



## **PEAR TREE PANAGORA RISK PARITY EMERGING MARKETS FUND**

**FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2017** the Pear Tree PanAgora Risk Parity Emerging Markets Fund's\* Ordinary Shares (the "Fund") underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (the "Index"). During the period, the Fund achieved a return of 8.87% at net asset value compared to 11.49% for the Index.

### **Market Conditions and Investment Strategies**

On a country basis, the largest detractors were China (0.55%) and Qatar (0.52%). Among holdings in China, the largest detractor was not holding Alibaba Group Holding, while among holdings in Qatar, the largest detractor was an overweight position in Qatar Gas Transport (Nakilat). The largest contributors for the quarter were Poland 0.21% and Russia 0.20%. Among holdings in Poland, the largest contributor was an overweight position in Grupa Lotos SA, while among holdings in Russia, the largest contributor was an underweight position in Gazprom PJSC.

On a sector basis, the largest detractors were Information Technology (1.15%) and Consumer Discretionary (0.47%). Among holdings in Information Technology, the largest detractor was an underweight position in Samsung Electronics, while among holdings in Consumer Discretionary, the largest detractor was an overweight position in DXB Entertainments PJSC. The largest contributors for the quarter were Energy 0.45% and Materials 0.06%. Among the holdings in Energy, the largest contributor was an underweight position in Gazprom PJSC, while among the holdings in Materials, the largest contributor was an overweight position in KGHM Polska Miedz SA.

### **Portfolio Changes**

There were no significant portfolio changes during the quarter ending March 31, 2017.

### **Outlook**

As a quantitative investment firm, we tend not to provide strategy-specific forward looking commentary. We believe that our systematic investment approach ensures that we deliver a portfolio of our highest conviction of ideas to all of our clients. ❖

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### TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS\*

Ordinary Shares	1.49%
Institutional Shares	1.24%

\*Per Prospectus dated February 6, 2017

### 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 PANAGORA RISK PARITY EMERGING MARKETS FUND PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

as of March 31, 2017 (The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.)

### Top Ten Holdings

Percentage of total net assets	7.2%
Emirates Telecommunications Group Co. P.J.S.C.	0.9%
DP World Ltd.	0.8%
Qatar Electricity & Water Company Q.S.C.	0.8%
Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited (Nakilat) Q.S.C.	0.8%
Jollibee Foods Corporation	0.7%
Universal Robina Corporation	0.7%
Aboitiz Power Corporation	0.7%
Industries Qatar Q.S.C.	0.6%
DXB Entertainments P.J.S.C.	0.6%
PLDT Inc.	0.6%

The companies mentioned in the commentary on page one have the following percentage of total net assets as of 03/31/2017:

Grupa LOTOS S.A.	0.38%
Gazprom	0.00%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	0.00%
KGHM Polska Miedz S.A.	0.00%

### PERFORMANCE

as of March 31, 2017

#### Average Annual Total Returns at Net Asset Value

	Unannualized		Annualized				Since Inception	Inception Date
	Q1	Calendar YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year		
Ordinary Shares	8.87%	8.87%	5.44%	-3.15%	—	—	-1.58%	06/27/13
Institutional Shares	8.96%	8.96%	5.70%	-2.91%	—	—	-1.26%	06/27/13
MSCI EM <sup>1</sup>	11.49%	11.49%	17.65%	1.55%	—	—	3.81%	—

<sup>1</sup>The Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets ("MSCI EM") Index is an unmanaged index comprised of stocks located in countries other than the United States. It is widely recognized as representative of the general market for emerging markets. Index returns assume the reinvestment of dividends and, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect fees or expenses. You cannot invest directly in an Index. For comparative performance purposes, the beginning date for the Index is 06/27/2013.

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.peartreefunds.com](http://www.peartreefunds.com).