



Copeland Funds Sector Update - October 2020

Equity markets retreated in September even though the overall 3rd quarter finished in the green, as virus fears faded and the economic recovery continued to gain speed. The strategy's cash and more resilient stocks led to outperformance for the month. While it has been a challenging environment overall for Copeland's investment universe of Dividend Growth stocks since the lows of March, this is quite typical following a recession and bear market, even when short-lived. As the market rallied it has been the lesser quality, higher risk, non-profitable and non-dividend paying stocks that have led the way. While there remains significant risk to the economy and markets from both the virus and political uncertainty, markets have cruised higher with a growing belief that both pharmaceutical developments and stimulus measures will successfully leave the pandemic and recession behind. As a result, seven more sector signals turned positive in the domestic fund entering October, with only the beleaguered Energy sector remaining in a negative trend. We believe the prospects for higher quality dividend growth stocks should become more favorable as the market moves from exuberance to a more normalized trading environment, and especially if volatility returns to the market.

Chart 1



Chart 2



Chart 3



Source: FactSet Data Systems

Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund (CDGRX) ~

On a total return basis, the Fund returned -1.0% in September 2020, outperforming the S&P 500 Index return of -3.8%. Sector allocation and stock selection were both positive for the month. The cash exposure prevented full participation in the negative return this month. The underweights in Communications and Energy were positive contributors for the month. Stock selection in Technology had a positive impact on performance.

We are increasingly confident that in the upcoming days, weeks and months that higher quality dividend growth stocks will differentiate from more stressed business models. At Copeland we'll remain focused on the prospects for dividend growth in the companies in the portfolio, particularly given the rapidly changing economic environment.

All sectors with the exception of Energy are now positive entering October. With one negative sector, the strategy will now be fully invested in equities with an underweight to Energy. Sectors turned positive despite the negative performance in the benchmark in September partly because volatility rose, making the signals more sensitive to the general uptrend in each sector. The sector targets at present are approximately as follows: Technology (29%),

Health Care (15%), Consumer Discretionary (13%), Financials/REITs (13%), Industrials (10%), Utilities (9%), Consumer Staples (7%), Materials (3%), Energy (1%) and Cash (0%).

Low volatility: due to the previous defensive sector positioning, cash levels and ownership of dividend growth stocks, the strategy has produced less volatility over the last five years than the benchmark. During the trailing five year period as of 9/30/20, beta was 0.61 and the strategy's standard deviation (volatility) was 11.1% vs. the S&P 500 Index at 14.9%.

CDGRX

Sector	Signal – October 2020	Target Weight
Technology	Positive	29%
Health Care	Positive	15%
Consumer Discretionary	Positive	13%
Financials/REITs	Positive	13%
Industrials	Positive	10%
Utilities/Telecom	Positive	9%
Consumer Staples	Positive	7%
Materials	Positive	3%
Energy	Negative	1%
Cash		0%
Total		100%

Effective November 16, 2020, the Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund will no longer utilize quantitative sector signals to determine whether a sector is expected to appreciate or depreciate in value. Instead, the Adviser will seek to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by applying its fundamental stock selection criteria to purchase equities of companies with a proven track record of dividend growth. When the changes to the Fund's investment objectives and investment strategy are implemented on November 16, 2020, the Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund's name will change to "Copeland Dividend Growth Fund."

Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund (IDVGX) ~ The Fund's -1.1% return outperformed the MSCI World ex USA Index, which was down -2.5% in September. The Fund's cash allocation limited the strategy's downside participation for the period. Sector allocation and stock selection were positive for the month. The underweight to Materials was a positive contributor, while the underweight to Communications was a detractor to performance. Stock selection in Health Care contributed to performance.

There were no sector changes at the end of September which resulted in the fund maintaining its underweight positions in all sectors and a 50% target allocation to cash. The sector targets at present are approximately as follows: Industrials (10%), Staples (6%), Technology (5%), Utilities (6%),

Financials/REITs (11%), Health Care (7%), Discretionary (4%), Energy (2%), Materials (3%), Cash (46%).

The Fund continues to have lower risk metrics vs. the benchmark for the trailing five year period, with a beta of 0.60 and standard deviation of 10.3% vs. 14.1% for the Index.

IDVGX

Sector	Signal - October2020	Target Weight
Consumer Staples	Negative	6%
Consumer Discretionary	Negative	4%
Energy	Negative	2%
Financials/REITs	Negative	11%
Health Care	Negative	7%
Industrials	Negative	10%
Materials	Negative	3%
Technology	Negative	5%
Utilities/Telecom	Negative	6%
Cash		46%
Total		100%

On September 16, 2020, the Board of Trustees of Trust approved a proposal to liquidate the Fund effective by November 27, 2020 (the “Liquidation Date”). It is Copeland’s intention to liquidate the Fund’s holdings in an orderly fashion between now and the effective date and the proceeds will be invested in money market investments or held in cash. During this time, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective. On or about the Liquidation Date, all of the assets of the Fund will be liquidated completely, each investor’s shares will be redeemed at the net asset value per share and the Fund will then be terminated. Absent other instructions, the cash proceeds will be distributed by mailing a check to each investor of record at such investor’s address of record.

	YTD as of 9/30/20	1 Year as of 9/30/20	3 Years as of 9/30/20	5 Years as of 9/30/20	Since Inception 12/28/10 as of 9/30/20
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A	-7.21	-3.46	3.89	5.22	6.94
S&P 500 TR USD	5.57	15.15	12.28	14.14	12.91
Russell 3000 TR USD	5.41	15.00	11.64	13.68	12.56
US Fund Tactical Allocation	-0.99	3.17	2.69	4.54	3.53

	Load-Adj Ret YTD as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 3 Yr as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 5 Yr as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret Inception as of 9/30/20
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A with Load	-12.55	-9.01	1.86	3.99	6.30

The maximum sales charge (load) for Class A is 5.75%. The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total annual operating expense ratio for Class A shares is 1.82%. The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least March 31, 2021, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement (exclusive of any taxes, leverage interest, borrowing interest, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, dividend expense on securities sold short, acquired fund fees and expenses or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) will not exceed 1.45% of the daily average net asset value of Class A shares; subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years on a rolling three year basis (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved without exceeding the lesser of the expense limitation in effect at the time of the deferral and at the time of the repayment. This agreement may be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees on 60 days' written notice to the adviser. Please review the Fund's prospectus for more detail on the expense waiver. Results shown reflect the waiver, without which the results could have been lower. A Fund's performance, especially for very short periods of time, should not be the sole factor in making your investment decisions. You cannot invest directly in an index. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 1-888-9-COPELAND.

	YTD as of 9/30/20	1 Year as of 9/30/20	3 Years as of 9/30/20	5 Years as of 9/30/20	Since Inception 12/18/12 as of 9/30/20
Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Gr A	-11.08	-5.50	-1.86	1.13	1.81
MSCI World ex USA NR USD	-7.13	0.16	0.62	5.32	4.53

	Load-Adj Ret YTD as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 3 Yr as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 5 Yr as of 9/30/20	Load-Adj Ret Inception as of 9/30/20
Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Gr A with Load	-16.20	-10.94	-3.78	-0.06	1.04

The maximum sales charge (load) for Class A is 5.75%. The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total annual operating expense ratio for Class A shares is 2.58%. The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least March 31, 2021, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement (exclusive of any taxes, leverage interest, borrowing interest, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, dividend expense on securities sold short, acquired fund fees and expenses or extraordinary expenses such as

litigation) will not exceed 1.60% of the daily average net asset value of Class A, subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years on a rolling three year basis (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved without exceeding the lesser of the expense limitation in effect at the time of the deferral and at the time of the repayment. This agreement may be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees on 60 days' written notice to the adviser. Please review the Fund's prospectus for more detail on the expense waiver. Results shown reflect the waiver, without which the results could have been lower. A Fund's performance, especially for very short periods of time, should not be the sole factor in making your investment decisions. You cannot invest directly in an index. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 1-888-9-COPELAND.

The value of an investment in the Funds and the return on investment both will fluctuate and redemption proceeds may be higher or lower than an investor's original cost. Total return is calculated assuming reinvestment of all dividends. Total returns would have been lower had the Adviser, the Distributor, the Administrator, and Custodian not waived or reimbursed a portion of their fees. For performance numbers current to the most recent month-end please call 1-888-9-COPELAND.

Important Risk Disclosures

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund and the Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund. This and other important information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 1-888-9-COPELAND (1-888-926-7352). The prospectus should be read carefully before investing. The Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund the Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund are distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC member FINRA/SIPC. Copeland Capital Management, LLC and Northern Lights Distributors, LLC are not affiliated.

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The **S&P 500® Index** consists of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry group representation. It is a market value weighted index with each stock's weight in the Index proportionate to its market value.

The **Russell 3000® Index** measures the performance of the 3000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

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Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

Standard Deviation is a measure of the variability of returns-the

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Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized.

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