

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, 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 2.88% at net asset value compared to 6.80% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

The Fund outperformed in Utilities, Consumer Staples and Energy, further bolstered by notable gains in overweight Information Technology ("IT") and Financials sectors. Yet returns trailed the benchmark due to losses in Health Care and Communication Services. Top country contributions hailed from Asian economies (Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore) while a handful of European holdings (France, Belgium, Netherlands) and Canada detracted.

In IT, VSTEC Holdings saw net profit jump more than 30%, with strong growth in its three main business segments. Kingboard Laminates reported robust growth in the first half of 2025, due to strong electronics demand (AI as a key driver) and supply/demand imbalances that allowed for price hikes. Similarly, Computacenter reported strong half-year numbers fueled by strong demand from hyperscale/enterprise clients in the U.S. and U.K.; product order backlog was robust. Sector gains were partially offset by Sopra Steria, which posted lackluster financial results. Political instability in France, where Sopra Steria derives a significant portion of revenue, also weighed on the stock.

Individual standouts worth a mention: Independent energy group Rubis pointed to strong LPG sales in Europe, improved volumes/margins in Africa and continued growth in its renewable electricity arm. In September, Rubis was the subject of takeover rumors, causing the stock to jump. Japanese real estate company, Open House Group Co., benefitted from a rally in the local property sector. Irish nutritional Glanbia increased its full-year EPS guidance, showing sequential improvement in its performance nutrition segment and strong growth in other core business lines (health & nutrition, dairy).

Only a few companies declined more than 10% for the quarter; among them was the aforementioned Sopra Steria. Auto distributor/vehicle glass repair company, D'Ieteren Group, had underwhelming half-year numbers; profit declined due to higher debt costs at subsidiary Belron and weak auto division performance. French market research firm Ipsos replaced its CEO, as Ipsos' board demanded acceleration of digital transformation, data analytics, and AI capabilities to meet shifting client demands. Canada's EQB Inc. had a disappointing quarter, with analysts voicing concerns about credit quality and profitability; new management countered, citing delinquency improvements. Aalberts had lackluster results, citing continued destocking in its semiconductor business and slower demand in its building/industry segments.

Portfolio Changes

The Japanese stock market rally offered a prime opportunity to take profits from Sankyu Inc. and Dowa Holdings Co. Other sales included Tecnoglass, Signify and Pakuwon Jati. Sale proceeds were reallocated to existing holdings and two new purchases: Kitz Corp, the world's leading manufacturer of precision valves, and Krungthai Card, a Thai based credit card/personal loan banking institution. Both companies have promising long-term demand metrics, yet are undervalued due to recent volatility.

Outlook

Capital concentration in AI has obscured broader market fragility amid slowing growth and softening demand. Governments are acting to control inflation, negotiate tariffs and push stimulus; we expect such efforts will result in a broad-based recovery across country and industry instead of the one-dimensional AI growth engine. We believe we are positioned to capture that shift – continuing to refine the portfolio for a superior risk/return profile. ❖

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 September 30, 2025 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	29.7%
Equatorial Energia S.A.	3.7%
Computacenter plc	3.4%
EQB Inc.	3.2%
D'leteren S.A.	3.0%
Sixt SE	2.9%
TISCO Financial Group	2.9%
Thanachart Capital PCL	2.9%
Glanbia plc	2.7%
goeasy Ltd.	2.5%
Rubis	2.5%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 09/30/2025:

Rubis	2.5%
Sopra Steria	2.3%
Open House Group Company	2.3%
Ipsos	2.3%
VSTECs Holdings	2.1%
Aalberts	2.1%
Kingboard Laminates	1.6%
Krungthai Card	1.6%
Kitz Corporation	0.8%

PERFORMANCE

as of September 30, 2025

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					
	Q3	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Ordinary Shares	2.88%	26.45%	14.42%	19.77%	11.71%	7.56%	6.77%	05/01/08
Institutional Shares	3.00%	26.86%	14.93%	20.24%	12.14%	7.94%	7.09%	05/01/08
R6 Shares	2.95%	26.82%	14.84%	20.25%	12.18%	-	7.93%	02/06/17
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index ¹	6.80%	26.08%	16.51%	19.95%	10.49%	8.83%	6.07%	-

¹ 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 4,137 constituents as of 09/30/2025, 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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