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Artisan Partners Global Equity Team Changes

San Francisco, California. Artisan Partners today announced portfolio manager changes to its Global Equity team. Barry Dargan, lead portfolio manager of Artisan Global Equity Strategy, is leaving Artisan Partners effective immediately. Mark Yockey, founder of the Global Equity team at Artisan Partners and portfolio manager of Artisan Global Equity Strategy, will continue in that role. In addition, Charles Henri-Hamker and Andrew Euretig have been named portfolio managers on the strategy. There is no change to the strategy's investment objective, philosophy and process.

"We are pleased to have such a deep and talented Global Equity team all solely dedicated to the investment philosophy Mark Yockey put in place in 1995. Charles Hamker has been working with Mark since 2000 and Andrew Euretig since 2005. This experience together, working within a common investing philosophy, creates great continuity in decision making," said Eric Colson, Artisan Partners CEO. "We appreciate Barry Dargan's contributions to the Global Equity Strategy and wish him well."

ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Mark L. Yockey, CFA is a Managing Director of Artisan Partners and a portfolio manager on the Global Equity team. In this role, he is a portfolio manager for the Non-U.S. Growth, Non-U.S. Small-Cap Growth and Global Equity strategies. Prior to joining Artisan Partners in December 1995, Mr. Yockey was the portfolio manager of the United International Growth Fund and vice president of Waddell & Reed from January 1990 through December 1995. Before assuming responsibility for the United International Growth Fund, Mr. Yockey was an analyst for Waddell & Reed from 1986 through 1989, specializing in the worldwide health care industry and international special situations. Earlier in his career, he was a health care analyst for the State of Michigan Retirement Fund for five years. Mr. Yockey holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Finance from Michigan State University. He completed one year of undergraduate work at the Université d'Aix-en-Provence in France. He also worked for the French bank, La Société Générale. He is fluent in French.

Charles-Henri Hamker is a Managing Director of Artisan Partners and a portfolio manager on the Global Equity team. In this role, he is an associate portfolio manager for the Non-U.S. Growth strategy and a portfolio manager for the Non-U.S. Small-Cap Growth and Global Equity strategies. He also conducts research, primarily focusing on the consumer sector. Prior to joining Artisan Partners in August 2000, Mr. Hamker worked on the European Equities Desk in the New York office of Banque Nationale de Paris. Earlier in his career, he worked in the Paris and London offices of J.P. Morgan. Mr. Hamker holds a bachelor's degree with a specialization in Finance and Economics from the European Business School in Paris. He is fluent in French and German.

Andrew J. Euretig is a portfolio manager on the Global Equity team. In this role, he is an associate portfolio manager for the Non-U.S. Growth strategy and a portfolio manager for the Global Equity strategy. He also conducts research, primarily focusing on the industrials sector. Prior to joining Artisan Partners in June 2005, Mr. Euretig was a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to receiving his master's degree, he worked as an intern at ValueAct Capital and Lawndale Capital Management. His previous experience also includes serving in the United States Navy as an amphibious operations officer. Mr. Euretig holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree from the Haas School of Business at the University of California-Berkeley.

ABOUT ARTISAN PARTNERS

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

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