

### **APPLIED RESEARCH INVESTMENTS**

#### MONTHLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

September 10, 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 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 U19A104 rose by +7.55%, outperforming its benchmark by 207 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: 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
\$26,734,256.57 <sup>2</sup>	\$34,443,462.53	(\$51,025.59)	\$1,138,014.38	\$35,530,451.32	\$0.00	\$35,530,451.32

Contribution/(Redemption) Details

DateActivity<br/>DescriptionAmount8/27/2021Redemption\$51,025.59

Account Performance Summary		MTD %	QTD %	YTD %	One Year %	Since Inception <sup>1</sup> %
Strategy: U19A104	Gross	3.31%	3.25%	7.76%	18.73%	21.92%
	Net	3.31%	3.25%	7.55%	18.27%	21.48%
Benchmark : MSCI AC World ExUS N	1.90%	0.22%	9.40%	24.87%	14.78%	

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 August, 2021

<b>Security Description</b>	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Listing Price Currency	Book Mkt Value Value	Book Mkt Value Value	% Div Yield
	71			·	(In Local Currency)	(In Fund Currency)	

Account No: U19A104

Custodian Account No: NOTR

FC - Fund Currency USD

### **Net Assets**

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

#### Australia

Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	5,841	0.00 AUD	5,841	5,841	4,273	4,273
Total for Australia		0.0 %					4,273	4,273
Canada								
Canada Dollar	Currencies	0.0 %	1,872	1.00 CAD	1,872	1,872	1,484	1,484
	Currencies		1,672	1.00 CAD	1,072	1,672		
Total for Canada		0.0 %					1,484	1,484
United Kingdom								
Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	11,500	0.00 GBP	11,500	11,500	15,810	15,810
Total for United Kingdom		0.0 %					15,810	15,810
United States								
Cash	Currencies	0.0 %	720	0.00 USD	720	720	720	720
Total for United States		0.0 %					720	720
Total for Accrued Investment Income and Expenses		0.1 %					22,287	22,287



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<b>Security Description</b>	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Price	Listing Currency	Book Value	Mkt Value	Book Value	Value Yield Currency)  211,544  211,544  211,544  439,254  0.9	% Div Yield
						(In Local	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
Cash and Due Upon Settlement										
United States										
Cash	Currencies	0.6 %	211,544	0.00	USD	211,544	211,544	211,544	211,544	
Total for United States		0.6 %						211,544	211,544	
Total for Cash and Due Upon Settlement		0.6 %					_	211,544	211,544	
Investments										
Australia										
CSL LTD REA GROUP LTD	Equity Equity	1.2 % 2.6 %	1,925 8,113	311.94 153.50	AUD AUD	584,492 935,211	600,485 1,245,346	401,839 642,957		0.9 % 0.9 %
Total for Australia		3.8 %						1,044,796	1,350,225	
Brazil										
STONECO LTD-A	Equity	1.6 %	11,879	46.54	USD	884,695	552,849	884,695	552,849	
Total for Brazil		1.6 %						884,695	552,849	
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 %	7,487 7,114 814 932	64.27 86.69 2,138.19 1,926.59	CAD CAD CAD CAD	420,962 598,035 1,197,929 587,523	481,189 616,713 1,740,487 1,795,582	292,213 459,025 929,163 441,304	381,442 488,873 1,379,696 1,423,370	1.5 % 0.9 % 0.2 %
Total for Canada		10.3 %						2,121,705	3,673,381	
China										
YUM CHINA HOLDINGS INC ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD WUXI APPTEC CO LTD-H	Equity Equity Equity	1.0 % 1.1 % 1.2 %	6,000 18,900 21,120	479.00 165.50 155.00	HKD HKD HKD	3,189,380 3,903,754 3,183,463	2,874,000 3,127,950 3,273,600	410,965 502,666 410,060	369,527 402,179 420,906	0.8 % 0.2 %



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	Турс					(In Local	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
JD.COM INC - CL A	Equity	1.5 %	13,100	306.40	HKD	3,471,797	4,013,840	447,045	516,084	
Total for China		4.8 %					_	1,770,737	1,708,697	
Denmark										
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B DSV Panalpina A/S	Equity Equity	1.5 % 3.9 %	5,380 5,395	627.70 1,605.00	DKK DKK	2,002,401 5,437,631	3,377,026 8,658,975	302,560 856,313	536,181 1,374,811	1.5 % 0.2 %
Total for Denmark		5.4 %						1,158,873	1,910,992	
France										
L'OREAL PERNOD RICARD SA LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI AIRBUS SE TELEPERFORMANCE	Equity Equity Equity Equity Equity	1.5 % 2.1 % 3.1 % 3.2 % 3.5 %	1,134 3,525 1,497 8,416 2,800	396.30 177.95 626.80 115.70 374.40	EUR EUR EUR EUR EUR	358,462 604,077 640,242 838,500 637,849	449,404 627,274 938,320 973,731 1,048,320	434,887 670,102 709,369 1,019,575 707,566	530,612 740,622 1,107,874 1,149,684 1,237,751	1.0 % 1.6 % 1.0 %
Total for France	Equity	13.4 %	2,000	371.10	<u> </u>	037,015	1,010,320	3,541,499	4,766,543	0.0 70
Germany										
ZALANDO SE	Equity	1.9 %	5,969	93.80	EUR	586,328	559,892	714,968	661,065	
Total for Germany		1.9 %						714,968	661,065	
India										
ICICI BANK LTD-SPON ADR INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	Equity Equity Equity	1.2 % 2.5 % 3.5 %	21,808 36,594 16,021	19.62 23.82 78.31	USD USD USD	422,377 820,157 988,738	427,873 871,669 1,254,605	422,377 820,157 988,738	427,873 871,669 1,254,605	0.3 % 1.5 % 0.3 %
Total for India		7.2 %						2,231,272	2,554,147	
Indonesia										
BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA PERSER	Equity	2.3 %	2,971,100	3,930.00	IDR	13,875,439,58511	,676,423,000	1,017,336	818,364	2.5 %
Total for Indonesia		2.3 %						1,017,336	818,364	
Japan										
M3 INC DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	Equity Equity	1.1 % 2.5 %	5,722 3,600	7,401.00 27,405.00	JPY JPY	46,373,081 57,266,619	42,348,522 98,658,000	443,434 519,849	384,917 896,728	0.2 % 0.6 %
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						(In Loca	l Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	Equity	3.4 %	20,500	6,500.00	JPY	86,530,277	133,250,000	785,496	1,211,143	0.3 %
Total for Japan		7.0 %						1,748,779	2,492,788	
Mexico										
WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	Equity	3.0 %	299,250	71.46	MXN	18,211,935	21,384,405	958,513	1,064,695	2.1 %
Total for Mexico		3.0 %						958,513	1,064,695	
Netherlands										
ASML HOLDING NV KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	Equity Equity	3.6 % 3.7 %	1,528 6,118	704.50 180.25	EUR EUR	431,088 678,467	1,076,476 1,102,770	473,209 752,624	1,270,995 1,302,040	0.4 % 1.3 %
Total for Netherlands		7.2 %						1,225,833	2,573,035	
New Zealand										
FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE C	Equity	3.1 %	47,767	31.79	AUD	1,025,086	1,518,513	704,746	1,110,792	1.1 %
Total for New Zealand		3.1 %						704,746	1,110,792	
Poland										
DINO POLSKA SA	Equity	3.0 %	12,384	324.60	PLN	1,950,355	4,019,846	510,310	1,049,596	
Total for Poland		3.0 %						510,310	1,049,596	
Singapore										
SEA LTD-ADR	Equity	4.1 %	4,301	338.32	USD	940,416	1,455,114	940,416	1,455,114	
Total for Singapore		4.1 %						940,416	1,455,114	
Sweden										
ATLAS COPCO AB-A SHS	Equity	3.7 %	18,912	592.40	SEK	10,213,981	11,203,469	1,202,818	1,298,080	1.2 %
Total for Sweden		3.7 %						1,202,818	1,298,080	
Switzerland										
NESTLE SA-REG LONZA GROUP AG-REG	Equity Equity	1.5 % 3.0 %	4,169 1,272	115.74 775.00	CHF CHF	424,510 762,567	482,520 985,800	433,082 813,974	526,884 1,076,436	2.4 % 0.4 %
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Security Description	Security Type	% of Fund	Quantity	Share Price	Listing Currency	Book Value	Mkt Value	Book Value	Mkt Value	Value         Yield           urrency)         1,505,239         0.8 %           3,108,558         1,375,637         1.5 %           1,375,637         1.5 %         1,044,707           1,772,062         1,772,062         1,772,062
						(In Local	Currency)	(In Fund	Currency)	
SIKA AG-REG	Equity	4.2 %	4,176	330.10	CHF	758,252	1,378,498	782,778	1,505,239	0.8 %
Total for Switzerland		8.7 %						2,029,834	3,108,558	
Taiwan										
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	Equity	3.9 %	11,559	119.01	USD	668,881	1,375,637	668,881	1,375,637	1.5 %
Total for Taiwan		3.9 %						668,881	1,375,637	
United Kingdom										
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP DIAGEO PLC	Equity Equity	2.0 % 3.0 %	6,467 22,165	7,956.00 3,494.00	GBP GBP	495,202 730,571	514,515 774,445	644,456 950,765		1.0 % 2.1 %
Total for United Kingdom		5.0 %						1,595,222	1,772,062	
Total for Investments		99.3 %					-	26,071,233	35,296,620	
Total for Net Assets		100.0 %					-	26,305,065	35,530,451	
Total for N0TR		100.0 %					-	26,305,065	35,530,451	



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### **Transaction Report**

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No	: U19A104						
Custodian A	ccount No: NOTR						
CHF							
rurchase	LONZA GROUP AG-REG	335.00	18 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	753.5322 CHF	-252,559.50	Building positions
urchase	Swiss Franc	252,559.50	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	1.0900 CHF	252,559.50	
otal for CHF						0.00	
OKK							
ivIncome	NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	18,830.00	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	1.0000 DKK	18,830.00	Cash dividend
ivTaxes	NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	5,084.10	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	1.0000 DKK	-5,084.10	Dividend tax on cash dividend
ell	Danish Krone	13,745.90	18 Aug 2021	19 Aug 2021	0.1570 DKK	-13,745.90	
otal for DKK						0.00	
EUR							
DivTaxes	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	734.16	05 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 EUR	-734.16	Dividend tax on cash dividend
ivIncome	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV	4,894.40	05 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 EUR	4,894.40	Cash dividend
ırchase	KONINKLIJKE DSM NV RTS 2 DSM RT2 NA	6,118.00	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	6,118.00	27 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	0.0000 EUR	0.00	
ell	Euro	4,160.24	27 Aug 2021	30 Aug 2021	1.1715 EUR	-4,160.24	
otal for EUR						0.00	
HKD							
ell	NETEASE INC	18,400.00	29 Jul 2021	02 Aug 2021	157.0713 HKD	2,885,554.20	Compliance trade
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,885,554.20	30 Jul 2021	02 Aug 2021	0.1286 HKD	-2,885,554.20	
ell	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	2,968.00	04 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	455.9093 HKD	1,350,598.95	Compliance trade
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,350,598.95	05 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	0.1286 HKD	-1,350,598.95	

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Transaction Type	Description	Quantity	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Price	Cashflow	Notes
Account No :	: U19A104						
Custodian A	ccount No: NOTR						
ell	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	3,032.00	05 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	449.2884 HKD	1,359,685.50	To fund purchases
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,359,685.50	06 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	0.1285 HKD	-1,359,685.50	
ell	JD.COM INC - CL A	8,900.00	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	266.4330 HKD	2,366,802.86	To fund purchases
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,366,802.86	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.1283 HKD	-2,366,802.86	
ell	JD.COM INC - CL A	6,900.00	18 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	253.1679 HKD	1,743,579.59	Increasing Regulatory risks in
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,743,579.59	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	0.1283 HKD	-1,743,579.59	
ell	MEITUAN DIANPING-CLASS B	13,592.00	20 Aug 2021	24 Aug 2021	193.5367 HKD	2,625,613.28	Exit due to increasing regulat
ell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,625,613.28	23 Aug 2021	24 Aug 2021	0.1283 HKD	-2,625,613.28	
otal for HKD						0.00	
IXN							
ırchase	WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV	75,550.00	16 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	69.7880 MXN	-5,278,810.38	Building positions
ırchase	Mexican Peso	5,278,810.38	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.0501 MXN	5,278,810.38	
otal for MXN						0.00	
J <b>SD</b>							
vIncome	HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	4,217.18	20 Jul 2021	19 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	4,217.18	Cash dividend
vTaxes	HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	421.72	20 Jul 2021	19 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-421.72	Dividend tax on cash dividend
:11	Hong Kong Dollar	2,885,554.20	30 Jul 2021	02 Aug 2021	0.1286 USD	371,088.46	
tIncomeNonTrading	United States Dollar	14.33	02 Aug 2021	02 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	14.33	
ırchase	ICICI BANK LTD-SPON ADR	21,808.00	04 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	19.3580 USD	-422,377.34	Building position
:11	Hong Kong Dollar	1,350,598.95	05 Aug 2021	06 Aug 2021	0.1286 USD	173,652.85	
rchase	INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR	7,697.00	05 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	22.5893 USD	-173,946.81	Building position
:11	Hong Kong Dollar	1,359,685.50	06 Aug 2021	09 Aug 2021	0.1285 USD	174,746.11	
11	Hong Kong Dollar	2,366,802.86	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.1283 USD	303,667.52	
ırchase	Mexican Peso	5,278,810.38	17 Aug 2021	18 Aug 2021	0.0501 USD	-264,357.81	

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Account No	: U19A104						
Custodian A	ccount No: NOTR						
Sell	Danish Krone	13,745.90	18 Aug 2021	19 Aug 2021	0.1570 USD	2,158.73	
DivTaxes	HDFC BANK LTD-ADR	420.54	19 Aug 2021	19 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-420.54	Dividend tax
Purchase	Swiss Franc	252,559.50	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	1.0900 USD	-275,302.22	
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	1,743,579.59	19 Aug 2021	20 Aug 2021	0.1283 USD	223,780.86	
Purchase	INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR	10,163.00	19 Aug 2021	23 Aug 2021	23.5994 USD	-239,942.33	Building positions
Sell	Hong Kong Dollar	2,625,613.28	23 Aug 2021	24 Aug 2021	0.1283 USD	336,920.75	
TransAcct	United States Dollar	0.00	27 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-51,025.59	Redemption from U19A104 to zzzConCapUSD
MiscAdjExp	United States Dollar	30.00	27 Aug 2021	27 Aug 2021	1.0000 USD	-30.00	Invoice paid
Sell	Euro	4,160.24	27 Aug 2021	30 Aug 2021	1.1715 USD	4,873.85	
Total for USD						167,296.28	



### *Commissions 01 Aug 21 - 31 Aug 21*

	Total \$ Consideration FC	Total Commission FC	% Commission	Trade Count	# of Shares
Account No: U19A104					
Custodian Account No:	N0TR				
Pictet	2,591,152.92 USD	1,460.85 USD	100.00 %	10	150,945
Total	2,591,152.92 USD	1,460.85 USD	100.00 %	10	150,945