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JUNE 30, 2026

Pear Tree Essex Environmental Opportunities Fund

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Interest and investment in clean technology gained great momentum in the second quarter of 2026 based on multiple catalysts. The most recognized trends are increased power demand stemming from data centers, and the need for domestic energy security given the armed conflict in the Middle East. These drivers dominated headlines across the globe, seeding both economic and political discussions. Electricity prices are a major issue for voters as we approach mid-term elections. We describe clean tech as enabling economic growth with less resources, and the drivers go way beyond these headlines. The drivers for clean tech, to which the Pear Tree Essex Environmental Opportunities Fund (the "Fund")[1] has broad exposure:

- Energy security/independence
- Supply chain optimization
- Electric grid reliability
- Industrial productivity
- Energy efficiency

As our world faces enhanced geopolitical and economic risks, from nationalism to a stubborn inflationary cycle, the companies addressing these five drivers should enable economic growth while lowering costs and enhancing productivity – the very essence of clean technology solutions. Just as the drivers for clean tech have increased and deepened, the solutions are more commercially viable today, with decreased costs that are driving adoption, from advanced battery solutions to industrial automation.

Attribution

During the second quarter, performance was led by holdings in Power Technology, Efficient Transport, and Clean Tech & Efficiency. Infineon Technologies and ON Semiconductor both benefited from recovering industrial markets and improving automotive trends, with Infineon seeing additional tailwinds from data center demand. Ambiq Micro capitalized on accelerating edge AI demand alongside a growing backlog, while Aeva Technologies secured a key win with Daimler Truck and also partnered with NVIDIA. Rounding out the top contributors, KEYENCE delivered strong performance driven by a recovery in Japanese automotive manufacturing and expansion in food quality control automation.

Over the second quarter, performance detractors were impacted by macro headwinds, valuation adjustments, and temporary operational disruptions. Within Power Technology, Primoris Services was weighed down by weak profitability across several utility-scale solar projects, while Cameco faced temporary production halts due to mine flooding. In Agriculture Productivity, Trimble encountered drag from ongoing weakness in freight and transportation alongside agricultural market volatility. Meanwhile, Samsara (Clean Tech & Efficiency) was caught in broader negative sentiment impacting SaaS business models, and Amprius Technologies (Efficient Transport) detracted following a valuation rerating after strong prior performance.

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[1]*The Fund is the successor to the investment performance of the Essex Environmental Opportunities Fund ("Predecessor Fund") as a result of the reorganization of the Predecessor Fund into the Environmental Opportunities Fund on September 1, 2021. Performance information shown prior to the close of business on August 31, 2021 is that of the Predecessor Fund.*

See page three for the Fund's standardized performance and other important information.

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Outlook

A massive spike in power demand has strained old systems, and these drivers represent the shift away from simply building more power plants towards the optimization of the entire energy ecosystem. You cannot have grid reliability and energy security without focusing heavily on efficiency and industrial productivity. The five drivers cited above maximize the output our systems have presently, as industrial productivity and supply chain optimization can reduce waste and resources, as energy efficiency and grid reliability ensure that power generated is utilized optimally without being lost to transmission bottlenecks or outdated infrastructure. These five drivers are helping solve the real-world pain points, grounding solutions in hard economic and geopolitical realities. By optimizing supply chains and enhancing energy security, clean tech can reduce vulnerability to geopolitical fragmentation and volatile global commodity markets. Through enhancing industrial productivity and our electrical grid, the physical backbone of our economy is upgraded so it can run uninterrupted. These five drivers are a thematic blueprint to power and secure a highly productive and low-resource intensive future. Importantly, we have made progress in pockets of these drivers globally in the past decade, but not wholly. Battery electric storage systems (BESS) are extremely beneficial in this new energy ecosystem, although we are in very early innings – think of solar power over a decade ago. Battery costs have decreased over 90% in the past several years, based on learning curves not exhibited with fossil fuels such as natural gas.

The fundamental difference between clean technologies such as BESS and fossil fuels is the difference between technology and a commodity. BESS is manufactured, and the steep learning curves are disrupting fossil fuels based on extraction economics, meaning their prices are highly volatile and do not permanently decline. It is for this reason that BESS installation rates are highest now in the EU, which has been burned twice with two successive wars in several years. Overnight, the EU has implemented energy security measures, from solar and storage installation goals to energy efficiency initiatives. Texas is also rapidly installing BESS, given the rapid data center development coupled with volatile real-time electricity pricing in the throes of severe weather. The Fund has extensive exposure to these five drivers, from battery technology to grid optimization and management, to building energy efficiency. We believe that the case for clean technology is grave currently, just as these technologies are maturing. Importantly, the market is taking notice, but there are many different and related avenues of opportunity that still go unnoticed by the broad market which we believe will be equally recognized over time. ❖

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Pear Tree Essex Environmental Opportunities Fund Portfolio Highlights

as of June 30, 2026 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	36.60%
Infineon Technologies AG	5.3%
Keyence Corporation	4.0%
ON Semiconductor Corporation	3.9%
Badger Meter, Inc.	3.8%
GE Vernova Inc.	3.4%
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	3.3%
SMA Solar Technology AG	3.3%
Kingspan Group plc	3.2%
American Superconductor Corporation	3.2%
Carrier Global Corporation	3.2%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 06/30/2026:

Trimble	2.8%
Ambiq Micro	2.3%
Aeva Technologies	2.1%
Samsara	1.8%
Amprius Technologies	1.5%
Cameco	1.2%
Primoris	0.0%

Total Expense Ratios*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.64%	1.24%
Institutional Shares	1.38%	0.99%
R6 Shares	1.24%	0.95%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2026, as amended. Fee waivers and expense reimbursements may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2027 without the consent of the Fund's Trustees.

Performance

as of June 30, 2026

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					
	Q2	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Ordinary Shares	23.94%	24.40%	42.99%	11.35%	1.53%	-	9.20%	09/01/2017
Institutional Shares	24.03%	24.56%	43.33%	11.64%	1.80%	-	9.47%	09/01/2017
R6 Shares	24.04%	24.64%	43.94%	11.84%	-	-	1.53%	09/01/2021
MSCI World[1]	13.90%	9.94%	21.81%	19.76%	11.98%	-	13.04%	-

[1] The MSCI World Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. With 1,283 constituents as of 06/30/2026, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. You cannot invest directly in an index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date of the Index is 09/01/2017. The MSCI World Index is maintained by MSCI Inc.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. *Current performance may be lower or higher than performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, visit the Fund's website at www.peartreefunds.com.*

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. The fund's exclusion of investments in companies other than clean tech may adversely affect the fund's relative performance at times when those other types of investments are performing well.

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