.53	
ell	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	2,784.00	04 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	455.9093 HKD	1,266,869.11	Compliance trade

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	: U18A103						
Custodian A	ccount No: N1YS						
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,266,869.11	05 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	0.1286 HKD	-1,266,869.11	
Sell	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	2,816.00	05 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	449.2884 HKD	1,262,821.36	To fund purchases
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,262,821.36	06 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	0.1285 HKD	-1,262,821.36	
Sell	JD.COM INC - CL A	7,700.00	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	266.4330 HKD	2,047,683.36	To fund purchases
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,047,683.36	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.1283 HKD	-2,047,683.36	
Sell	JD.COM INC - CL A	6,400.00	18 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	253.1679 HKD	1,617,233.25	Increasing Regulatory risks in
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,617,233.25	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	0.1283 HKD	-1,617,233.25	
Sell	MEITUAN DIANPING-CLASS B	12,600.00	20 Aug 2021	24 Aug 2021	193.5367 HKD	2,433,985.23	Exit due to increasing regulat
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,433,985.23	23 Aug 2021	24 Aug 2021	0.1283 HKD	-2,433,985.23	
Purchase	YUM CHINA HOLDINGS INC	1,000.00	24 Aug 2021	26 Aug 2021	468.8600 HKD	-469,740.23	Compliance trade
Purchase	Hong Kong Dollar	469,740.23	25 Aug 2021	26 Aug 2021	0.1285 HKD	469,740.23	
Total for HKD						0.00	
MXN							
Purchase	WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	70,070.00	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	69.7880 MXN	-4,895,913.21	Building positions
Purchase	Mexican Peso	4,895,913.21	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.0501 MXN	4,895,913.21	
Total for MXN						0.00	
USD							
DivIncome	HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	3,918.69	20 Jul 2021	19 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	3,918.69	Cash dividend
DivTaxes	HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	391.87	20 Jul 2021	19 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-391.87	Dividend tax on cash dividend
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,681,683.53	30 Jul 2021	02 Aug 2021	0.1286 USD	344,870.26	
IntIncomeNonTrading	United States Dollar	14.31	02 Aug 2021	02 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	14.31	Interest income
Purchase	ICICI BANK LTD-SPON ADR	20,253.00	04 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	19.3580 USD	-392,260.10	Building position
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,266,869.11	05 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	0.1286 USD	162,887.31	

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	: U18A103						
Custodian A	ccount No: N1YS						
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,262,821.36	06 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	0.1285 USD	162,297.18	
urchase	Mexican Peso	4,895,913.21	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.0501 USD	-245,182.68	
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,047,683.36	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.1283 USD	262,723.58	
ell	Danish Krone	12,772.44	18 Aug 2021	19 Aug 2021	0.1570 USD	2,005.85	
ivTaxes	HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	390.79	19 Aug 2021	19 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-390.79	Dividend and dividend tax adj
urchase	Swiss Franc	235,219.60	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	1.0900 USD	-256,400.88	
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,617,233.25	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	0.1283 USD	207,564.85	
urchase	INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR	9,441.00	19 Aug 2021	23 Aug 2021	23.5994 USD	-222,896.35	Building positions
IiscAdjExp	United States Dollar	0.01	23 Aug 2021	23 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-0.01	O/S
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,433,985.23	23 Aug 2021	24 Aug 2021	0.1283 USD	312,330.89	
urchase	Hong Kong Dollar	469,740.23	25 Aug 2021	26 Aug 2021	0.1285 USD	-60,349.45	
ransAcct	United States Dollar	0.00	27 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-47,364.84	Redemption from U18A103 to zzzConCapUSD
IiscAdjExp	United States Dollar	53.70	27 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-53.70	Invoice paid
ell	Euro	3,865.80	27 Aug 2021	30 Aug 2021	1.1715 USD	4,528.90	•
Total for USD						76,311.35	



Commissions 01 Aug 21 - 31 Aug 21

	Total \$ Consideration FC	Total Commission FC	% Commission	Trade Count	# of Shares
Account No: U18A103					
Custodian Account No: N FC - Fund Currency USD	1YS				
Pictet	2,448,655.96 USD	1,377.51 USD	100.00 %	11	140,524
Total	2,448,655.96 USD	1,377.51 USD	100.00 %		140,524