



The Copeland Capital Management, LLC (Copeland) US Large Cap strategy has been added to the SEI Canada U.S. Large Company Equity Fund (the "Fund").

Investment philosophy and process

Copeland's investment philosophy emphasizes quality and dividend growth. This fundamental strategy has a quantitative screen and uses multi-factor modeling; however, its primary emphasis is on quality and stability. Overall, the investment team adopts a "win by not losing" approach and emphasizes companies with above-average long-term profitability.

The investment team strives to mitigate pitfalls associated with quality investing. Its quantitative ranking model and compensation structure causes it to continually rank existing holdings against alternatives.

Copeland's requirement for dividend growth provides a systematic sell trigger that many quality-oriented managers lack. This helps to mitigate potential anchoring bias (in which the use of a psychological benchmark carries a disproportionately high weight in the decision-making process) and drive a more standardized sell discipline.

The strategy consists of 30 to 40 stocks.

Role in the Fund

Copeland's US Large Cap strategy should align with the quality alpha source. We expect Copeland to outperform in volatile and declining markets when investors favour quality and stability over absolute growth. Furthermore, we are seeking to increase our exposure to companies with persistently high profitability in multiple economic sectors represented within the Copeland portfolio and our analysis indicates that Copeland provides better differentiation relative to the other managers in the Fund.

About Copeland

Copeland is a Pennsylvania-based investment boutique focused on dividend growth investing. As of March 2023, the firm had \$5.5 billion in assets under management.

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