# Ariel Investments





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#### Firm Facts

- Founded in **1983** by John W. Rogers, Jr.
- Headquartered in Chicago, with offices in New York, San Francisco and Sydney
- \$14.9 billion in Assets Under Management\*
- 95.2% owned by employees and board members

### Our Patient Investment Philosophy

#### **Active Patience**

We take the long-term view.

#### Independent Thinking

We invest to our convictions, not to benchmarks.

#### Focused Expertise

We specialize in bottom-up, fundamental research.

#### **Bold Teamwork**

We work collaboratively with a shared commitment to excellence.

## Our Value Approach

- Prioritize research using fundamental, quantitative, and country analysis.
- Seeks to own mispriced companies with discernable investment catalysts, offering attractive long-term earnings power.
- Strives to deliver favorable upside and downside participation.
- Aims to build concentrated, high conviction portfolios.



# Ariel International Fund

For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

## **Fund Summary**

OBJECTIVE	Long-tern	n capital appreciation
INVESTMENT STYLE	Intern	national All Cap Value
INDEX		MSCI EAFE Net Index
INCEPTION DATE		December 30, 2011
ASSETS		\$347.1 million
	Investor Class	Institutional Class
TICKER SYMBOL	AINTX	AINIX
CUSIP	040337883	040337875
MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT"	\$1,000	\$1,000,000
EXPENSE RATIO***	1.13%	0.88%
GROSS EXPENSE RATIO***	1.28%	0.93%

Performance <sup>r</sup> (%)					Annua	alized	
	QTR	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Ariel International Fund (Investor Class)	7.72	10.01	10.01	0.57	4.16	2.64	4.56
Ariel International Fund (Institutional Class)	7.71	10.22	10.22	0.80	4.42	2.89	4.81
MSCI EAFE Net Index <sup>2</sup>	10.42	18.24	18.24	4.02	8.17	4.28	6.75
MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index <sup>2</sup>	9.75	15.62	15.62	1.55	7.08	3.83	5.77
MSCI EAFE Value Net Index <sup>2</sup>	8.22	18.95	18.95	7.60	7.08	3.16	5.84
MSCI ACWI ex-US Value Net Index <sup>2</sup>	8.43	17.30	17.30	5.81	6.34	2.92	5.00

Statistics <sup>3</sup>						
	Standard Deviation	Beta	Tracking Error	Information Ratio	Upside Capture	Downside Capture
Ariel International Fund (Investor Class)	12.59	0.77	6.14	-0.36	76.91	80.77
MSCI EAFE Net Index	15.06	-	-	-	-	-

Since Inception through December 31, 2023.

\*Assets under management include \$1.48 billion for Ariel Alternatives, a subsidiary of Ariel Investments, which reflects aggregate commitments and excludes fund specific leverage. "Please see the Fund's prospectus for the no minimum \$50 per month Automatic Investment Program option." As of 09/30/22. Ariel Investments, LLC (the Adviser) is contractually obligated to maintain expense ratio caps of 1.13% for the Investor Class and 0.88% for the Institutional Class through 01/31/25 to waive fees and reimburse certain expenses that exceed those caps. "Past performance does not guarantee future results and includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To access performance data as of the most recent month-end, visit arielinvestments.com. Any extraordinary short-term performance may not be sustainable and is not representative of the performance over longer periods. The total returns reflect that certain fees and expenses have been waived or reduced by the Adviser. 2MSCI EAFE® Index is an equity index of large and mid-cap representation across 21 Developed Markets (DM) countries around the world, excluding the US. and Canada. Its inception date is May 31, 1986. The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex-US Index is an index of large and mid-cap representation across 22 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. Its inception date is January 1, 2001. The MSCI EAFE Value Index captures large and mid-cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. Its inception date is December 8, 1997. The MSCI ACWI ex-US Value Index captures large and mid-cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across 22 Developed Markets countries. Its inceptio

Characteristics		
	Ariel International Fund	MSCI EAFE Net Index
Number of Holdings	42.00	783.00
Forward Price/Earnings	10.03	13.19
Return on Equity (%)	14.14	17.46
Net Debt/Equity	0.23	0.42
Turnover (%)	33.45	_
Active Share (%)	94.00	_

Sector Weightings <sup>1</sup> (% of net assets)				
	Ending Weight	MSCI EAFE Net Index		
Financials	28.00	18.95		
Consumer Discretionary	17.97	11.83		
Health Care	14.72	12.79		
Utilities	12.34	3.47		
Information Technology	11.42	8.57		
Consumer Staples	6.60	9.31		
Industrials	3.77	16.39		
Communication Services	3.40	4.08		
Energy	0.86	4.33		
Materials	0.00	7.84		
Real Estate	0.00	2.45		
Short-Term Investments	0.39	0.00		

	Ending Weight	MSCI EAFE Net Index
Japan	16.96	22.45
France	16.04	12.05
United Kingdom	10.64	14.74
United States	9.99	0.00
Germany	8.13	8.58
Denmark	5.19	3.34
Italy	4.82	2.63
South Korea	4.48	0.00
Hong Kong	4.31	2.18
Spain	4.07	2.67

T	Top 10 Positions (% of net assets)		
		Ending Weight	
1	Bridgestone Corporation	6.64	
2	Subaru Corporation	6.41	
3	Check Point Software Technologies, Ltd.	6.31	
4	BNP Paribas SA	6.08	
5	Danske Bank A/S	5.19	
6	Sanofi	4.61	
7	Michelin (CGDE)	4.57	
8	Fresenius Medical Care AG	4.41	
9	CLP Holdings, Ltd.	4.31	
10	KBC Group NV	4.03	
To	tal	52.56	

Contributors and Detractors	(%)			
Top Five Relative Contributors	GICS Sector	Average Weight	Total Return	Total Effect
Telefonica Deutschland Holding	Communication Services	1.38	39.61	1.40
Michelin (CGDE)	Consumer Discretionary	6.06	16.50	0.37
Deutsche Boerse AG	Financials	5.24	18.87	0.36
Telefonica Brasil SA	Communication Services	0.78	29.19	0.18
Fresenius Medical Care AG	Health Care	1.86	26.25	0.17
Bottom Five Relative Detractors				
Baidu, Inc.	Communication Services	3.78	-11.36	-1.11
Subaru Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	4.81	-5.52	-0.77
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	Consumer Staples	4.64	-4.83	-0.73
Sanofi	Health Care	3.46	-7.71	-0.51
Nokia Corporation	Information Technology	2.06	-10.18	-0.46

Source: FactSet. 1Holdings are categorized according to the MSCI Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). Holdings not classified by GICS are categorized according to FactSet. 2Holdings are categorized according to MSCI Country. Holdings not classified by MSCI are categorized according to Bloomberg Country of Risk. 3Holdings of the same issuer are aggregated and if held as depositary receipts it is not so specified. The Fund's Top 10 Positions are ranked by issuer Ending Weight (% of net assets). Contributors and Detractors are ranked by issuer Total Effect (%). Total Effect (%) represents the opportunity cost of the investment decisions in a portfolio relative to the overall benchmark. The holdings shown do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for investors. Quantitative Measures (Source, FactSet): Standard Deviation is a statistical measure of the volatility of the Fund's returns. Beta measures the Fund's risk relative to the benchmark. Tracking Error is an active risk measure that represents the standard deviation of the excess returns between the portfolio and the index since inception. Information Ratio is the ratio of annualized residual return to residual risk. Upside / Downside Capture is the measure of the Fund's performance in both up and down markets relative to the benchmark. Ending Weight is the value of the holding relative to the Fund's total assets as of the report date. Average Weight is the average value of the holding relative to the Fund's total assets over the period. Forward Price/Earnings Ratio is a valuation measure that represents the price at quarter end divided by the mean earnings per share (EPS) consensus estimate for the next twelve months as of the run date. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted harmonic average and exclude negative earnings. Return on Equity is a profitability measure that represents return on average total equity for the period. Holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted average. Net Debt/Equity is a financial leverage measure that represents total debt as a percentage of total equity for the period. Holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted median. Active Share measures the degree the portfolio deviates from the benchmark. Source, Northern Trust: Turnover, a measure of portfolio change, is the lesser of purchases or sales divided by the average market value of Fund assets over the trailing 13-month period. GICS was developed by and is the exclusive property and service mark of MSCI Inc. and Standard & Poor's (S&P), a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. GICS is licensed for use by Ariel Investments, LLC. Neither MSCI, S&P nor any third party involved in making or compiling GICS or any GICS classifications makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such standard or classification (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and all such parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any such standard or classification. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall MSCI, S&P, any of their affiliates or any third party involved in making or compiling the GICS or any GICS classifications have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses before investing. For a current summary prospectus or full prospectus, which contains - detailed information or details about the funds offered by Ariel Investment Trust, call 800-292-7435 or visit arielinvestments.com. Please read the summary prospectus or full prospectus carefully before investing. Distributed by Ariel Distributors, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ariel Investments, LLC. Ariel Distributors, LLC is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.