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Dean Patenaude Joins Artisan Partners as Managing Director of Non-U.S. Distribution

Milwaukee, **Wisconsin**. Artisan Partners announced today that Dean Patenaude has joined its team to lead the firm's non-U.S. distribution efforts. Dean joined Artisan from Affiliated Managers Group (AMG) where he was the Senior Vice President for Affiliate Marketing and served as the Head of Global Distribution. Prior to joining AMG, Dean worked for two premier investment management firms: Wellington Management Company, as Director of Consultant Marketing; and Brinson Partners, Inc., as Partner in business development. Dean holds a BS in Business Administration from Georgetown University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

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The firm's principal offices are located in Milwaukee, San Francisco, Atlanta, New York and London.

For additional information, please contact your Artisan Partners representative.

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