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Artisan Partners to Launch a New Global Equity Strategy led by Mark Yockey and Barry Dargan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Artisan Partners announced today that it will launch a new global equity strategy in early 2010. The new strategy will be co-managed by Mark Yockey and Barry Dargan. Mr. Dargan recently joined Artisan from MFS® Investment Management where he was a managing director, portfolio manager of the firm's international growth equity portfolios and portfolio co-manager of the firm's global growth equity portfolios.

Mr. Yockey, leader of Artisan's global equity team, will work with Mr. Dargan to manage and develop the new global equity strategy. Mr. Dargan will have primary responsibility for the day-to-day oversight of the strategy. The duo will be supported by Artisan's deep and highly experienced global equity analyst team.

Eric Colson, Artisan's Chief Executive Officer, said, "We have been committed to growing our investment teams and globalizing our product offerings since Artisan's inception. We are excited to have the opportunity to develop another active equity strategy, which will combine Barry's global experience with the strong non-U.S. growth team led by Mark Yockey."

ABOUT ARTISAN PARTNERS

Artisan Partners is an independent investment management firm focused on providing high value-added, active investment strategies to sophisticated clients globally. Since 1994, the firm has been committed to attracting experienced, disciplined investment professionals to manage client assets. Artisan Partners has five autonomous investment teams that oversee twelve distinct U.S., non-U.S. and global investment strategies. Each strategy is offered through multiple investment vehicles to accommodate a broad range of client mandates.

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

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