

PEAR TREE POLARIS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022, the Pear Tree Polaris International Opportunities Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") outperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of 16.13% at net asset value compared to 14.37% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

The Fund had double-digit returns in overweight sectors (Consumer Discretionary, Industrials and Information Technology), as well as Financials, Materials, Communication Services and Consumer Staples. Defensives including Utilities and Real Estate were in modest positive territory by comparison. At the country level, Fund holdings in most European countries, including the U.K., Italy, France and Sweden, were absolute contributors. Germany was a detractor to relative performance.

Most of the top 10 contributors to performance hailed from the Consumer Discretionary sector, led by Games Workshop Group. The company announced a contract with Amazon to develop TV and film content based on their Warhammer 40k intellectual property. D'leteren Group hired a new CEO for Belron, their global glass repair business. The CEO has a long tenure integrating M&A activities, which should be a boon for D'leteren as it continues its acquisitive growth initiatives. De'Longhi SPA's revenues fell modestly amid mounting European headwinds, but its professional coffee machine division showed sustained growth; the market responded positively to this relatively stable news. U.K. bakery, Greggs, had very resilient performance even in an inflationary environment; expansion into dinner service may prove an upside opportunity. Investors were quick to snap up shoe and sportswear retailers on the back of Nike's upbeat guidance, referencing better inventory controls. Australian retail footwear company, Accent Group, was one such beneficiary.

Among the handful of detractors was NEXTAGE, the Japanese new/used car dealership, which actually increased its full year forecast. However, SMBC Nikko Securities, a local sell-side firm, warned that declining used car prices might hurt NEXTAGE's future gross margins. Collins Foods reported lower profits because of higher cost headwinds, which are expected to continue in Australia and Europe in the near term; the company also announced plans to temporarily pause its Taco Bell rollout in Australia. BizLink Holding, the provider of harnesses, optical fiber and cables to the IT and similar sectors, was in negative territory on industry-wide IT weakness.

Portfolio Changes

During the quarter, the Fund sold out of Kenyan mobile network operator, Safaricom, as the company faced three distinct headwinds: geopolitical concerns in neighboring Ethiopia; legal complaints in its M-Pesa system; and increasing competition. New purchases included two banks, Norway's Sparebank Nord-Norge and Canada's Toronto-Dominion Bank; CIE Automotive, the Spanish auto components manufacturer; and RS Group PLC, a U.K. distributor of industrial and electronic components.

Outlook

For the foreseeable future, we expect central banks worldwide will raise interest rates to temper inflation – albeit at more metered increments. Regardless of the pace of hikes, the end result is the same: the cost of capital goes higher and liquidity is drained out of the system. We are starting to see savings dwindle, while companies face higher costs and lower volumes on slack consumer spending. With demand slowing, market volatility picks up; our research has identified a number of attractively-priced companies which may further diversify the Fund portfolio. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.63%	1.63%
Institutional Shares	1.34%	1.22%
R6 Shares	1.29%	1.29%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2022, 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, 2023 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 INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of December 31, 2022 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	18.6%
Collins Foods Limited	2.2%
D'leteren S.A.	2.2%
Bravida Holding AB	2.1%
Euronet Worldwide, Inc.	1.9%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	1.8%
OpenText Corporation	1.7%
Midea Group Co., Ltd.	1.7%
Knowit AB	1.7%
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	1.7%
Games Workshop Group PLC	1.6%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 12/31/2022:

Accent Group	1.5%
Greggs	1.4%
De'Longhi SPA	1.3%
NEXTAGE	1.3%
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1.3%
CIE Automotive	0.7%
RS Group PLC	0.7%
Sparebank Nord-Norge	0.6%
BizLink Holding	0.4%

PERFORMANCE

as of December 31, 2022

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					
	Q4	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Ordinary Shares	16.13%	(19.57%)	(19.57%)	1.00%	—	—	5.40%	01/30/2019
Institutional Shares	16.26%	(19.08%)	(19.08%)	1.44%	—	—	5.85%	01/30/2019
R6 Shares	16.31%	(19.19%)	(19.19%)	1.43%	—	—	5.85%	01/30/2019
MSCI ACWI ex USA ¹	14.37%	(15.57%)	(15.57%)	0.53%	—	—	3.72%	—

¹The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the United States) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 2,261 constituents as of 12/31/2022, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the United States. You cannot invest directly in an index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date of the Index is 01/30/2019. The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index is maintained by MSCI Inc.

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