



Copeland Funds Sector Update - November 2019

Markets started weak but rallied to post positive returns in October, even as economic activity and earnings growth continued their yearlong slowdown. The Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) widely followed Purchasing Managers Index trended lower and earnings growth was flat or even negative in Q319. The market is showing some enthusiasm for a positive reversal in momentum in the near future as trade tensions have cooled off and some economic data suggests a bottoming in the economy, possibly reflecting the three rate cuts over the past nine months. With the current bull market now the longest in history at 127 months old (see Chart 3 below) and having posted the second-best returns of any such rally, there are numerous reasons to be cautious about near term performance. The market has likely priced-in an end, or at least a major pause, in the US-China trade war, which has proved to be highly unpredictable. At the same time, both US and global economic activity have significantly slowed, while the market is now anticipating a recovery. Though dividend actions accelerated in 2018, aided by lower tax rates and a robust US economy, the outlook for dividend hikes in 2019-20, as with earnings, is more circumspect. Despite these risks, we believe our dividend growth approach – with its dual emphasis on capital preservation and capital appreciation – should serve us well. Our focus on companies poised to continue raising dividends at a healthy pace leads us to companies with strong and sustainable competitive advantages, strong cash flow generation characteristics and management teams that emphasize careful capital management – all characteristics that we find attractive in good times and bad.

October Positioning:

CDGRX: There were no sector changes at the end of October. The Industrials, Utilities and Technology sectors are the only positive sectors entering November, and collectively represent 75% of the portfolio. The remaining 25% of the portfolio will be invested in cash equivalents or US Government Bonds.

IDVGX: There were no sector changes at the end of October. The Consumer Staples, Utilities, Industrials and Technology sectors are the only positive sectors entering October, and collectively represent 100% of the portfolio. The cash allocation remains at 0%.

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. 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 moderately defensive position in both Funds with selective sector exposure, 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



Chart 2

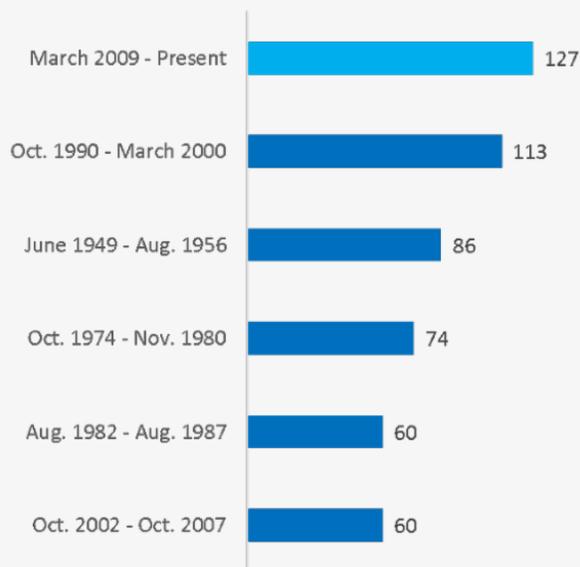


Source: FactSet Data Systems

As Chart 3 illustrates, the current bull market is now the longest in history with the second-best performance on record at over 10 years, or 127 months old as of October 30, 2019.

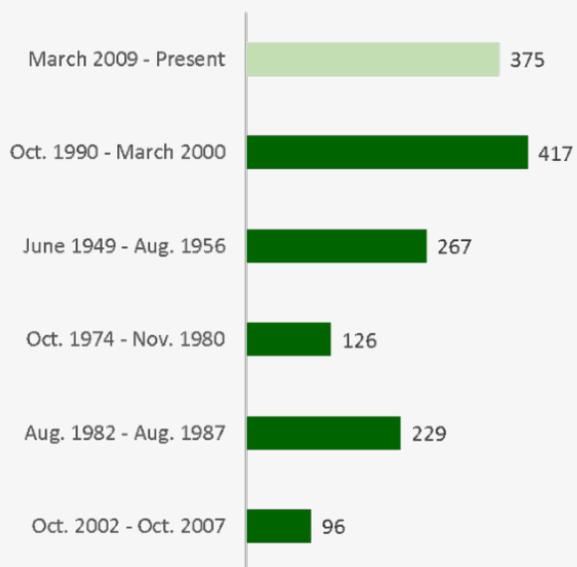
Chart 3

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



Source: FactSet Data Systems, Morningstar Direct
*As of 10/31/2019

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



Source: FactSet Data Systems, Morningstar Direct
*As of 10/31/2019

Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund (CDGRX) ~

On a total return basis, the Fund returned +0.3% in October 2019, underperforming the S&P 500® Index's +2.2%. There were no sector changes at the end of October. Stock selection in Technology along with the portfolio's cash position was the main headwind in October. The underweights to the Consumer Staples and Consumer Discretionary sectors were positive contributors. 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 (25%), Utilities (19%), Consumer Staples (0%), Health Care (0%), Consumer Discretionary (0%), Financials/REITs (0%), Energy (0%), Materials (0%) and Cash (25%).

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 10/31/19, beta was only 0.5 and the strategy's standard deviation (volatility) was 8.7% vs. the S&P 500 Index at 11.9%.

Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Growth Fund (IDVGX) ~

The Fund's +2.0% return slightly lagged the MSCI World ex USA Index, which was up +3.2% in October. The overweight to Consumer Staples was the main headwind, however that was mostly offset by positive stock selection in that sector. The Fund is fully invested in equities among the four positively trending sectors, with targeted sector weights approximately as follows: Consumer Staples (30%), Industrials (30%), Utilities (21%), Technology (19%), Health Care (0%), Consumer Discretionary (0%), Financials (0%), Materials (0%), Energy (0%) and Cash (0%).

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 8.3% vs.

12.2% for the Index.

	YTD as of 10/31/19	1 Year as of 9/30/19	3 Years as of 9/30/19	5 Years as of 9/30/19	Since Inception 12/28/10 as of 9/30/19
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A	8.22	-4.79	9.96	5.24	8.20
S&P 500 TR USD	23.16	4.25	13.40	10.84	12.66
Russell 3000 TR USD	22.68	2.92	12.84	10.45	12.29
US Fund Tactical Allocation	10.62	-0.35	4.55	2.73	3.58

	Load-Adj Ret YTD as of 10/31/19	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr as of 9/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 3 Yr as of 9/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 5 Yr as of 9/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Inception as of 9/30/19
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A with Load	1.99	-10.27	7.80	4.00	7.47

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 10/31/19	1 Year as of 9/30/19	3 Years as of 9/30/19	5 Years as of 9/30/19	Since Inception 12/18/12 as of 9/30/19
Copeland International Risk Managed Dividend Gr A	8.73	-5.08	3.84	1.47	2.93
MSCI World ex USA NR USD	17.24	-0.95	6.49	3.06	5.19

	Load-Adj Ret YTD as of 10/31/19	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr as of 9/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 3 Yr as of 9/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 5 Yr as of 9/30/19	Load-Adj Ret Inception as of 9/30/19
Copeland Risk Managed Dividend Gr A with Load	2.47	-10.53	1.81	0.28	2.04

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, 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 1.60% 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.

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***Standard Deviation** is a measure of the variability of returns--the higher the standard deviation, the greater the range of performance (i.e., volatility).*

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized.

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