

APPLIED RESEARCH INVESTMENTS

MONTHLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

November 10, 2020

To:

Leading Edge Investment Advisors

ARI Account Number: U19A104

Client Name: NYCTRS Custodian Account: N0TR

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Portfolio Commentary for the month of October 2020:

The portfolio slightly outperformance its benchmark. Communication services and consumer discretionary holdings had the strongest performance whereas those in the materials and consumer staples sectors lagged.

Market Outlook:

The quarter... In Q3/20, the ARI ACWI ex US. strategy significantly outperformed the MSCI ACWI ex US Index by approximately +410 basis points, driven by stock selection.

ARI's View...

- By the end of summer, it has become evident that COVID is likely to be a part of daily life on a multiyear basis and the global economic recovery is subsequently likely to progress at a slow pace, with the exception of China. Major developed economies are experiencing the second waves of re-surging COVID cases whereas the large Emerging economies, except China, are still having difficulty containing the first wave.
- We are surprised that default rates in the commercial property, energy and SME sectors have been relatively moderate and continue to monitor them closely.
- Similar to Q2, we view the current risk/reward proposition of equity markets as unfavorable given high valuations and modest growth prospects for major economies through 2021.

Risks ARI is Monitoring... 1. Sustained high unemployment rates and the state of the labor market, 2. the virus' potential permanent impact, 3. Disorderly transition of power post the U.S. Presidential election, 4. market dislocation due to massive liquidity injection by central banks, 5. US-China relations, 6. rapidly increasing sovereign debt levels, 7. vulnerable emerging market economies (except China), 8. SME bankruptcy rates and default risks related to the commercial property and energy sectors, and 9. overall equity valuations in the developed markets.

Portfolio Positioning... we have increased the diversification of our strategies and the weights of companies that are able to deliver revenues and earnings growth despite the economic slowdown related to COVID-19.



Statement of Performance

For the Period: October 01, 2020 - October 31, 2020

Account No: U19A104

Custodian Account No: NOTR

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
\$26,930,064.20 ²	\$29,618,964.47	(\$37,682.02)	(\$515,472.93)	\$29,065,809.52	\$0.00	\$29,065,809.52

Contribution/(Redemption) Details

DateActivity
DescriptionAmount10/28/2020Redemption\$37,682.02

Account Performance Summary		MTD %	QTD %	YTD ¹ %	One Year ¹ %	Since Inception ¹ %
Strategy: U19A104	Gross	-1.74%	-1.74%	NA	NA	11.31%
	Net	-1.74%	-1.74%	NA	NA	10.99%
Benchmark : MSCI AC World ExUS N	TR INDEX	-2.15%	-2.15%	NA	NA	-4.91%

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: February 01, 2020.
- 2. Initial contribution made on January 17, 2020.

All amounts reflected in USD



Holdings Report

As of: 31 October, 2020

Security Description	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Listing Price Currency	Book Mkt Value Value	Book Mkt Value Value	% Div Yield
	J 1				(In Local Currency)	(In Fund Currency)	

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FC - Fund Currency USD

Net Assets

Accrued Investment Income and Expenses

Canada

Canada Dollar	Currencies	0.0 %	2,212	1.00	CAD	2,212	2,212	1,660	1,660
Total for Canada		0.0 %			_		_	1,660	1,660
Japan									
Japanese Yen	Currencies	0.0 %	527,400	1.00	JPY	527,400	527,400	5,037	5,037
Total for Japan		0.0 %						5,037	5,037
Total for Accrued Investment Income and E	xpenses	0.0 %						6,698	6,698
Cash and Due Upon Settlement									
Denmark									
Danish Krone	Currencies	-1.7 %	-3,132,951	1.00	DKK	-3,132,951	-3,132,951	-490,136	-490,136
Total for Denmark		-1.7 %						-490,136	-490,136
Hong Kong									
Hong Kong Dollar Hong Kong Dollar	Currencies Currencies	-0.7 % 0.7 %	-1,663,054 1,663,054	1.00 1.00	HKD HKD	-1,663,054 1,663,054	-1,663,054 1,663,054	-214,518 214,518	-214,518 214,518
Total for Hong Kong		0.0 %						0	0

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						(In Loca	l Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
United States										
Cash	Currencies	3.9 %	1,133,187	0.00	USD	1,133,187	1,133,187	1,133,187	1,133,187	
Total for United States		3.9 %						1,133,187	1,133,187	
Total for Cash and Due Upon Settlement		2.2 %					-	643,050	643,050	
Investments										
Australia										
REA GROUP LTD CSL LTD	Equity Equity	2.3 % 3.2 %	8,113 4,639	118.27 287.56	AUD AUD	935,211 1,408,551	959,525 1,333,991	642,957 968,379	674,546 937,796	0.9 % 1.0 %
Total for Australia	Equity	5.5 %	1,007	207.50	NOD	1,100,331	1,333,771	1,611,336	1,612,341	1.0 /
Canada										
CGI INC	Equity	1.4 %	6,484	82.67	CAD	735,881	536,032	563,117	402,427	
METRO INC/CN	Equity	1.6 %	9,830	62.15	CAD	552,699	610,935	383,659	458,660	1.4 % 0.9 %
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LTD CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC	Equity Equity	1.8 % 1.8 %	1,785 511	398.14 1,398.59	CAD CAD	709,865 692,079	710,680 714,679	536,374 529,598	533,543 536,546	0.4 %
SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A	Equity	3.5 %	1,099	1,228.23	CAD	692,430	1,349,825	520,749	1,013,382	0.4 /0
Total for Canada		10.1 %						2,533,497	2,944,558	
China										
NETEASE INC-ADR	Equity	1.1 %	3,665	86.79	USD	332,993	318,085	332,993	318,085	2.6 %
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	Equity	2.4 %	2,293	304.69	USD	454,598	698,654	454,598	698,654	
NEW ORIENTAL EDUCATIO-SP ADR JD.COM INC-ADR	Equity Equity	2.4 % 4.3 %	4,359 15,331	160.38 81.52	USD USD	553,351 637,194	699,096 1,249,783	553,351 637,194	699,096 1,249,783	
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	Equity	1.3 %	5,000	591.00	HKD	2,985,719	2,955,000	385,249	381,167	0.2 %
MEITUAN DIANPING-CLASS B	Equity	2.1 %	16,300	288.20	HKD	4,459,750	4,697,660	575,344	605,954	VIII / V
Total for China		13.6 %						2,938,728	3,952,741	
Denmark										
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	Equity	1.2 %	5,380	410.55	DKK	2,002,401	2,208,759	302,560	345,551	2.1 %

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	1,100					(In Loca	l Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
DSV Panalpina A/S	Equity	3.0 %	5,395	1,035.00	DKK	5,437,631	5,583,825	856,313	873,565	0.2 %
Total for Denmark		4.2 %						1,158,873	1,219,115	
France										
BIOMERIEUX	Equity	1.6 %	3,098	127.80	EUR	255,847	395,924	288,467	461,133	0.1 %
PERNOD RICARD SA	Equity	2.0 %	3,525	138.40	EUR	604,077	487,860	670,102	568,211	2.3 %
LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI	Equity	2.4 %	1,497	402.30	EUR	640,242	602,243	709,369	701,433	1.2 %
TELEPERFORMANCE	Equity	2.9 %	2,800	257.70	EUR	637,849	721,560	707,566	840,401	0.9 %
Total for France		8.8 %						2,375,504	2,571,177	
Germany										
SYMRISE AG	Equity	1.2 %	2,779	105.85	EUR	201,817	294,157	219,980	342,605	0.9 %
DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG	Equity	2.6 %	5,109	126.35	EUR	749,675	645,522	830,453	751,840	2.3 %
Total for Germany		3.8 %						1,050,433	1,094,444	
India										
HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	Equity	3.2 %	16,021	57.44	USD	988,738	920,246	988,738	920,246	0.7 %
Total for India		3.2 %						988,738	920,246	
Indonesia										
BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA PERSER	Equity	2.3 %	2,971,100	3,360.00	IDR	13,875,439,585	9,982,896,000	1,017,336	682,591	5.0 %
Total for Indonesia		2.3 %						1,017,336	682,591	
Ireland										
ICON PLC	Equity	1.9 %	3,130	180.30	USD	549,497	564,339	549,497	564,339	
Total for Ireland		1.9 %			_			549,497	564,339	
Italy										
DIASORIN SPA	Equity	2.8 %	3,642	188.50	EUR	424,714	686,517	471,135	799,586	0.5 %
Total for Italy		2.8 %						471,135	799,586	

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Japan										
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	Equity	2.3 %	3,600	19,480.00	JPY	57,266,619	70,128,000	519,849	669,799	0.8 %
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	Equity	3.5 %	26,600	3,970.00	JPY	112,278,311	105,602,000	1,019,229	1,008,615	0.4 %
Total for Japan		5.8 %						1,539,079	1,678,415	
Mexico										
WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	Equity	1.9 %	223,700	51.25	MXN	12,933,125	11,464,625	692,748	540,639	1.6 %
Total for Mexico		1.9 %						692,748	540,639	
Netherlands										
HEINEKEN NV	Equity	1.2 %	3,774	76.20	EUR	390,589	287,579	433,280	334,943	1.4 %
ASML HOLDING NV KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	Equity Equity	1.9 % 3.4 %	1,528 6,118	312.00 137.45	EUR EUR	431,088 678,467	476,736 840,919	473,209 752,624	555,254 979,418	0.8 % 1.8 %
Total for Netherlands	_4***)	6.4 %	*,***					1,659,113	1,869,616	
New Zealand										
FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	Equity	3.8 %	47,767	32.79	AUD	1,025,086	1,566,280	704,746	1,101,095	0.8 %
Total for New Zealand		3.8 %						704,746	1,101,095	
Poland										
DINO POLSKA SA	Equity	3.8 %	20,339	217.40	PLN	3,195,406	4,421,699	835,984	1,117,042	
Total for Poland		3.8 %						835,984	1,117,042	
Switzerland										
LONZA GROUP AG-REG	Equity	1.3 %	611	555.20	CHF	291,842	339,227	302,646	369,972	0.5 %
NESTLE SA-REG SIKA AG-REG	Equity Equity	1.6 % 3.8 %	4,169 4,501	103.10 225.70	CHF CHF	424,510 817,104	429,824 1,015,876	433,082 843,594	468,779 1,107,946	2.6 % 1.0 %
Total for Switzerland		6.7 %	-3				,,,,,,,,	1,579,322	1,946,697	110 /

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Taiwan										
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	Equity	4.2 %	14,559	83.87	USD	844,409	1,221,063	844,409	1,221,063	2.0 %
Total for Taiwan		4.2 %						844,409	1,221,063	
United Kingdom										
DIAGEO PLC	Equity	2.5 %	22,165	2,499.00	GBP	730,571	553,903	950,765	717,582	2.8 %
EXPERIAN PLC LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP	Equity Equity	2.7 % 3.7 %	21,757 9,966	2,817.00 8,278.00	GBP GBP	512,392 763,134	612,895 824,985	627,651 993,142	794,005 1,068,769	1.3 % 0.9 %
Total for United Kingdom		8.9 %						2,571,559	2,580,356	
Total for Investments		97.8 %					-	25,122,038	28,416,061	
Total for Net Assets		100.0 %					-	25,771,786	29,065,810	
Total for N0TR		100.0 %					-	25,771,786	29,065,810	

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Transaction Report

Price Date OP Oct 2020 1.0000 AUD	Cashflow 6,817.37	Notes
99 Oct 2020 1.0000 AUD	6 917 27	
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99 Oct 2020 1.0000 AUD	6 917 27	
09 Oct 2020 1.0000 AUD	6 917 27	
	0,017.37	Cash dividend
3 Oct 2020 0.7161 AUD	-6,817.37	
	0.00	
26 Oct 2020 1.0000 CAD	1,117.20	Cash dividend
06 Oct 2020 402.7810 CAD	-245,299.72	Building position
06 Oct 2020 0.7543 CAD	245,299.72	
27 Oct 2020 0.7580 CAD	-1,117.20	
	0.00	
06 Oct 2020 70.0686 EUR	165,489.32	To fund purchase CP
06 Oct 2020 1.1764 EUR	-165,489.32	
30 Oct 2020 62.7505 EUR	451,264.10	To fund purchase 700 HK
30 Oct 2020 92.3138 EUR	380,419.49	To fund purchase.
30 Oct 2020 1.1654 EUR	-451,264.10	
30 Oct 2020 1.1654 EUR	-380,419.49	
	0.00	
08 Oct 2020 1.0000 GBP	9,413.48	Cash dividend
2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3	13 Oct 2020	0.000 26 Oct 2020 1.0000 CAD 1,117.20 0.6 Oct 2020 402.7810 CAD 245,299.72 27 Oct 2020 0.7580 CAD 245,299.72 0.000 0.000

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Quantity 9,413.48	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
9,413.48	08 Oct 2020				
9,413.48	08 Oct 2020				
9,413.48	08 Oct 2020				
		09 Oct 2020	1.2889 GBP	-9,413.48	
				0.00	
5,000.00	28 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	596.2035 HKD	-2,985,718.57	Initiating position.
2,985,718.57	29 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	0.1290 HKD	2,985,718.57	
1,663,054.11	29 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	0.1290 HKD	1,663,054.11	
				1,663,054.11	
511.00	17 Sep 2020	09 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	511.00	Cash dividend
1,376.15	17 Sep 2020	15 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	-1,376.15	Dividend tax on cash dividend
6,552.65	17 Sep 2020	15 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	6,552.65	Cash dividend
54.70	01 Oct 2020	01 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	54.70	Interest income
2,932.00	01 Oct 2020	02 Oct 2020	0.0000 USD	0.00	Stock dividend
165,489.32	05 Oct 2020	06 Oct 2020	1.1764 USD	194,679.98	
245,299.72	05 Oct 2020	06 Oct 2020	0.7543 USD	-185,020.15	
9,413.48	08 Oct 2020	09 Oct 2020	1.2889 USD	12,133.03	
802.00	08 Oct 2020	13 Oct 2020	87.3941 USD	70,080.60	Compliance trade
6,817.37	09 Oct 2020	13 Oct 2020	0.7161 USD	4,881.92	
102.59	15 Oct 2020	15 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	102.59	Dividend and dividend tax adj.
160.39	15 Oct 2020	15 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	-160.39	Hard Dollar Comp
1,117.20	26 Oct 2020	27 Oct 2020	0.7580 USD	846.85	
0.00	28 Oct 2020	28 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	-37,682.02	Redemption from U19A104 to zzzConCapUSD
0.00	28 Oct 2020	28 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	37,682.02	Redemption from U19A104 to zzzConCapUSD
451,264.10	29 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	1.1654 USD	525,885.23	
1,663,054.11	29 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	0.1290 USD	-214,520.09	
380,419.49	29 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	1.1654 USD	443,325.66	
	0.00 0.00 451,264.10 1,663,054.11	0.00 28 Oct 2020 0.00 28 Oct 2020 451,264.10 29 Oct 2020 1,663,054.11 29 Oct 2020 380,419.49 29 Oct 2020	0.00 28 Oct 2020 28 Oct 2020 0.00 28 Oct 2020 28 Oct 2020 451,264.10 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 1,663,054.11 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020	0.00 28 Oct 2020 28 Oct 2020 1.0000 USD 0.00 28 Oct 2020 28 Oct 2020 1.0000 USD 451,264.10 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 1.1654 USD 1,663,054.11 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 0.1290 USD 380,419.49 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 1.1654 USD	0.00 28 Oct 2020 28 Oct 2020 1.0000 USD -37,682.02 0.00 28 Oct 2020 28 Oct 2020 1.0000 USD 37,682.02 451,264.10 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 1.1654 USD 525,885.23 1,663,054.11 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 0.1290 USD -214,520.09 380,419.49 29 Oct 2020 30 Oct 2020 1.1654 USD 443,325.66



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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No Custodian A	: U19A104 .ccount No : N0TR						
Purchase	Hong Kong Dollar	2,985,718.57	29 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	0.1290 USD	-385,214.24	
MiscAdjExp	United States Dollar	4.01	30 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	1.0000 USD	-4.01	Invoice paid
Total for USD						472,759.18	

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Commissions 01 Oct 20 - 31 Oct 20

	Total \$ Consideration FC	Total Commission FC	% Commission	Trade Count	# of Shares
U19A104					
Loop Capital Global Cash	1,599,691.06 USD	685.12 USD	59.96 %	6	16,724
Pictet	915,348.98 USD	457.50 USD	40.04 %	2	12,195
Total	2,515,040.04 USD	1,142.62 USD	100.00 %	 8	28,919

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