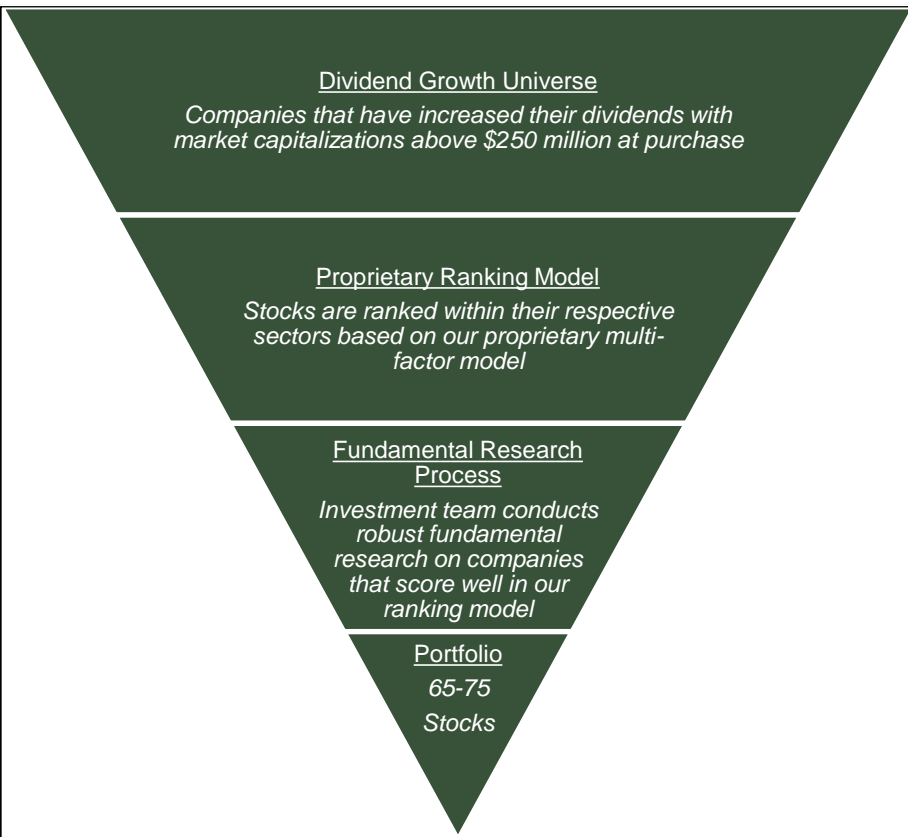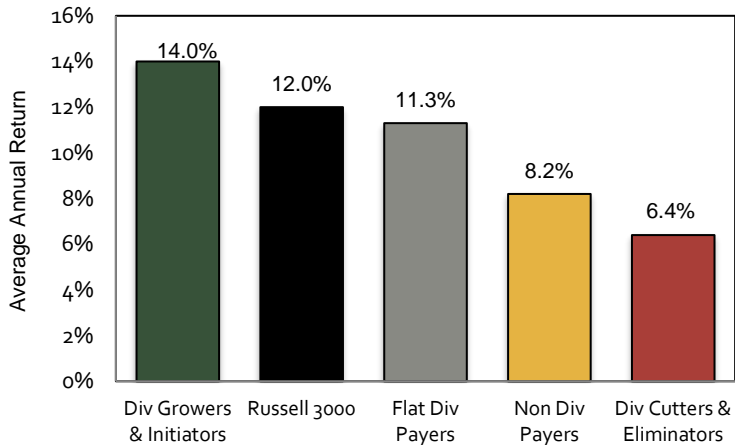## Dividend Growth Fund

- **Benchmark:** Russell 3000® Index

- **Inception:** December 28, 2010

- **Description:** Focused on companies with market capitalizations above $250 million at purchase that have demonstrated consistent year over year dividend growth. Any stock that pays a dividend that, in our opinion, has strong prospects for dividend growth, qualifies for purchase.
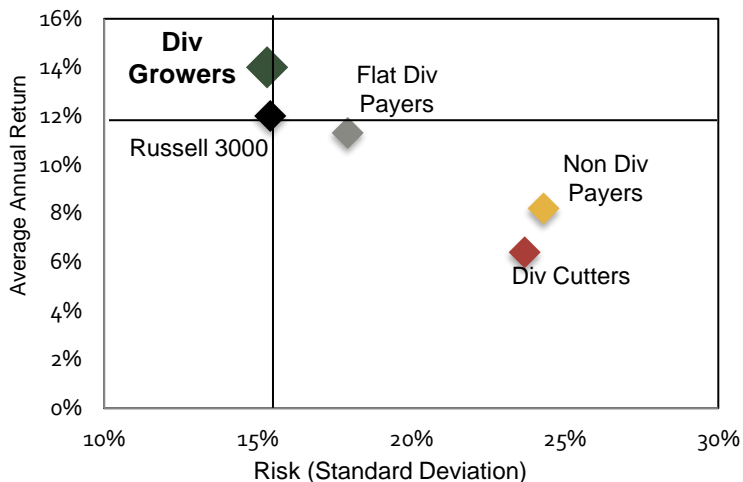
Dividend Growth Universe
Companies that have increased their dividends with market capitalizations above $250 million at purchase

Proprietary Ranking Model
Stocks are ranked within their respective sectors based on our proprietary multi-factor model

Fundamental Research Process
Investment team conducts robust fundamental research on companies that score well in our ranking model

Portfolio
65-75 Stocks

Dividend Growth Universe

All Cap Stocks: Sept 30, 1982 – Dec 31, 2024

Div Growers & Initiators: 14.0%
Russell 3000: 12.0%
Flat Div Payers: 11.3%
Non Div Payers: 8.2%
Div Cutters & Eliminators: 6.4%

All Cap Stocks: Sept 30, 1982 – Dec 31, 2024

Div Growers, Russell 3000, Flat Div Payers, Non Div Payers, Div Cutters

Source: Ned Davis Research

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Dividend Growth Universe Continued

The table below shows the percentage of time Dividend Growth stocks have outperformed their respective benchmarks over rolling periods

Data as of 12/31/2024	Initiation Date	Index	One Year Rolling	Three Year Rolling	Five Year Rolling	Ten Year Rolling
All Cap Dividend Growers	9/30/1982	Russell 3000®	**58%**	**62%**	**71%**	**78%**
All Cap Flat Dividend Payers	9/30/1982	Russell 3000®	44%	34%	29%	40%
All Cap Non-Dividend Payers	9/30/1982	Russell 3000®	36%	28%	31%	28%
All Cap Dividend Cutters	9/30/1982	Russell 3000®	30%	25%	23%	24%

Investment Process – Ranking Model

"We believe that stocks with sustainable dividend growth consistently outperform the market with less risk."

Dividend Growth defines our universe, drives our total return solution and is the centerpiece of our research process.

Dividend Growth stocks are ranked using a proprietary fundamental ranking system in an effort to establish each specific company's ability to grow its dividends in the future.

Factors we have found to be predictive of strong Dividend Growth and total return include:

➢ Dividend Coverage
➢ Free Cash Flow Generation
➢ Growth in the Underlying Business
➢ Return on Capital

Top-ranked stocks within the model are subject to deep fundamental analysis.

Investment Process - Fundamental

Copeland's research process is designed to identify companies with strong competitive positions that support steadily rising dividends.

<u>Substantial Growth Opportunities</u>: Secular growth industries, market share gains, acquisition strategy, new verticals/products/services, etc.

<u>Competitive Advantage</u>: Superior positions established through economies of scale, high switching costs, network effects, brand affinity, access to specialized assets, etc.; these characteristics drive pricing power and/or cost savings, and thus high ROIC

<u>Risk Analysis:</u> Macroeconomic or geopolitical concerns, regulatory pressures, management depth/stability, technological advances

<u>Management's allocation of free cash flow</u>:
- Reinvest to defend and enhance competitive position, promote growth
- Distribute to stakeholders: rising dividends, buybacks, pay down debt

<u>Assess the sustainability and pace of future Dividend Growth</u>:
- Evaluate the success of reinvestment efforts: Consistency of ROIC
- Dividend coverage ratios; Business growth prospects; Management's commitment to future dividend increases

<u>Valuation</u>: Dividend yield relative to dividend growth projection, cash flow multiples, P/E's, etc.

<u>Total return</u> = Dividend yield + dividend growth +/- valuation change

The Dividend Guides Us: Dividend Growth defines our universe, supports our total return solution, and is the centerpiece of our research process.

Flow chart:
- *Output from Multi-Factor Model*
- → *Growth Opportunities*
- → *Competitive Advantage Analysis & Risk Analysis*
- → *Evaluate Cash Flow Allocation*
- → *Assess the Sustainability and Pace of Dividend Growth*
- → *Valuation*
- → Portfolio
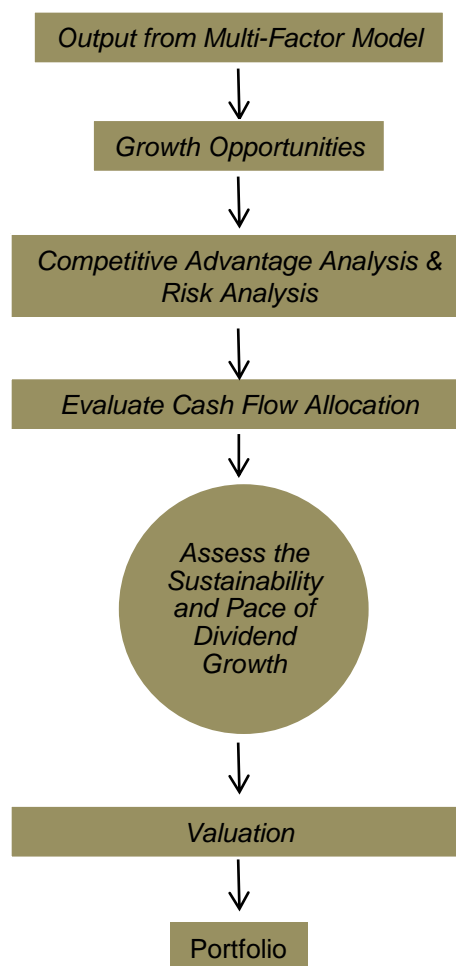
Sell Discipline

Stocks are sold for the following reasons:

- **Dividend Cut or Failure to Raise:** Any holding that cuts or even fails to raise its dividend is sold – <u>No Exceptions</u>!

- **Deterioration of Dividend Quality:** Portfolio candidates must meet minimum thresholds of cash flows and earnings supporting the dividend. Violations of these thresholds have been found to be predictive of a future dividend cut.

- **Low Quantitative Ranking:** Problems are often exhibited in the quantitative rankings when factors such as earnings momentum, cash flow or return on capital deteriorate. These are red flags for a detailed analyst review.

- **Fundamental Concerns:** Analysts are continuously questioning the competitive advantage of the company, as well as macro, regulatory or secular themes, with a focus on identifying risks to the dividend.

There is no guarantee that companies will declare dividends or, if declared, that they will remain at current levels or increase over time.

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Mr. Giovanniello is the Chief Investment Officer of Copeland Capital Management. Mark is a co-portfolio manager on all Domestic Strategies and the lead manager for the Mid Cap, Smid Cap, and Small Cap Strategies. He is responsible for research coverage of the Health Care, Materials and Energy sectors. Prior to joining Copeland in August 2009, Mark was the lead portfolio manager for the Mid Cap strategy at Rorer Asset Management. Before joining Rorer, Mark spent six years at The Colony Group as the portfolio manager of the firm's Mid Cap strategy as well as the Director of Research. Earlier in his career, Mark was a senior associate at the public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he earned his CPA. Mark holds a BS degree from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation.

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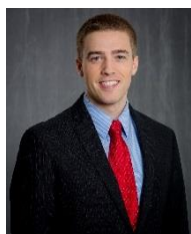
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Mr. McGonigle is a Portfolio Manager and a Principal at Copeland Capital Management. His primary coverage responsibilities are in the Consumer Discretionary, Financial and Industrial sectors across all U.S. portfolios. Prior to joining Copeland in August 2009, Dave spent ten years with Rorer Asset Management, serving both as a portfolio manager and an analyst focused on the firm's mid cap portfolio with primary coverage responsibilities in the Consumer and Financial sectors. Before joining Rorer, Dave was a Financial Analyst with AmericaOne Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of CapitalOne Financial Corp., where he focused on financial forecasting, as well as the evaluation of potential acquisition candidates in the telecommunications space. He holds a BS in Business Administration, with a finance concentration, from the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond. Dave also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation and is a member of the CFA Society of Philadelphia.

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Drawdown

Time Period: 12/29/2010 to 12/31/2024

	Fund	Russell 3000 TR	Cat Avg
Max Drawdown (Monthly Return)	-36.25	-34.96	-33.87
Alpha	-2.65	0.00	-1.05
Beta	0.82	1.00	0.94
Down Capture Ratio	82.13	100.00	94.33

Risk-Reward

Time Period: 12/29/2010 to 12/31/2024

- Copeland Dividend Growth Fund Class A
- Russell 3000 TR USD
- US Fund Large Blend
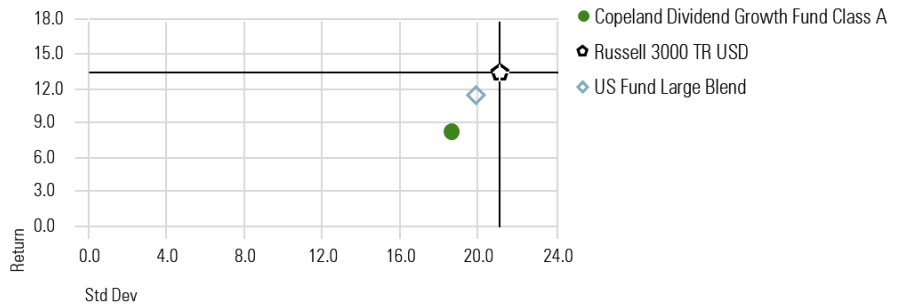
Morningstar Style Box

Portfolio Date: 11/30/2024

Morningstar Equity Style Box™
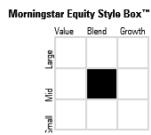
Market Cap	%
Market Cap Giant %	13.8
Market Cap Large %	21.5
Market Cap Mid %	43.4
Market Cap Small %	18.6
Market Cap Micro %	2.6

Risk-Reward

Time Period: 12/29/2010 to 12/31/2024

	Fund	Russell 3000 TR	Cat Avg
Return	8.21	13.31	11.47
Std Dev	18.63	21.13	19.91
R2	86.24	100.00	99.59
Tracking Error	7.91	0.00	1.80

Fund Information - Class A

Inception Date	12/28/2010
Prospectus Net Expense Ratio	1.20
Prospectus Gross Expense Ratio	1.95
Management Fee	0.75
Redemption Fee	1.00
Max Front Load (Class A)	5.75

Performance

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/28/2010
Copeland Dividend Growth Fund Class A	9.88	9.88	3.61	7.78	6.45	8.21
Russell 3000 TR USD	23.81	23.81	8.00	13.86	12.54	13.31
US Fund Large Blend	20.61	20.61	7.01	12.00	10.76	11.47

	Load-Adj Ret YTD (Qtr-End)	Load-Adj Ret 1 Yr (Qtr-End)	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 3 Yr (Qtr-End)	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 5 Yr (Qtr-End)	Load-Adj Ret Annlzd 10 Yr (Qtr-End)	Load-Adj Ret Inception (Qtr-End)
Copeland Dividend Growth Fund Class A	3.56	3.56	1.59	6.52	5.82	7.75

Top 10 Equity Holdings

Portfolio Date: 11/30/2024

	Sector	Portfolio Weighting %
Broadcom Inc	Technology	2.11
UnitedHealth Group Inc	Healthcare	1.84
ResMed Inc	Healthcare	1.82
Hamilton Lane Inc Class A	Financial Services	1.82
Microsoft Corp	Technology	1.79
Amphenol Corp Class A	Technology	1.73
Sherwin-Williams Co	Basic Materials	1.69
Visa Inc Class A	Financial Services	1.68
Morgan Stanley	Financial Services	1.68
Nasdaq Inc	Financial Services	1.67

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered investment advice.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Copeland Dividend Growth Fund Class A	9.88	18.79	-14.78	26.14	3.69	12.28	0.17	19.57	3.35	-7.60	9.65	31.40	10.27	2.72
Russell 3000 TR USD	23.81	25.96	-19.21	25.66	20.89	31.02	-5.24	21.13	12.74	0.48	12.56	33.55	16.42	1.03
US Fund Large Blend	20.61	22.46	-17.04	25.28	14.85	28.60	-6.21	20.43	10.10	-1.40	10.73	31.28	14.81	-1.37

Investment Strategy

The investment seeks long-term capital appreciation and income generation. The fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives of producing long-term capital appreciation and income generation, by applying its fundamental stock selection to purchase equities of companies with a proven track record of dividend growth. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including borrowings for investment purposes) in securities that have increased their dividend in the most recent annual period.

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Class A - CUSIP: 21724W209

Benchmark: Russll 3000 Index TR USD
Morningstar Category: US OE Large Blend

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Top 10 Holdings
The top ten holdings, industry sectors, and asset allocation are presented to illustrate examples of securities that the fund has bought and the diversity of areas in which the fund may invest, and may not be representative of the fund's current or future investments. Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered investment advice.

Morningstar Style Box
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Risk Disclosure
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Prospectus Gross Expense Ratio
This is the percentage of fund assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. The expense ratio typically includes the following types of fees: accounting, administrator, advisor, auditor, board of directors, custodial, distribution (12b-1), legal, organizational, professional, registration, shareholder reporting, subadvisor, and transfer agency. The expense ratio does not reflect the fund's brokerage costs or any investor sales charges. In contrast to the net expense ratio, the gross expense ratio does not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period. Also known as the Total Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio, Morningstar pulls the prospectus gross expense ratio from the fund's most recent prospectus. Prospectus expense ratios reflect material changes to the expense structure for the current period.

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Standard Deviation
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Alpha
Alpha measures the difference between an investment's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. A positive alpha figure indicates the investment has performed better than its beta would predict. In contrast, a negative alpha indicates that the investment underperformed, given the expectations established by its beta. Alpha is often seen as a measure of the value added or subtracted by a portfolio manager.

Beta
Beta is a measure of an investment's sensitivity to movements in a benchmark. A portfolio with a beta greater than one is more volatile than the benchmark, and a portfolio with a beta less than one is less volatile than the benchmark.

R-Squared
R-squared reflects the percentage of an investment's movements that are explained by movements in the benchmark, showing the degree of correlation between the investment and the benchmark. A score of 1.00 means that the investment exactly tracked the benchmark's movement. This figure is also helpful in assessing how likely it is that alpha and beta are statistically significant.

Dividend Yield
The company's total annual dividend payments divided by its market capitalization, or the dividend per share, divided by the price per share.

Tracking Error
Tracking error is the divergence between the price behavior of an investment and the price behavior of a benchmark. Tracking error is reported as a standard deviation percentage difference.

Maximum Drawdown
The peak to trough decline during a specific record period for the investment. We display both the number of months between the peak and trough and the corresponding percentage change during that period.

Russell 3000® Index
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