

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024, the Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Small Cap Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of 0.00% at net asset value compared to 0.85% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

The Fund outperformed in the majority of sectors, led by Financials, Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology (IT) and Consumer Staples; however, the underperformance in overweight Industrials and Utilities led to lackluster returns. From a country perspective, the Fund outperformed in the United Kingdom, Canada, Taiwan and Hong Kong, to name a few. The Netherlands, Japan and France detracted, the latter of which was impacted by geopolitical turmoil as three parties vied for power in recent elections.

Future PLC released a better-than-expected trading update that showed audience improvement in key technology and gaming sectors. These metrics seemingly proved that the new CEO's "content quality" plan has met with early success. Among Financials, goeasy Ltd. was up more than 20% after announcing strong quarterly results that beat estimates, pointing to loan growth. U.K. mortgage lender, OSB Group, posted a robust trading update, highlighting loan originations and retail deposits. Other double-digit sector performers included flatexDEGIRO, Sparebank 1 SMN and Sparebank 1 Oestlandet. IT was boosted by Primax Electronics and Kingboard Laminates. A first quarter 2024 buy, Kingboard Laminates charged ahead as destocking dwindled and consumer electronics customers began placing orders. The same thesis boosted Primax.

Industrials had barbell returns, as outsized gains from QinetiQ Group and Bizlink Holding Inc. were matched by losses at Aalberts NV, Signify NV and Sixt SE. Bizlink gained traction as its cable connection components have been qualified by NVIDIA, while it has also embarked on liquid cooling supply components tied to artificial intelligence. The U.K. defense tech company, QinetiQ, reported strong earnings, with high single-digit organic growth, stable operating margins and upbeat guidance. The company's services are in high demand on the backdrop of ongoing international conflicts.

Signify's first quarter results underwhelmed, as the company noted softer demand in European professional business and China. However, the company maintained its EBITDA metrics and 2024 guidance. Aalberts was a strong performer last quarter; the stock started to decline after issuing a late May trading update that outlined weakness in its building and industrial divisions. French energy operator, Rubis, was the largest detractor, as quarterly sales dropped and gross margins eroded on lackluster operations in Africa. The company was also impacted by the negative sentiment pervading French markets after recent national elections.

Portfolio Changes

There were no new buys or sells during the quarter.

Outlook

We have witnessed a long period of large caps outperforming all other asset classes, on the back of heady technology gains and AI excitement. We believe the dramatic outperformance versus small caps may be quelled on interest rate cuts (small caps tend to be more economically sensitive than large caps) and an improved earnings outlook. We have stated all along that we look for companies with strong underlying business fundamentals; those companies should perform well on growth shoots in Europe, Asia (with the exception of China) and the U.S. ❖

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%	1.02%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2024, as amended. Reflects all fee waivers currently in effect. Fee waivers may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2025 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.

Small company stocks may trade less frequently and in a limited volume, and their prices may fluctuate more than stocks of other companies. Small company stocks may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those of larger companies. The Fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than a diversified fund.

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Investment Products

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

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of June 30, 2024 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	25.7%
D'leteren S.A.	2.8%
Vistry Group plc	2.7%
Elis S.A.	2.6%
EQB Inc.	2.6%
Glanbia plc	2.6%
Hexpol AB	2.5%
Daicel Corporation	2.5%
goeasy Ltd.	2.5%
Aalberts N.V.	2.5%
Inchcape plc	2.4%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 06/30/2024:

Rubis	2.4%
QinetiQ Group	2.2%
Signify NV	2.0%
Future PLC	1.8%
OSB Group	1.7%
Sparebank 1 SMN	1.4%
Bizlink Holding Inc	1.2%
flatexDegiro	0.7%
Sixt SE	0.7%
Sparebank 1 Oestlandet	0.6%
Kingboard Laminates	0.6%
Primax Electronics	0.5%

PERFORMANCE

as of June 30, 2024

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	0.00%	1.72%	11.29%	0.14%	6.44%	4.39%	6.03%	05/01/08
Institutional Shares	0.13%	1.91%	11.73%	0.51%	6.82%	4.75%	6.34%	05/01/08
R6 Shares	0.18%	1.88%	11.72%	0.54%	6.87%	—	6.43%	02/06/17
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index ¹	0.85%	3.08%	11.80%	(0.97%)	6.60%	4.86%	4.99%	—

¹The MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index, captures small cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the United States). With 4,354 constituents as of 06/30/2024, the index covers approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. You cannot invest directly in an index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date for the Index is 05/01/2008.

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 (CONTINUED)

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.