

PEAR TREE POLARIS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, 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 9.15% at net asset value compared to 8.17% for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

All sectors in which the Fund invested had absolute positive gains, led by outperformance in overweight Consumer Discretionary, Financials and Consumer Staples. An underweight in benchmark-lagging Materials and Utilities barely dampened results. From a country perspective, the Fund had outsized gains in China, as well as Australia, Taiwan, Japan and Malaysia. Sweden, Mexico, Hong Kong and South Korea detracted, the latter of which suffered on the semiconductor industry slowdown and AI normalization.

China pushed through aggressive stimulus measures to boost its local economy, including an interest rate cut, mortgage rate cuts and reduced commercial bank cash reserves. The Chinese stock market reacted with one of the best rallies in more than a decade in late September, and all of our local holdings got swept up in the fervor. Alibaba Group Holding was the top overall portfolio contributor, up more than 50%, while other local Consumer Discretionary stocks including China Meidong Auto, Midea Group, Zhejiang Supor and Zhongsheng Group each posted gains in excess of 20%. Another sector outperformer was Australia's Accent Group Ltd., which announced good earnings at a time when U.K. retail conglomerate Frasers Group acquired a 15.65% stake in the company. Conversely, NextAge Co. declined after putting out a profit warning, following a slide in the past few quarters.

In Consumer Staples, Cranswick PLC reported strong half-year results, with a nearly 12% jump in sales on higher volumes. The company attributed the performance to its ongoing investment in feed milling and pig farming operations. AVI Ltd, the South African food and beverage brand, beat gross margin expectations, pointing to efficiency gains. Flush with cash, the company announced a special dividend and resumption of its buyback program.

Information Technology sector gains were muted, due to Samsung Electronics, SeSa S.p.A. and Computacenter PLC. Samsung Electronics faced headwinds related to declining commodity dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) prices, inventory buildup and increased Chinese competition. While AI related memory demand and high-end DRAM prices have been firm, delayed approval of high bandwidth memory (HBM) 3E qualification from Nvidia and drag on the foundry business also pressured the stock. Italy's SeSa closed their July quarter with revenues down slightly from the comparable 2023 quarter, but earnings-per-share were in line with expectations. Concerns remain about weak demand and customers delaying purchase. The same issues weighed down the order books for U.K.-based Computacenter.

Portfolio Changes

During the quarter, the Fund sold Toronto-Dominion Bank given the ongoing anti-money laundering investigation, which may hamper the future profitability and growth of the Canadian bank. Capital was re-allocated to VSTEC Holdings, a Hong Kong IT company, and Teleperformance, the French digital business/telemarketing/customer experience firm.

Outlook

As global central banks lower interest rates, economies should begin to recover on the back of consumer and industry spending; cyclicals typically do well in such macroeconomic conditions. Our portfolio remains overweight select cyclicals, while we seek to increase exposure in under-represented Fund sectors like Communication Services, Energy and Health Care. These opportunities present worldwide, with a keen focus on Asia and China in light of corporate governance and policy change. ❖

PEAR TREE POLARIS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of September 30, 2024 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.57%	1.47%
Institutional Shares	1.16%	0.84%
R6 Shares	1.09%	0.99%

* Per Prospectus dated August 1, 2024, 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, 2025 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

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	25.2%
Cranswick plc	3.0%
SOL S.p.A.	2.9%
Sparebanken Vest	2.9%
D'leteren S.A.	2.6%
Neurones S.A.	2.4%
SpareBank Nord-Norge	2.4%
ALSO Holding AG	2.3%
EQB Inc.	2.3%
goeasy Ltd.	2.3%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	2.0%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 09/30/2024:

AVI Ltd.	1.9%
NextAge Co.	1.7%
Midea Group	1.6%
Zhejiang Supor	1.6%
Computacenter PLC	1.4%
China Meidong Auto	1.3%
Zhongsheng Group	1.2%
Samsung Electronics	1.1%
Accent Group Ltd.	1.0%
SeSa S.p.A.	0.5%
Teleperformance	0.4%
VSTECs Holdings	0.2%

PERFORMANCE

as of September 30, 2024

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	9.15%	5.86%	18.73%	0.90%	7.12%	—	7.52%	01/30/2019
Institutional Shares	9.36%	6.28%	19.51%	1.38%	7.59%	—	7.99%	01/30/2019
R6 Shares	9.27%	6.19%	19.55%	1.41%	7.61%	—	8.01%	01/30/2019
MSCI ACWI ex USA ¹	8.17%	14.70%	25.96%	4.67%	8.10%	—	7.89%	—

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 2,094 constituents as of 09/30/2024, 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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