

PEAR TREE POLARIS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2026, 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 (2.35%) at net asset value compared to (0.60%) for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Sector performance was mixed, with Materials, Utilities, Health Care and Consumer Staples delivering strength, while Financials and Consumer Discretionary dampened overall results. The portfolio's absence of energy exposure and underweight in headline AI semiconductor names created headwinds, partially offset by strong returns from component companies exposed to the same AI demand via a different part of the value chain.

As referenced, standout contributors included IT component businesses, Kingboard Laminates and Sinbon Electronics. Kingboard produces copper clad laminates used in the printed circuit boards that underpin high-powered AI and server chips, and is rolling out fiberglass fabric materials in high demand. Sinbon projects strong growth throughout 2026 on the back of product needs from AI, robotics and smart transport industries.

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. Among other financials, Latin America's Credicorp Ltd. had strong net interest margin expansion on loan portfolio growth and lower funding costs. Krungthai Card PCL called for all-time high profits in early 2026, driven by a recovery in card spending and strong asset quality.

Among other standouts: SOL SpA continued its multi-year run of robust earnings, with its European home care services division driving growth beyond its core industrial gas business. Equatorial Energia also posted gains, benefiting from solid volume growth, tariff adjustments, and lower bad-debt ratios, complemented by disciplined execution.

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. ALSO Holding AG posted guidance on growth that was below expectation, while concerns on AI disruption and higher memory price might affect corporate IT spending. JAC Recruitment's guidance on growth was also below expectation, but management has been conservative on guidance historically. 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 purchased two healthcare positions during the quarter. Ipsen offers a strong drug development pipeline, meeting key drug trial milestones. While its flagship product Somatuline faces patent expiration, generic manufacturers have struggled to replicate it. Belgian healthcare company Fagron supplies pharma ingredients to compounders globally while also operating its own U.S. compounding business, where demand grows. On the sell side, IT companies Capgemini, Neurones and Reply SpA were exited on AI disruption concerns, and small appliance manufacturer Zhejiang Supor was sold given the weak Chinese consumer backdrop.

Outlook

We believe market volatility has opened the door to acquiring high-quality companies at attractive valuations. We expect that new names will help diversify and balance the portfolio across both defensive and cyclical sectors. In essence, geopolitical tensions and energy market uncertainty, while a source of risk, are equally a source of opportunity for disciplined, value-oriented investors. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.51%	1.41%
Institutional Shares	1.30%	0.99%
R6 Shares	1.13%	0.96%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2025, 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, 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.

PEAR TREE POLARIS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES 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	
SOL S.p.A.	5.1%
Cranswick plc	4.5%
Kingboard Laminates Holdings, Ltd.	4.1%
Sparebanken Norge	4.0%
Yageo Corporation	4.0%
Chailease Holding Co., Ltd.	3.8%
Equatorial Energia S.A.	3.8%
Macquarie Group Limited	3.4%
JAC Recruitment Co., Ltd.	3.4%
VSTECs Holdings Limited	3.3%

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

Krungthai Card PCL	2.2%
Sinbon Electronics	2.1%
Zhongsheng Group Holdings	1.1%
Credicorp Limited	1.1%
Ipsen	0.8%
ALSO Holding AG	0.5%
goeasy Limited	0.4%
Fagron	0.3%

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	(2.35%)	(2.35%)	11.31%	4.83%	1.84%	-	6.25%	01/30/2019
Institutional Shares	(2.27%)	(2.27%)	11.76%	5.37%	2.33%	-	6.72%	01/30/2019
R6 Shares	(2.19%)	(2.19%)	11.90%	5.43%	2.34%	-	6.75%	01/30/2019
MSCI ACWI ex USA ¹	(0.60%)	(0.60%)	25.58%	15.09%	7.56%	-	9.22%	-

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 1,977 constituents as of 03/31/2026, 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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