

## PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND

**FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2026**, 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 (3.10%) at net asset value compared to (0.38%) for the Index.

### Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

While starting the year with positive momentum, international small caps were hindered by a strengthening U.S. dollar and higher energy prices from the Iran conflict. During the quarter, the Fund outperformed in Utilities, Consumer Staples, Industrials and a handful of other defensive sectors; gains were offset by underwhelming returns in Information Technology ("IT"), Materials and Health Care. At the country level, the Fund captured strong contributions from Norway, Japan, Brazil and Ireland, while Canada was the most notable detractor.

Kanematsu Corp. was a notable outperformer, due to sustained momentum in its core IT services and mobile retail operations. Equatorial Energia also posted gains, benefiting from solid volume growth, tariff adjustments, and lower bad-debt ratios, complemented by disciplined execution. The recent sale of its transmission assets freed up meaningful capital, positioning Equatorial for efficient strategic redeployment. Glanbia PLC continued to benefit from strong demand for whey protein and functional nutrition products, with quarterly performance driven by the rapid uptake of GLP-1 weight-loss medications and broader adoption of proactive health management, especially in Asia. Redes Energeticas Nacionais, the Portuguese electric and gas utility, delivered strong quarterly growth driven by rising electricity demand (much wrought from AI needs) and temporary tax rebates. Ongoing investments in grid upgrades and renewables are expected to support future growth. Norwegian banks outperformed on resilient energy-linked strength and cost efficiencies following industry consolidation. Norges Bank held its policy rate at 4% into early 2026, ruling out near-term cuts, allowing banks to sustain higher net interest margins while maintaining stable loan growth.

Canadian lender goeasy Ltd. declined after management uncovered significant deficiencies within its auto lending subsidiary, LendCare Holdings, which revealed lower-than-expected collateral recovery rates in its auto/powersports portfolio. The resulting write-downs and covenant pressures unsettled investors, despite continued resilience in goeasy's core unsecured consumer lending business. Sopra Steria Group came under pressure amid heightened investor caution around potential AI disruption in the IT sector, even though its financial performance remained relatively stable. Zhongsheng Group Holdings' gross margins on new car sales continued to be pressured due to fierce competition among car OEMs; mortgage facilitation fees also significantly declined due to regulation change.

### Portfolio Changes

We executed profitable sales of French asset manager Amundi and Japan's electrical construction company Kraftia Corp., which reached its target valuation. New purchases included Arkema Group, where we see value in its geographically balanced niche chemical/materials operations and relative protection from European energy price fluctuations, thanks to access to French nuclear power. We also initiated a position in Wah Lee, a Taiwanese specialty distributor with exposure to semiconductor and electronics end markets through its portfolio of specialty gases and engineering plastics.

### Outlook

We continue to pursue high-quality opportunities offering attractive risk-adjusted returns, with a focus on diversification and a measured tilt toward defensive sectors amid ongoing geopolitical uncertainty. We had previously been underweight in "defensives". However as volatility has caused market dislocations; we are identifying a broader range of companies now at compelling valuations, and intend to balance the portfolio accordingly. ❖

## 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, 2025, as amended. Reflects all fee waivers currently in effect. Fee waivers may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2026 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.

### Investment Products

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

## PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of March 31, 2026 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

### Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	27.4%
Equatorial Energia S.A.	4.4%
D'leteren S.A.	3.6%
Rubis	2.6%
Krungthai Card Public Company Limited	2.5%
Redes Energéticas Nacionais, SGPS, S.A.	2.4%
TISCO Financial Group	2.4%
Elis S.A.	2.4%
Ipsos	2.4%
Mizuho Leasing Company, Limited	2.4%
Glanbia plc	2.3%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 03/31/2026:

Kanematsu Corporation	2.3%
Arkema Group	2.3%
Sopra Steria Group	2.2%
Wah Lee	2.2%
Norges Bank	2.1%
Zhongsheng Group Holdings	1.6%
goeasy Limited	0.7%

## PERFORMANCE

as of March 31, 2026

### Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					
	Q1	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Ordinary Shares	(3.10%)	(3.10%)	16.37%	10.41%	4.25%	6.99%	6.36%	05/01/08
Institutional Shares	(2.95%)	(2.95%)	16.82%	10.84%	4.65%	7.39%	6.69%	05/01/08
R6 Shares	(2.94%)	(2.94%)	17.00%	10.91%	4.72%	-	7.12%	02/06/17
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index <sup>1</sup>	(0.38%)	(0.38%)	28.41%	14.22%	6.16%	8.47%	6.05%	-

<sup>1</sup>The MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index, captures small cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the United States). With 4,093 constituents as of 03/31/2026, 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.

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