



## *Copeland Funds Sector Update - August 2019*

Stocks posted only modest gains in July as the market anticipated the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting at the end of the month. After the Fed lowered interest rates by only 25 bps, the market responded negatively as many investors had been hoping for a larger cut (Chart 1). With the current bull market now the longest in history at 124 months old (Chart 2) and having posted the second-best returns of any rally, there are numerous reasons to be cautious about near term performance. For example, trade tensions continue to run high with China, while Iran has demonstrated increasing resistance to sanctions. Closer to home, US economic activity continues to moderate as shown by the Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) widely followed Purchasing Managers Index, which has been consistently trending down for over a year. While dividend actions accelerated in 2018, aided by lower tax rates and a robust US economy, the outlook for dividend hikes in 2019 is more circumspect. We believe this positions Copeland well to benefit from our differentiated exposure to companies poised to continue raising dividends at a healthy pace through this slower growth period.

August Positioning:

**CDGRX: The Industrials sector signal turned positive at the end of July. The Industrials, Utilities and Technology sectors are the positive sectors entering August. The remaining 35% of the portfolio will be invested in cash equivalents or US Government Bonds.**

**IDVGX: The Technology sector signal turned positive at the end of July. The Consumer Staples, Utilities and Technology sectors are the positive sectors entering August. The remaining 25% of the portfolio will be invested in cash equivalents, US Government Bonds or UK Government Bonds.**

As a reminder, the Risk Managed strategies are designed to potentially offer lower downside participation when our models suggest there exists a high risk of a market decline, as they project today. Our further objective is to participate in the upside of the market when trends appear more favorable. The risk management focus is designed to avoid major market downside events, even at the risk of temporarily missing out on a short-term rebound. Today, we remain in a defensive position in both Funds, fully aware that we may have a lower participation rate in the near term regardless if that next move is higher or lower.

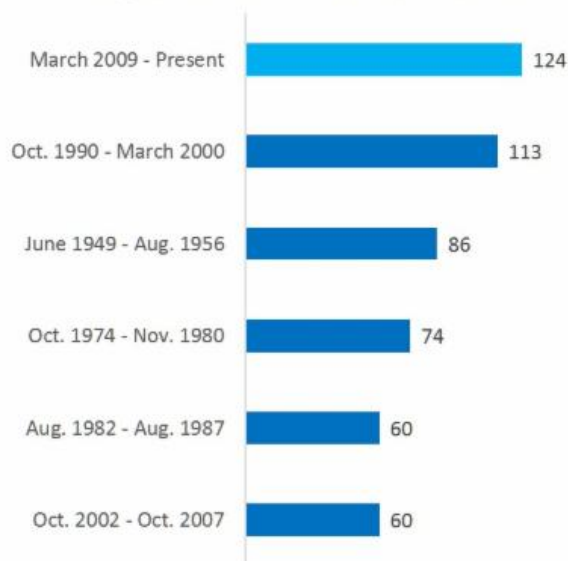
Chart 1



As Chart 2 illustrates, the current bull market is now the longest in history with the second-best performance on record at over 10 years, or 124 months old as of July 31, 2019. With the Funds positioned defensively in order to preserve capital, we believe this is a great opportunity to build a position in the Copeland family of Risk Managed Dividend Growth Funds, where the benefits of both our tactical signals and dividend growth stocks can be realized.

## Chart 2

The six longest S&P 500 bull markets, in months



Source: FactSet Data Systems, Morningstar Direct  
\*As of 7/31/2019

The six largest S&P 500 bull markets, in % return



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## Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund (CDGRX) ~

On a total return basis, the Fund returned +0.5% in July 2019, underperforming the S&P 500® Index's +1.4%. The Industrials sector signal turned positive at the end of July. In response, we added that sector to the portfolio and reduced exposure to Cash/US Treasuries and Utilities. The portfolio's substantial cash position was the main driver of underperformance in July. Such a defensive positioning in cash has not occurred since August of 2016. While our positive performance in 2018 was driven almost exclusively by the beneficial impact of our dividend growth stock selection, our sector allocation model is set to drive performance in 2019. The sector targets are approximately as follows: Technology (31%), Industrials (15%), Utilities (19%), Consumer Staples

(0%), Health Care (0%), Consumer Discretionary (0%), Financials/REITs (0%), Energy (0%), Materials (0%) and Cash (35%).

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 7/31/19, beta was only 0.6 and the strategy's standard deviation (volatility) was 9.0% vs. the S&P 500 Index at 12.0%.

Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund (IDVGX) ~

The Fund's -1.6% return underperformed the MSCI World ex USA Index, which lost -1.2% in July. The portfolio's substantial cash position was the main driver of underperformance in July. The Fund is now invested in three equity sectors which leaves a 25% investment in cash or government securities, with targeted sector weights approximately as follows: Consumer Staples (33%), Utilities (22%), Technology (20%), Health Care (0%), Consumer Discretionary (0%), Financials (0%), Materials (0%), Industrials (0%), Energy (0%) and Cash (25%).

The Fund continues to have lower risk metrics vs. the benchmark for the trailing five year period, with a beta of 0.5 and standard deviation of 8.4% vs. 12.2% for the Index.

	YTD as of 7/31/19	1 Year as of 6/30/19	3 Years as of 6/30/19	5 Years as of 6/30/19	Since Inception 12/28/2010 as of 6/30/19
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A	6.05	0.41	8.03	4.22	8.17
S&P 500 TR USD	20.24	10.42	14.20	10.71	12.84
Russell 3000 TR USD	20.48	8.98	14.03	10.19	12.52
US OE Tactical Allocation	9.92	2.07	5.27	2.19	3.67
	Load-Adj Ret YTD 7/31/19	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr as of 6/30/19	Load-Adj Ret 3 Yr as of 6/30/19	Load-Adj Ret 5 Yr as of 6/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Inception as of 6/30/19
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A with Load	-0.05	-5.37	5.91	3.00	7.42

*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, 2020, 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 7/31/19	1 Year as of 6/30/19	3 Years as of 6/30/19	5 Years as of 6/30/19	Since Inception 12/18/2012 as of 6/30/19
Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Gr A	4.27	-4.03	4.18	-0.04	2.95
MSCI World ex USA NR USD	13.25	1.29	9.02	2.04	5.55
	Load-Adj Ret YTD as of 7/31/19	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr as of 6/30/19	Load-Adj Ret 3 Yr as of 6/30/19	Load-Adj Ret 5 Yr as of 6/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Inception as of 6/30/19
Copeland Intl Risk Mgd Dividend Gr A with Load	-1.72	-9.55	2.14	-1.21	2.02

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