# **Royce Capital Fund 2021 Semiannual**

Review and Report to Shareholders June 30, 2021

Royce Capital Fund–Micro-Cap Portfolio

Royce Capital Fund-Small-Cap Portfolio



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# Letter to Our Shareholders

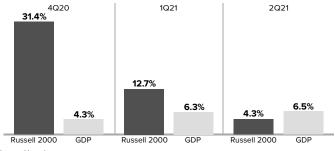


## WHY TWO MAXIMS ARE ESPECIALLY RELEVANT NOW

The first six months of 2021 offered an important reminder that the economy and the equity markets—small cap stocks included—advance at their own speeds. The first quarter of 2021 saw economic acceleration in the form of U.S. real GDP growth of 6.3%, a considerable increase from 4Q20's also strong 4.3% mark. This growth continued into 2Q21, when real GDP came in at 6.5%, both quarters in line with current consensus estimates of 6-7% annual growth. Over the same period, small cap returns, as measured by the Russell 2000 Index, moved at the opposite pace, from 31.4% in 4Q20 to 12.7% in 1Q21, and finally to 4.3% for 2Q21.

#### **Decelerating Market, Accelerating Economy**

Russell 2000 Index Quarterly Returns vs. U.S. Real GDP Growth (annualized, quarter over quarter)



Source: Bloomberg

These seemingly disconnected results are actually more closely connected than they appear. They also provide us with the opportunity to remind investors of an important investment maxim: that it often makes sense to discount the relevance of *current* economic news when thinking about how to invest. The stock

market has a well-founded reputation as a forward-looking force, often traveling six to 12 months ahead of economic results. This dynamic highlights why the best returns often come when current economic news seems dire or pedestrian. March 2020 provided just the latest example of this long-running phenomenon. And—as the direction of small-cap's last three quarterly returns makes clear—the other side of this relationship is also frequently accurate: prospective equity returns can be far more subdued when the economy is most robust. (There is a silver lining for active managers to this market-economy dynamic, but more on that later.) Seen from this perspective, the first half's simultaneous economic acceleration and small-cap deceleration was, in a period that continues to provide plenty of atypical behavior, reassuringly conventional.

The first half of the year also came to a close with nearly every trend established within the equity markets from the March 2020 troughs still firmly in place. To wit: small cap finished ahead of large cap for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21, as measured by the Russell 2000 (+17.5%) and Russell 1000 (+15.0%) indexes, thus extending the leadership shift that began more than 15 months ago. Similarly, the Russell 2000 Value Index, which advanced 26.7%, solidified its nascent market cycle advantage over the Russell 2000 Growth Index—which rose 9.0%—following nearly a decade of underperformance—an unprecedented length of time for growth to outpace value since the inception of the style indexes. Also within small cap, cyclical sectors maintained a convincing lead over their defensive counterparts.

Will these trends continue? We think they will. What we flesh out in this letter, then, is our case for extended small-cap leadership and, within the asset class, ongoing outperformance for value. Our research delves into equity returns during previous periods of strong nominal GDP growth, current valuation levels, and historical small cap returns patterns, all of which have given us what we admit is an arguably paradoxical point of view: a strong sense of guarded optimism.

#### BE AWARE OF RECENCY BIAS

Some readers may think we are on shaky ground in arguing that small cap's first-half leadership looks built to last. And there are reasons that might appear to support the notion that leadership has moved back to large caps. After its historic one-year rally through the end of March 2021—which included three consecutive quarters outperforming large caps—small cap's advance moderated. The Russell 2000 also fell behind its large-cap sibling during the second quarter of 2021, up 4.3% versus 8.5% for the Russell 1000. And while the Russell 2000 established its latest all-time peak on March 15th, the Russell 1000 reached its latest peak as recently as July 26th, after making previous new highs several times toward the end of the second quarter. In this context, we suspect a certain amount of recency bias may be preventing small-cap skeptics from seeing just how strong first-half performance was—and not just for small cap, but for cyclicals, small-cap value, and micro-cap stocks (which rose 29.0%, as measured by the Russell Microcap Index). For example, the Russell 2000's 17.5% gain was well above the index's rolling monthly average six-month return of 6.7% since its inception (12/31/78). History also shows that intra-cycle leadership shifts occur with some regularity during market cycles, as do changes in the tempo of performance. For example, after small caps experienced a very strong absolute and relative recovery in 2009, a digestion period followed in which returns were negative over the next six months before the asset class resumed a positive pace and held on to market leadership.

In addition, it's worth noting that first-half returns being highest for the smallest capitalization asset classes (as well as being significantly in value's favor) lines up exactly as we would expect during a period of widespread economic recovery. Equally important, we see little on the horizon in the economy, the market itself, or—and this is always most relevant to us—in our analysis of companies and conversations with management teams—to suggest that small cap's leadership phase has run its course.

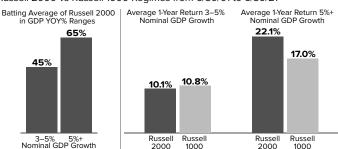
## HAS SMALL-CAP'S RUN ONLY JUST BEGUN?

The growing economy underpins an important part of our optimism for small cap's continued leadership over large cap. Notwithstanding ever-present sources of concern, our bottom-up view of the economy, which we glean from analyzing a wide swath of companies, shows that the U.S. in particular continues to skew heavily toward expansion. The U.S. consumer, whose spending comprises roughly 70% of our economy, is financially flush. With notably strong consumer balance sheets and low mortgage rates, the housing market remains healthy while also boasting favorable long-term demographic trends. Retail and restaurant sales are increasing steadily, passenger air travel remains on the rise, and roads and highways are busy. We would also add lower unemployment, and the potential boost—after the requisite political wrangling—of additional fiscal stimulus, much of it in the form of long needed infrastructure spending, to this list of positives.

And while past performance is no guarantee of future results, history is admirably clear about the pattern of U.S. equity leadership when the economy expanded. During prior periods of robust economic growth, small caps have enjoyed a decided performance edge over their large cap siblings. When nominal U.S. GDP growth exceeded 5% in year-over-year periods, the Russell 2000 beat the Russell 1000 65% of the time with an average annual return of 22.1% versus 17.0%. This is especially relevant to the current environment because consensus projections call for nominal GDP growth in the 8-10% range for 2021 and 5-7% for 2022.

# Small Caps Have Tended to Outpace Large Caps in Periods of High Economic Growth

Russell 2000 vs Russell 1000 Regimes from 6/30/01 to 6/30/21



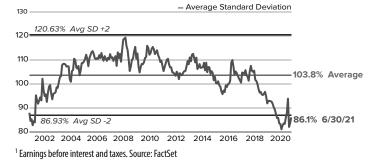
Batting average refers to the percentage of 1-year periods in which the Russell 2000 outperformed the Russell 1000.

The state of valuations between small and large caps is also relevant. With more and more market observers expressing concern about share prices in the U.S. market being unsustainably elevated, we looked at the situation by dividing the market by capitalization. To gauge valuations, we used one of our preferred metrics, enterprise value divided by the

last 12 months' earnings before interest & taxes ("LTM EV/EBIT"), excluding companies with negative EBIT. Although small cap delivered a significant outperformance over large cap over the past year (+62.0% vs. +43.1%), small-cap stocks are still relatively undervalued versus large caps when compared against their valuation range over the past 20 years.

# Relative Valuations for Small Caps Are Near Their Lowest in

Russell 2000 vs. Russell 1000 Median LTM EV/EBIT<sup>1</sup> (ex. Negative EBIT Companies) from 6/30/01 to 6/30/21



We think that the combination of the asset class's strong history in growing economies and its more attractive relative valuations make a powerful case for small cap's ongoing leadership in the U.S. equity market.

## **SMALL-CAP VALUE'S ADVANTAGE**

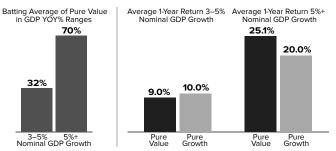
In addition to looking for small caps to continue posting attractive relative and solid absolute results, we also expect small-cap value to maintain leadership within small cap—and for the same two reasons as small cap's relative advantage over large caps: 1) Small-cap value has enjoyed a pronounced tendency to outperform small-cap growth when nominal economic growth has been above average and 2) small-cap value's relative valuation compared with its historic range also looks attractive. The rationale for small-cap value outperforming in periods of high nominal economic growth is rooted in the idea that small-cap value is both more cyclically sensitive than its growth sibling and a greater beneficiary of inflation for relative earnings growth and valuation.

Our research confirmed this relationship as we looked back over the past 20 years and found that in one-year periods with at least 5% nominal GDP growth, the Russell 2000 Pure Value Index outperformed the Russell 2000 Pure Growth Index 68% of the time by an average of 420 basis points. In contrast, when nominal GDP growth fell between 3-5%, the small-cap value index outperformed only 32% of the time and lagged small-cap growth by an average of 100 basis points. As noted earlier, with consensus projections for nominal

GDP growth for 2021 and 2022 both in excess of 5%, the future environment seems well suited to continued outperformance for value.

#### Strong Economic Expansion Has Favored Value

Rolling 1-Year Returns for the Russell 2000 Pure Value vs Russell 2000 Pure Growth Indexes from 6/30/01 to 6/30/21

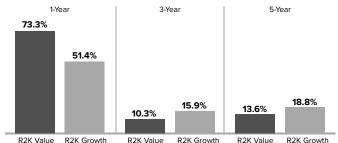


Batting average refers to the percentage of 1-year periods in which the Russell Pure Value outperformed the Russell Pure Growth Index. Source: Russell Investments

Despite these favorable conditions, some readers, in noting that small cap value has already beaten small-cap growth by a sizable margin over the last year (+73.3% versus +51.4%), may be wondering how much more outperformance value has left. We'd suggest that extending the time periods from the last one year to include the last three and five years reveals a starkly different picture. The Russell 2000 Value lagged its growth counterpart by more than 500 basis points for both the three- and five-year annualized periods ended 6/30/21. Given the depth of value's underperformance over much of the past five years, then, the idea that value's run might also be over seems ill founded to us.

## Despite Leading from One Year, Value Trails by a Large Margin for Three- and Five-Year Periods

Russell 2000 Value vs Russell 2000 Growth Average Annual Total Returns as of 6/30/21



Current valuations add one final piece of the puzzle: just as small cap valuations finished June looking more attractive than those of large cap, small-cap value wound down 2021's first half looking far more attractively valued than its growth counterpart—based on the same LTM EV/EBIT metric we used above. Indeed, even after accounting for its recent performance dominance, small-cap value stocks are as inexpensive compared to their small-cap growth cousins than at any time in the last 20 years. At the end of June

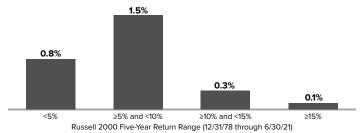
2021, the Russell 2000 Value Index had a relative valuation of 22% of the Russell 2000 Growth Index compared to a 20-year average of 85%. This most recent relative valuation shows how much cheaper small-cap value stocks are compared with their historic relationship with valuations for small-cap growth stocks.

#### THE SECOND MAXIM

With all of the ups and downs the market has experienced since June 30, 2016, many investors may not realize that small caps have more than doubled over that five-year span. A multi-year period of moderately lower returns is to be expected after that high level of performance.

Which brings us to the aforementioned silver lining. The second investment maxim that is especially relevant to the current environment is that, perhaps paradoxically, active small-cap managers have actually added their greatest share of excess return when the Russell 2000 has delivered lower returns—single-digit results over five-year periods to be precise.

## Monthly Rolling 5-Year U.S. Small Blend<sup>1</sup> Average Excess Returns During Russell 2000 Return Ranges from 12/31/78 through 6/30/21



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>There were 514 US Fund Small Blend Funds tracked by Morningstar with at least five years of performance history as of 6/30/21. The excess return for a Morningstar category would be the category's return for the period minus the Index return. Source: Morningstar

## THE AGE OF ALPHA?

For most of the last decade, simply buying the market worked very well. The conditions were close to ideal for a market cap weighted, index-based approach. Large cap beat small cap, and mega caps beat large caps. The economy grew very slowly and with a good

deal of volatility, while 10-year Treasury yields ended the period at less than half of the 3.2% at which they started it. This significant decline in yield fused with the scarcity of economic growth to drive outperformance for duration-sensitive mega-cap growth stocks. The behemoths in turn drove index returns. We would describe this roughly 10-year period as "the era of beta" because overall market returns were so much higher than economic and profit growth, making it difficult for active strategies to stand out. Yet we believe that what we're calling the "age of alpha" is in front of us—alpha being the term that describes an investment approach's ability to beat the market.

As we have outlined, there's good reason to anticipate a period of above-average economic and profit growth that's accompanied by more subdued market returns. We believe this kind of environment gives disciplined active managers, especially those with a quality bias, an excellent opportunity to excel. A market in which there will be considerable differentiation is apt to reward the very fundamentals we focus on most. So while we anticipate lower overall U.S. equity returns than what the markets have given investors over the last 12-15 months, we also anticipate positive results—for small caps as an asset class and, more specifically, for small-cap value and select cyclicals.

There are always challenges, of course—and surprises, such as the Dow's 500-point swoon on July 20th. It's also true that small cap will almost definitely be contending with two countervailing forces over at least the next year or more: their fall through most of June and July notwithstanding, slowly rising rates seem likely to push down on valuations just as many companies are likely to be reporting healthy and growing earnings through at least the end of next year. These forces, however, will not affect all small-cap stocks equally. We believe that we offer our investors the requisite experience, discipline, and expertise to select those companies best positioned to benefit from the more challenging environment we see ahead—one that looks like a promising period for active small-cap management.

Sincerely,

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# Performance and Expenses

#### **Performance and Expenses**

As of June 30, 2021

	YTD1	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	SINCE INCEPTION (12/27/96)	ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES (%) GROSS/NET
Royce Capital Fund–Micro-Cap Portfolio	25.19	74.88	15.17	16.21	7.14	6.84	8.50	10.81	1.47/1.33
Royce Capital Fund–Small-Cap Portfolio	23.48	60.24	5.22	9.07	7.26	6.90	8.12	10.10	1.19/1.08
INDEX									
Russell Microcap Index	29.02	75.77	14.47	18.13	13.06	8.73	9.26	N/A	N/A
Russell 2000 Value Index	26.69	73.28	10.27	13.62	10.85	7.90	9.17	N/A	N/A
Russell 2000 Index	17.54	62.03	13.52	16.47	12.34	9.51	9.26	N/A	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not annualized.

## Important Performance, Expense, and Risk Information

All performance information in this *Review and Report* reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, reflects the reinvestment of distributions, and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when redeemed. Current performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted and may be obtained at www.royceinvest.com. The Funds' total returns do not reflect any deduction for charges or expenses of the variable contracts investing in the Funds. All performance and expense information reflects the result for each Fund's Investment Class Shares. Gross annual operating expenses reflect each Fund's gross total annual operating expenses and include management fees, operating expenses, and any applicable acquired fund fees and expenses. Net annual operating expenses reflect contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. All expense information is reported as of each fund's most current prospectus. Royce & Associates has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse operating expenses, excluding brokerage commissions, taxes, interest litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, and other expenses not borne in the ordinary cost of business, to the extent necessary to maintain net operating expenses at or below 1.33% for Royce Capital Fund—Micro-Cap Portfolio, and at or below 1.08% for Royce Capital Fund—Small-Cap Portfolio through April 30, 2022.

Service Class Shares bear an annual distribution expense that is not borne by the Investment Class; if those expenses were reflected, total returns would have been lower. Each series of Royce Capital Fund is subject to market risk—the possibility that common stock prices will decline, sometimes sharply and unpredictably, over short or extended periods of time. Such declines may be caused by various factors, including market, financial, and economic conditions, governmental or central bank actions, and other factors, such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic, that may not be directly related to the issuer of a security held by a Fund. This pandemic could adversely affect global market, financial, and economic conditions in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. Royce Micro-Cap Portfolio invests primarily in micro-cap companies while Royce Small-Cap Portfolio invests primarily in small-cap companies. Investments in micro-cap and small-cap companies may involve considerably more risk than investments in securities of larger-cap companies. (Please see "Primary Risks for Fund Investors" in the prospectus.) Each series of Royce Capital Fund may involve considerably more risks not encountered in U.S. investments. (Please see "Investing in Foreign Securities" in the prospectus.) As of 6/30/21, Royce Small-Cap Portfolio invested a significant portion of its avalue to decline to a greater degree. Royce Micro-Cap Portfolio's broadly diversified portfolio because a decline in the value of any one of these stocks would cause the Portfolio's overall value to decline to a greater degree. Royce Micro-Cap Portfolio's broadly diversified portfolio does not ensure a profit or guarantee against loss. (Please see "Primary Risks for Fund Investors" in the prospectus.) This Review and Report must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing or sending money. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks, and copyrights related to the Russell Indexe

# Royce Capital Fund-Micro-Cap Portfolio (RCM)



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**FUND PERFORMANCE** 

Royce Capital Fund-Micro-Cap Portfolio advanced 25.2% for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21, trailing its primary benchmark, the Russell Microcap Index (+29.0%), while outpacing

the Russell 2000 Index (+17.5%). The Fund also outperformed the Russell 2000 for the one- and three-year periods and the Russell Microcap for three-year period ended 6/30/21.

## WHAT WORKED... AND WHAT DIDN'T

All 10 of the Fund's equity sectors made positive contributions to performance in 2021's first half. The most sizable positive impact came from Information Technology, the portfolio's largest weighting, followed by Industrials and Consumer Discretionary. On the other hand, Consumer Staples, Real Estate, and Energy made the smallest positive contributions for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21.

The Fund's top contributing position for the first half was B. Riley Financial. The diversified financial services firm boasts operations that span from investment banking to retailer bankruptcy liquidations. The company's earnings increased sizably during the pandemic as many of its end markets experienced record activity levels, including its investment banking and capital markets businesses. Citi Trends, a retail clothing chain selling discounted products targeted primarily at urban customers, was also additive to performance during 2021's first half, benefiting from additional technology, such as merchandise planning software, that allowed the company to effectively target regional taste differences as well as refining its demographic focus. The company's returns on capital have increased substantially over the last five years to 33%. Harvard Bioscience develops, manufactures, and markets life sciences equipment to support research and drug discovery. The company's turnaround was sparked by an acquisition that significantly expanded its market. The company then restructured its management team, which proved beneficial as it put in a new operational structure. We maintained our position as we believe the company is relatively early in reaping the benefits of its restructuring.

Motorsport Games, an international media and technology company that develops gaming software, detracted most for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21, as it was negatively impacted by the disconnect between its recent IPO and the release of its forthcoming key product, NASCAR NXT. We have cautiously added to our position, although we remain cognizant of the inherent risks that a small company faces when it is highly dependent on one software title. We will reevaluate our position as we begin to see gaming influencers provide feedback on NASCAR NXT. LightPath Technologies, which creates optics, photonics, and infrared solutions for the defense, industrial testing and measurement,

telecommunications, and medical industries, also detracted from performance. LightPath was hindered by a decline in order backlog caused by a lack of major contract renewals and fewer new orders its inventory levels are tied to the next phase of the 5G rollout. We maintained our position as we view the price and fundamental volatility as typical of a small company that serves very large markets. Lastly, CIRCOR International—which designs, manufactures, and distributes flow and motion control products—declined as 1Q21 earnings failed to meet expectations, raising concerns about future growth. We were unfazed by the shortfall in the context of a rapidly reopening economy and were heartened by strong bookings growth that provides some visibility into the rest of 2021.

Relative to the micro-cap benchmark in 2021's first half, performance was hurt most by stock selection—sector allocation was also negative but to a much lesser degree. Ineffective stock picks and sector allocation in Consumer Discretionary and Industrials detracted, with the former caused by our underweight and the latter due to our overweight. The portfolio's cash position also created a drag on performance. Conversely, Health Care, Financials, and Consumer Staples all benefited from savvy stock selection and our lower weightings.

<b>Top Contributors to Performance</b> Year-to-Date Through 6/30/21 (%) <sup>1</sup>						
B. Riley Financial	1.02					
Citi Trends	0.98					
Harvard Bioscience	0.83					
Shoe Carnival	0.83					

Ultra Clean Holdings

<sup>1</sup> Includes dividends

	Year-to-Date Through 6/30/21 (	%) <sup>2</sup>
1.02	Motorsport Games Cl. A	-0.30
0.98	LightPath Technologies Cl. A	-0.26
0.83	CIRCOR International	-0.20
0.83	American Superconductor	-0.16
0.80	Unique Fabricating	-0.16
	<sup>2</sup> Net of dividends	

**Top Detractors from Performance** 

#### **CURRENT POSITIONING AND OUTLOOK**

We've seen a significant change in market leadership away from growth stocks—which are more heavily weighted in Information Technology and Health Care—to value stocks, which we believe has been caused by the reopening economy. Fears of slower economic growth due to new COVID variants and questions of whether the Fed will maintain its commitment to managing the effects of inflation seem to be the focus of current market dynamics. We remain constructive on the economy and company growth prospects as the world recovers from lockdowns. We also suspect that many recent commodity price spikes will prove short lived—such as we have already seen with lumber prices—as the supply base responds to strong demand. Many services and/or digital business models that are less dependent on oil and commodities to fuel their expansion drive our domestic economy, and many of the transformations caused by the digitalization of the global economy seem to have been accelerated by the pandemic, likely resulting in permanent behavioral changes. Our portfolio positioning reflects this outlook with a cyclical lean due to our value approach, which we believe is best suited in the current environment.

#### Performance and Expenses

Average Annual Total Return (%) Through 6/30/21

	JAN-JUN 2021 <sup>1</sup>	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	SINCE INCEPTION (12/27/96)
RCM	25.19	74.88	15.17	16.21	7.14	6.84	8.50	10.81
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**Top 10 Positions** 

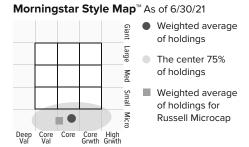
% of Net Assets

B. Riley Financial

Ultra Clean Holdings

Annual Gross Operating Expenses: 1.47% Annual Net Operating Expenses: 1.33%

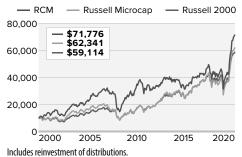
Not annualized



The Morningstar Style Map is the Morningstar Style Box™ with the center 75% of fund holdings plotted as the Morningstar Ownership Zone™. The Morningstar Style Box is designed to reveal a fund's investment strategy. The Morningstar Ownership Zone provides detail about a portfolio's investment style by showing the range of stock sizes and styles. The Ownership Zone is derived by plotting each stock in the portfolio within the proprietary Morningstar Style Box. Over time, the shape and location of a fund's ownership zone may vary. See page 28 for additional information.

#### Value of \$10,000

Invested on 6/30/00 (Russell Microcap Inception) as of 6/30/21 (\$)



Harvard Bioscience 1.5 1.2 Shoe Carnival Transcat 1.2 1.2 Agilysys 1.2 Century Casinos 1.2 Cutera Aspen Aerogels 1.1 Major Drilling Group International 1.1

#### Portfolio Sector Breakdown

% of Net Assets	
Information Technology	23.7
Industrials	22.2
Financials	13.8
Health Care	13.3
Consumer Discretionary	11.1
Communication Services	4.4
Materials	3.5
Energy	2.9
Real Estate	0.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4.7

#### Calendar Year Total Returns (%) YFAR **RCM** 2020 23.8 2019 19.6 2018 -9.0 2017 5.2 2016 19.7 2015 -12.5 2014 -3.6 2013 21.0 2012 7.6 2011 -12.12010 30.1 2009 57.9 2008 -43.32007 4.0 2006 21.1

# **Upside/Downside Capture Ratios**

Periods Ended 6/30/21 (%)

1.1

1.1

	UPSIDE	DOWNSIDE
10-Year	75	96
From 6/30/00 (Russell		
Microcap Inception)	90	81

#### **Portfolio Diagnostics**

Number of Holdings	128
Turnover Rate	13%
Average Market Capitalization <sup>1</sup>	\$612 million
Weighted Average P/B Ratio <sup>2</sup>	2.4x
Active Share <sup>3</sup>	92%
U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	84.1%
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	11.2%

- <sup>1</sup> **Geometric Average.** This weighted calculation uses each portfolio holding's market cap in a way designed to not skew the effect of very large or small holdings; instead, it aims to better identify the portfolio's center, which Royce believes offers a more accurate measure of average market cap than a simple mean or median.
- <sup>2</sup> Harmonic Average. This weighted calculation evaluates a portfolio as if it were a single stock and measures it overall. It compares the total market value of the portfolio to the portfolio's share in the earnings or book value, as the case may be, of its underlying stocks.
- 3 Active Share is the sum of the absolute values of the different weightings of each holding in the Fund versus each holding in the benchmark, divided by two.

# Important Performance and Expense Information

All performance information in this Report reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, reflects the reinvestment of distributions, and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when redeemed. Current performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted. The Fund's total returns do not reflect any deduction for charges or expenses of the variable contracts investing in the Fund. Returns as of the most recent month-end may be obtained at www.royceinvest.com. All performance and risk information reflects the result of the Investment Class (its oldest class). Shares of RCM's Service Class bear an annual distribution expense that is not borne by the Investment Class; if those expenses were reflected, total returns would have been lower. Certain immaterial adjustments were made to the net assets of Royce Capital Fund-Micro-Cap Portfolio at 12/31/17 for financial reporting purposes, and as a result the calendar year total returns based on those net asset values differ from the adjusted net asset values and calendar year total returns reported in the Financial Highlights. Gross operating expenses reflect the Fund's total gross operating expenses for the Investment Class and include management fees and other expenses. Net operating expenses reflect contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. All expense information is reported as of the Fund's most current prospectus. Royce & Associates has contractually agreed, without right of termination, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to maintain the Investment Class's net annual operating expenses (excluding brokerage commissions, taxes, interest, litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, and other expenses not borne in the ordinary course of business) at or below 1.33% through April 30, 2022. Regarding the "Top Contributors" and "Top Detractors" tables shown above, the sum of all contributors to, and all detractors from, performance for all securities in the portfolio would approximate the Fund's year-to-date performance for 2021. Upside Capture Ratio measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the Fund's benchmark (Russell Microcap). It is calculated by measuring the Fund's performance in quarters when the benchmark went up and dividing it by the benchmark's return in those quarters. Downside Capture Ratio measures a manager's performance in down markets relative to the Fund's benchmark. It is calculated by measuring the Fund's performance in quarters when the benchmark goes down and dividing it by the benchmark's return in those quarters.

# Schedule of Investments

Royce Capital Fund - Micro-Cap Port	oilo		Royce Capital Fund - Micro-Cap Port	tolio (contin	ued)	
Common Stocks – 95.3%	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES		VALUE
COMMUNICATION SERVICES – 4.4%			FINANCIALS (continued)			
ENTERTAINMENT - 2.9%			BANKS (continued)			
Chicken Soup For The Soul			HarborOne Bancorp	117,191	\$	1,680,519
Entertainment Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	52,316	\$ 2,165,882	HBT Financial	92,200	•	1,605,202
Gaia Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	123,600	1,358,364	HomeTrust Bancshares	61,800		1,724,220
IMAX Corporation <sup>1</sup>	27,400	589,100	Investar Holding Corporation	77,400		1,771,680
†Motorsport Games Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	41,090	575,260	Midway Investments 1,3	1,751,577		, , , (
Score Media and Gaming Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	47,450	951,603	TriState Capital Holdings <sup>1</sup>	85,772		1,748,89
·		5,640,209	3.	,		13,088,917
INTERACTIVE MEDIA & SERVICES - 1.0%			CAPITAL MARKETS - 4.6%			
<sup>†</sup> Enthusiast Gaming Holdings <sup>1</sup>	60,200	357,432	B. Riley Financial	29,000		2,189,500
QuinStreet 1	81,300	1,510,554	Canaccord Genuity Group	195,600		2,142,827
		1,867,986	Silvercrest Asset Management Group Cl. A	90,300		1,358,112
MEDIA - 0.5%			Sprott	50,180		1,975,058
Magnite <sup>1,2</sup>	29,800	1,008,432	StoneX Group 1	22,400		1,359,008
Total (Cost \$4,619,438)		8,516,627				9,024,505
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY – 11.1%			DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 0.2%			
			Waterloo Investment Holdings <sup>1,3</sup>	1,302,000		325,500
AUTO COMPONENTS - 2.0%	02 500	1 551 165	THRIFTS & MORTGAGE FINANCE - 2.3%			
Modine Manufacturing <sup>1</sup> Stoneridge <sup>1</sup>	93,500 56,600	1,551,165 1,669,700	PCSB Financial	78,400		1,424,528
Unique Fabricating <sup>1</sup>	177,054	655.100	Territorial Bancorp	53,100		1,379,007
Offique Fabricating	177,054	3,875,965	Western New England Bancorp	205,354		1,673,635
DIVERSIFIED CONSUMER SERVICES - 0.3%		3,873,903				4,477,170
*Select Interior Concepts Cl. A 1	56,100	527,340	Total (Cost \$23,038,807)			26,916,092
HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & LEISURE - 1.9%	50,100	527,340	HEALTH CARE – 13.3%			
Century Casinos 1	167,500	2,249,525	BIOTECHNOLOGY - 2.1%			
Lindblad Expeditions Holdings <sup>1</sup>	87,400	1,399,274	CareDx <sup>1</sup>	15,200		1 201 107
Linablad Expeditions holdings	67,400	3,648,799	Dynavax Technologies <sup>1</sup>	116,500		1,391,104
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES - 0.7%		3,040,733	MeiraGTx Holdings <sup>1</sup>	99,700		1,147,525 1,545,350
Legacy Housing <sup>1</sup>	83,900	1,418,749	Meliagra Holdings	99,700		4,083,979
LEISURE PRODUCTS - 0.9%	83,300	1,410,743	HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES - 7.2%			4,063,373
MasterCraft Boat Holdings <sup>1</sup>	66,417	1,746,103	Apyx Medical <sup>1</sup>	163,100		1,681,561
SPECIALTY RETAIL - 4.3%	00,417	1,740,103	AtriCure 1	21,000		1,665,930
Chico's FAS <sup>1</sup>	79,100	520,478	Chembio Diagnostics <sup>1</sup>	107,400		318,978
Citi Trends <sup>1</sup>	24,186	2,104,182	CryoLife <sup>1</sup>	67,589		1,919,528
OneWater Marine Cl. A	43,100	1,811,493	Cutera 1	45,800		2,245,574
Shoe Carnival	33,100	2,369,629	Misonix <sup>1</sup>	74,200		1,645,756
Zumiez <sup>1</sup>	31,400	1,538,286	OrthoPediatrics Corp. <sup>1</sup>	25,600		1,617,408
Zunnez	31,400	8,344,068	Profound Medical <sup>1</sup>	76,900		1,252,510
TEXTILES, APPAREL & LUXURY GOODS - 1.0%		0,544,000	Surmodics <sup>1</sup>	29,278		1,588,331
*Fossil Group 1	7,000	99,960	Sufficiency	23,270		13,935,576
Vera Bradley <sup>1</sup>	158,800		HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & SERVICES - 0.6%			10,000,070
vera bradiey	130,000	2,067,492	Sharps Compliance 1	110,800		1,141,240
Total (Cost \$12,190,302)			LIFE SCIENCES TOOLS & SERVICES - 3.2%	110,000		1,111,210
Total (Cost \$12,130,302)		21,020,310	Harvard Bioscience 1	340,468		2,836,098
ENERGY — 2.9%			†Inotiv 1	33,500		893,780
ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SERVICES - 2.9%			NeoGenomics <sup>1</sup>	23,500		1,061,495
Aspen Aerogels <sup>1</sup>	74,900	2,241,008	Quanterix Corporation <sup>1</sup>	25,700		1,507,562
Natural Gas Services Group <sup>1</sup>	153,200	1,574,896		20,700		6,298,935
Newpark Resources <sup>1</sup>	356,800	1,234,528	PHARMACEUTICALS - 0.2%			5,250,550
Profire Energy <sup>1</sup>	612,129	691,706	Axsome Therapeutics 1,2	6,300		424,998
Total (Cost \$4,469,672)		5,742,138				25,884,728
EINANCIAI C 12 00/			•			
FINANCIALS – 13.8%			INDUSTRIALS – 22.2%			
BANKS - 6.7%	27 200	1 420 000	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 0.9%			
Allegiance Bancshares	37,200	1,429,968	Astronics Corporation <sup>1</sup>	53,600		938,536
BayCom Corporation <sup>1</sup> Caribbean Investment Holdings <sup>1</sup>	75,782 1,751,547	1,360,287 787,447	CPI Aerostructures <sup>1</sup>	212,231		753,420
						1,691,956

Royce Capital Fund - Micro-Cap Port	iono (contin	iucuj	Royce Capital Fund - Micro-Cap Portfolio (continued)				
	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE		
INDUSTRIALS (continued)			INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (continued)				
BUILDING PRODUCTS - 0.6%			IT SERVICES (continued)				
Quanex Building Products	44,800	\$ 1,112,832	Computer Task Group <sup>1</sup>	149,000	\$ 1,440,83		
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES - 2.3%			_		2,779,38		
Acme United	44,965	2,003,640	SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPM	MENT - 11.4%			
Heritage-Crystal Clean <sup>1</sup>	54,934	1,630,441		322,200	889,27		
<sup>†</sup> VSE Corporation	15,600	772,356	_	42,900	1,734,01		
		4,406,437	-	155,400	1,706,29		
CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING - 4.1%			Camtek <sup>1</sup>	57,872	2,182,35		
Ameresco Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	25,800	1,618,176		45,400	1,670,26		
Construction Partners Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	61,800	1,940,520		50,900	2,084,86		
IES Holdings <sup>1</sup>	24,000	1,232,640		37,600	2,022,88		
Northwest Pipe <sup>1</sup>	60,900	1,720,425		104,500	1,066,94		
NV5 Global <sup>1</sup>	15,900	1,502,709	_	20,200	2,078,37		
		8,014,470		19,100	1,414,35		
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - 0.8%			PDF Solutions <sup>1</sup>	75,100	1,365,31		
American Superconductor <sup>1</sup>	92,100	1,601,619	-	140,600	1,857,32		
MACHINERY - 5.6%			Ultra Clean Holdings <sup>1</sup>	40,700	2,186,40		
Alimak Group	80,300	1,309,856			22,258,67		
CIRCOR International <sup>1</sup>	56,400		SOFTWARE - 1.9%				
Graham Corporation	96,020	1,321,235		39,700	2,257,73		
Luxfer Holdings	31,100	691,975		66,717	474,35		
Porvair	139,600	1,127,755		11,200	974,62		
Shyft Group (The)	56,400	2,109,924			3,706,72		
Wabash National	91,900		TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE, STORAGE & PERIPHE				
Westport Fuel Systems <sup>1</sup> 1		1,022,175		108,000	1,503,36		
MADINE 0.00/		10,891,960	Total (Cost \$25,060,710)		46,200,39		
MARINE - 0.9% Clarkson	40,300	1,778,329	MATERIALS – 3.5%				
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - 4.9%	40,300	1,770,323	METALS & MINING - 3.5%				
CRA International	22.206	1 004 004	Altius Minerals	78,900	1,083,95		
Forrester Research <sup>1</sup>	23,306 23,100	1,994,994	Haynos International	55,370	1,958,99		
GP Strategies <sup>1</sup>		1,057,980 1,848,798	Major Drilling Group International 1	322,600	2,230,30		
Heidrick & Struggles International	117,608 41,300	1,839,915	Universal Stainless & Alley Products 1	162,500	1,636,37		
Kforce	25,500	1,604,715	T-+-1 (C+ &F 000 40F)		6,909,62		
Resources Connection	89,254	1,281,687			, ,		
Resources connection	03,234	9,628,089	REAL ESTATE - 0.4%				
TRADING COMPANIES & DISTRIBUTORS - 2.1%		3,020,003	- REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT -		770.04		
Lawson Products <sup>1</sup>	36,000	1,926,360	FRP Holdings <sup>1</sup>	13,840	770,61		
Transcat 1	40,300	2,277,353			770,61		
			TOTAL COMMON STOCKS				
Total (Cost \$25,480,739)		43,329,405	(Cost \$113,737,118)		185,898,13		
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 23.7%							
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - 2.6%							
Digi International <sup>1</sup>	96,000	1,930,560	)				
EMCORE Corporation <sup>1</sup>	194,100	1,789,602	2				
<sup>†</sup> Genasys <sup>1</sup>	122,200	669,656	;				
Harmonic <sup>1</sup>	67,900	578,508	}				
		4,968,326					
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS & COMP	ONENTS - 5.6%						
FARO Technologies <sup>1</sup>	21,600	1,679,832	2				
LightPath Technologies Cl. A <sup>1</sup>	354,800	901,192	2				
Luna Innovations <sup>1</sup>	179,100	1,939,653	3				
nLIGHT <sup>1</sup>	40,100	1,454,828	3				
PAR Technology <sup>1</sup>	27,300	1,909,362	!				
PowerFleet <sup>1</sup>	186,000	1,339,200					
Vishay Precision Group <sup>1</sup>	51,700	1,759,868	3				
		10,983,935	5				
IT SERVICES - 1.4%							
Cass Information Systems	32,848	1,338,556					

# Schedule of Investments

# Royce Capital Fund - Micro-Cap Portfolio (continued)

VALUE

## **REPURCHASE AGREEMENT-4.5%**

Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, 0.00% dated 6/30/21, due 7/1/21, maturity value 8,727,878 (collateralized by obligations of various U.S. Government Agencies, 1.25% due 6/30/28, valued at 8,902,461)

(Cost \$8,727,878)	\$ 8,727,878
TOTAL INVESTMENTS – 99.8%	
(Cost \$122,464,996)	194,626,014

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES  $-\,0.2\%$ 

408,379

NET ASSETS – 100.0% \$ 195,034,393

Bold indicates the Fund's 20 largest equity holdings in terms of June 30, 2021, market value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> New additions in 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-income producing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All or a portion of these securities were on loan at June 30, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Securities for which market quotations are not readily available represent 0.2% of net assets. These securities have been valued at their fair value under procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. These securities are defined as Level 3 securities due to the use of significant unobservable inputs in the determination of fair value. See Notes to Financial Statements

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# Royce Capital Fund-Small-Cap Portfolio (RCS)



Jay Kaplan, CFA

**FUND PERFORMANCE** 

Royce Capital Fund–Small-Cap Portfolio gained 23.5% for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21, underperforming the Russell 2000 Value Index (+26.7%) while outpacing the Russell 2000

## (+17.5%) Index for the same period.

## WHAT WORKED... AND WHAT DIDN'T

All nine of the equity sectors in which the portfolio held investments made positive contributions to performance in 2021's first half. Industrials made the most sizable positive contribution. Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology, our third and fourth largest weightings, respectively, were also additive to results. Real Estate, Consumer Staples, and Energy made the smallest positive contributions to performance for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21.

Discount footwear retailer Shoe Carnival was the top contributing position, benefiting from substantial sales growth as high demand allowed it to sell shoes at full price rather than resort to discounting, boosting the company's profits and expanding its margins. Kulicke & Soffa Industries—which designs and manufactures capital equipment and packaging materials used to assemble semiconductor devicesreported strong results for its fiscal second quarter in May, citing increased global reliance on semiconductors and the growing capital intensity within the assembly process as the primary drivers behind its recent success. Kulicke & Soffa's business also benefited from restoked demand for chips and was added to the Russell 2000 in May, helping to further lift its stock price. Our third best contributor was lease-to-own retailer The Aaron's Company. Tightening credit for lower income Americans was relieved to a large degree by PPE money, which helped the company's key rent-to-own furniture and appliance business. Aaron's also reported first-quarter results in April that included higher revenues, much improved earnings, and raised guidance for the rest of 2021.

Conversely, specialty insurer and reinsurer James River Group Holdings caused the biggest drag on performance for the year-to-date period ended 6/30/21. Its shares were hit hard in May when the company announced a significant reserve charge related to its commercial auto business, specifically Uber, which led James River to stop writing new policies with the ride share company at the end of 2019. A larger-than-expected number of Uber-related legacy claims, however, led the company to meaningfully add to these reserves, which created a consequent negative impact on capital levels that in turn saw James River issue equity, the dilutive effect of which led its shares rapidly downward. Hopeful for an eventual turnaround, we held shares at the end of June. We also held a position in Florida-based Heritage Insurance Holdings at the end of the period. Stormy

weather in the Southeast U.S. led to higher-than-anticipated losses that crimped profits. However, its competitors are facing considerable financial pressure, and Florida is implementing price increases for home insurance, both of which should help Heritage to rebound. Like many appliance and furniture companies, furniture manufacturer La-Z-Boy experienced issues with short-term supply chains and attracting labor, which created long lead times and a growing backlog. However, La-Z-Boy hasn't experienced many order cancellations—demand remains strong. Our expectation, then, is that its stock will rebound once its supply chain challenges are rectified.

Relative to the Russell 2000 Value, sector allocation decisions and ineffective stock selection equally hampered first-half performance. Energy, the sector with the most sizable negative impact, detracted due to our lower weighting. Financials and Communication Services followed as a result of our ineffective stock picks, with sector allocation equally detracting in the latter. On the other hand, Information Technology benefited from savvy stock selection, while our lack of exposure to Utilities and our lower weighting in Real Estate were also additive.

<b>Top Contributors to Performance</b>	
Year-to-Date Through 6/30/21 (%)1	

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Shoe Carnival	1.60
Kulicke & Soffa Industries	1.53
Aaron's Company (The)	1.16
Rent-A-Center	1.14
ArcBest	1.13
<sup>1</sup> Includes dividends	

# **Top Detractors from Performance**

Year-to-Date Through 6/30/21 (	%) <sup>2</sup>
James River Group Holdings	-0.31
Heritage Insurance Holdings	-0.15
La-Z-Boy	-0.12
PROG Holdings	-0.12
BioDelivery Sciences	
International	-0.10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net of dividends

#### **CURRENT POSITIONING AND OUTLOOK**

Given the backdrop of ample liquidity and a rebounding economy, we believe that inflation is likely to grow, with Fed policy crucial to managing its effects. We think earnings for 2021 should remain strong as they're being measured off 2020's recession. However, the earnings picture for 2022 is unclear due to current market uncertainty. We're populating the portfolio with companies we believe will hold up well in the current murky climate, even if they're currently out of favor for reasons we see as likely to prove short lived. Our heavy exposures to Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, and Financials best exemplify this. Industries such as construction & engineering in Industrials look attractive to us as they seem best positioned to deal with current supply chain issues and look more than capable of passing on costs in our inflationary environment. Constricted supply and high demand in Consumer Discretionary has attracted us to companies involved in household goods and furniture, because we anticipate that sales should remain robust. While rising rates and a steeper yield curve may bode well for banks, loan growth remains weak. However, a strengthening economy may fix that and, moreover, we believe the market still has an upward, though more modest, trajectory.

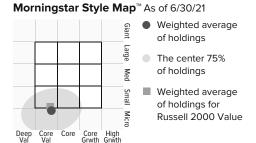
#### **Performance and Expenses**

Average Annual Total Return (%) Through 6/30/21

	JAN-JUN 2021 <sup>1</sup>	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	SINCE INCEPTION (12/27/96)
RCS	23.48	60.24	5.22	9.07	7.26	6.90	8.12	10.10

Annual Gross Operating Expenses: 1.19% Annual Net Operating Expenses: 1.08%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not annualized



The Morningstar Style Map is the Morningstar Style Box™ with the center 75% of fund holdings plotted as the Morningstar Ownership Zone™. The Morningstar Style Box is designed to reveal a fund's investment strategy. The Morningstar Ownership Zone provides detail about a portfolio's investment style by showing the range of stock sizes and styles. The Ownership Zone is derived by plotting each stock in the portfolio within the proprietary Morningstar Style Box. Over time, the shape and location of a fund's ownership zone may vary. See page 28 for additional information.

#### Value of \$10,000



Includes reinvestment of distributions.

<b>Top 10 Positions</b> % of Net Assets	
Evercore Cl. A	2.4
Kulicke & Soffa Industries	2.4
Shoe Carnival	2.3
Sanmina Corporation	2.3
PulteGroup	2.3
Rent-A-Center	2.3
Molina Healthcare	2.1
Vishay Intertechnology	2.1
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock	2.0
La-Z-Boy	2.0

#### Portfolio Sector Breakdown

% of Net Assets

Financials	23.1
Industrials	23.1
Consumer Discretionary	22.1
Information Technology	19.3
Health Care	7.8
Communication Services	1.4
Energy	0.5
Real Estate	0.5
Consumer Staples	0.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.8

Calendar Year Total Returns (%)	
YEAR	RCS
2020	-7.2
2019	18.7
2018	-8.3
2017	5.4
2016	21.0
2015	-11.8
2014	3.2
2013	34.8
2012	12.5
2011	-3.3
2010	20.5
2009	35.2
2008	-27.2
2007	-2.1
2006	15.6

#### **Upside/Downside Capture Ratios**

Periods Ended 6/30/21 (%)

	UPSIDE	DOWNSIDE
10-Year	82	96
From 12/31/96 (Start of		
Fund's First Full Quarter)	96	91

#### **Portfolio Diagnostics**

Fund Net Assets	\$385 million
Number of Holdings	95
Turnover Rate	26%
Average Market Capitalization <sup>1</sup>	\$1,562 million
Weighted Average P/B Ratio <sup>2</sup>	2.0x
Active Share <sup>3</sup>	96%
U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	94.7%
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Asse	ets) 3.5%

- <sup>1</sup> **Geometric Average.** This weighted calculation uses each portfolio holding's market cap in a way designed to not skew the effect of very large or small holdings; instead, it aims to better identify the portfolio's center, which Royce believes offers a more accurate measure of average market cap than a simple mean or median.
- <sup>2</sup> Harmonic Average. This weighted calculation evaluates a portfolio as if it were a single stock and measures it overall. It compares the total market value of the portfolio to the portfolio's share in the earnings or book value, as the case may be, of its underlying stocks.
- <sup>3</sup> Active Share is the sum of the absolute values of the different weightings of each holding in the Fund versus each holding in the benchmark, divided by two.

#### Important Performance and Expense Information

All performance information in this Report reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, reflects the reinvestment of distributions, and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Past performance is no quarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when redeemed. Current performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted. The Fund's total returns do not reflect any deduction for charges or expenses of the variable contracts investing in the Fund. Returns as of the most recent month-end may be obtained at www.royceinvest.com. All performance and risk information reflects the result of the Investment Class (its oldest class). Shares of RCS's Service Class bear an annual distribution expense that is not borne by the Investment Class; if those expenses were reflected, total returns would have been lower. Certain immaterial adjustments were made to the net assets of Royce Capital Fund-Small-Cap Portfolio at 12/31/17 for financial reporting purposes, and as a result the calendar year total returns based on those net asset values differ from the adjusted net asset values and calendar year total returns reported in the Financial Highlights. Gross operating expenses reflect the Fund's total gross operating expenses for the Investment Class and include management fees and other expenses. Net operating expenses reflect contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. All expense information is reported as of the Fund's most current prospectus. Royce & Associates has contractually agreed, without right of termination, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to maintain the Investment Class's net annual operating expenses (excluding brokerage commissions, taxes, interest, litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, and other expenses not borne in the ordinary course of business) at or below 1.08% through April 30, 2022. Regarding the "Top Contributors" and "Top Detractors" tables shown above, the sum of all contributors to, and all detractors from, performance for all securities in the portfolio would approximate the Fund's year-to-date performance for 2021. Upside Capture Ratio measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the Fund's benchmark (Russell 2000 Value). It is calculated by measuring the Fund's performance in quarters when the benchmark went up and dividing it by the benchmark's return in those quarters. Downside Capture Ratio measures a manager's performance in down markets relative to the Fund's benchmark. It is calculated by measuring the Fund's performance in quarters when the benchmark goes down and dividing it by the benchmark's return in those quarters.

# Schedule of Investments

Royce Capital Fund - Small-Cap Por	rtfolio		Royce Capital Fund - Small-Cap Port	folio (contin	ued)
Common Stocks – 98.2%	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
COMMUNICATION SERVICES – 1.4%			FINANCIALS (continued)		
ENTERTAINMENT - 0.6%			CAPITAL MARKETS (continued)		
SciPlay Corporation Cl. A <sup>1,2</sup>	121,920	\$ 2,066,544	, ,	74,201	\$ 4,221,295
MEDIA - 0.8%	121,320	2,000,011	mocio a company on A	7 1,201	15,531,665
Entravision Communications Cl. A	169,661	1,133,335	CONSUMER FINANCE - 2.0%		
Saga Communications Cl. A	93,392	2,021,937	PROG Holdings <sup>2</sup>	160,570	7,728,234
		3,155,272	INSURANCE - 6.9%		
Total (Cost \$5,768,908)		5,221,816	•	251,700	5,945,154
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY – 22.1%			Donegal Group Cl. A	139,141	2,027,284
AUTO COMPONENTS - 0.5%			†Employers Holdings	156,057	6,679,240
Gentex Corporation	53,516	1,770,845	Heritage Insurance Holdings	340,541	2,921,842
DIVERSIFIED CONSUMER SERVICES - 1.0%	33,310	1,770,043	James River Group Holdings	61,725	2,315,922
†Lincoln Educational Services <sup>2</sup>	491,026	3,820,182	Kemper Corporation	64,327	4,753,765
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES - 5.4%	431,020	3,820,182	Selective Insurance Group	23,280	1,889,172
	211 606	7 940 940			26,532,379
La-Z-Boy	211,686	7,840,849	THRIFTS & MORTGAGE FINANCE - 3.2%		
*Meritage Homes <sup>2</sup>	43,800	4,120,704	Southern Missouri Bancorp	91,509	4,114,245
PulteGroup	164,550	8,979,494	Timberiana Bancorp	150,070	4,219,968
LEIGURE PRODUCTS 2.00/		20,941,047	TrustCo Bank Corp NY	113,577	3,904,777
LEISURE PRODUCTS - 3.8% Malibu Boats Cl. A <sup>2</sup>	CO CO4	4.444.004			12,238,990
	60,604	4,444,091	Total (Cost \$72,944,093)		89,218,994
MasterCraft Boat Holdings <sup>2</sup> †Nautilus <sup>2</sup>	241,000	6,335,890			
Nautilus -	242,590	4,087,642	BIOTECHNOLOGY - 2.1%		
CDECIALTY DETAIL 44 40/		14,867,623	Catalyst Pharmaceuticals <sup>2</sup>	970,194	5,578,615
SPECIALTY RETAIL - 11.4%	244 205	7.047.070	Coherus BioSciences <sup>2</sup>	79,312	1,096,885
Aaron's Company (The)	244,385	7,817,876	•	66,600	
American Eagle Outfitters	69,865	2,622,033	Vallud Pilatiliaceuticals	66,600	1,432,566 <b>8,108,066</b>
†Haverty Furniture	113,145	4,838,080	LIEALTH CARE DROVIDERS & SERVICES 2.40/		8,108,000
†Lazydays Holdings <sup>2</sup>	171,150		HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & SERVICES - 3.1%	22.544	2 004 650
OneWater Marine Cl. A	168,695	7,090,251	Ensign Group (The)	33,514	2,904,659
Rent-A-Center	164,756	8,743,601	Molina Healthcare <sup>2</sup>	32,300	8,173,838
Shoe Carnival	125,508	8,985,118		22,257	910,311
	· ·	43,862,259			11,988,808
Total (Cost \$60,613,934)		85,261,956		760 612	2.755.214
CONSUMER STAPLES – 0.4%			<sup>†</sup> BioDelivery Sciences International <sup>2</sup> <sup>†</sup> SIGA Technologies <sup>2</sup>	769,613 370,435	2,755,214
FOOD & STAPLES RETAILING - 0.4%			Supernus Pharmaceuticals <sup>2</sup>		2,326,332
Village Super Market Cl. A	61,114	1,436,790		157,300	4,843,267 <b>9,924,813</b>
Total (Cost \$1,364,498)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Total (Cost \$22,239,266)		30,021,687
ENERGY - 0.5%					00,021,007
OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 0.5%			INDUSTRIALS – 23.1%		
Dorchester Minerals L.P.	126,450	2,130,683	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 1.5%		
*	120,430		Veetius	119,346	5,679,676
Total (Cost \$1,546,697)		2,130,683		F 4 400	2 200 400
FINANCIALS – 23.1%			†Builders FirstSource <sup>2</sup>	54,130	2,309,186
BANKS - 7.0%			UFP Industries	44,200	3,285,828
Ames National	84,737	2,076,904			5,595,014
Camden National	43,594	2,082,050	COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES - 1.4%		
†Chemung Financial	41,824	1,853,222	Herman Miller	111,303	5,246,823
City Holding Company	61,064	4,594,455	CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING - 5.8%		
CNB Financial	93,252	2,128,011	Comfort Systems USA	19,671	1,549,878
Financial Institutions	63,672	1,910,160	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock <sup>2</sup>	538,993	7,874,688
Landmark Bancorp	75,204	2,031,260	MasTec <sup>2</sup>	16,300	1,729,430
MidWestOne Financial Group	109,117	3,139,296	MYR Group <sup>2</sup>	21,441	1,949,416
National Bankshares	152,342	5,333,493	Northwest Pipe <sup>2</sup>	110,550	3,123,037
Unity Bancorp	92,466	2,038,875	Primoris Services	205,490	6,047,571
- 3	32,.30	27,187,726			22,274,020
CAPITAL MARKETS - 4.0%			MACHINERY - 2.4%		
Evercore Cl. A	66,800	9,403,436	Alamo Group	11,207	1,711,085
Houlihan Lokey Cl. A	23,315	1,906,934	Federal Signal	44,422	1,787,097
Hodillali Lokey Cl. A	23,313	1,300,334			

Royce Capital Fund - Small-Cap Po	ortfolio (continued	)	Royce Capital Fund - Small-Cap Portfolio (continued	d)
	SHARES	VALUE	SHARES	VALUE
INDUSTRIALS (continued)			REAL ESTATE — 0.5%	
MACHINERY (continued)			REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT - 0.5%	
Miller Industries	143,216 \$	5,648,439	Marcus & Millichap <sup>2</sup> 45,225 \$	1,757,896
		9,146,621	Total (Cost \$1,177,841)	1,757,896
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - 5.1%				1,121,211
Barrett Business Services	35,932	2,609,023	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
Heidrick & Struggles International	147,966	6,591,885	(Cost \$268,727,771)	378,503,460
Kforce	41,423	2,606,750	REPURCHASE AGREEMENT— 1.8%	
Korn Ferry	50,335	3,651,804	Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, 0.00% dated 6/30/21, due 7/1/21,	maturityvalua
Resources Connection	170,562	2,449,270	\$6,766,824 (collateralized by obligations of various U.S. Government A	
Robert Half International	20,064	1,785,094	6/30/28, valued at \$6,902,211)	igencies, 1.25% due
		19,693,826	(Cost \$6,766,824)	6,766,824
ROAD & RAIL - 5.5%			(COSt \$0,700,824)	0,700,024
ArcBest	128,249	7,462,809	COLLATERAL RECEIVED FOR SECURITIES LOANED - 0.1%	
Old Dominion Freight Line	6,206	1,575,083	Money Market Funds	
Saia <sup>2</sup>	7,500	1,571,175	Federated Government Obligations Fund - Institutional Shares (7 day	y yield-0.01%)
Schneider National Cl. B	225,400	4,906,958	(Cost \$456,370)	456,370
Werner Enterprises	132,250	5,887,770		·
		21,403,795	·	
Total (Cost \$57,362,126)		89,039,775	TOTAL INVESTMENTS – 100.1%	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 19.3%			(Cost \$275,950,965)	385,726,654
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - 1.0%				
NETGEAR <sup>2</sup>	104,068	3,987,886	LIABILITIES LESS CASH AND OTHER ASSETS – (0.1)%	(292,457)
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS & CO		3,307,000	NET ACCETC 400.00/	205 404 407
Advanced Energy Industries	17,108	1,928,243	NET ASSETS – 100.0% \$	385,434,197
ePlus <sup>2</sup>	65,783	5,702,728		
Fabrinet <sup>2</sup>	20,080	1,925,070		
Insight Enterprises <sup>2</sup>	59,752	5,975,797		
Kimball Electronics <sup>2</sup>	279,995	6,087,091		
Methode Electronics	80,022	3,937,883		
PC Connection	48,579	2,247,750		
Plexus Corporation <sup>2</sup>	20,400	1,864,764		
Sanmina Corporation <sup>2</sup>	230,593	8,983,903		
SYNNEX Corporation	61,142	7,444,650		
Vishay Intertechnology	356,261	8,033,686		
visitay intertectifiology	330,201	54,131,565		
IT SERVICES - 1.4%		57, 151,505		
Concentrix Corporation <sup>2</sup>	15,300	2,460,240		
IBEX <sup>2</sup>	99,406	1,940,405		
Sykes Enterprises <sup>2</sup>	14,975	804,157		
Syries Litterprises	14,373	5,204,802		
SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUII	PMFNT - 2 9%	3,204,302		
Kulicke & Soffa Industries	149,826	9,169,351		
MKS Instruments	10,791	1,920,259		
and instruments	10,731	11,089,610		
Total (Cost \$45.710.409)	<u> </u>			
Total (Cost \$45,710,408)		74,413,863		

Bold indicates the Fund's 20 largest equity holdings in terms of June 30, 2021, market value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> New additions in 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All or a portion of these securities were on loan at June 30, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Non-income producing.

# Statements of Assets and Liabilities

	Micro-Cap Portfolio	•	Small-Cap Portfolio	
ASSETS:				
Investments at value (including collateral on loaned securities) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 185,898	136	\$ 378,959,830	
Repurchase agreements (at cost and value)	8,727	878	6,766,824	
Cash	19,	389	-	
Foreign currency <sup>2</sup>	10,	270	-	
Receivable for investments sold	1,251,	516	1,466,228	
Receivable for capital shares sold	66,	749	179,780	
Receivable for dividends	84,	630	569,600	
Receivable for securities lending income		255	314	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,	573	6,902	
Total Assets	196,062,	396	387,949,478	
LIABILITIES:				
Payable for collateral on loaned securities		-	456,370	
Payable for investments purchased	417,	598	1,382,002	
Payable for capital shares redeemed	332,	473	221,026	
Payable for investment advisory fees	196,	871	315,677	
Payable for trustees' fees	9,	287	19,280	
Accrued expenses	71,	774	120,926	
Total Liabilities	1,028,	003	2,515,28	
Net Assets	\$ 195,034,	393	\$ 385,434,197	
ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS:				
Paid-in capital	\$ 92,262	898	\$ 295,115,05	
Total distributable earnings (loss)	102,771,	495	90,319,142	
Net Assets	\$ 195,034,	393	\$ 385,434,197	
Investment Class	\$ 160,735	414	\$ 172,656,420	
Service Class	34,298,	979	212,777,777	
SHARES OUTSTANDING (unlimited number of \$.001 par value):				
Investment Class	10,779,	266	18,873,066	
Service Class	2,359	985	23,820,075	
NET ASSET VALUES (Net Assets ÷ Shares Outstanding):				
(affering and undergotion price par should				
(offering and redemption price per share)		1 0 1	\$9.15	
Investment Class	\$14	1.31	40111	
	<u> </u>	4.53	8.93	
Investment Class	<u> </u>	4.53		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  See Notes to Financial Statements for information on non-cash collateral on loaned securities.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  The cost of foreign currency is \$10,259 for Royce Micro-Cap Portfolio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Market value of loaned securities backed by non-cash collateral is as of prior business day.

# Statements of Operations

	Micro-Cap Portfolio	Small-Cap Portfolio
INVESTMENT INCOME:		
INCOME:		
Dividends	\$ 837,211	\$ 2,663,031
Foreign withholding tax	(12,408	) –
Securities lending	2,333	598
Total income	827,136	2,663,629
EXPENSES:		
Investment advisory fees	1,169,904	1,963,002
Distribution fees	40,630	276,469
Administrative and office facilities	41,782	75,959
Trustees' fees	17,997	38,093
Shareholder reports	17,707	22,623
Audit	15,640	15,236
Custody	11,679	22,592
Shareholder servicing	7,517	7,311
Legal	3,529	7,106
Other expenses	5,872	11,032
Total expenses	1,332,257	2,439,423
Compensating balance credits	(2	_
Fees waived by investment adviser	(21,594	(13,686)
Expenses reimbursed by investment adviser	(25,249	(29,170)
Net expenses	1,285,412	2,396,567
Net investment income (loss)	(458,276	267,062
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY:		
NET REALIZED GAIN (LOSS):		
Investments	22,933,236	43,863,307
Foreign currency transactions	699	_
NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION):		
Investments	18,118,206	37,323,686
Other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency	(44	
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency	41,052,097	81,186,993
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	\$ 40,593,821	\$ 81,454,055

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Micro-Ca	p Portfolio	Small-Cap	Portfolio
	Six Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	6/30/21 (unaudited)	Year Ended 12/31/20	6/30/21 (unaudited)	Year Ended 12/31/20
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:				
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (458,276)	\$ (715,479)	\$ 267,062	\$ 2,114,816
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency	22,933,935	8,169,382	43,863,307	(62,579,226)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign				
currency	18,118,162	19,465,169	37,323,686	34,195,166
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from investment operations	40,593,821	26,919,072	81,454,055	(26,269,244)
DISTRIBUTIONS:				
Total distributable earnings				
Investment Class	_	(1,725,374)	_	(3,913,734)
Service Class	_	(371,288)	_	(4,765,060)
Total distributions	_	(2,096,662)	_	(8,678,794)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:				
Value of shares sold				
Investment Class	19,283,703	11,192,683	12,987,836	22,407,979
Service Class	8,045,591	11,856,775	1,514,142	93,586,484
Distributions reinvested				
Investment Class	_	1,725,374	_	3,913,734
Service Class	_	371,288	_	4,765,060
Value of shares redeemed				
Investment Class	(26,251,243)	(32,465,966)	(29,299,557)	(30,430,274)
Service Class	(8,785,462)	(14,453,059)	(40,675,176)	(98,583,746)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions	(7,707,411)	(21,772,905)	(55,472,755)	(4,340,763)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	32,886,410	3,049,505	25,981,300	(39,288,801)
NET ASSETS:				
Beginning of period	162,147,983	159,098,478	359,452,897	398,741,698
End of period	\$ 195,034,393	\$ 162,147,983	\$ 385,434,197	\$ 359,452,897

# Financial Highlights

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each year or other indicated period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented. Per share amounts have been determined on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

ING												Ratio	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	ge Net Assets		
												Prior to Fee	ө			
												Waivers,			Ratio of Net	
			Net Realized and		Distributions	Distributions from	_					Expense	Prior to Fee	Net of Fee	Investment	
	Net Asset Value,		Unrealized Gain (Loss) on	Total from	from Net	Net Realized Gain on	uc	ž	Net Asset		Net Assets,	Reimbursements		Waivers and	Income (Loss) to	
	Beginning of	Net Investment	Investments and	Investment	Investment	Investments and		Valu	of		End of Period	an			Average Net	Portfolio
	Period	Income (Loss)	Foreign Currency	Operations	Income	Foreign Currency	/ Distributions		Period	Total Return	(in thousands)	Credits	Reimbursements	ts Reimbursements	Assets	Turnover Rate
_	3-Cap Port	tfolio-Inve	Micro-Cap Portfolio-Investment Class													
2021	\$ 11.91	\$ (0.03)	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.00	 \$	l <b>⇔</b>	 <del>\$</del>	↔	14.91	25.19%1	\$ 160,735	735 1.38%²	1.38%²	$1.33\%^{2}$	$(0.45)\%^2$	13%
2020	9.75	(0.05)	2.36	2.31	I	(0.15)	(0.15)		11.91	23.79	134,109	109 1.47	1.47	1.33	(0.51)	25
2019	8.97	(0.04)	1.77	1.73	ı	(0.95)	(0.95)		9.75	19.55	132,008	008 1.43	1.43	1.33	(0.41)	26
2018	10.39	(0.03)	(06.0)	(0.93)	ı	(0.49)	(0.49)		8.97	(9.13)	127,457	457 1.39	1.39	1.33	(0.30)	28
2017	11.11	(0.02)	0.58	0.56	(0.08)	(1.20)	(1.28)		10.39	5.29	164,656	656 1.38	1.38	1.38	(0.22)	30
2016	9.34	0.03	1.81	1.84	(0.07)	-	(0.07)		11.11	19.71	177,444	444 1.36	1.36	1.36	0.02	57
	o-Cap Port	Micro-Cap Portfolio-Service Class	ice Class													
	\$ 11.63	\$ (0.05)	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.90	 \$	l <b>⇔</b>	l <b>\$</b>	↔	14.53	24.94%1	\$ 34,	34,299 1.64% <sup>2</sup>	1.64%	$1.58\%^{2}$	$(0.70)\%^2$	13%
2020	9.54	(0.07)	2.31	2.24	ı	(0.15)	(0.15)		11.63	23.55	28,	28,039 1.72	1.72	1.58	(0.75)	25
2019	8.80	(0.06)	1.73	1.67	ı	(0.93)	(0.93)		9.54	19.24	27,	27,090 1.71	1.71	1.58	(0.66)	26
2018	10.21	(0.06)	(0.87)	(0.93)	ı	(0.48)	(0.48)		8.80	(6.29)	14,	14,644 1.64	1.64	1.58	(0.57)	28
2017	10.93	(0.04)	0.57	0.53	(0.06)	(1.19)	(1.25)		10.21	5.02	32,	32,067 1.64	1.64	1.58	(0.43)	30
2016	9.20	(0.02)	1.80	1.78	(0.05)	1	(0.05)		10.93	19.37	34,	34,675 1.65	1.65	1.58	(0.15)	57
Smal	I-Cap Port	tfolio-Inve	Small-Cap Portfolio-Investment Class													
2021	\$ 7.41	\$ 0.01	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.74	- \$	l \$	- \$	\$	9.15	23.48%1	\$ 172,656	656 1.11% <sup>2</sup>	1.11%	$1.08\%^{2}$	$0.28\%^{2}$	792
2020	8.19	90.0	(0.65)	(0.59)	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.19)		7.41	(7.15)	153,953	953 1.19	1.19	1.08	06.0	92
2019	7.87	0.09	1.37	1.46	(0.06)	(1.08)	(1.14)		8.19	18.67	173,492	1.15	1.15	1.08	1.04	111
2018	8.77	90.0	(0.78)	(0.72)	(0.07)	(0.11)	(0.18)		7.87	(8.24)	171,561	561 1.11	1.11	1.08	0.62	56
2017	8.41	0.05	0.39	0.44	(0.08)	I	(0.08)		8.77	5.26	228,620	620 1.11	1.11	1.11	0.55	91
2016	8.43	0.13	1.66	1.79	(0.17)	(1.64)	(1.81)		8.41	20.96	248,244	244 1.09	1.09	1.09	0.89	78
Smal	I-Cap Port	Small-Cap Portfolio-Service Class	ice Class													
2021	\$ 7.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.68	 \$	l \$	l \$	\$	8.93	23.17%1	\$ 212,778	778 1.35%²	1.35%	$1.33\%^{2}$	$0.02\%^{2}$	798
2020	8.01	0.05	(0.64)	(0.59)	(0.02)	(0.12)	(0.17)		7.25	(7.33)	205,500	`	1.43	1.33	0.73	92
2019	7.69	90.0	1.35	1.41	(0.04)	(1.05)	(1.09)		8.01	18.44	225,250	250 1.39	1.39	1.33	98.0	111
2018	8.55	0.04	(0.76)	(0.72)	(0.03)	(0.11)	(0.14)		7.69	(8.50)	104,129	129 1.34	1.34	1.33	0.31	26
2017	8.20	0.02	0.40	0.42	(0.07)	1	(0.07)		8.55	5.10	263,549	549 1.34	1.34	1.34	0.32	91
5016 Capi	8.27	0.03	1.69	1.72	(0.15)	(1.64)	(1.79)		8.20	20.53	267,445	445 1.34	1.34	1.34	69.0	78

Six months ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not annualized <sup>2</sup> Annualized

# Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

## **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

Royce Capital Fund – Micro-Cap Portfolio and Royce Capital Fund – Small-Cap Portfolio (the "Fund" or "Funds") are the two series of Royce Capital Fund (the "Trust"), an open-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust. Shares of the Funds are offered to life insurance companies for allocation to certain separate accounts established for the purpose of funding qualified and non-qualified variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts. Micro-Cap Portfolio and Small-Cap Portfolio commenced operations on December 27, 1996.

Classes of shares have equal rights as to earnings and assets, except that each class may bear different fees and expenses for distribution, shareholder servicing, registration and shareholder reports, and receive different compensating balance credits and expense reimbursements. Investment income, realized and unrealized capital gains or losses on investments and foreign currency, and expenses other than those attributable to a specific class are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Each Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 "Financial Services-Investment Companies."

Royce & Associates, LP, the Funds' investment adviser, is a majority-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. and primarily conducts business using the name Royce Investment Partners ("Royce").

#### VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS:

Securities are valued as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the valuation date. Securities that trade on an exchange, and securities traded on Nasdag's Electronic Bulletin Board, are valued at their last reported sales price or Nasdaq official closing price taken from the primary market in which each security trades or, if no sale is reported for such day, at their highest bid price. Other over-the-counter securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their highest bid price, except in the case of some bonds and other fixed income securities which may be valued by reference to other securities with comparable ratings, interest rates and maturities, using established independent pricing services. The Funds value their non-U.S. dollar denominated securities in U.S. dollars daily at the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates as quoted by a major bank. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act, under procedures approved by the Trust's Board of Trustees, and are reported as Level 3 securities. As a general principle, the fair value of a security is the amount which the Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. However, in light of the judgment involved in fair valuations, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security will be the amount which the Fund might be able to receive upon its current sale. In addition, if, between the time trading ends on a particular security and the close of the customary trading session on the NYSE, events occur that are significant and may make the closing price unreliable, a Fund may fair value the security. The Funds use an independent pricing service to provide fair value estimates for relevant non-U.S. equity securities on days when the U.S. market volatility exceeds a certain threshold. This pricing service uses proprietary correlations it has developed between the movement of prices of non-U.S. equity securities and indices of U.S.-traded securities, futures contracts and other indications to estimate the fair value of relevant non-U.S. securities. When fair value pricing is employed, the prices of securities used by a Fund may differ from quoted or published prices for the same security. Investments in money market funds are valued at net asset value per share.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of each Fund's investments, as noted above. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels below:

- **Level 1** quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, foreign securities that may be fair valued and repurchase agreements). The table below includes all Level 2 securities. Any Level 2 securities with values based on quoted prices for similar securities would be noted in the Schedules of Investments.
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including last trade price before trading was suspended, or at a discount thereto for lack of marketability or otherwise, market price information regarding other securities, information received from the company and/or published documents, including SEC filings and financial statements, or other publicly available information).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

## VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS (continued):

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value each Fund's investments as of June 30, 2021. For a detailed breakout of common stocks by sector classification, please refer to the Schedules of Investments.

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL
Micro-Cap Portfolio				
Common Stocks	\$185,572,636	\$ -	\$325,500	\$185,898,136
Repurchase Agreement	_	8,727,878	_	8,727,878
Small-Cap Portfolio				
Common Stocks	378,503,460	_	_	378,503,460
Repurchase Agreement	_	6,766,824	_	6,766,824
Money Market Fund/Collateral Received for Securities Loaned	456,370	-	_	456,370

#### Level 3 Reconciliation:

	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/20	PURCHASES	SALES	REALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) 1	BALANCE AS OF 6/30/21
Micro-Cap Portfolio						
Common Stocks	\$325,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$325,500

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is included in the accompanying Statement of Operations. Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) includes net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from changes in investment values during the reporting period and the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation (depreciation) when gains or losses are realized. Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions is included in the accompanying Statement of Operations.

## REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS:

The Funds may enter into repurchase agreements with institutions that the Funds' investment adviser has determined are creditworthy. Each Fund restricts repurchase agreements to maturities of no more than seven days. Securities pledged as collateral for repurchase agreements, which are held until maturity of the repurchase agreements, are marked-to-market daily and maintained at a value at least equal to the principal amount of the repurchase agreement (including accrued interest). Repurchase agreements could involve certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the counter-party, including possible delays or restrictions upon the ability of each Fund to dispose of its underlying securities. The remaining contractual maturities of repurchase agreements held by the Funds at June 30, 2021 are overnight and continuous.

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales and maturities of short-term securities, sales of foreign currencies, expiration of currency forward contracts, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on each Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities at the end of the reporting period, as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Funds do not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

#### **SECURITIES LENDING:**

The Funds loan securities through a lending agent, State Street Bank and Trust Company, to qualified institutional investors for the purpose of earning additional income. The lending agent receives and holds collateral from such borrowers to secure their obligations to the Funds. Such loans must be secured at all times by collateral in an amount at least equal to the market value of the loaned securities. The market values of the loaned securities and the collateral fluctuate and are determined at the close of each business day by the lending agent. Borrowers are required to post additional collateral to the lending agent on the next succeeding business day in the event of a collateral shortfall. Counterparty risk is further reduced by loaning securities only to parties that participate in a Global Securities Lending Program organized and monitored by the lending agent and that are deemed by it to satisfy its requirements and by having the lending agent enter into securities lending agreements with such borrowers. The lending agent is not affiliated with Royce.

Collateral may be in the form of cash or U.S. Treasuries. Cash collateral is invested in certain money market pooled investment vehicles. The Funds record a liability in their respective Statements of Assets and Liabilities for the return of such cash collateral during periods in which securities are on loan. The Funds bear the risk of loss for any decrease in the market value of the loaned securities or the investments purchased with cash collateral received from the borrowers.

Pursuant to the agreement in place between the Funds and the lending agent, if a borrower fails to return loaned securities, and the cash collateral being maintained by the lending agent on behalf of such borrower is insufficient to cover the value of loaned securities and provided such collateral insufficiency is not the result of investment losses, the lending agent shall, at its option, either replace the loaned securities or pay the amount of the shortfall to the Funds. In the event of the bankruptcy of a borrower, the Funds could experience delay in recovering the loaned securities or only recover cash or a security of equivalent value.

# Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

## SECURITIES LENDING (continued):

Loans of securities generally do not have stated maturity dates, and the Funds may recall a security at any time. The Funds' securities lending income consists of the income earned on investing cash collateral, plus any premium payments received for lending certain securities, less any rebates paid to borrowers and lending agent fees associated with the loan. Pursuant to the agreement in place between the Funds and the lending agent, the Funds are responsible for any shortfall in the event the value of the investments purchased with cash collateral is insufficient to pay the rebate fee to the borrower.

The following table presents cash collateral and the market value of securities on loan collateralized by cash collateral held by the Funds at June 30, 2021:

		SECURITIES ON LOAN	
	CASH COLLATERAL <sup>1</sup>	COLLATERALIZED BY CASH COLLATERAL	NET AMOUNT
Small-Cap Portfolio	\$456,370	\$(435,801)	\$20,569

Absent an event of default, assets and liabilities are presented gross and not offset in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The remaining contractual maturity of cash collateral is overnight and continuous.

The following table presents non-cash collateral and the market value of securities on loan collateralized by non-cash collateral held by the Funds' custodian at June 30, 2021:

		SECURITIES ON LOAN	
	NON-CASH COLLATERAL	COLLATERALIZED BY NON-CASH COLLATERAL	NET AMOUNT
Micro-Cap Portfolio	\$2,603,238	\$(2,545,803)	\$57,435
Small-Cap Portfolio	196,115	(192,252)	3,863

#### DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES:

As qualified regulated investment companies under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, the Funds are not subject to income taxes to the extent that each Fund distributes substantially all of its taxable income for its fiscal year.

The Funds pay any dividends and capital gain distributions annually in December. Dividends from net investment income and distributions from capital gains are determined at a class level. Because federal income tax regulations differ from generally accepted accounting principles, income and capital gain distributions determined in accordance with tax regulations may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the character of distributions and composition of net assets for tax purposes differ from those reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

#### INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED INVESTMENT INCOME:

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividend income is recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are determined on the basis of identified cost for book and tax purposes.

#### **EXPENSES:**

The Funds incur direct and indirect expenses. Expenses directly attributable to a Fund are charged to the Fund's operations, while expenses applicable to more than one of the Royce Funds are allocated equitably. Certain personnel, occupancy costs and other administrative expenses related to the Funds are allocated by Royce under an administration agreement and are included in administrative and office facilities and legal expenses.

#### COMPENSATING BALANCE CREDITS:

The Funds have arrangements with their custodian bank and transfer agent, whereby a portion of the custodian's fee and transfer agent's fee is paid indirectly by credits earned on a Fund's cash on deposit with the bank and transfer agent. These deposit arrangements are an alternative to purchasing overnight investments. Conversely, a Fund pays interest to the custodian on any cash overdrafts, to the extent they are not offset by credits earned on positive cash balances.

## LINE OF CREDIT:

The Funds, along with certain other Royce Funds, participate in a \$65 million line of credit ("Credit Agreement") with State Street Bank and Trust Company to be used for temporary or emergency purposes. This revolving Credit Agreement expires on October 8, 2021. Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, each participating Fund is liable for a portion of the commitment fee for the credit facility and for principal and interest payments related to borrowings made by that Fund. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a variable rate equal to the Applicable Rate plus the Applicable Margin. The term Applicable Rate means, for any day, a rate equal to the sum of (a) 0.10%, plus (b) the higher of (i) the Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day, or (ii) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate for such day. The term Applicable Margin means 1.25%. The Funds did not utilize the line of credit during the six months ended June 30, 2021.

# **Capital Share Transactions (in shares):**

			SHARES ISSUED I	FOR REINVESTMENT	•		NET INCREASE	(DECREASE) IN
	SHARES	SOLD	OF DIST	RIBUTIONS	SHARES	REDEEMED	SHARES OU	ITSTANDING
	Six Months Ended 6/30/21 (unaudited)	Year Ended 12/31/20						
Micro-Cap Portfo	olio							
Investment Class	1,391,635	1,277,467	_	150,556	(1,868,461)	(3,709,748)	(476,826)	(2,281,725)
Service Class	589,681	1,364,196	_	33,180	(641,314)	(1,825,235)	(51,633)	(427,859)
Small-Cap Portfo	olio							
Investment Class	1,476,977	3,859,356	_	537,600	(3,368,776)	(4,807,942)	(1,891,799)	(410,986)
Service Class	174,078	14,258,227	_	669,250	(4,704,613)	(14,694,441)	(4,530,535)	233,036

#### Investment Adviser and Distributor:

#### INVESTMENT ADVISER:

Under the Trust's investment advisory agreements with Royce, Royce is entitled to receive investment advisory fees in respect of each Fund that are computed daily and payable monthly. Royce has contractually agreed, without right of termination, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses (excluding brokerage commissions, taxes, interest, litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, and other expenses not borne in the ordinary course of business) to the extent necessary to maintain the Funds' net annual operating expense ratios at specified levels through April 30, 2022, and is shown below to the extent that it impacted net expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2021. See the Prospectus for contractual waivers and expiration dates.

	ANNUAL CONTRACTUAL ADVISORY FEE AS A		ANNUAL OPERATING E RATIO CAP		SIX MONTH		
	PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE NET ASSETS	Investment Class	Service Class	Net	advisory fees	Adviso	ry fees waived
Micro-Cap Portfolio	1.25%	1.33%	1.58%	\$	1,148,310	\$	21,594
Small-Cap Portfolio	1.00%	1.08%	1.33%		1,949,316		13,686

#### DISTRIBUTOR:

Royce Fund Services, LLC ("RFS"), the distributor of the Trust's shares, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royce. RFS is entitled to receive distribution fees from each Fund's Service Class that are computed daily and payable monthly, at an annual rate of 0.25% of the average net assets of each Class. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, Micro-Cap Portfolio-Service Class recorded distribution fees of \$40,630 and Small-Cap Portfolio-Service Class recorded distribution fees of \$276,469.

#### Purchases and Sales of Investment Securities:

For the six months ended June 30, 2021, the costs of purchases and the proceeds from sales of investment securities, other than shortterm securities and collateral received for securities loaned, were as follows:

	PURCHASES		SALES
Micro-Cap Portfolio	\$ 22,629,297	\$	37,243,993
Small-Cap Portfolio	99,485,760		149,795,121

Cross trades were executed by the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act. Cross trading is the buying or selling of portfolio securities between funds to which Royce serves as investment adviser. The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer reviews such transactions each quarter for compliance with the requirements and restrictions set forth by Rule 17a-7, and reports the results of her review to the Board of Trustees. Cross trades for the six months ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

	COSTS OF PURCHASES	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	REALIZED GAIN (LOSS)
Micro-Cap Portfolio	\$236,265	\$ -	\$ -

# Class Specific Expenses:

Class specific expenses were as follows for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

	DISTRIBUTION FEES	SHAREHOLDER SERVICING	SHAREHOLDER REPORTS	TRANSFER AGENT BALANCE CREDITS	TOTAL	CLASS LEVEL EXPENSES REIMBURSED BY INVESTMENT ADVISER
Micro-Cap Portfolio — Investment Class	\$ -	\$ 4,014	\$ 15,518	\$ -	\$ 19,532	\$ 19,532
Micro-Cap Portfolio — Service Class	40,630	3,503	2,189	_	46,322	5,717
	40,630	7,517	17,707	-		25,249
Small-Cap Portfolio — Investment Class	_	3,790	13,380	-	17,170	17,170
Small-Cap Portfolio — Service Class	276,469	3,521	9,243	-	289,233	12,000
	276,469	7,311	22,623	-		29,170

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# **Tax Information:**

At June 30, 2021, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) based on identified cost for tax purposes was as follows:

		NET UNREALIZED	GROSS UNR	EALIZED
	TAX BASIS COST	APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)	Appreciation	(Depreciation)
Micro-Cap Portfolio	\$122,499,266	\$ 72,126,748	\$ 79,345,319	\$7,218,571
Small-Cap Portfolio	276,453,907	109,272,747	113,425,983	4,153,236

The primary cause of the difference between book and tax basis cost is the timing of the recognition of losses on securities sold.

## **Subsequent Events:**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date the financial statements were issued.

# Understanding Your Fund's Expenses (unaudited)

As a shareholder of a mutual fund, you pay ongoing expenses, including management fees and other Fund expenses including, for some funds, distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees. Using the information below, you can estimate how these ongoing expenses (in dollars) affect your investment and compare them with the ongoing expenses of other funds. You may also incur one-time transaction expenses which are not shown in this section and would result in higher total costs. The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at January 1, 2021, and held for the entire six-month period ended June 30, 2021. Service Class shares are generally available only through certain insurance companies who receive service fees from the Fund for services that they perform.

#### **Actual Expenses**

The first part of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this section, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value at June 30, 2021, by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During the Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

## **Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

The second part of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads), redemption fees, or exchange fees. Therefore, this section is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	ACTUAL			HYPOTHETICAL (5% PER YEAR BEFORE EXPENSES)			
	Beginning Account	<b>Ending Account Value</b>	Expenses Paid During	Beginning Account	<b>Ending Account Value</b>	Expenses Paid During	Annualized Expense
	Value 1/1/21	6/30/21	the Period <sup>1</sup>	Value 1/1/21	6/30/21	the Period <sup>1</sup>	Ratio <sup>2</sup>
Investment Class							
Micro-Cap Portfolio	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,251.89	\$ 7.43	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,018.20	\$ 6.66	1.33%
Small-Cap Portfolio	1,000.00	1,234.82	5.98	1,000.00	1,019.44	5.41	1.08%
Service Class							
Micro-Cap Portfolio	1,000.00	1,249.36	8.81	1,000.00	1,016.96	7.90	1.58%
Small-Cap Portfolio	1,000.00	1,231.72	7.36	1,000.00	1,018.20	6.66	1.33%

<sup>1</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value for the period, multiplied by 181 days in the most recent fiscal half-year divided by 365 days (to reflect the half-year period). This information does not include fees or expenses of the variable annuity contracts investing in the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualized expense ratio used to derive figures in the table is based on the most recent fiscal half-year.

# Trustees and Officers

All Trustees and Officers may be reached c/o The Royce Funds, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10151

## Christopher D. Clark, Trustee<sup>1</sup>, President

Age: 56 | Number of Funds Overseen: 16 | Tenure: Since 2014 **Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:** Chief Executive Officer (since July 2016), President (since July 2014), Co-Chief Investment Officer (since January 2014), Managing Director of Royce, a Member of the Board of Managers of Royce, having been employed by Royce since May 2007.

#### Patricia W. Chadwick, Trustee

Age: 72 | Number of Funds Overseen: 16 | Tenure: Since 2009 Non-Royce Directorships: Trustee of Voya Mutual Funds and Director of Wisconsin Energy Corp.

**Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years:** Consultant and President of Ravengate Partners LLC (since 2000).

#### Christopher C. Grisanti, Trustee

Age: 59 | Number of Funds Overseen: 16 | Tenure: Since 2017 Non-Royce Directorships: None

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Chief Equity Strategist and Senior Portfolio Manager at MAI Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory firm (since May 2020). Previously, Mr. Grisanti was Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Grisanti Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory firm (from 1999 to 2020). Mr. Grisanti's prior business experience also includes serving as Director of Research and Portfolio Manager at Spears Benzak, Salomon & Farrell (from 1994 to 1999) and a senior associate at the law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett (from 1988 to 1994).

## Cecile B. Harper, Trustee

Age: 58  $\mid$  Number of Funds Overseen: 16  $\mid$  Tenure: Since 2020 Non-Royce Directorships: None

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Board Member of Pyramid Peak Foundation (since January 2012); and Chief Operating Officer at the College Foundation at the University of Virginia (since October 2019). Ms. Harper's prior business experience includes serving as Principal of Southeastern Asset Management (from December 1993 to September 2019); and a Board Member of Regional One Health Foundation (from June 2013 to September 2019).

#### Arthur S. Mehlman, Trustee

Age: 79  $\mid$  Number of Funds Overseen:  $36^2 \mid$  Tenure: Since 2004 Non-Royce Directorships: Director/Trustee of registered investment companies constituting the 20 Legg Mason Funds.

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Director of The League for People with Disabilities, Inc.; Director of University of Maryland Foundation (non-profits). Formerly: Director of Municipal Mortgage & Equity, LLC (from October 2004 to April 1, 2011); Director of University of Maryland College Park Foundation (non-profit) (from 1998 to 2005); Partner, KPMG LLP (international accounting firm) (from 1972 to 2002); Director of Maryland Business Roundtable for Education (from July 1984 to June 2002).

#### G. Peter O'Brien, Trustee

Age: 75 | Number of Funds Overseen: 36<sup>2</sup> | Tenure: Since 2001 **Non-Royce Directorships:** Director/Trustee of registered investment companies constituting the 20 Legg Mason Funds.

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Trustee Emeritus of Colgate University (since 2005); Board Member of Hill House, Inc. (since 1999); Formerly Director of TICC Capital Corp (from 2003-2017): Trustee of Colgate University (from 1996 to 2005), President of Hill House, Inc. (from 2001 to 2005) and Managing Director/Equity Capital Markets Group of Merrill Lynch & Co. (from 1971 to 1999).

#### Michael K. Shields, Trustee

Age: 63 | Number of Funds Overseen: 16 | Tenure: Since 2015 Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: President and Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont Trust Company, a privately-owned North Carolina trust company and wealth management firm (since May 2012). Mr. Shields's prior business experience includes managing institutional and mutual fund equity portfolios in New York at Scudder, Stevens & Clark where he was a Principal in the Global Equity Group (1992 – 1997) and US Trust where he was President & CIO of a wholly-owned investment firm subsidiary (1997 – 2002).

#### Francis D. Gannon, Vice President

Age: 53 | Tenure: Since 2014

**Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:** Co-Chief Investment Officer (since January 2014) and Managing Director of Royce, having been employed by Royce since September 2006.

#### Daniel A. O'Byrne, Vice President

Age: 59 | Tenure: Since 1994

**Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:** Principal and Vice President of Royce, having been employed by Royce since October 1986.

#### Peter K. Hoglund, Treasurer

Age: 55 | Tenure: Since 2015

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, and Managing Director of Royce, having been employed by Royce since December 2014. Prior to joining Royce, Mr. Hoglund spent more than 20 years with Munder Capital Management in Birmingham, MI, serving as Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer and overseeing all financial aspects of the firm. He began his career at Munder as a portfolio manager.

#### John E. Denneen, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer

Age: 54 | Tenure: 1996-2001 and Since 2002

**Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:** General Counsel, Managing Director, and, since June 2015, a Member of the Board of Managers of Royce. Chief Legal and Compliance Officer and Secretary of Royce.

## Lisa Curcio, Chief Compliance Officer

Age: 61 | Tenure: Since 2004

**Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:** Chief Compliance Officer of The Royce Funds (since October 2004) and Compliance Officer of Royce (since June 2004).

Trustees will hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal. The Statement of Additional Information, which contains additional information about the Trust's trustees and officers, is available and can be obtained without charge at www.royceinvest.com or by calling (800) 221-4268.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Interested Trustee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As of July 1, 2021, Messrs. Mehlman and O'Brien oversee 75 Funds.

# Liquidity Risk Management Program

The Securities and Exchange Commission adopted Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Liquidity Rule") to promote effective liquidity risk management throughout the open-end investment company industry, thereby reducing the risk that funds will be unable to meet their redemption obligations and mitigating dilution of the interests of fund shareholders. As required by the Liquidity Rule, Royce Capital Fund (the "Trust") adopted and implemented a written Liquidity Risk Management Program (as amended from time to time, the "LRMP") which took effect on December 1, 2018.

The LRMP is designed to assess and manage the liquidity risk of each of Royce Micro-Cap Portfolio and Royce Small-Cap Portfolio (each, a "Fund" and together, the "Funds"), taking into consideration each Fund's: (i) investment strategy and the liquidity of its portfolio investments during normal and reasonably foreseeable stressed conditions; (ii) short and long-term cash flow projections; (iii) holdings of cash and cash equivalents; and (iv) access to other funding sources, including custodian overdrafts and the Funds' line of credit. In this context, liquidity risk refers to the risk that a Fund could not meet requests to redeem its shares without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund.

The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") approved the designation of the Chief Risk Officer of Royce Investment Partners ("Royce") as the administrator of the LRMP (in such capacity, the "Administrator"). The Administrator reports directly to the Board and serves at its pleasure in her capacity as Administrator. Such person also reports directly to Royce's Chief Executive Officer in her capacity as Royce's Chief Risk Officer. The members of Royce's Risk Management Committee and its Legal & Compliance Department serve the Administrator in an advisory capacity. The Administrator may also consult with Royce's portfolio management, administration, and trading personnel to the extent such person deems it necessary or appropriate to carry out the duties assigned to the Administrator under the LRMP. The Trust has retained a third-party liquidity vendor that performs various functions in connection with the administration of the LRMP, including classifying the liquidity of each Fund investment.

In accordance with the requirements of the Liquidity Rule and the LRMP, each Fund must classify each of its investments into one of four liquidity categories described below based on a determination of a reasonable expectation for how long it would take to convert the investment to cash (or sell or dispose of the investment) without significantly changing its market value.

- Highly liquid investments cash or convertible to cash within three business days or less.
- Moderately liquid investments convertible to cash in three to seven calendar days.
- Less liquid investments can be sold or disposed of, but not settled, within seven calendar days.
- Illiquid investments cannot not be sold or disposed of within seven calendar days.

In addition, the LRMP prohibits a Fund from acquiring any illiquid investment if, immediately after such acquisition, it would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. Liquidity classification determinations take into account a variety of factors, including various market, trading and investment-specific considerations, as well as market depth, and generally utilize analysis from the third-party liquidity vendor.

Each Fund has been classified as a "primarily highly liquid fund" under the LRMP. For these purposes, a primarily highly liquid fund must hold more than 50% of its net assets in highly liquid investments. A Fund would cease to be a primarily highly liquid fund if its highly liquid investments fell to 50% or less of its net assets as of the end of any calendar month.

The Administrator presented a report to the Board at its meeting on February 18, 2021 that addressed the adequacy and effectiveness of the LRMP during the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (the "covered period"). Among other things, the report provided summary information regarding overall market liquidity and the Funds' compliance with various liquidity-related requirements along with examples of how the Administrator, Royce's Risk Management Committee, and the relevant portfolio managers monitored and reacted to changes in liquidity profiles during the covered period. The report also addressed the enhanced liquidity monitoring and stress testing undertaken by the Administrator and Royce's Risk Management Committee in response to the increased market volatility resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. The report concluded that:

- each Fund remained a primarily highly liquid fund during the covered
- neither Fund breached the 15% limit on illiquid investments during the covered period;
- the LRMP remains reasonably designed and implemented to assess and manage each Fund's liquidity risk; and
- each Fund was able to meet requests for redemption without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund during the covered period.

No assurance can be given that the LRMP will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the Trust's statutory prospectus for more information regarding each Fund's exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks and a description of how the Funds expect to satisfy redemption requests.

# Notes to Performance and Other Important Information

The thoughts expressed in this report concerning recent market movements and future prospects for small company stocks are solely the opinion of Royce at June 30, 2021, and, of course, historical market trends are not necessarily indicative of future market movements. Statements regarding the future prospects for particular securities held in the Funds' portfolios and Royce's investment intentions with respect to those securities reflect Royce's opinions as of June 30, 2021 and are subject to change at any time without notice. There can be no assurance that securities mentioned in this report will be included in any Royce-managed portfolio in the future.

Sector weightings are determined using the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). GICS was developed by, and is the exclusive property of, Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") and MSCI Inc. ("MSCI"). GICS is the trademark of S&P and MSCI. "Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)" and "GICS Direct" are service marks of S&P and MSCI.

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The Price-Earnings, or P/E, Ratio is calculated by dividing a company's share price by its trailing 12-month earnings-per-share (EPS). The Price-to-Book, or P/B, Ratio is calculated by dividing a company's share price by its book value per share. Standard deviation is a statistical measure within which a fund's total returns have varied over time. The greater the standard deviation, the greater a fund's volatility. Beta is a measure of the volatility or risk of an investment compared to the market as a whole. Alpha describes an investment strategy's ability to beat the market. The Morningstar Style Map uses proprietary scores of a stock's value and growth characteristics to determine its placement in one of the five categories listed on the horizontal axis. These characteristics are then compared to those

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#### Forward-Looking Statements

This material contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), that involve risks and uncertainties, including, among others, statements as to:

- · the Funds' future operating results,
- the prospects of the Funds' portfolio companies,
- the impact of investments that the Funds have made or may make,
- the dependence of the Funds' future success on the general economy and its impact on the companies and industries in which the Funds invest, and
- the ability of the Funds' portfolio companies to achieve their objectives.

This review and report use words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "future," "intends," and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements for any reason.

# Notes to Performance and Other Important Information (continued)

The Royce Funds have based the forward-looking statements included in this review and report on information available to us on the date of the report, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although The Royce Funds undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make through future shareholder communications or reports.

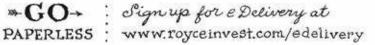
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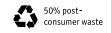
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# Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings

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Pioneers in small-cap investing, with 45+ years of experience, depth of knowledge, and focus.

#### Independent Thinking

The confidence to go against consensus, the insight to uncover opportunities others might miss, and the tenacity to stay the course through market cycles.

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U.S., international, and global investment strategies that pursue approaches with different risk profiles.

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