

PEAR TREE POLARIS FOREIGN VALUE SMALL CAP FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, the Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Small Cap Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") outperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of 4.69% at net asset value compared to 2.19% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

International small caps rallied sharply in August, ceding some gains in September, when major central banks raised rates and the U.S. dollar strengthened. For the quarter, the Fund outperformed in eight of 11 sectors, with Financials, Materials and Consumer Staples capturing double-digit gains, partially offset by losses in Energy, where sole holding Technip Energies N.V. fell on Middle East disruptions. At the country level, Norway was the top contributor, followed by South Korea, Sweden and Thailand; China and Ireland detracted most.

In Financials, the Fund's five Norwegian savings banks all did well, as strong deposit franchises benefit when variable-rate loans reprice faster than deposits. Thanachart Capital PCL extended its run on good earnings at its TMBThanachart Bank stake, better credit costs in truck lending and another share buyback.

Consumer Staples delivered barbell returns. Cosmecca Korea Co., a cosmetics manufacturer, rose on strong global demand for Korean skincare, especially independent brands exported to the U.S. Glanbia PLC, a global nutrition company, faced broker downgrades over valuation, despite solid results and raised guidance.

Industrials had some of the Fund's best and worst performers. QinetiQ Group PLC was lifted by rising defense spending and a record order backlog. Kanematsu Corp., a Japanese trading company, grew quarterly operating profit on strength in foods, electronics, ICT and aerospace, and Aalberts NV, a Dutch industrial technology company, delivered 5% organic growth, helped by semiconductor demand. In contrast, Elis SA, a French workwear and linen-rental provider, declined on lower cash flow and lost volume in a Mexican healthcare contract; we view the stock drop as an overreaction for a resilient business still winning new business. Kitz Corp., a Japanese valve maker for semiconductor, energy and infrastructure markets, gave back gains after a sharp rally, even as strong demand prompted a raised outlook.

A few other standouts worth a mention: Hexpol AB, a Swedish rubber-compound maker for automotive and industrial customers, rebounded on organic growth; SEB SA, a French small-appliance maker, rose as cost savings and pricing lifted first-half recurring operating profit 44%; and Sopra Steria Group, a French information technology services provider, surged on public-sector and defense demand.

Portfolio Changes

We added five positions. K92 Mining Inc. (Papua New Guinea) and Aris Mining Corp. (Colombia) are gold producers with mine expansions ahead, and GCC SAB de CV is a Mexican cement producer with large U.S. exposure. We repurchased premium-housing developer Huaku Development Co., Ltd., previously sold on Taiwan Strait risk; with geopolitical tensions eased, the company can capitalize on Taiwan's tech-driven wealth. Paragon Banking Group PLC, a specialist U.K. buy-to-let lender, offers attractive multiple and capital returns. We sold AcadeMedia AB, and Chinese auto dealers China Meidong Auto Holdings Ltd. and Zhongsheng Group Holdings Ltd. as fundamentals will take much longer to turn.

Outlook

Higher global rates and a firmer dollar are widening dispersion across international markets, potentially rewarding valuation-driven stock selection. We see opportunity in European cyclicals, long beaten down, which may be able to rebound sharply as results improve, and in resilient economies such as Norway. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.54%	1.44%
Institutional Shares	1.29%	1.07%
R6 Shares	1.13%	1.03%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2026, as amended. Reflects all fee waivers currently in effect. Fee waivers may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2027 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, 2026 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	27.0%
Equatorial Energia S.A.	4.2%
D'leteren S.A.	3.4%
Thanachart Capital PCL	2.6%
Krungthai Card Public Company Limited	2.6%
Wah Lee Industrial Corporation	2.4%
SpareBank Nord-Norge	2.4%
KITZ Corporation	2.4%
VSTECs Holdings Limited	2.4%
Sparebanken Norge	2.3%
Ipsos	2.3%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 09/30/2026:

Kanematsu Corporation	2.2%
Elis SA	2.2%
Hexpol AB.	2.2%
SEB SA	2.2%
Sopra Steria Group	2.2%
GCC SAB de CV	2.2%
Huaku Development	2.1%
K92 Mining Inc.	2.0%
Aris Mining Corporation	2.0%
QinetiQ Group PLC	1.8%
Aalberts NV	1.6%
Paragon Banking Group PLC	1.6%
Cosmecca Korea Co.	1.1%
Glanbia PLC	1.0%
Technip Energies N.V.	0.9%

PERFORMANCE

as of September 30, 2026

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	4.69%	5.60%	5.19%	13.19%	5.60%	7.28%	6.68%	05/01/08
Institutional Shares	4.76%	5.91%	5.55%	13.61%	6.00%	7.68%	7.01%	05/01/08
R6 Shares	4.80%	5.94%	5.82%	13.71%	6.07%	-	7.71%	02/06/17
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index ¹	2.19%	11.78%	15.16%	18.44%	7.26%	8.96%	6.54%	-

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 3,953 constituents as of 09/30/2026, 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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