

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2024, the Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of 3.29% at net asset value compared to 5.93% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Absolute positive gains were noted across a majority of sectors, led by Materials, Industrials, Financials, and Communication Services. Holdings in Energy and Health Care were in negative territory. From a country perspective, the portfolio outperformed in Germany, United Kingdom, Sweden and Belgium, to name a few. Detractors included Norway, Canada, Italy and Thailand.

The law of supply and demand played out in copper market prices. The "electrification of everything" and a resurgent Chinese economy drove demand, but supply side constraints were an equally, if not more important, determinant of pricing. Pure copper players like Lundin Mining and Antofagasta PLC jumped more than 20% for the quarter. Among sector detractors, Canadian methanol producer Methanex reported a delay in the startup of its Geismer 3 project and repairs at its Egypt facility. In an interview with CNBC, Yara International's CEO stated "volatility is the new normal" in the food system.

Industrial stocks, Daimler Truck Holding and Weichai Power Co, each had double-digit gains for the quarter. Daimler Truck hosted an investor day, showcasing its North American market growth with a roll-out of electric delivery trucks in California. Heavy truck diesel engine manufacturer Weichai posted strong net profits and increased revenue despite a weaker global and local economy.

The Financial sector was boosted by two German reinsurance companies, Munich Re and Hannover Re, as they continued to advance on a firmer price environment. Shinhan Financial was up more than 10%, as the South Korean institution implemented a number of strategic moves.

SK Hynix and Samsung Electronics could be considered artificial intelligence "derivatives", capitalizing on the space without the high price tag associated with some of the mega-cap names. An Information Technology (IT) detractor, OpenText Corp. declined as investors took profits following a stock rebound in December and January.

AI was the driving force behind very different results for two of our portfolio holdings. Publicis Groupe was up markedly after announcing solid fiscal year-end results and promoting a new strategy to become the industry's first AI-powered Intelligent System to be built in-house. Teleperformance declined on renewed concerns that generative AI will disrupt the French call center's business.

Two Consumer Discretionary stocks detracted. Japan's Sony Group Corp. saw a decline on earnings, with lower-than-expected results from their gaming division and flagship PlayStation consoles. LG Electronics reported inline sales, but operating profits disappointed on higher marketing costs and expenses.

Portfolio Changes

New purchases included Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., a Japanese-based global pharmaceutical company, with a diversified product portfolio that branches into gastroenterology, rare diseases, immunology and oncology; and Korean retailer F&F Co. Ltd., which has licensing deals with Major League Baseball, Discovery and TaylorMade Golf brands. There were no complete sales.

Outlook

The timing of rate adjustments remains in question; it will be a fine balance taking into account strong global GDP growth and employment rates, geopolitical risks and election year stimulus packages among other metrics. At Polaris, we continue to perform fundamental bottom-up research, which we expect will ultimately drive differential equity returns. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.52%	1.42%
Institutional Shares	1.27%	1.05%
R6 Shares	1.12%	0.94%

* Per Prospectus dated November 7, 2023, 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, 2024 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. The Fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than a diversified fund. Therefore, the Fund is more exposed to individual stock volatility than diversified funds. As a result, a decline in the value of the securities of one issuer could have a significant negative effect on the Fund. The Fund may have significant investments in one or more specific industry sectors, subjecting it to risks greater than general market risk. For example, adverse news from just one or two companies in a particular industry can hurt the prices of all stocks in that industry.

Investment Products

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

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of March 31, 2024 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	24.2%
Daimler Truck Holding AG	2.7%
Lundin Mining Corporation	2.7%
SK Hynix, Inc.	2.6%
Linde plc	2.4%
Smurfit Kappa	2.4%
Publicis Groupe	2.4%
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	2.3%
Shinhan Financial Group Co., Limited	2.3%
Michelin (CGDE)	2.2%
TotalEnergies SE	2.2%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 03/31/2024:

Munich Re	2.2%
Hannover Re	2.1%
LG Electronics	2.0%
Methanex	1.9%
Open Text Corporation	1.9%
Sony Group Corporation	1.9%
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	1.9%
Yara International	1.8%
Teleperformance	1.5%
Antofagasta PLC	1.2%
Weichai Power Company	0.8%
F&F Co., Ltd.	0.5%

PERFORMANCE

as of March 31, 2024

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized						
	Q1	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	15-Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Ordinary Shares	3.29%	3.29%	14.66%	0.81%	4.30%	3.39%	9.89%	5.91%	05/15/98
Institutional Shares	3.39%	3.39%	15.12%	1.19%	4.69%	3.74%	10.21%	7.06%	12/18/98
R6 Shares	3.41%	3.41%	15.17%	1.28%	4.78%	—	—	5.35%	02/06/17
MSCI EAFE ¹	5.93%	5.93%	15.90%	5.31%	7.85%	5.30%	8.93%	5.14%	—

¹ The Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australasia, and Far East ("MSCI EAFE") Index is an unmanaged index comprised of stocks in countries other than the United States. It is widely recognized as representative of the general market for developed foreign markets. Index returns assume the reinvestment of dividends and, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect any fees or expenses. You cannot invest directly in an Index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date for the Index is 05/29/98.

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