

PEAR TREE POLARIS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2024, the Pear Tree Polaris International Opportunities Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of (2.44%) at net asset value compared to 4.81% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Underperformance was mainly due to market cap concentration of the benchmark, which skews heavily to large-cap stocks (~80%). The MSCI ACWI-ex USA Index has been consumed by a few giant Health Care and Information Technology (IT) companies, driven almost entirely by multiple expansion, not earnings. In comparison, the Fund is more evenly balanced across the market cap spectrum, tailored more to the small- and mid-cap space. However, this diversification hurt performance for the quarter, as large-caps outperformed.

Benchmark-beating results in Consumer Staples and Materials couldn't offset losses in overweight Financial and IT sectors. At the country level, the Fund outperformed in Belgium, Sweden, Hong Kong, Indonesia and a handful of other locales. Notable detractors were holdings in Taiwan, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Japan.

SOL SpA was the top contributor, as the Italian technical/medical gas company reported strong annual results, with higher revenues, net income and EPS. The company is capitalizing on a strong secular trend as demand increases due to population growth, health care needs, urbanization and emerging market exposure, while supply side is tight. Among Consumer Discretionary holdings, Chinese major appliance manufacturer Midea Group Co. announced strong growth and record profits in 2023, with overseas markets accounting for 40% of total sales. D'leteren Group, the Belgian auto distributor and vehicle glass repair business, posted strong results with a healthy free cash flow position. Japan's Tri Chemical Laboratories gained ground in its core business, supplying consumables to the heated (on artificial intelligence) semiconductor manufacturing industry.

Collins Foods' sales/volumes were resilient, but the stock fell on news of the CEO's leave of absence due to a family member's health issues. Investors also fretted over continued high inflation, concerned that consumers will cook at home rather than frequent fast-food establishments. Other underperformers were China Meidong Auto Holdings and Zhongsheng Group Holdings, both of which were weak on slack Chinese consumer demand. Also Holding AG, a distribution and logistics company, declined as German and Polish customers postponed investment due to the unstable geopolitical situation.

Portfolio Changes

During the quarter, the Fund added six new investments across myriad sectors. Among the new buys were: Kingboard Laminates Holdings, an electronics manufacturer that specializes in the production of laminates (especially copper); SIXT, the German car rental company expanding in the U.S.; Genuit Group PLC, which makes pipes for new construction; Pets At Home, a British pet supplies retailer with an integrated veterinary business; Krungthai Card PLC, a Thai-based credit and debit card service; and Oxford Instruments, a U.K. based company that manufactures high-tech products for research. There were no sales.

Outlook

While style differences versus the benchmark hampered results this quarter, we do expect small and mid-caps to prevail in the long term. Why? Many of these companies have better growth profiles and more attractive valuations than their large cap brethren. Our strategy remains consistent and focused, as we identify many good investment candidates that can round out our portfolio. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.60%	1.50%
Institutional Shares	1.38%	1.06%
R6 Shares	1.23%	0.99%

* Per Prospectus dated November 7, 2023, 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 September 30, 2024 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 March 31, 2024 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	22.9%
D'Ieteren S.A.	2.5%
Neurones S.A.	2.5%
SOL S.p.A.	2.4%
Sparebanken Vest	2.4%
Midea Group Co., Ltd.	2.3%
Cranswick plc	2.3%
Reply S.p.A.	2.2%
Computacenter plc	2.1%
SpareBank Nord-Norge	2.1%
Zhejiang Supor Co.	2.1%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 03/31/2024:

Also Holding AG	1.9%
Collins Food	1.6%
China Meidong Auto Holdings	0.9%
Kingboard Laminates Holdings	0.8%
SIXT	0.8%
Krungthai Card PLC	0.8%
Oxford Instruments	0.8%
Zhongsheng Group Holdings	0.7%
Pets At Home	0.7%
Tri Chemical Laboratories	0.5%

PERFORMANCE

as of March 31, 2024

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized					Inception Date
	Q1	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception	
Ordinary Shares	(2.44%)	(2.44%)	3.70%	(0.47%)	5.56%	—	6.58%	01/30/2019
Institutional Shares	(2.33%)	(2.33%)	4.24%	(0.01%)	6.02%	—	7.03%	01/30/2019
R6 Shares	(2.33%)	(2.33%)	4.45%	0.02%	6.06%	—	7.07%	01/30/2019
MSCI ACWI ex USA ¹	4.81%	4.81%	13.83%	2.44%	6.48%	—	6.80%	—

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 2,231 constituents as of 03/31/2024, 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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