

PEAR TREE POLARIS SMALL CAP FUND

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2022, the Pear Tree Polaris Small Cap Fund's Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") outperformed its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Total Return Index (the "Index"). The Fund had a return of (2.03%) at net asset value compared to (7.53%) for the Index.

Market Conditions and Investment Strategies

Outperformance was due to the Fund's Energy, Health Care and Communication Services holdings; cyclicals including Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology (IT) detracted.

During the quarter, oil prices raced higher on the back of growing demand and tight supply. Supply proved even more tenuous as sanctions halted Russian oil exports. Focus returned to domestic producers and refiners like Diamondback Energy, Dril-Quip and CVR Energy, each of which posted heady gains. The Fund purchased out-of-favor, cheaply-price biotechnology stocks last year on the premise that these fundamentally strong companies could execute strategic plans to build out product pipelines. The thesis held true, with Harmony Biosciences, Pacira Biosciences and Supernus Pharmaceuticals reporting strong quarterly results with commercial sales growth. Cinemark singlehandedly boosted the Communication Services sector. The theater operator had a good earnings season, surging past Wall Street estimates to post its first quarterly profit since before the pandemic. Blockbuster movies boosted results, while Cinemark sought to diversify its offerings, teaming up with ESPN to bring college football playoffs to the big screen.

Consumer Discretionary stocks, including Crocs Inc. and Winnebago, dragged on performance. The U.S.-based casual footwear company, Crocs reported exceptional annual results with revenues up 70% and margins at 30%. After record gains in 2021, the company guided for lower margins in 2022 due to higher costs. Skepticism surrounded Crocs' debt raising activities to acquire a competitor. RV maker Winnebago retracted on concerns about higher gasoline prices and consumers' appetite for big ticket purchases. In IT, Puerto Rican electronic payment processor Evertec posted record results and announced expansion plans; yet, the stock declined on consumer spending doubts.

Portfolio Changes

The Fund exited American Woodmark as the kitchen cabinet maker faced higher raw material prices and waning demand. RBB Bancorp was sold after the CEO resigned following an internal investigation. Cash was reallocated to buy SLM Corp., NOV Inc. and Sally Beauty Holdings. Private education loan provider SLM (previously Sallie Mae) is an inexpensive financial company with a dominant market position. NOV Inc., which provides equipment and rigs for oil exploration/production, is expected to be a late-stage beneficiary of the current oil industry cycle. Sally Beauty, the distributor of professional beauty supplies and hair colors, holds significant market share in both the wholesale and retail categories.

Outlook

Although geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, rising inflation and COVID waves continue to roil U.S. markets, the Fund has proven very resilient, continuing the pace of outperformance from the past few quarters. We are constantly assessing the portfolio, seeking to ensure that our holdings not only weather the current climate, but also thrive in an inflationary period accommodative to value stocks. As such, we are paring back on companies that might fall victim to rising inflation and dried up stimulus measures, especially those in the consumer sectors. We will continue our buy/sell strategy, looking for opportunities to upgrade both the quality and the valuation of the Fund portfolio. ❖

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS*

	Gross Expense Ratio*	Net Expense Ratio*
Ordinary Shares	1.63%	1.63%
Institutional Shares	1.38%	1.26%

* Per Prospectus dated August 2, 2021, as amended. Reflects all fee waivers currently in effect. Fee waivers may not be amended, rescinded or terminated before July 31, 2022 without the consent of the Fund's Trustees.

A WORD ABOUT RISK

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. The Fund may invest in issuers in the real estate industry. Changes in real estate values or economic downturns can have a significant negative effect on these issuers. The Fund may invest in foreign issuers that trade on U.S. stock exchanges. These issuers may be subject to special risks including different corporate governance rules and bankruptcy laws.

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Investment Products

- Not FDIC insured
- May lose value
- No bank guarantee

PEAR TREE POLARIS SMALL CAP FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

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

Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	
25.3%	South Plains Financial, Inc.
2.8%	Dril-Quip, Inc.
2.7%	Colony Bankcorp, Inc.
2.6%	Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc.
2.6%	Barrett Business Services, Inc.
2.5%	Exco Technologies Limited
2.5%	Graphic Packaging Holding Co.
2.4%	CVR Energy, Inc.
2.4%	OFG Bancorp.
2.4%	Cinemark Holdings, Inc.

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 03/31/2022:

Diamondback Energy	2.1%
Evertec	2.1%
NOV Inc.	2.0%
Harmony Biosciences	1.8%
Winnebago	1.5%
Supernus Pharmaceuticals	1.3%
SLM Corporation	1.0%
Crocs, Inc.	0.9%
Sally Beauty Holdings	0.9%
Pacira Biosciences	0.8%

PERFORMANCE

as of March 31, 2022

Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized			
	Q1	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Ordinary Shares	(2.03%)	(2.03%)	2.89%	8.65%	6.07%	7.74%
Institutional Shares	(1.95%)	(1.95%)	3.27%	9.05%	6.46%	8.08%
Russell 2000 ¹	(7.53%)	(7.53%)	(5.79%)	11.75%	9.74%	11.04%

¹ The Russell 2000 Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of 2,000 small company stocks. It is widely recognized as representative of the general market for small company stocks. Index returns assume the reinvestment of dividends and, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect any fees or expenses. You cannot invest directly in an Index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date of the Index is 08/03/92.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, visit the Fund's website at www.pearreefunds.com.

A WORD ABOUT RISK (CONTINUED)

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.

For information about the Pear Tree Polaris Small Cap Fund, obtain the Fund's prospectus by calling (800) 326-2151 or visiting www.pearreefunds.com. Before investing carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.