

PEAR TREE AXIOM EMERGING MARKETS WORLD EQUITY FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2022, the Pear Tree Axiom Emerging Markets World Equity Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") underperformed its benchmark, MSCI EM Index (the "Index"). The Fund achieved a return of (12.70%) at net asset value compared to (6.92%) for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Heightened geopolitical and Chinese regulatory risks dominated within emerging markets while surging commodity prices, rising global rates and increased talk of global recession further weighed on the emerging market asset class. Emerging market value outperformed growth by 680 basis points during the first quarter and it was the sixth consecutive quarter of value outperformance in emerging markets. Earnings remained resilient on average across the Fund's holdings, most stocks continuing to see forecast upgrades. As a result, the price correction left holdings at historically attractive levels for longer-term performance. Sector rotations underlying the Index performance also presented a challenge. Financials and Materials were the best performing sectors as Financials benefitted from rising interest rates while elevated global inflation lifted the Materials sector, which was then 'supercharged' by the supply shock which resulted from the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. The worst performing sectors included many of the 'growthier' parts of the global economy such as Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, and Information Technology. Many of the Fund's worst performing stocks this quarter were longer term contributors that suffered a price correction despite continued earnings growth.

Detracting countries for the quarter also included Brazil due to Financials, and China due to Consumer Discretionary and Financials. Inversely, Russia was the highest contributing country on a relative basis, due to underweight exposure before selling out to zero. Mexico was also a top contributing country, led by Consumer Staples and Financials, as well as Singapore, driven by performance from Financials.

Portfolio Changes

The Fund increased its exposure to Financials during the period due to a combination of positive earnings surprise, as well as continued sector-wide profitability tailwinds to be seen from rising interest rates across much of the world. The Fund also moved closer to neutral Chinese financials (from underweight), as China adopts a more stimulative stance to support domestic economic growth. We made reductions in automotive positions, as the industry is facing significant near-term challenges from supply chain bottlenecks as well as rising raw material costs. The Fund added to Brazil during the period due to company specific developments, as well as the view that the steep interest rate hiking cycle in the country (Brazil started hiking earlier than many other countries) is likely to begin moderating soon. We also added to South Africa. In addition to increasing the weight in South African Financials, we also initiated other positions including one in a leading food retailer in the country that is benefitting from increased formalization of the industry and the rationalization of its less-profitable stores in countries outside of its home market.

Outlook

While current growth remains healthy with especially strong labor and housing markets as well as tailwinds from re-opening and residual stimulus, investors are increasingly factoring in the risk of a recession. The widely followed 2-10 year interest rate spreads recently briefly inverted anticipating a possible recession in 1-2 years. Again, as with the Fed tightening, these concerns might be creating public market opportunities for longer-term investors. Following every yield curve inversion since 1975, markets rose over 70% of the time gaining 8% on average from the first day of inversion to the end of the subsequent recession, again using the S&P 500 as a reference given the long-term data availability. Regarding the relative performance of growth versus value styles during Fed tightening cycles, there is not enough long-term data to have strong views. However, based on the limited data from the three most recent cycles for which style returns are available, growth moderately outperformed. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.69%	1.47%
Institutional Shares	1.44%	1.10%
R6 Shares	1.29%	1.00%

* Per Prospectus dated August 2, 2021, as amended. Reflects all fee waivers and expense reimbursements currently in effect. Fee waivers and expense reimbursements may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2022 without the consent of the Fund's Trustees.

A WORD ABOUT RISK

Investing in foreign markets, particularly emerging markets, can be more volatile than the U.S. market due to increased risks of adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market or economic developments and can perform differently than the U.S. market.

Investment Products

■ Not FDIC insured ■ May lose value ■ No bank guarantee

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PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of March 31, 2022 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	30.9%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	8.6%
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	5.1%
Infosys Limited - SP	3.3%
Wal-Mart de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V.	2.2%
SK Hynix, Inc.	2.1%
AL Rajhi Bank	2.0%
Reliance Industries Ltd.	2.0%
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. - H Shares	1.9%
China Longyuan Power Group H	1.9%
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	1.8%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 03/31/2022:

None

PERFORMANCE

as of March 31, 2022

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					Inception Date
	Q1	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	
Ordinary Shares	(12.70%)	(12.70%)	(13.75%)	8.01%	5.96%	2.63%	5.11%	09/30/94
Institutional Shares	(12.65%)	(12.65%)	(13.43%)	8.42%	6.36%	2.96%	6.35%	04/02/96
R6 Shares	(12.59%)	(12.59%)	(13.44%)	8.48%	—	—	9.58%	01/28/19
MSCI EM ¹	(6.92%)	(6.92%)	(11.08%)	5.31%	6.36%	3.73%	5.15%	—

¹The Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets ("MSCI EM") Index is an unmanaged index comprised of stocks located in countries other than the United States. It is widely recognized as representative of the general market for emerging markets. Index returns assume the reinvestment of dividends and, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect fees or expenses. You cannot invest directly in an Index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date for the Index is 09/30/94.

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