

### **APPLIED RESEARCH INVESTMENTS**

#### MONTHLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

December 7, 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 November 2020:

The results of the US elections and the high efficacy test rates of two major COVID vaccines have triggered a rotation from perceived growth stocks to value stocks. Since the portfolio invests only in growth companies, it underperformed its benchmark for the month of November. Materials, energy, healthcare and consumer discretionary sectors were the main performance laggards.

#### 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: November 01, 2020 - November 30, 2020

Account No: U19A104

**Custodian Account No: NOTR** 

#### **Account Activity Summary**

Fund Balance Details:

Contribution Since Inception <sup>1</sup>	Beginning Market Value	Contributions/ (Redemptions)	Portfolio Profit/(Loss)	Gross Ending Market Value	Management Fees	Net Market Value
\$26,884,725.74 <sup>2</sup>	\$29,065,936.55	(\$45,338.46)	\$2,709,468.81	\$31,730,066.91	\$0.00	\$31,730,066.91

Contribution/(Redemption) Details

DateActivity<br/>DescriptionAmount11/16/2020Redemption\$45,338.46

Account Performance Summary		MTD %	QTD %	YTD ¹ %	One Year <sup>1</sup> %	Since Inception <sup>1</sup> %
Strategy: U19A104	Gross	9.32%	7.41%	NA	NA	21.68%
	Net	9.32%	7.41%	NA	NA	21.34%
Benchmark : MSCI AC World ExUS N	TR INDEX	13.45%	11.01%	NA	NA	7.88%

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: 30 November, 2020

<b>Security Description</b>	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Listing Price Currency	Book Mkt Value Value	Book Mkt Value Value	% Div Yield
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Account No: U19A104

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FC - Fund Currency USD

#### **Net Assets**

#### **Accrued Investment Income and Expenses**

#### Japan

Japanese Yen	Currencies	0.0 %	540,700	1.00 JPY	540,700	540,700	5,179	5,179
Total for Japan		0.0 %					5,179	5,179
Total for Accrued Investment Income and Expen	ises	0.0 %					5,179	5,179
Cash and Due Upon Settlement								
Hong Kong								
Hong Kong Dollar	Currencies	0.0 %	0	1.00 HKD	0	0	0	0
Total for Hong Kong		0.0 %					0	0
United States								
Cash	Currencies	1.3 %	427,645	0.00 USD	427,645	427,645	427,645	427,645
Total for United States		1.3 %					427,645	427,645
Total for Cash and Due Upon Settlement		1.3 %					427,645	427,645

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Investments										
Australia										
REA GROUP LTD CSL LTD	Equity Equity	2.7 % 3.2 %	8,113 4,639	145.24 297.38	AUD AUD	935,211 1,408,551	1,178,332 1,379,546	642,957 968,379	864,896 1,012,587	0.8 % 1.0 %
Total for Australia		5.9 %						1,611,336	1,877,482	
Canada										
METRO INC/CN CGI INC CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LTD	Equity Equity Equity	1.4 % 1.5 % 1.8 %	9,830 6,484 1,785	59.66 95.91 419.57	CAD CAD CAD	552,699 735,881 709,865	586,458 621,880 748,932	383,659 563,117 536,374	451,538 478,812 576,634	1.5 % 0.8 %
CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A	Equity Equity	2.0 % 3.7 %	511 1,099	1,608.28 1,397.77	CAD CAD	692,079 692,430	821,831 1,536,149	529,598 520,749	632,762 1,182,745	0.3 %
Total for Canada		10.5 %						2,533,497	3,322,491	
China										
NETEASE INC-ADR ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR NEW ORIENTAL EDUCATIO-SP ADR JD.COM INC-ADR	Equity Equity Equity Equity	1.0 % 1.9 % 2.3 % 4.1 %	3,665 2,293 4,359 15,331	90.37 263.36 164.85 85.35	USD USD USD USD	332,993 454,598 553,351 637,194	331,206 603,884 718,581 1,308,501	332,993 454,598 553,351 637,194	331,206 603,884 718,581 1,308,501	2.5 %
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD MEITUAN DIANPING-CLASS B	Equity Equity	1.1 % 1.9 %	5,000 16,300	563.00 290.00	HKD HKD	2,985,719 4,459,750	2,815,000 4,727,000	385,249 575,344	363,179 609,857	0.2 %
Total for China		12.4 %						2,938,728	3,935,208	
Denmark										
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B DSV Panalpina A/S	Equity Equity	1.1 % 2.7 %	5,380 5,395	419.70 984.60	DKK DKK	2,002,401 5,437,631	2,257,986 5,311,917	302,560 856,313	361,828 851,201	2.0 % 0.3 %
Total for Denmark		3.8 %						1,158,873	1,213,028	
France										
BIOMERIEUX PERNOD RICARD SA LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI	Equity Equity Equity	1.4 % 2.1 % 2.7 %	3,098 3,525 1,497	120.80 160.00 482.90	EUR EUR EUR	255,847 604,077 640,242	374,238 564,000 722,901	288,467 670,102 709,369	446,392 672,739 862,277	0.2 % 2.0 % 1.0 %

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	Туре	runu		Frice	Currency		Currency)		Currency)	rieiu
TELEPERFORMANCE	Equity	2.9 %	2,800	279.20	EUR	637,849	781,760	707,566	932,483	0.9 %
Total for France		9.2 %			_			2,375,504	2,913,891	
Germany										
SYMRISE AG DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG	Equity Equity	1.1 % 2.7 %	2,779 5,109	105.00 139.75	EUR EUR	201,817 749,675	291,795 713,983	219,980 830,453	348,053 851,639	0.9 % 2.1 %
Total for Germany	4. 9	3.8 %	.,					1,050,433	1,199,692	
India										
HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	Equity	3.5 %	16,021	69.00	USD	988,738	1,105,449	988,738	1,105,449	0.7 %
Total for India		3.5 %						988,738	1,105,449	
Indonesia										
BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA PERSER	Equity	2.7 %	2,971,100	4,090.00	IDR	13,875,439,58512	,151,799,000	1,017,336	860,609	4.1 %
Total for Indonesia		2.7 %						1,017,336	860,609	
Ireland										
ICON PLC	Equity	1.9 %	3,130	194.88	USD	549,497	609,974	549,497	609,974	
Total for Ireland		1.9 %						549,497	609,974	
Italy										
DIASORIN SPA	Equity	2.4 %	3,642	176.60	EUR	424,714	643,177	471,135	767,182	0.5 %
Total for Italy		2.4 %						471,135	767,182	
Japan										
M3 INC DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	Equity Equity Equity	1.4 % 2.6 % 3.5 %	4,800 3,600 26,600	9,622.00 23,665.00 4,400.00	JPY JPY JPY	39,320,015 57,266,619 112,278,311	46,185,600 85,194,000 117,040,000	378,733 519,849 1,019,229	442,391 816,034 1,121,073	0.1 % 0.7 % 0.6 %
Total for Japan	47	7.5 %	,,	.,		,,-,-11	.,,	1,917,811	2,379,498	3.0 /

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Mexico										
WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	Equity	1.9 %	223,700	53.25	MXN	12,933,125	11,912,025	692,748	589,322	2.4 %
Total for Mexico		1.9 %						692,748	589,322	
Netherlands										
HEINEKEN NV ASML HOLDING NV	Equity Equity	1.3 % 2.1 %	3,774 1,528	88.52 363.85	EUR EUR	390,589 431,088	334,074 555,963	433,280 473,209	398,484 663,152	1.2 % 0.7 %
KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	Equity	3.2 %	6,118	137.30	EUR	678,467	840,001	752,624	1,001,954	1.8 %
Total for Netherlands  New Zealand		6.5 %						1,659,113	2,063,590	
FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	Equity	3.7 %	47,767	33.56	AUD	1,025,086	1,603,061	704,746	1,176,646	0.8 %
Total for New Zealand		3.7 %						704,746	1,176,646	
Poland										
DINO POLSKA SA	Equity	4.0 %	18,729	252.20	PLN	2,943,422	4,723,454	770,071	1,258,715	
Total for Poland		4.0 %						770,071	1,258,715	
Switzerland										
LONZA GROUP AG-REG NESTLE SA-REG SIKA AG-REG	Equity Equity Equity	1.2 % 1.5 % 3.6 %	611 4,169 4,501	569.60 101.18 231.90	CHF CHF CHF	291,842 424,510 817,104	348,026 421,819 1,043,782	302,646 433,082 843,594	382,993 464,201 1,148,654	0.5 % 2.7 % 1.0 %
Total for Switzerland		6.3 %						1,579,322	1,995,848	
Taiwan										
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	Equity	4.2 %	13,744	97.02	USD	796,725	1,333,443	796,725	1,333,443	1.7 %
Total for Taiwan		4.2 %						796,725	1,333,443	
United Kingdom										
EXPERIAN PLC DIAGEO PLC	Equity Equity	2.4 % 2.7 %	21,757 22,165	2,646.00 2,880.00	GBP GBP	512,392 730,571	575,690 638,352	627,651 950,765	767,395 850,923	1.4 % 2.4 %
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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP	Equity	3.4 %	9,966	8,106.00	GBP	763,134	807,844	993,142	1,076,856	0.9 %
Total for United Kingdom		8.5 %						2,571,559	2,695,174	
Total for Investments		98.6 %						25,387,173	31,297,243	
Total for Net Assets		100.0 %						25,819,997	31,730,067	
Total for N0TR		100.0 %						25,819,997	31,730,067	

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cription Q 04 No: NOTR	2,211.75 2,211.75	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
No: NOTR		22 Oct 2020				
IC/CN		22 Oct 2020				
		22 Oct 2020				
		22 Oct 2020				
llar	2,211.75		10 Nov 2020	1.0000 CAD	2,211.75	Cash dividend
	*	10 Nov 2020	12 Nov 2020	0.7664 CAD	-2,211.75	
					0.00	
pina A/S	3,027.00	30 Oct 2020	03 Nov 2020	1,034.4848 DKK	-3,132,951.18	Building position
ne 3,1	132,951.18	02 Nov 2020	03 Nov 2020	0.1565 DKK	3,132,951.18	
					0.00	
LDING NV	275.04	02 Nov 2020	13 Nov 2020	1.0000 EUR	-275.04	Dividend tax on cash dividend
LDING NV	1,833.60	02 Nov 2020	13 Nov 2020	1.0000 EUR	1,833.60	Cash dividend
	1,558.56	13 Nov 2020	16 Nov 2020	1.1772 EUR	-1,558.56	
					0.00	
DIANPING-CLASS B	5,800.00	29 Oct 2020	02 Nov 2020	286.2820 HKD	-1,663,054.22	Building position.
					-1,663,054.22	
	4,800.00	20 Nov 2020	25 Nov 2020	9 197 5761 IDV	20 220 015 00	Initiating position
		1,558.56  DIANPING-CLASS B 5,800.00	1,558.56 13 Nov 2020  DIANPING-CLASS B 5,800.00 29 Oct 2020	1,558.56 13 Nov 2020 16 Nov 2020  DIANPING-CLASS B 5,800.00 29 Oct 2020 02 Nov 2020	1,558.56 13 Nov 2020 16 Nov 2020 1.1772 EUR  DIANPING-CLASS B 5,800.00 29 Oct 2020 02 Nov 2020 286.2820 HKD	1,558.56 13 Nov 2020 16 Nov 2020 1.1772 EUR -1,558.56  0.00  DIANPING-CLASS B 5,800.00 29 Oct 2020 02 Nov 2020 286.2820 HKD -1,663,054.22  -1,663,054.22

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ransaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
ccount No:	U19A104						
ustodian Ac	ecount No: NOTR						
rchase	Japanese Yen	39,320,015.00	23 Nov 2020	25 Nov 2020	0.0096 JPY	39,320,015.00	
tal for JPY						0.00	
XN							
Income	WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	67,110.00	23 Nov 2020	25 Nov 2020	1.0000 MXN	67,110.00	Cash dividend
Income	WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	100,665.00	23 Nov 2020	25 Nov 2020	1.0000 MXN	100,665.00	Cash dividend
	Mexican Peso	167,775.00	26 Nov 2020	27 Nov 2020	0.0499 MXN	-167,775.00	
al for MXN						0.00	
LN							
1	DINO POLSKA SA	1,610.00	06 Nov 2020	10 Nov 2020	274.8014 PLN	441,766.60	Compliance trade
	Polish Zloty	441,766.60	09 Nov 2020	10 Nov 2020	0.2631 PLN	-441,766.60	
d for PLN						0.00	
SD							
ncomeNonTrading	United States Dollar	87.83	02 Nov 2020	02 Nov 2020	1.0000 USD	87.83	Interest income
hase	Danish Krone	3,132,951.18	02 Nov 2020	03 Nov 2020	0.1565 USD	-490,369.51	
	Polish Zloty	441,766.60	09 Nov 2020	10 Nov 2020	0.2631 USD	116,243.05	
	Canada Dollar	2,211.75	10 Nov 2020	12 Nov 2020	0.7664 USD	1,695.09	
	Euro	1,558.56	13 Nov 2020	16 Nov 2020	1.1772 USD	1,834.75	<b>D.1</b> 0
sAcct	United States Dollar	0.00	16 Nov 2020	16 Nov 2020	1.0000 USD	-45,338.46	Redemption from U19A104 to zzzConCapUSD
sAcctin	United States Dollar	0.00	16 Nov 2020	16 Nov 2020	1.0000 USD	45,338.46	Redemption from U19A104 to zzzConCapUSD
	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	815.00	17 Nov 2020	19 Nov 2020	96.4863 USD	78,626.44	Compliance trade
chase	Japanese Yen	39,320,015.00	23 Nov 2020	25 Nov 2020	0.0096 USD	-376,689.83	
1	Mexican Peso	167,775.00	26 Nov 2020	27 Nov 2020	0.0499 USD	8,373.30	

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Account No:	U19A104						
Custodian Ad	ccount No: NOTR						
MiscAdjExp	United States Dollar	4.50	30 Nov 2020	30 Nov 2020	1.0000 USD	-4.50	Invoice paid
Total for USD						-660,203.38	

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### **Commissions 01 Nov 20 - 30 Nov 20**

	Total \$ Consideration FC	Total Commission FC	% Commission	Trade Count	# of Shares
U19A104					
Loop Capital Global Cash	573,877.07 USD	372.46 USD	100.00 %	3	7,225
Total	573,877.07 USD	372.46 USD	100.00 %	3	7,225

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