

APPLIED RESEARCH INVESTMENTS

MONTHLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

January 15, 2021

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 December 2020:

The portfolio lagged its benchmark in December as the rotation from growth to value stocks continued into the end of 2020. Healthcare and industrial stocks were the main performance laggards whereas IT, financials and consumer staple stocks were the strong performers.

Market Outlook:

The quarter... In Q4/20, the ARI ACWI ex-US strategy lagged the MSCI ACWI ex-US Index by 695 bps, due mainly to an equity market rotation in which investor preference shifted from growth stocks to value stocks. The sector allocation and stock selection both contributed to the underperformance.

ARI's View... with the arrival of COVID vaccines, an economic recovery is now on the horizon, although it might take as long as one year for the developed economies as the herd immunity is unlikely to be reached before summer at the current vaccination rates. It is becoming more evident by now that some of the recent dynamics such as working from home, ecommerce uptake and a reduction in business travel are likely to become more permanent and therefore change the fundamental structure of the economy. The only large economy that managed to grow in 2021 was China. Similar to Q3, we view that the high valuation remains the main reason for our unfavorable view of the current risk/reward of equity markets.

Risks ARI is Monitoring... 1. Sustained high unemployment rates and the state of the labor market, 2. the virus' potential permanent impact, 3. market dislocation due to massive liquidity injections by central banks, 4. US-China relations, 5. rapidly increased sovereign debt levels, 6. SME bankruptcy rates and default risks related to the commercial property and 7. overall equity valuations in the developed markets.

Portfolio Positioning... we have added weights of companies that are able to deliver revenues and earnings growth under the current uncertain economic conditions.



Statement of Performance

For the Period: December 01, 2020 - December 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
\$26,884,725.74²	\$31,730,066.91	\$0.00	\$1,387,500.19	\$33,117,567.10	(\$29,732.55)	\$33,087,834.55

Contribution/(Redemption) Details

Date Activity Amount Description

Account Performance Summary		MTD %	QTD %	YTD ¹ %	One Year ¹ %	Since Inception ¹ %
Strategy: U19A104	Gross	4.37%	12.11%	NA	NA	27.00%
	Net	4.28%	12.01%	NA	NA	26.53%
Benchmark: MSCI AC World ExUS N	ITR INDEX	5.41%	17.01%	NA	NA	13.71%

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 December, 2020

Security Description	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	 Listing urrency	Book Mkt Value Value	Book Mkt Value Value	% Div Yield
	V 1				(In Local Currency)	(In Fund Currency)	

1.00

CAD

1,696

1,696

1,332

1,332

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FC - Fund Currency USD

Net Assets

Accrued Investment Income and Expenses

Canada

Canada Dollar

Total for Canada		0.0 %				1,332	1,332
United States							
Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	4,957	0.00 USD	4,957 4,957	4,957	4,957
Total for United States		0.0 %				4,957	4,957
Total for Accrued Investment Income and	Expenses	0.0 %				6,289	6,289
Cash and Due Upon Settlement							
Canada							
Canada Dollar	Currencies	0.0 %	0	1.00 CAD	0 0	0	0
Total for Canada		0.0 %				0	0
United States							
Cash	Currencies	0.8 %	268,193	0.00 USD	268,193 268,193	268,193	268,193
Total for United States		0.8 %				268,193	268,193
Total for Cash and Due Upon Settlement		0.8 %			_	268,193	268,193

1,696

0.0 %

Currencies

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Security Description	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Price	Listing Currency	Book Value	Mkt Value	Book Value	Mkt Value Currency) 931,017	
						(In Local	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
Investments										
Australia										
REA GROUP LTD CSL LTD	Equity Equity	2.8 % 3.1 %	8,113 4,639	148.86 283.18	AUD AUD	935,211 1,408,551	1,207,701 1,313,672	642,957 968,379		
Total for Australia		5.9 %						1,611,336	1,943,727	
Canada										
TOPICUS.COM INC METRO INC/CN CGI INC CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LTD CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC	Equity Equity Equity Equity Equity	0.0 % 1.3 % 1.6 % 1.9 % 2.0 %	950 9,830 6,484 1,785 511	0.00 56.80 100.99 441.53 1,652.92	CAD CAD CAD CAD CAD	0 552,699 735,881 709,865 692,079	0 558,344 654,819 788,131 844,642	0 383,659 563,117 536,374 529,598	438,536 514,310 619,016	0.8 %
SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A	Equity	3.7 %	1,099	1,437.32	CAD	692,430	1,579,615	520,749		
Total for Canada China		10.5 %						2,533,497	3,475,928	
NETEASE INC-ADR ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR NEW ORIENTAL EDUCATIO-SP ADR JD.COM INC-ADR TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD MEITUAN DIANPING-CLASS B	Equity Equity Equity Equity Equity Equity	1.1 % 1.6 % 2.4 % 4.1 % 1.1 %	3,665 2,293 4,359 15,331 5,000 16,300	95.77 232.73 185.81 87.90 564.00 294.60	USD USD USD USD HKD HKD	332,993 454,598 553,351 637,194 2,985,719 4,459,750	350,997 533,650 809,946 1,347,595 2,820,000 4,801,980	332,993 454,598 553,351 637,194 385,249 575,344	533,650 809,946 1,347,595 363,758	
Total for China	_4***)	12.2 %						2,938,728	-	
Denmark										
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B DSV Panalpina A/S	Equity Equity	1.1 % 2.7 %	5,380 5,395	426.65 1,020.00	DKK DKK	2,002,401 5,437,631	2,295,377 5,502,900	302,560 856,313	376,798 903,329	2.0 % 0.2 %
Total for Denmark		3.9 %						1,158,873	1,280,127	
France										
BIOMERIEUX PERNOD RICARD SA TELEPERFORMANCE	Equity Equity Equity	1.3 % 2.0 % 2.8 %	3,098 3,525 2,800	115.40 156.80 271.30	EUR EUR EUR	255,847 604,077 637,849	357,509 552,720 759,640	288,467 670,102 707,566	436,769 675,258 928,052	0.2 % 1.7 % 0.9 %

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Security Description	Security	% of	Quantity	Share	Listing	Book Value	Mkt Value	Book Value	Mkt Value	% Div Yield 0.9 % 0.9 % 2.1 % 4.0 %
	Type	Fund		Price	Currency		Currency)		Currency)	Yield
						(III Local	(Currency)	(III Funu	Currency)	
LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI	Equity	2.8 %	1,497	510.90	EUR	640,242	764,817	709,369	934,377	0.9 %
Total for France		9.0 %						2,375,504	2,974,456	
Germany										
SYMRISE AG	Equity	1.1 %	2,779	108.40	EUR	201,817	301,244	219,980	368,029	
DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG	Equity	2.6 %	5,109	139.25	EUR	749,675	711,428	830,453	869,152	2.1 %
Total for Germany		3.7 %						1,050,433	1,237,181	
India										
HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	Equity	3.5 %	16,021	72.26	USD	988,738	1,157,677	988,738	1,157,677	0.7 %
Total for India		3.5 %						988,738	1,157,677	
Indonesia										
BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA PERSER	Equity	2.7 %	2,971,100	4,170.00	IDR	13,875,439,58512	,389,487,000	1,017,336	881,814	4.0 %
Total for Indonesia		2.7 %						1,017,336	881,814	
Ireland										
ICON PLC	Equity	1.8 %	3,130	194.98	USD	549,497	610,287	549,497	610,287	
Total for Ireland		1.8 %						549,497	610,287	
Italy										
DIASORIN SPA	Equity	2.3 %	3,642	170.10	EUR	424,714	619,504	471,135	756,848	0.6 %
Total for Italy		2.3 %						471,135	756,848	
Japan										
M3 INC	Equity	1.4 %	4,800	9,743.00	JPY	39,320,015	46,766,400	378,733	452,943	0.1 %
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	Equity	2.4 % 2.6 %	3,600 20,500	22,920.00 4,321.00	JPY JPY	57,266,619 86,530,277	82,512,000 88,580,500	519,849 785,496	799,148 857,923	0.7 % 0.6 %
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	Equity		20,300	4,321.00	JP I	80,330,277	88,580,500	785,496	857,923	0.6 %
Total for Japan		6.4 %						1,684,078	2,110,014	

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	Туре	Tunu		11100	Currency	(In Loca	l Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	Ticiu
Mexico										
WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	Equity	1.9 %	223,700	55.98	MXN	12,933,125	12,522,726	692,748	629,264	3.2 %
Total for Mexico		1.9 %						692,748	629,264	
Netherlands										
HEINEKEN NV ASML HOLDING NV KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	Equity Equity Equity	1.3 % 2.2 % 3.2 %	3,774 1,528 6,118	91.22 397.55 140.80	EUR EUR EUR	390,589 431,088 678,467	344,264 607,456 861,414	433,280 473,209 752,624	420,588 742,129 1,052,390	1.1 % 0.6 % 1.7 %
Total for Netherlands		6.7 %						1,659,113	2,215,107	
New Zealand										
FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	Equity	3.4 %	47,767	30.95	AUD	1,025,086	1,478,389	704,746	1,139,690	1.0 %
Total for New Zealand		3.4 %						704,746	1,139,690	
Poland										
DINO POLSKA SA	Equity	4.4 %	18,729	289.40	PLN	2,943,422	5,420,173	770,071	1,452,156	
Total for Poland		4.4 %						770,071	1,452,156	
Singapore										
SEA LTD-ADR	Equity	1.6 %	2,646	199.05	USD	538,170	526,686	538,170	526,686	
Total for Singapore		1.6 %						538,170	526,686	
Switzerland										
LONZA GROUP AG-REG NESTLE SA-REG SIKA AG-REG	Equity Equity Equity	1.2 % 1.5 % 3.7 %	611 4,169 4,501	568.80 104.26 241.80	CHF CHF CHF	291,842 424,510 817,104	347,537 434,660 1,088,342	302,646 433,082 843,594	392,564 490,975 1,229,348	0.5 % 2.6 % 0.9 %
Total for Switzerland		6.4 %						1,579,322	2,112,887	

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	-74.				•	(In Local	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
Taiwan										
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	Equity	4.2 %	12,726	109.04	USD	737,162	1,387,643	737,162	1,387,643	1.6 %
Total for Taiwan		4.2 %						737,162	1,387,643	
United Kingdom										
EXPERIAN PLC	Equity	2.5 %	21,757	2,777.00	GBP	512,392	604,192	627,651	826,232	
DIAGEO PLC LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP	Equity Equity	2.6 % 3.7 %	22,165 9,966	2,878.00 9,008.00	GBP GBP	730,571 763,134	637,909 897,737	950,765 993,142	872,340 1,227,656	
Total for United Kingdom		8.8 %						2,571,559	2,926,228	
Total for Investments		99.2 %					-	25,632,047	32,843,085	
Total for Net Assets		100.0 %					_	25,906,529	33,117,567	
Total for N0TR		100.0 %					_	25,906,529	33,117,567	

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For the Period: 1 December, 2020 - 31 December, 2020

Transaction Report

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Fransaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	: U19A104						
Custodian A	ccount No: NOTR						
AUD							
ivIncome	FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	7,211.67	03 Dec 2020	16 Dec 2020	1.0000 AUD	7,211.67	Cash dividend
1	Australia Dollar	7,211.67	16 Dec 2020	17 Dec 2020	0.7527 AUD	-7,211.67	
tal for AUD						0.00	
CAD							
rchase	TOPICUS.COM INC	950.36	28 Dec 2020	28 Dec 2020	0.0000 CAD	0.00	Spin Off: Open a spin off position
1	TOPICUS.COM INC	0.36	28 Dec 2020	28 Dec 2020	1.0000 CAD	0.36	Spin Off: Reduce fractional position
tal for CAD						0.36	
UR							
vIncome	LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI	2,994.00	01 Dec 2020	03 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	2,994.00	Cash dividend
Taxes	LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI	449.10	01 Dec 2020	03 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	-449.10	Dividend tax on cash dividend
	Euro	2,544.90	03 Dec 2020	04 Dec 2020	1.2077 EUR	-2,544.90	
Taxes	PERNOD RICARD SA	782.55	09 Dec 2020	11 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	-782.55	Dividend tax on cash dividend
Income	PERNOD RICARD SA	5,217.00	09 Dec 2020	11 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	5,217.00	Cash dividend
1	Euro	4,434.45	11 Dec 2020	14 Dec 2020	1.2120 EUR	-4,434.45	
TaxCredit	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	1,495.85	23 Dec 2020	23 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	1,495.85	Dividend tax reclaim
TaxCredit	ASML HOLDING NV	216.47	23 Dec 2020	23 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	216.47	Dividend tax reclaim
vTaxCredit	HEINEKEN NV	588.74	23 Dec 2020	23 Dec 2020	1.0000 EUR	588.74	Dividend tax reclaim
11	Euro	2,301.06	23 Dec 2020	24 Dec 2020	1.2141 EUR	-2,301.06	
tal for EUR						0.00	

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	U19A104						
Custodian A	ccount No: NOTR						
HKD							
MiscAdjInc	Hong Kong Dollar	0.11	22 Dec 2020	22 Dec 2020	0.0000 HKD	0.11	
Total for HKD						0.11	
JPY							
DivIncome	DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	288,000.00	29 Sep 2020	02 Dec 2020	1.0000 JPY	288,000.00	Cash dividend
DivIncome	RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	252,700.00	29 Sep 2020	10 Dec 2020	1.0000 JPY	252,700.00	Cash dividend
ell	Japanese Yen	288,000.00	02 Dec 2020	03 Dec 2020	0.0095 JPY	-288,000.00	
ell	RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	6,100.00	08 Dec 2020	10 Dec 2020	4,101.6214 JPY	25,007,381.00	Building cash position
ell	Japanese Yen	25,007,381.00	09 Dec 2020	10 Dec 2020	0.0096 JPY	-25,007,381.00	
211	Japanese Yen	252,700.00	10 Dec 2020	11 Dec 2020	0.0096 JPY	-252,700.00	
otal for JPY						0.00	
MXN							
DivIncome	WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	105,139.00	14 Dec 2020	16 Dec 2020	1.0000 MXN	105,139.00	Cash dividend
DivIncome	WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	67,110.00	14 Dec 2020	16 Dec 2020	1.0000 MXN	67,110.00	Cash dividend
ell	Mexican Peso	172,249.00	17 Dec 2020	18 Dec 2020	0.0502 MXN	-172,249.00	
otal for MXN						0.00	
USD							
IntIncomeNonTrading	United States Dollar	69.20	01 Dec 2020	01 Dec 2020	1.0000 USD	69.20	Interest income
Sell	Japanese Yen	288,000.00	02 Dec 2020	03 Dec 2020	0.0095 USD	2,747.36	
Sell	Euro	2,544.90	03 Dec 2020	04 Dec 2020	1.2077 USD	3,073.40	
DivIncome	NETEASE INC-ADR	705.51	03 Dec 2020	18 Dec 2020	1.0000 USD	705.51	Cash dividend

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	: U19A104						
Custodian A	ccount No: NOTR						
Sell	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	1,018.00	08 Dec 2020	10 Dec 2020	106.0037 USD	107,899.21	Compliance trade
Purchase	SEA LTD-ADR	1,869.00	08 Dec 2020	10 Dec 2020	205.0142 USD	-383,190.23	Building position
Sell	Japanese Yen	25,007,381.00	09 Dec 2020	10 Dec 2020	0.0096 USD	239,561.38	
Sell	Japanese Yen	252,700.00	10 Dec 2020	11 Dec 2020	0.0096 USD	2,415.94	
Sell	Euro	4,434.45	11 Dec 2020	14 Dec 2020	1.2120 USD	5,374.60	
Sell	Australia Dollar	7,211.67	16 Dec 2020	17 Dec 2020	0.7527 USD	5,428.22	
Sell	Mexican Peso	172,249.00	17 Dec 2020	18 Dec 2020	0.0502 USD	8,649.43	
Purchase	SEA LTD-ADR	777.00	18 Dec 2020	22 Dec 2020	199.4489 USD	-154,979.57	
Sell	Euro	2,301.06	23 Dec 2020	24 Dec 2020	1.2141 USD	2,793.72	
Total for USD						-159,451.83	

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Commissions 01 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 20

	Total \$ Consideration FC	Total Commission FC	% Commission	Trade Count	# of Shares
U19A104					
Loop Capital Global Cash	778,232.98 USD	146.55 USD	93.50 %	3	8,746
Pictet	107,899.21 USD	10.18 USD	6.50 %	1	1,018
Total	886,132.19 USD	156.73 USD	100.00 %	4	9,764

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