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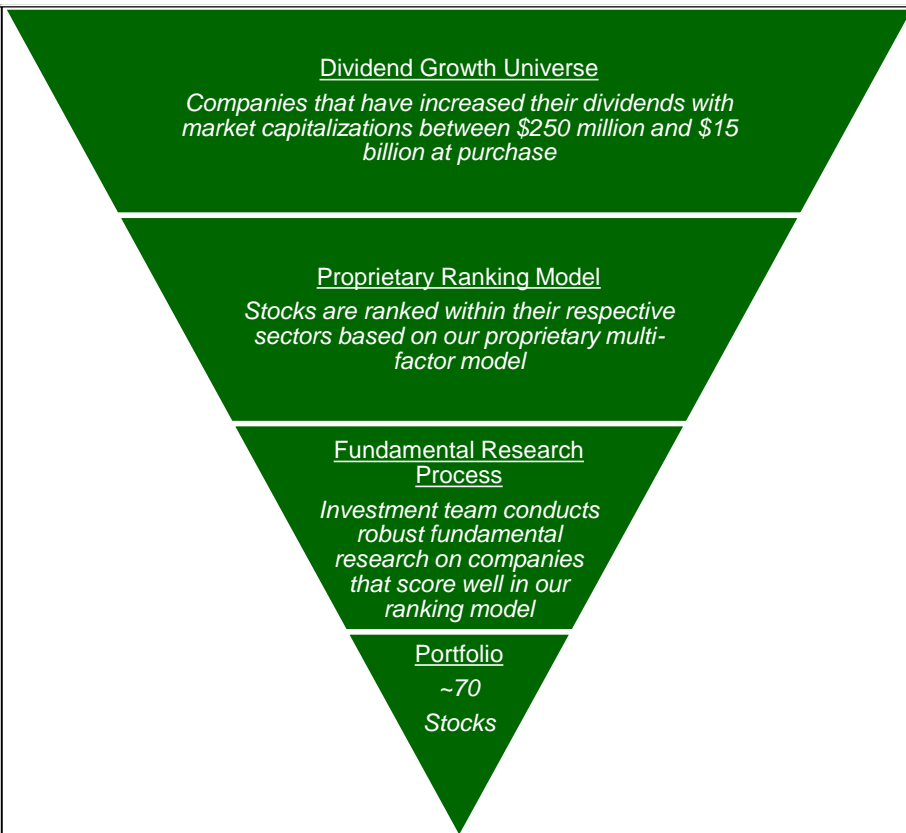
**Inception:** February 26, 2017

**Expense Ratio:** 0.95%

Smid Cap Dividend Growth Fund

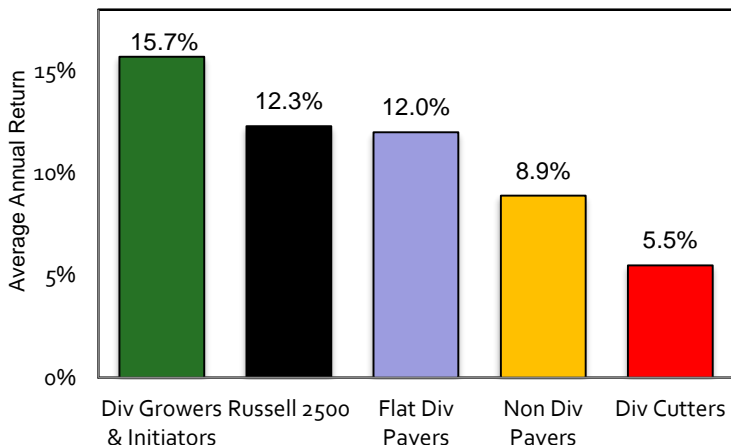
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- **Inception:** February 26, 2017\*
- **Description:** Focused on companies with market capitalizations below \$15 billion at purchase that have demonstrated consistent year over year dividend growth. Any stock that pays a dividend that, in our opinion, has strong prospects for dividend growth, qualifies for purchase.

\*Copeland has run the strategy as a separate account since September 30, 2013

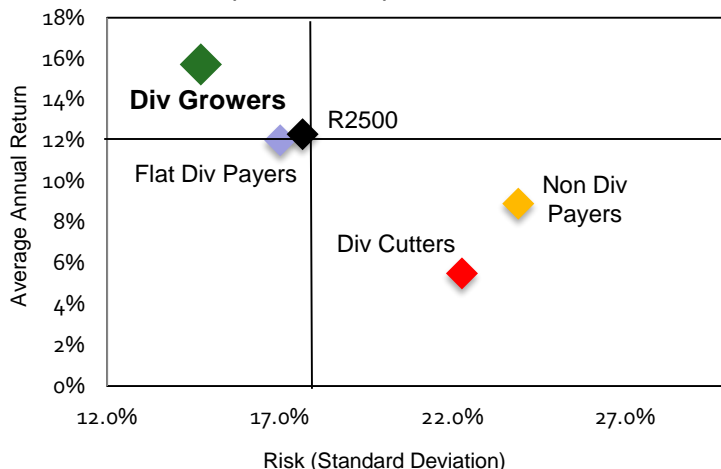


Smid Cap Dividend Growth Universe

Smid Cap Stocks: Sept 30, 1982 – Dec 31, 2017



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Source: Ned Davis Research

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## Smid Cap 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 12/31/2017	Initiation Date	Benchmark (total return)	One Year Rolling	Three Year Rolling	Five Year Rolling	Ten Year Rolling
Smid Cap Dividend Growers	9/30/1982	Russell 2500® Index	67%	79%	83%	92%
Smid Cap Flat Dividend Payers	9/30/1982	Russell 2500® Index	44%	11%	30%	37%
Smid Cap Non-Dividend Payers	9/30/1982	Russell 2500® Index	34%	20%	21%	9%
Smid Cap Dividend Cutters	9/30/1982	Russell 2500® Index	28%	16%	18%	17%

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## 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.**

Competitive Advantage: Low cost vs. differentiation strategies; scale, market share, pricing power, network effects, brands; high ROIC

Management's allocation of free cash flow:

- Reinvest to defend and enhance competitive position, promote growth
- Distribute to stakeholders: rising dividends, buybacks, pay down debt

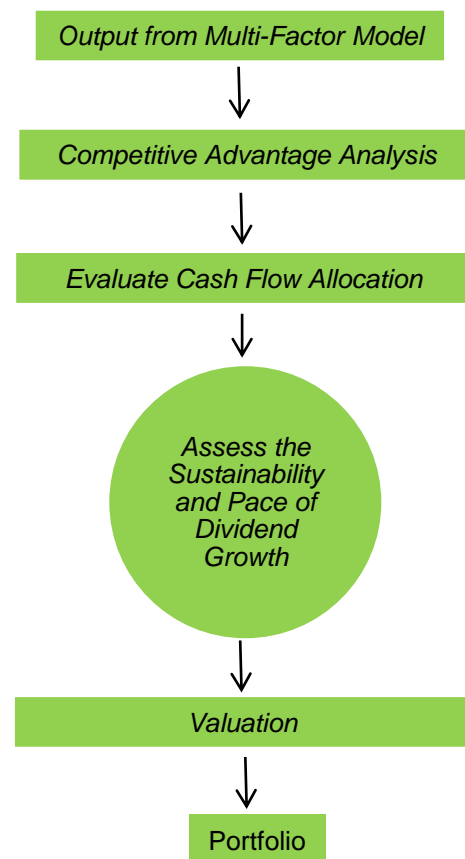
Assess the sustainability and pace of future Dividend Growth:

- Evaluate the success of reinvestment efforts: Consistency of ROIC
- Dividend coverage ratios; Business growth prospects; Management's commitment to future dividend increases

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

Total return = 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.*



## 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 – No Exceptions!
- **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.

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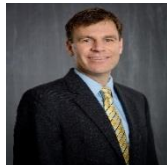
**Mark Giovannello – Chief Investment Officer, Portfolio Manager**

Mr. Giovannello 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.



**Eric Brown – Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Portfolio Manager**

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**Alpha** - a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance, given the level of risk as measured by beta, where beta measures sensitivity to index movements.

**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.

**Price/Earnings**-The Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratio of a stock is a measure of price paid for a share relative to annual net income or profit earned by the firm per share.

**Price/Free Cash Flow**—measure that compares company market price to its level of annual free cash flow per share.

The **Russell 2500® Index** is comprised of the bottom 2500 companies in the Russell 3000® Index.

**You cannot invest directly in an Index. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.**

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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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. Prospectus expense ratios reflect material changes to the expense structure for the current period.

**Prospectus Net 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 gross expense ratio, the net expense ratio does reflect fee waivers in effect during the time period. Also known as the Total Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio Net of Reimbursements. Prospectus Expense ratios reflect material changes to the expense structure for the current period, while annual report expense ratios reflect the actual fees charged during a fiscal year.

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