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#### **Item 1: Reports to Shareholders**

## 2003 Annual Report

THE ROYCE FUNDS

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#### A Few Words On Closed-End Funds

Royce & Associates, LLC manages three closed-end funds: Royce Value Trust, the first small-cap value closed-end fund offering; Royce Micro-Cap Trust, the only micro-cap closed-end fund; and Royce Focus Trust, a closed-end fund that invests in a limited number of domestic companies.

A closed-end fund is an investment company whose shares are listed on a stock exchange or are traded in the over-the-counter market. Like all investment companies, including open-end mutual funds, the assets of a closed-end fund are professionally managed in accordance with the investment objectives and policies approved by the fund soard of Directors. A closed-end fund raises cash for investment by issuing a fixed number of shares through initial and other public offerings which may include periodic rights offerings. Proceeds from the offerings are invested in an actively managed portfolio of securities. Investors wanting to buy or sell shares of a publicly traded closed-end fund after the offerings must do so on a stock exchange or the Nasdag market, as with any publicly traded stock. This is in contrast to open-end mutual funds, where the fund sells and redeems its shares on a continuous basis.

#### A CLOSED-END FUND OFFERS SEVERAL DISTINCT ADVANTAGES NOT AVAILABLE FROM AN OPEN-END FUND STRUCTURE

- Since a closed-end fund does not issue redeemable securities or offer its securities on a continuous basis, it does not need to liquidate securities or hold uninvested assets to meet investor demands for cash redemptions, as an open-end fund must.
- In a closed-end fund, not having to meet investor redemption requests or invest at inopportune times is ideal for value managers who attempt to buy stocks when prices are depressed and sell securities when prices are high.
- A closed-end fund may invest more freely in less liquid portfolio securities because it is not subject to potential stockholder redemption demands. This is particularly beneficial for Royce-managed closed-end funds, which invest in small- and micro-cap securities.
- The fixed capital structure allows permanent leverage to be employed as a means to enhance capital appreciation potential.

Unlike open-end funds, our closed-end funds are able to distribute capital gains on a quarterly basis. Each of the Funds has adopted a quarterly distribution policy for its common stock.

We believe that the closed-end fund structure is very suitable for the long-term investor who understands the benefits of a stable pool of capital.

# WHY DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT IS IMPORTANT

A very important component of an investor stotal return comes from the reinvestment of distributions. By reinvesting distributions, our investors can maintain an undiluted investment in a Fund. To get a fair idea of the impact of reinvested distributions, please see the charts on pages 13, 15 and 17. For additional information on the Funds Distribution Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Options and the benefits for stockholders, see page 11.

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#### ANNUAL REPORT REFERENCE GUIDE

For more than 25 years, our approach has focused on evaluating a company surrent worth our assessment of what we believe a knowledgeable buyer might pay to acquire the entire company, or what we think the value of the company should be in the stock market. This analysis takes into consideration a number of relevant factors, including the company future prospects. We select these securities using a risk-averse value approach, with the expectation that their market prices should increase

toward our estimate of their current worth, resulting in capital appreciation for Fund investors.

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NAV AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS Through December 31, 2003  4TH								
FUND	QUARTER 2003*	JUL-DEC 2003 <u>*</u>	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR	SINCENCEPTION INCEPTIONDATE	
Royce Value Trust	13.38%	23.75%	40.80%	11.04%	12.25%	12.64	12.371%/26/86	
<b>Royce Micro-Cap Trust</b>	15.58	30.36	55.55	18.28	15.64	14.27	14.222/14/93	
<b>Royce Focus Trust</b>	16.44	30.06	54.33	14.11	14.34	n.a.	12.28 11/1/96 <u>**</u>	
Russell 2000	14.52	24.92	47.25	6.27	7.13	9.47		

Royce Value Trust[]s 15-year NAV average annual total return for the period ended 12/31/03 was 13.27%. The Funds[] recent performance was achieved during a period of high returns for small- and micro-cap stocks, and it is not likely that this level of returns will continue in the future.

<sup>\*</sup>Not annualized.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Date Royce & Associates, LLC assumed investment management responsibility.

Charles M. Royce, President

Although none of our closed-end funds concentrate solely on dividend-paying stocks, we think highly of the value of dividends here at The Royce Funds. We think that the old adage of Ben Graham and David Dodd, that the primary purpose of a business is to pay dividends to its owners, in many ways still holds true today. Why do we and two of the Founding Fathers of value investing put so much stock in the payment of dividends? The most obvious reason is that, with rare exceptions, companies that pay dividends are almost always profitable businesses. Companies can choose to reinvest their earnings, pay them out as dividends or reinvest a portion and pay out the rest, but the fact remains that payment of a dividend is an important measure of profitability.

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#### **CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM**

2003 will likely enter the annals of stock market history as one of the more successful years for equities in recent times. Unlike the days of stratospheric returns for large-cap and/or Technology issues that characterized the late  $\lceil 90s$ , the past year embraced large and small stocks alike, a tide of more or less steadily rising prices that seemed to lift nearly every boat which the market deemed seaworthy. Such a year was especially welcome to investors following the long and dreary bear market that began in March 2000. Yet to many observers, this long-anticipated recovery emerged slowly, almost subtly, from the wings of the bear sprolonged turn on the equity stage. The rebound actually began in early October 2002, when the major indices ☐ the S&P 500, Russell 2000 and Nasdaq Composite [] reached their most recent lows. Yet 2002 was a year of negative performance for the majority of stocks, and the brief rally that carried the market through October and November fizzled in December and did not regain its momentum until March of 2003.

Much of this can be attributed to a sluggish economy and the anxious days preceding the war with Iraq. The initial reports out of Baghdad seemed to indicate that our military sefforts were not meeting with the unqualified success that many of us had expected. Yet once it became clear that these reports were erroneous and that the U.S. was on its way to a relatively fast victory, the stock market responded generously. For each index, April and May were two of the three strongest performing months of 2003. By fall, news of strong GDP growth and stable levels of unemployment provided any additional fuel that may have been needed to

keep the rally running, and run it did, right through the beginning of 2004. Even the stunning news of illegal and unethical profiteering on the part of certain mutual fund companies that permitted late trading and market timing did not slow the market s furious ascent. The only unanswered questions appeared to be, how much longer would the rally run and how much higher would returns climb before a correction occurred?

With the economy seeming to grow stronger each day, the international situation stabilizing somewhat (at least as of this writing) and reports of new mutual fund scandals subsiding (for now, anyway), we would understand anyone who felt that the past fifteen months have heralded only the beginning of an extended period of high returns. We simply would not agree. Like many experienced value investors, we habitually get a little tense whenever stock market returns run up virtually unimpeded for months at a time. It simply goes against the grain of what we have learned in three-plus decades of investing. We are not calling for a return to the bear market environment that lasted from March 2000 through October 2002, but we also do not see the direction of the market racing consistently upward. Just as we argued at the end of last year that the market was not

as bad as it looked, we would now submit that the market is not quite as vigorous as it appears. We think that it is entirely rational to be exuberant about 2003\(\sigma\) s high returns, but that similar sentiments should not apply to 2004 and beyond because no one really knows what the market□s next move will be. So before the heralds rush forth announcing that all is well because the bears (and the folks delivering subpoenas) have all left the building, we would advise investors to curb their enthusiasm.

#### **SMALLVILLE**

We are aware [] and not unhappily [] that a look at both the short- and long-term returns for small-cap stocks through the end of 2003 may make our plea to curb one senthusiasm sound a bit silly. Our asset class once again finished the year ahead of its large-cap counterpart, with the Russell 2000 up 47.3% versus 28.7% for the S&P 500. It marked the fifth consecutive year that the Russell 2000 outperformed the S&P 500, in spite of the fact that 2003 was the large-cap index∏s best calendar year of performance since 1998. The small-cap index also held a performance advantage over its large-cap sibling from the October 2002 market lows and for the three-year and five-year periods ended 12/31/03. The resurgent equity market gave a boost to the Nasdag Composite as well. It bested both the S&P 500 and the Russell 2000 in 2003 with a 50.0% return.

The rally has so far favored two kinds of stocks that historically have not been the first coursers out of the gate at the onset of a bull market [] Technology and micro-cap stocks. Their strong performances, especially the latter s, helped the Russell 2000 to enjoy its best calendar-year performance since the index

s inception on 12/31/78.

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Another reason for our affection is that consistent dividend payouts help to reduce volatility by providing an investor with a steady stream of income. This is arquably a more significant benefit for small-cap stocks than it is for their larger siblings because the diminutive

#### LETTER TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS

While this was terrific news for small-cap investors like ourselves, we are somewhat leery of the reversal of what we regard as the typical order of market rallies. Although Technology stocks suffered more than any other equity sector during the bear market  $\sqcap$ making them arguably ripe for a rally  $\sqcap$  it does not stand to reason that their previous travails made it necessary for them to *lead* a subsequent rebound for stocks. Most bear markets have ended with a flight to quality.

stature of small companies often makes them inherently more volatile. We also believe that having money upfront, or cash in hand, offers advantages as well. While this is true in any market climate, it can be especially crucial in lowor negative-return environments when stock prices are stalling or tumbling.

Within the realm of small-cap stocks, the search for dividend-paying companies can be quite interesting because many small-cap investors have been led to believe that such companies cannot be found. Investors (especially institutional investors) utilizing a dividend-discount model | those searching for **∏total** return, ⊓ or a combination of long-term growth and current income **□** are trained to look almost

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Historically, investors begin to flock, sometimes slowly, to companies with solid records of earnings or other indicators of underlying quality. We are not sure what has made the current rally unique in this regard, but its peculiar start is another reason why we think that we have not entered a sustainable period of high returns for stocks.

#### **EVERYBODY LOVES VALUE**

One might expect that a rally led by two of the more volatile segments of the market would mean bad news for value stocks, even those in the micro-cap sector. We are happy to report that this was not quite the case in 2003. Tech and micro-cap led the way, but equities as a whole performed well. Value stocks began to come on later in the year, especially in the fourth quarter, in which the Russell 2000 Value index outpaced the Russell 2000 Growth index. 16.4% versus 12.7%. This strong fourth-quarter push allowed the small-cap value index to narrow the performance gap with growth, as small-cap value was up 46.0% in 2003 versus 48.5% for small-cap growth. Small-cap growth \( \sigma \) outperformance period included an unusual first quarter in which returns for both indices were negative. If one needed any further proof that 2003 was an odd year, we would call their attention to the fact that small-cap value lost ground to growth in the first quarter decline and then gained ground against it during the fourth quarter upswing. Strange days indeed.

As dubious as we are about the long-term viability of the current rally, we were cheered by the strong showing turned in by small-cap value stocks late in the year and throughout the 15-month rally. In fact, stretching back to the early days of the bear market in March 2000, small-cap value has performed well both on an absolute and relative basis. From the small-cap market peak on 3/9/00 through 12/31/03, the Russell 2000 Value index was up 73.1% versus a loss of 44.2% for the Russell 2000 Growth index. Although better down market returns in the bear-market period between March 2000 and October 2002 were a critical component of small-cap value∏s edge during the current market cycle,

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perhaps equally important has been small-cap value \sigma s participation in the rally. From the small-cap market low on 10/9/02 through 12/31/03, the Russell 2000 Value index was up 69.8% versus a gain of 76.7% for its growth counterpart, which means that during this time, small-cap value captured 91% of small-cap growth∏s upward surge. The strong down-market performance of small-cap value combined with the competitive returns that it has turned in during the market[s recovery helped small-cap value to hold a performance edge for the three-, five-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25 -year periods ended 12/31/03.

#### STILL STANDING

Small-cap value\s solid performance benefited *The Royce Funds*, as did healthy returns by Technology and micro-cap stocks. In fact, each portfolio\(\sigma\) relative weightings in micro-caps, Technology stocks and more traditional value issues greatly influenced 2003[s returns. Micro-Cap Trust and Focus Trust [] portfolios with relatively heavier weightings in at least one of the first two areas  $\Pi$  enjoyed the highest calendar-year returns and outperformed the Russell 2000 for the year. However, we were very pleased with the performance of all three of our closed-end funds in 2003. Although besting the benchmark remains a worthy goal for each portfolio, we would rather see strong absolute performances for the funds, and 2003 provided plenty of that. More importantly from our perspective, all of The Royce Funds in this report outperformed the Russell 2000 from its peak on 3/9/00, as well as for the applicable three-, five- and 10-year periods ended 12/31/03. We are more interested in the long-term and full market-cycle performance picture because we believe that these periods, which include both up and down market phases, more accurately reflect the success or failure of a particular investment vehicle or approach.

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exclusively among midand large-cap stocks. However, as we have often pointed out, the small-cap universe provides fertile ground for yield-loving equity investors. As of 12/31/03. of the approximately 7,300 companies with market capitalizations less than \$2 billion, more than 1,500 pay dividends and more than 900 of those have yields of 2% or greater (Source: FactSet).

One might ask why a small company would choose to pay dividends. Wouldn t that business be better off reinvesting its profits? The truth is that many small companies earn more than they need in terms of reinvestment in the business. This excess profit is known as free cash flow, which is one of the key qualitative components that we look for in any company, along with strong balance sheets and an established record of earnings. A company has several choices as to what it does with these funds: It can hold on to the cash, use it to purchase shares of its own stock or pay it out to shareholders in the form of dividends.

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In our view, 2003 offered a good reason for taking the long view. A wildly successful year by nearly any measure, it was also an exceptional year for more than the reasons normally implied by that term. While our Funds certainly profited from the market∏s favor toward micro-caps, Technology and other issues, we remain somewhat cynical about the nature of the recent rally. Seeing many of our holdings appreciate in price was gratifying, but we cannot avoid the suspicion that prices rose primarily for what we would argue were all the wrong reasons [] speculation as opposed to investment, a low-interest rate environment (which made investment options in fixed income securities look far less attractive relative to equities) and a post-bear-market euphoria that seemed to push prices higher and higher while scant attention was being paid to underlying quality. We were surprised to see speculative stocks do so well from the October 2002 bottom through the end of 2003, though it was somewhat gratifying to see some companies with stronger earnings begin to participate late in the year.

#### THE HISTORY CHANNEL PRESENTS...

From a performance standpoint, small-cap has so far outpaced large-cap in the current decade. In recognizing this, we wondered what the decade-by-decade performance story had been historically for each asset class. This led us to an examination of stock-market returns from 1930 through 1999 to see what, if any, performance patterns emerged for small- and large-cap stocks. Although we realized that there were distinctive stories behind each ten-year period sreturns, both large-and small-cap stocks repeated a specific pattern that held true for every decade from the \$\square\$30s through the \$\square\$90s. During that 70-year period, large-cap stocks led

	ALL-CAP DECILE /-Decade Cumula		
	CRSP 6-10	S&P 500	SPREAD
1930s	47.6%	2.3%	45.4%
1940s	328.9	138.7	190.2
1950s	438.3	483.3	-45.0

1960s	218.8	112.3	106.6
1970s	150.1	76.5	73.6
1980s	304.7	401.5	-96.8
1990s	299.1	432.9	-133.8

in the high-return decades of the  $\square 50s$ ,  $\square 80s$  and  $\square 90s$ , while small-caps were out in front during the low- or normal-return decades of the  $\square 30s$ ,  $\square 40s$ ,  $\square 60s$  and  $\square 70s$ . This pattern has been repeated so far in the current decade, with small-caps having held a significant performance

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edge over large-caps in a decidedly low-return period for the market as a whole. In one final tidbit of asset-class trivia, we found that both asset classes enjoyed a lengthy period of outperformance during each decade. In fact, small-cap stocks had at least a six-year period of outperformance in every 10-year period (see chart below), including those in which they underperformed. This was the case even in the the  $\square 80s$  and  $\square 90s$ , decades typically thought of as dominated by large-caps.

We do not expect small-caps to lead in every performance period or in every calendar year through decade end. In fact, we expect leadership to alternate between small- and large-caps, especially in the near term. Does this mean that small-caps may be at a disadvantage in the coming months? Not necessarily. At current price-to-earnings levels, significant price appreciation through multiple expansion would be much harder to come by. In the next phase of the market, we believe that returns will come *via* improving earnings, not multiple expansion. Given their economic leverage and the simplicity of their businesses, we believe that economic improvements should more directly affect small-caps bottom lines, which could put small-caps in a leading position vis-a-vis earnings growth.

The potential upward movement of interest rates and their impact on P/E ratios is another area that would seem

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Certain small companies choose the latter, although for many years it was more common for firms to opt for one of the first two choices, regardless of their size. We think that this will change as a result of the new tax legislation passed earlier this year, which gives more favorable tax treatment to dividends, thus offering companies more of an impetus to pay them out. The effect of this legislation is only beginning to be felt, yet we expect that its consequences will be dramatic, long lasting and potentially beneficial to small-cap investors who like dividends.

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#### Trying to Learn from History

to us to favor smaller companies. Although no one can accurately predict the path of interest rates, an increase after more than 20 years of overall decline seems reasonable, especially in a more robust economic environment. Rising interest rates are generally detrimental to equities as a whole. Since interest rates and P/E ratios tend to have an inverse relationship to each other, and larger companies generally have higher debt-to-capital ratios, an increase in interest rates would seemingly be more detrimental to larger companies because higher proportionate levels of debt would have a greater negative effect impact on their bottom lines. (As of 12/31/03, the composite debt-to-capital ratio for the S&P 500 was 49% versus 40% for the Russell 2000.)

#### **CLOSING BELL**

We continue to believe that the returns generated by the recent rally, while entirely welcome, represent a snapback for stock prices, not a comeback for high returns. The market∏s dramatic upward move seems to us more of an anomalous event that occurred within the longer-term context of the current market cycle that began with a dramatic slide from the peak in March 2000. Most bull markets have begun with profitable companies taking the lead, while Technology and/or micro-cap stocks have followed in the later stages of the run-up. We find it especially peculiar in the aftermath of one of the biggest Technology rallies in history that these sectors led the recovery. Although any extended period

of negative returns from this point seems unlikely to us in the near-term, we suspect that there may be a correction within the next several months during which we believe that we will see a move to quality companies with solid

earnings followed by a longer period of low, but generally positive returns. We would caution investors against thinking that 2003 s rubber-band response to the bear market means a return to the investment climate of the mid-to-late 90s. Of course, when it comes to investing, our temperament resembles Larry David cranky, fatalistic character on HBO s Curb Your Enthusiasm. When bad times come, we more or less expect it; when

good times arrive, we re usually nervous, expecting it all to end soon.

The last five years have provided ample doses of each, with giddy peaks and chilling lows. Through it all, we maintained the same disciplined approach that we have used for 30 years. Just as we were not idiots when small-cap value went out of style, we did not suddenly become endowed with genius when our approach became attractive again. The extremes of the last two market cycles serve best as a reminder that building wealth requires time and patience.

We appreciate your continued support.

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Sincerely,

Charles M. Royce *President* 

W. Whitney George *Vice President* 

Jack E. Fockler, Jr. *Vice President* 

January 31, 2004

The performance data and trends outlined in this presentation are presented for illustrative purposes only. The thoughts concerning recent market movements and future prospects for small-company stocks are solely those of Royce & Associates, and, of course, there can be no assurance with regard to future market movements. Small- and micro-cap stocks may involve considerably more risk than larger-cap stocks. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Historical market trends are not necessarily indicative of future market movements. The (Center for Research in Security Prices) CRSP 6-10 is an unmanaged composite representing the bottom five deciles of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq National Market, based on market capitalization. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index of domestic large-cap stocks. The Russell 2000, Russell 2000 Value and Russell 2000 Growth are unmanaged indices of domestic small-cap stocks.

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#### SMALL-CAP MARKET CYCLE PERFORMANCE

Since the Russell 2000 s inception on 12/31/78, value outperformed growth in five of the six full small-cap market cycles (defined as a move of 15% from a previous peak or trough). The last small-cap market cycle (4/21/98 - 3/9/00) was the exception. The current cycle represents what we believe is a return to more historically typical performance in that value provided a significant advantage during the downturn (3/9/00 - 10/9/02) and through December 31, 2003.

	PRIOR PEAK-TO-PEAK 4/21/98 [] F 3/9/00		ROUGH-TO-CURREN 10/9/02 ∏ 12/31/03		PRIOR PEAK-TO-CURREN T 4/21/98 [ 12/31/03
Russell 2000	26.3%	-44.1%	73.1%	-3.3%	22.2%
Russell 2000 Value	-12.7	2.0	69.8	73.1	51.2
Russell 2000 Growth	64.8	-68.4	76.7	-44.2	-8.0
NAV CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN					
Royce Value Trust	10.0	-12.2	67.5	47.1	61.8
Royce Micro-Cap Trust	10.6	-13.6	85.4	59.3	76.3
Royce Focus Trust	-10.7	-4.9	85.5	76.4	57.6

**PEAK-TO-TROUGH:** Not only did value outperform growth (as measured by the Russell 2000 style indices), it also provided positive performance during the downdraft. All three Royce Funds outperformed the Russell 2000 in this period.

**TROUGH-TO-CURRENT:** Through December 31, 2003, growth led value during the rally from the October low. All Royce Funds posted total returns of more than 65% during this period, with Royce Micro-Cap Trust and Royce Focus Trust outperforming the Russell 2000.

PEAK-TO-CURRENT: From March 9, 2000 through December 31, 2003, value maintained a sizeable lead over growth. Again, all three Royce Funds held performance advantages over the Russell 2000 (-3.3%) and all have provided positive performance. When current cycle returns are combined with those of the prior full market cycle, a period which includes both the pre-bubble rally and the ensuing bear market, value so positive results compare favorably against growth snegative results. During this period, all three Royce Funds outperformed the Russell 2000 Value so 51.2% return.

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#### **HISTORY SINCE INCEPTION**

The following table details the share accumulations by an initial investor in the Funds who reinvested all distributions (including fractional shares) and participated fully in primary subscriptions for each of the rights offerings. Full participation in distribution reinvestments and rights offerings can maximize the returns available to a long-term investor. This table should be read in conjunction with the Performance and Portfolio Reviews of the Funds.

HISTO	<u>RY</u>	AMOU INVEST		PURCHASE PRICE*	<u>SHARES</u>	7	NAV /ALUE**	MARKET MALUE**
<b>Royce Value T</b>	rust							
11/26/86	Initial Purchase	\$ 10,	000	\$ 10.000	1,000	\$	9,280	\$ 10,000
10/15/87	Distribution \$0.30			7.000	42			
12/31/87	Distribution \$0.22			7.125	32		8,578	7,250
12/27/88	Distribution \$0.51			8.625	63		10,529	9,238
9/22/89	Rights Offering		405	9.000	45			
12/29/89	Distribution \$0.52			9.125	67		12,942	11,866
9/24/90	Rights Offering		457	7.375	62			
12/31/90	Distribution \$0.32			8.000	52		11,713	11,074
9/23/91	Rights Offering		638	9.375	68			
12/31/91	Distribution \$0.61			10.625	82		17,919	15,697
9/25/92	Rights Offering		825	11.000	75			
12/31/92	Distribution \$0.90			12.500	114		21,999	20,874
9/27/93	Rights Offering	1,	469	13.000	113			
12/31/93	Distribution \$1.15			13.000	160		26,603	25,428
10/28/94	Rights Offering	1,	103	11.250	98			
12/19/94	Distribution \$1.05			11.375	191		27,939	24,905
11/3/95	Rights Offering	1,	425	12.500	114			
12/7/95	Distribution \$1.29			12.125	253		35,676	31,243
12/6/96	Distribution \$1.15			12.250	247		41,213	36,335
	Annual distribution							
1997	total \$1.21			15.374	230		52,556	46,814
1000	Annual distribution				2.4		- 4	47.500
1998	total \$1.54			14.311	347		54,313	47,506
1000	Annual distribution				201			
1999	total \$1.37			12.616	391		60,653	50,239
2000	Annual distribution			12.072	12.1		70 711	61.640
2000	total \$1.48			13.972	424		70,711	61,648
2001	Annual distribution			15.072	427		01 470	72.004
2001	total \$1.49 Annual distribution			15.072	437		81,478	73,994
2002	total \$1.51			14.903	494		68,770	68,927
1/28/03	Rights Offering	5	600	14.903	520		00,770	00,927
1/20/03	Annual distribution	5,	000	10.770	520			
2003	total \$1.30			14.582	516			
2003	total \$1.50			14.502	510			
12/31/03		\$ 21,	922		6,237	\$ 1	106,216	\$ 107,339
Royce Micro-C			<b>500</b>	+ 7.566	1.000		7.050	7.500
12/14/93	Initial Purchase	\$ 7,	500	\$ 7.500	1,000	\$	7,250	\$ 7,500

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12/31/03		\$ 4,375		1,345	\$ 12,105	\$	11,406
12/8/03	Distribution \$0.62		8.250	94			
12/6/02	Distribution \$0.09		5.640	19	7,844		6,956
12/6/01	Distribution \$0.14		6.010	28	8,969		8,193
12/6/00	Distribution \$0.34		5.563	69	8,151		6,848
12/6/99	Distribution \$0.145		4.750	34	6,742		5,356
12/31/98					6,199		5,367
12/5/97	Distribution \$0.53		5.250	101	6,650		5,574
12/31/96					5,520	,	4,594
Royce Focus T 10/31/96	<b>rust</b> Initial Purchase	\$ 4,375	\$ 4.375	1,000	\$ 5,280	\$	4,375
12/31/03		\$ 8,900		2,485	\$ 33,125	<b>\$</b>	31,311
	τοται ψ0.52		10.007				
2003	Annual distribution total \$0.92		10.004	217			
2002	total \$0.80		9.518	180	21,297		19,142
,	Annual distribution				,		,
12/6/01	Distribution \$0.57		9.880	114	24,701		21,924
12/6/00	Distribution \$1.72		8.469	333	20,016		17,026
12/6/99	Distribution \$0.27		8.781	49	18,051		14,129
12/5/97 12/7/98	Distribution \$1.00 Distribution \$0.29		8.625	140 52	16,694		15,593 14.129
12/6/96	Distribution \$0.80 Distribution \$1.00		7.625 10.000	133 140	13,132 16.694		11,550
12/7/95	Distribution \$0.36		7.500	58	11,264		10,136
12/19/94	Distribution \$0.05		6.750	9	9,163		8,462
10/28/94	Rights Offering	1,400	7.000	200	0.1.00		

<sup>\*</sup>Beginning with 1997 (RVT) and 2002 (RMT) distribution, the purchase price on distributions is an average of the Fund

year distribution reinvestment cost.

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#### **ROYCE VALUE TRUST**

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS Through 12/31/03	
Fourth Quarter 2003 <u>*</u>	13.38%
July-December 2003 <u>*</u>	23.75
1-Year	40.80
3-Year	11.04
5-Year	12.25
10-Year	12.64

#### Manager<sub>s</sub> Discussion

Royce Value Trust (RVT) diversified portfolio of smalland micro-cap stocks enjoyed a strong absolute return in 2003 on both a net asset value (NAV) and market price basis. The Fund was up 40.8% on an NAV basis and 42.0% on a market price basis. These performances trailed the calendar-year return of the small-cap oriented Russell 2000, which was up 47.3%, but were ahead of the small-cap S&P 600, which was up 38.8% in 2003. The fourth quarter saw further expansion of the market srecovery, which has thus far been primarily driven by micro-caps and Technology stocks. RVT was up 13.4% on an NAV basis and 11.9% on a market price basis in the fourth quarter. Both returns were shy of the Fund benchmarks the Russell 2000 was up 14.5% and the S&P 600 was up 14.8% in

<sup>\*\*</sup>Other than for initial purchase, values are stated as of December 31 of the year indicated, after reinvestment of distributions.

15-Year	13.27
Since Inception (11/26/86)	12.37
*Not annualized.	

RISK/RETURN COMPARISON 3-Year Period ended 12/31/03							
	Average Annual Fotal Return	Standard Deviation	Return Efficiency <u>*</u>				
Royce Value Trust (NAV)	11.0%	24.7	0.45				
S&P 600	8.1%	21.7	0.37				
Russell 2000	6.3%	23.6	0.27				

<sup>\*</sup>Return Efficiency is the average annual total return divided by the annualized standard deviation over a designated time period.

Over the last three years, Royce Value Trust has outperformed the S&P 600 and the Russell 2000 on both an absolute and a risk-adjusted basis.

CALENDAR YEAR NAV TOTAL RETURNS							
Year	RVT	Year	RVT				
2003	40.8%	1995	21.1%				
2002	-15.6	1994	0.1				

the fourth quarter. However, over longer-term and market cycle periods, RVT held the advantage over both indices. For the period ended 12/31/03, RVT was up 47.1% on an NAV basis from the small-cap market peak on 3/9/00, versus a gain of 24.9% for the S&P 600 and a loss of 3.3% for the Russell 2000. The Fund also outperformed both benchmarks on both an NAV and market price basis for the three-, five-, 10-, 15-year and since inception (11/26/86) periods. RVT\(\sigma\) s average annual NAV total return since inception was 12.4%.

Although positive performances could be found in all of the Fund∏s sectors and industry groups, the gains of the Fund[s Technology holdings as a group made those of other sectors look rather modest. In many cases (including some of RVT[s holdings), Tech stock prices seemed to rise more in anticipation of increases in capital spending or of a business∏s profitability than for actual increases in earnings or other, more tangible reasons. The considerable price appreciation of Tech stocks led us to reduce or sell off many positions in the sector. During the depths of the bear market in 2002, we substantially increased our position in business and technology consultant Sapient Corporation. Its revenues crept upward last fall, but its explosive gain prompted us to reduce our position from September through November. We initially liked the low price, balance sheet and niche business of specialty circuit board manufacturer TTM Technologies. Increased revenues and earnings, as well as Wall Street attention, led its price to levels beyond our expectations. We began to reduce our position in July. We think that Transaction Systems Architects has a terrific core business, which involves e-commerce and e-payment software. Its price soared in 2003, so we took some gains, but still held a good-sized stake at the end of the year.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, solid gains came from a few old favorites. Number-one holding Simpson Manufacturing, which makes various connectors used in the construction industry, first attracted our attention in 1994. We have been happy to hold the stock for nearly a decade, and were very pleased to see investors make the connection between what we see as the firm∏s sterling financial quality and its stock price in 2003. We first bought shares of grain and distillery product maker MGP Ingredients in 1988 and have owned shares almost continuously since. Its strong balance sheet and solid earnings seemed to attract more investors in 2003. MacDermid produces chemicals for metal and plastic finishing. We first bought shares in 1991 and were pleased to see what we regard as a well-run firm in a solid niche enjoy a strong 2003. In all three cases, we were content to hold large positions at the end of the year.

2001	15.2	1993	17.3
2000	16.6	1992	19.3
1999	11.7	1991	38.4
1998	3.3	1990	-13.8
1997	27.5	1989	18.3
1996	15.5	1988	22.7

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#### PERFORMANCE AND PORTFOLIO REVIEW

GOOD IDEAS THAT WORKED  2003 Net Realized and Unrealized Gain		
Urban Outfitters	\$4,114,094	
E*TRADE Financial	3,950,478	
Sapient Corporation	3,800,268	
Transaction Systems Architects Cl. A	3,727,877	
Velcro Industries	3,601,730	

Urban Outfitters []
This merchandiser and specialty retail store operator enjoyed record sales, strong earnings and a two-for-one stock split in 2003, developments that seemed to keep investors buying its stock. We trimmed our position in October.

**E\*TRADE Financial** 
Our decision to trim our position in this financial services firm was based solely on the impressive rise of its stock price. We have retained our high view of its management and its ability to make the transition from an internet-based discount brokerage to a low-cost leader in financial services.

GOOD IDEAS AT THE TIME	
2003 Net Realized and Unrealized Loss	
PMA Capital Cl. A	\$2,185,376
Allegiance Telecom	1,538,391
PRG-Schultz International	1,079,698
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PMA Capital CI. A

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confidence in this
provider of
property and
c a s u a l t y
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face of what we
f e l t w a s
management ☐ s

PORTFOLIO DIAGNOSTI	
Median Market	\$915
Capitalization	million
Weighted Average P/E	22.7x <u>*</u>
Natio	
Weighted Average P/B Ratio	2.0x
Weighted Average Yield	0.7%
Freed Nat Assats	\$851
Fund Net Assets	million
Turnover Rate	23%
Net Leverage.	4%
Symbol - Market Price	RVT
- NAV	XRVTX

\*Excludes 21% of the portfolio holdings with zero or negative earnings as of 12/31/03.

□ Net leverage is the percentage, in excess of 100%, of the total value of equity type investments, divided by net assets applicable to Common Stockholders.

TOP 10 POSITIONS	
% of Net Assets Applicable to	
Common Stockholders	
Simpson Manufacturing	1.1%
	1.0
	1.0

Payless ShoeSource	1,037,569	in a bility to effectively steer the company through increasingly difficult times for its core business.
Hilb, Rogal & Hamilton Company	843,191	

Allegiance Telecom ☐ Our generally disappointing experience with this telecommunications service provider ended, sadly but perhaps mercifully, when we sold the last of our shares in December following an announcement of bankruptcy in May.

#### The regular reinvestment of distributions makes a difference!

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	
MacDermid	0.9
Erie Indemnity Company Cl. A	0.8
Sotheby∏s Holdings Cl. A	0.8
Arrow International	8.0
White Mountains Insurance Group	0.8
Technitrol	0.8
MGP Ingredients	8.0
Keane	0.8

PORTFOLIO SECTOR BREAKDOWN % of Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders	
Technology	23.3%
Industrial Products	16.1
Industrial Services	13.7
Financial Intermediaries	10.4
Health	10.0
Natural Resources	7.8
Consumer Products	7.3
Consumer Services	5.6
Financial Services	5.6
Utilities	0.1
Miscellaneous	3.6
Bonds & Preferred Stock	0.3
Treasuries, Cash & Cash Equivalents	22.1

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Reflects the cumulative performance of an investment made by a stockholder who purchased one share at inception (\$10.00 IPO) and then reinvested all annual distributions as indicated, and fully participated in primary subscriptions of the Fund $\Box$ s rights offerings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reflects the actual market price of one share as it has traded on the NYSE.

Publicly Traded Securitie Outstanding at 12/31/03 at NAV or Li Value	
50.0 million shares of Common Stock	\$851 million
5.90% Cumulative Preferred Stock	\$220 million

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#### ROYCE MICRO-CAP TRUST

# NAV AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS Through 12/31/03

Fourth Quarter 2003\*

15.58%

#### MANAGER DISCUSSION

Micro-cap stocks were among the market leaders in the rally that began in October 2002, a fact reflected in the calendar-year performance of Royce Micro-Cap Trust (RMT). In 2003, the Fund was up 55.6% on a net asset value (NAV) basis and 63.6% on a market price basis, in both instances ahead of its small-cap benchmark, the Russell 2000, which was up 47.3% for the same period. The Fund held on to its performance edge in the fourth quarter, as the rally broadened. RMT was up 15.6% on an NAV basis and 16.7% on a market price basis versus a gain of 14.5% for the Russell 2000. As strong a year as it was, we were even more pleased with the Fund[s performance over long-term and market-cycle periods. RMT outpaced the Russell 2000 from both the small-cap market peak on 3/9/00 (+59.3% versus -3.3%) and the small-cap market trough on 10/9/02 (+85.4% versus +73.1%) for the periods ended 12/31/03. The Fund also outperformed its benchmark on both an NAV basis and market price basis for the three-, five- 10-year and since inception (12/15/93) periods ended 12/31/03. **RMT** $\square$ s average annual NAV total return since inception was 14.2%.

The Fund∏s holdings in Technology made the largest positive impact on performance in 2003. We were ambivalent about the success of Tech stocks in the current rally. While they quite clearly boosted RMT[]s performance and seemed to provide an impetus for the rally as a whole, we were concerned that many Tech firms finished the year with sizeable returns but without net profits (though some posted positive earnings late in the year). Investors seemed as enamored with potential as they were with more tangible measures of quality. Our strategy in RMT was to trim or reduce several top gainers in the sector because their prices had risen precipitously and we were unsure if they remained good values at their higher prices. The price of wireless telephone system manufacturer SpectraLink Corporation rose through September, when we sold a bit less than half of our position. We were attracted to its strong balance sheet and niche business. Another

business that we like is information technology (IT) consultants, especially if they have little debt and talented management, which we judged to be the case with DiamondCluster International Corporation. Its price began to take off in April, prompting us to begin reducing our position. We were content to hold a large position in IT consultant Covansys Corporation at year-end. At one point in 2002, we nearly gave up on the company, but the combination of a smart acquisition in May 2002 and cost-cutting measures in 2003 seemed to help its stock price to recover.

The business of iGATE Corporation, a staffing services company with a substantial business in Technology Consulting, was somewhat sluggish in 2003, yet investors seemed happy to invest in its potential ability to turn things around. We held a large position at the end of the year. During the dark days of the bear market in 2002, we built our position in top-ten holding Excel Technology, a firm that develops and manufactures laser systems and electro-optical components for industrial, scientific and medical uses. We were initially intrigued by its interesting business and low debt.

The prospects for recessed- and track-lighting fixture designer Juno Lighting brightened in 2003 as its management paid down debt and made a series of moves that we thought were high-wattage decisions. Improved earnings and the announcement that it would be acquired in December 2003 seemed to help the stock price of BioReliance Corporation, a contract service organization that provides services for biomedical, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. We slightly reduced our position in November. We were happy to hold a good-sized stake in contact lens maker Ocular Sciences. The company continued to gain market share both domestically and internationally. We have long considered it a well-run, financially clear-sighted company.

July-December 2003 <u>*</u>	30.36
1-Year	55.55
3-Year	18.28
5-Year	15.64
10-Year	14.27
Since Inception (12/14/93) *Not annualized.	14.22

	RN COMPARIS d ended 12/31/		
	Average Annual Total Return	Standard Deviation	Return Efficiency <u>*</u>
Royce Micro-Cap	18.3%	28.7	0.64

#### Trust (NAV)

Russell 2000 6.3% 23.6 0.27

Over the last three years, Royce Micro-Cap Trust has outperformed the Russell 2000 on both an absolute and a risk-adjusted basis.

CALENDAR YEAR NAV TOTAL RETUYER	JRNS RMT
2003	55.6%
2002	-13.8
2001	23.4
2000	10.9
1999	12.7
1998	-4.1
1997	27.1
1996	16.6
1995	22.9
1994	5.0

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#### PERFORMANCE AND PORTFOLIO REVIEW

GOOD IDEAS THAT	T WORKED
2003 Net Realized and Unrealized Gain	
Sapient Corporation \$3,193,705	
Transaction System	S
Architects Cl. A	2,458,120

Sapient
Corporation We
increased our
stake in this
business and
technology
consultant during
the depths of the
bear market in
2002. Its
revenues crept
upward last fall,

<b>PORTFOLIO DIAGNOSTIC</b>	CS
Median Market	\$264
Capitalization	million
Weighted Average P/E	10.20*
Ratio	19.3x <u>*</u>
Weighted Average D/D	
Weighted Average P/B Ratio	1.7x
Weighted Average Yield	0.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Return Efficiency is the average annual total return divided by the annualized standard deviation over a designated time period.

Covansys Corporation	1,817,515	but its explosive gain prompted us to begin reducing
SpectraLink Corporation	1,633,238	our position in June.
iGATE Corporation	1,586,557	

**Transaction Systems Architects Cl. A** ☐ The price of this e-commerce and e-payment software company skyrocketed in the second quarter and hasn☐t shown signs of slowing down yet. We started to reduce our position in November at substantial gains, though we still thought very highly of its core business.

GOOD IDEAS AT THE TIME 2003 Net Realized and Unrealized Loss		
PRG-Schultz International	\$808,519	
The Boyds Collection	545,462	
Allegiance Telecom	492,474	
On Assignment	418,440	
Daisytek International	415,052	

PRG-Schultz International [ We were attracted to the dominant market share of this leader in the niche business of recovery audits for mid-to large-sized businesses. Its sluggish stock price performance led us to substantially build our position in 2003.

The Boyds Collection ☐ Sales and earnings for this designer and importer of handcrafted collectibles and other specialty giftware products continued to decline in 2003. At year end, we were still re-evaluating our position.

Fund Net Assets	\$253 million
Turnover Rate	26%
Net Leverage.□	3%
Symbol - Market Price - NAV	RMT XOTCX

\*Excludes 29% of portfolio holdings with zero or negative earnings as of 12/31/03. Net leverage is the percentage, in excess of 100%, of the total value of equity type investments, divided by net assets applicable to Common Stockholders.

TOP 10 POSITIONS	
% of Net Assets Applicable to	
Common Stockholders	
Sapient Corporation	1.5%
Seneca Foods	1.4
Excel Technology	1.3
Transaction Systems Architects Cl. A	1.3
Covansys Corporation	1.2
Juno Lighting	1.1
Denison International ADR	1.1
Delta Apparel	1.0
Richardson Electronics	1.0
800 JR Cigar	1.0

# PORTFOLIO SECTOR BREAKDOWN % of Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders Technology 26.7% Industrial Products 14.8 Industrial Services 14.1

# The regular reinvestment of distributions makes a difference!

Reflects the cumulative performance of an investment made by a stockholder who purchased one share at inception (\$7.50 IPO) and then reinvested distributions as indicated, and fully participated in primary subscription of the 1994 rights offerings.

Reflects the actual market price of one share as it has traded on the Nasdaq and, beginning 12/1/03, on the NYSE.

Health	11.1
Natural Resources	9.1
Consumer Products	9.0
Financial Intermediaries	6.1
Consumer Services	5.1
Financial Services	1.0
Diversified Investment Companies	0.4
Miscellaneous	5.0
Preferred Stocks	0.5
Treasuries, Cash & Cash Equivalents	20.8
CAPITAL STRUCTURE	

CAPITAL STRUCTURE Publicly Traded Securities Outstanding at 12/31/03 at NAV or Liq Value	
19.0 million shares of Common Stock	\$253 million
6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock	\$60 million

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#### **ROYCE FOCUS TRUST**

NAV AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETUR Through 12/31/03	RNS
Fourth Quarter 2003*	16.44%
July-December 2003 <u>*</u>	30.06
1-Year	54.33
3-Year	14.11
5-Year	14.34

#### MANAGER DISCUSSION

With a little extra help from Technology and micro-cap stocks, Royce Focus Trust enjoyed a strong year by almost any measure in 2003. On both a net asset value (NAV) and market price basis, the Fund posted its highest calendar-year return since Royce assumed its management on 11/1/96. FUND was up 54.3% on an NAV basis and 64.0% on a market price basis, both returns ahead of the Fund small-cap benchmark, the Russell 2000, which was up 47.3% in 2003. The fourth quarter saw further expansion of the rally beyond the more speculative issues that have been leading since the recovery began in October 2002. FUND stayed ahead of its benchmark

#### Since Inception (11/1/96)

12.28

\*Not annualized.

Royce & Associates assumed investment management responsibility for the Fund on 11/1/96.

RISK/RETURN COMPARISON 3-Year Period ended 12/31/03			
1	Average Annual Fotal Return	Standard Deviation	Return Efficiency <u>*</u>
Royce Focus Trust (NAV)	14.1%	25.9	0.54
Russell 2000	6.3%	23.6	0.27

<sup>\*</sup>Return Efficiency is the average annual total return divided by the annualized standard deviation over a designated time period.

Over the last three years, Royce Focus Trust has outperformed the Russell 2000 on both an absolute and a risk-adjusted basis.

in the fourth quarter, posting an NAV return of 16.4% and a market price return of 19.7%, versus a 14.5% return for the Russell 2000. We were even more pleased with the Fund\(\sigma\) results over market cycle and long-term performance periods. For the period ended 12/31/03, FUND was up 76.4% from the small-cap market peak on 3/9/00, versus a decline of 3.3% for the Russell 2000. The Fund also outperformed the benchmark for the one, three-, five-year and since inception periods ended 12/31/03. FUND\(\sigma\) s average annual NAV total return since inception was 12.3%.

Portfolio holdings in the Technology sector made the greatest positive impact on the Fund\(\partial\)s performance. However, Tech did not dominate portfolio performance to the same degree that it did in the market as a whole (or in other Royce-managed portfolios), and we were pleased to see strong gains from companies in several sectors and industry groups. Of the Fund□s twenty top-performing stocks in 2003, only five were Tech stocks. We were attracted to two of these companies based on our belief that their respective well-established and profitable business relationships with the U.S. military could keep them growing profitably. Each suffered from a depressed stock price in 2002, in part because the significant retrenchment in technology spending occurred not long after they first made forays into more commercial ventures. In the fall of 2002, we built our position in REMEC, a manufacturer of various components for wireless communications, while we first bought shares of ViaSat, which provides broadband digital satellite communications and other wireless networking and signal processing equipment and services early in 2003. The price of each stock rose during the rally. We took gains in REMEC in 2003, though at year-end we thought that each remained a well-run company. Another firm in which we reduced our stake due to its fast-rising stock price was e-commerce and e-payment software company, Transaction Systems Architects. In mid-2002, new management came on board and shaped up the firm∏s balance sheet, a move that focused our attention on what we already regarded as a potentially high-growth business. Although by the end of the year its price remained in orbit, we began to reduce our position in September at substantial gains.

We first began to buy Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings in FUND late in 2002. We liked its balance sheet, its high returns on capital, and the firm□s roster of products, which included both brand name and generic drugs. None of that has changed, except that the company∏s cash flows were more robust in 2003 than we had expected. Although its stock price received a shot in the arm, we were content to hold a large position at the end of the year, thinking that the company still had room to grow. Our decision to trim our position in number-three holding E\*TRADE Financial was based solely on the impressive rise of its stock price. We have retained our high view of its management and its ability to make the transition from an internet-based discount brokerage to a low-cost leader in financial services.

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Year	OTAL RETURNS FUND
2003	54.3%
2002	-12.5%
2001	10.0
2000	20.9
1999	8.7
1998	-6.8
1997	20.5

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#### PERFORMANCE AND PORTFOLIO REVIEW

GOOD IDEAS THAT WORKED  2003 Net Realized and Unrealized Gain		
TSX Group	\$2,183,572	
Winnebago Industries	2,007,800	
Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings	1,796,980	
Transaction Systems Architects Cl. A	1,750,937	
Carlisle Holdings	1,353,000	

TSX Group [] A newer position that we first bought shortly after its initial public offering, this company owns and operates the Toronto Stock Exchange, North America∏s third largest. It remains under-followed by domestic equity analysts. We built our position throughout

2003, attracted to the company sincreased earnings and technological innovations. We also received a favorable currency exchange benefit due to the weakening American dollar.

Winnebago Industries [] Although we initiated our position in the Fund[]s portfolio in March 2003, we have long liked the dominant market share and strong profit margins of this leading recreation vehicle manufacturer. The fact that the company has been using much of its free cash flow to buy back stock only adds to the list of attractive qualities.

#### **GOOD IDEAS AT THE TIME**

PORTFOLIO DIAGNOSTI	CS
Median Market Capitalization	\$1,121 million
Weighted Average P/E Ratio	22.8x <u>*</u>
Weighted Average P/B Ratio	2.4x
Weighted Average Yield	0.5%
Fund Net Assets	\$87 million
Turnover Rate	49%
Net Leverage.	6%
Symbol - Market Price - NAV	FUND XFUNX

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes 18% of portfolio holdings with zero or negative earnings as of 12/31/03.

<sup>☐</sup> Net leverage is the percentage, in excess of 100%, of the total value of investments (excluding short-term), divided by net assets applicable to Common Stockholders.

2003 Net Realized and Unr Durect Corporation	\$437,744
Monaco Coach	232,987
Natuzzi ADR	198,018
Somera Communications	157,300
On Assignment	118,500

Durect **Corporation**  $\square$  Our once healthy confidence in this pharmaceuticals firm quickly turned ill last summer when it took on additional debt (and diluted the value of its stock) in the form of a large private placement of convertible debt securities. We sold our shares in August.

Monaco Coach ☐ Thinking that its balance sheet was not as well-engineered as its more promising competitors, we sold our shares in January and February 2003, essentially upgrading (in our estimation) to Winnebago Industries.

Common Stockholders New Zealand Government	
6.5% Bond	7.7%
TSX Group	4.6
E*TRADE Financial	4.3
Simpson Manufacturing	4.1
Nu Skin Enterprises Cl. A	3.9
Hecla Mining Company	3.3
Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings	3.3
Goldcorp	3.3
Winnebago Industries	3.2
Alleghany Corporation	3.1
PORTFOLIO SECTOR BREAKDOWN	

**TOP 10 POSITIONS** 

% of Net Assets Applicable to

<ul><li>PORTFOLIO SECTOR BREAKDOW</li><li>% of Net Assets Applicable to</li><li>Common Stockholders</li></ul>	N
Natural Resources	19.3%
Financial Intermediaries	14.2
Health	12.2
Technology	11.5
Industrial Products	10.6
Consumer Products	9.6
Industrial Services	7.4
Consumer Services	6.3
Financial Services	4.1
Bonds	11.2
Treasuries, Cash & Cash Equivalents	22.3

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Royce & Associates assumed investment management responsibility for the Fund on 11/1/96.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  &#160Reflects the cumulative performance experience of a continuous common stockholder who reinvested all distributions.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  &#160Reflects the actual market price of one share as it has traded on the Nasdaq.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE
Publicly Traded Securities Outstanding
at 12/31/03 at NAV or Liquidation Value

9.7 million shares of Common Stock

\$87 million

6.00% Cumulative

Preferred Stock

\$25 million

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#### DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE OPTIONS FOR COMMON STOCKHOLDERS

#### WHY SHOULD I REINVEST MY DISTRIBUTIONS?

By reinvesting distributions, a stockholder can maintain an undiluted investment in the Fund. The regular reinvestment of distributions has a significant impact on stockholder returns. In contrast, the stockholder who takes distributions in cash is penalized when shares are issued below net asset value to other stockholders.

#### How does the reinvestment of distributions from the Royce closed-end funds work?

The Funds automatically issue shares in payment of distributions unless you indicate otherwise. The shares are generally issued at the lower of the market price or net asset value on the valuation date.

#### How does this apply to registered stockholders?

If your shares are registered directly with a Fund, your distributions are automatically reinvested unless you have otherwise instructed the Funds[] transfer agent, EquiServe, in writing. A registered stockholder also has the option to receive the distribution in the form of a stock certificate or in cash if EquiServe is properly notified.

#### WHAT IF MY SHARES ARE HELD BY A BROKERAGE FIRM OR A BANK?

If your shares are held by a brokerage firm, bank, or other intermediary as the stockholder of record, you should contact your brokerage firm or bank to be certain that it is automatically reinvesting distributions on your behalf. If they are unable to reinvest distributions on your behalf, you should have your shares registered in your name in order to participate.

#### WHAT OTHER FEATURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REGISTERED STOCKHOLDERS?

The Distribution Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plans also allow registered stockholders to make optional cash purchases of shares of a Fund□s common stock directly through EquiServe on a monthly basis, and to deposit certificates representing your Fund shares with EquiServe for safekeeping. The Funds□ investment adviser is absorbing all commissions on optional cash purchases under the Plans through December 31, 2004.

#### How do the Plans work for registered stockholders?

EquiServe maintains the accounts for registered stockholders in the Plans and sends written confirmation of all transactions in the account. Shares in the account of each participant will be held by EquiServe in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each participant will be able to vote those shares at a stockholder meeting or by proxy. A participant may also send other stock certificates held by them to EquiServe to be held in non-certificated form. There is no service fee charged to participants for reinvesting distributions. If a participant elects to sell shares from a Plan account, EquiServe will deduct a \$2.50 fee plus brokerage commissions from the sale transaction. If a nominee is the registered owner of your shares, the nominee will maintain the accounts on your behalf.

#### HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE PLANS?

You can call an Investor Services Representative at (800) 221-4268 or you can request a copy of the Plan for your Fund from EquiServe. All correspondence (including notifications) should be directed to: [Name of Fund] Distribution Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan, c/o EquiServe, PO Box 43011, Providence, RI 02940-3011, telephone (800) 426-5523.

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#### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

#### All Directors and Officers may be reached c/o The Royce Funds, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019

NAME AND POSITION: Charles M. Royce (64), Director\* and

President

Term Expires: 2003 **Tenure:** Since 1986 (RVT), 1993

(OTCM), 1996 (FUND)

Non-Royce Directorships: No. of Funds Director of Technology Investment Overseen: 19

Capital Corp.

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:

President, Chief Investment Officer and Member of Board of Managers (since October 2001), of Royce & Associates, LLC ([Royce]), the Fund[s investment adviser.

NAME AND POSITION: Mark R. Fetting (49), Director\*

Term Expires: 2004 Tenure: Since 2001

No. of Funds Non-Royce Directorships: Overseen: 19

Director/Trustee of the registered investment companies constituting

the 22 Legg Mason Funds.

#### Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:

Executive Vice President of Legg Mason, Inc.; Member of Board of Managers of Royce (since October 2001); Division President and Senior Officer, Prudential Financial Group, Inc. and related companies, including Fund Boards and consulting services to subsidiary companies (from 1991 to 2000). Mr. Partner, Greenwich Associates and Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.

NAME AND POSITION: Donald R. Dwight (72), Director

Term Expires: 2005 Tenure: Since 1998

No. of Funds

Non-Royce Directorships: None Overseen: 19 Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:

President of Dwight Partners, Inc., corporate communications consultant; Chairman (from 1982 to March 1998) and Chairman Emeritus (since March 1998) of Newspapers of New England, Inc. Mr. Dwight\( \sigma\) prior experience includes having served as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as President and Publisher of Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company, and as Trustee of the registered investment companies constituting the 94 Eaton Vance Funds.

NAME AND POSITION: Richard M. Galkin (65), Director

NAME AND POSITION: David L. Meister (64), Director

Tenure: Since 1986 (RVT), 1993 Term Expires: 2003

(OTCM), 1996 (FUND)

No. of Funds Non-Royce Directorships: None

Overseen: 19

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Tennis Channel (since June 2000). Chief Executive Officer of Seniorlife.com (from December 1999 to May 2000). Mr. Meister∏s prior business experience includes having served as a consultant to the communications industry, President of Financial News Network, Senior Vice President of HBO, President of Time-Life Films and Head of Broadcasting for Major League Baseball.

NAME AND POSITION: G. Peter O
Brien (58), Director

Tenure: Since 2001 Term Expires: 2003

No. of Funds Overseen: 19 Non-Royce Directorships: Director/Trustee of registered investment companies constituting the 22 Legg Mason Funds; Director of Renaissance Capital Greenwich Fund and Director of Technology

Investment Capital Corp.

**Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years:** Trustee of Colgate University; Director of Renaissance Capital Greenwich Funds; Vice President of Hill House, Inc.; Director/Trustee of certain Legg Mason retail funds; Managing Director/Equity Capital Markets Group of Merrill Lynch & Co. (from 1971 to 1999).

NAME AND POSITION: John D. Diederich (52), Vice President

and Treasurer Tenure: Since 1997

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer and Member of Board of Managers of Royce (since October 2001); Director of Administration of the Funds since April 1993.

NAME AND POSITION: Jack E. Fockler, Jr. (45), Vice President **Tenure:** Since 1995 (RVT), 1995 (OTCM), 1996 (FUND)

Term Expires: 2004 Tenure: Since 1986 (RVT), 1993

(OTCM), 1996 (FUND)

No. of Funds Non-Royce Directorships: None Overseen: 19

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Private investor. Mr. Galkin∏s prior business experience includes having served as President of Richard M. Galkin Associates, Inc.. telecommunications consultants, President of Manhattan Cable Television (a subsidiary of Time, Inc.), President of Haverhills Inc. (another Time, Inc. subsidiary), President of Rhode Island Cable Television and Senior Vice President of Satellite Television Corp. (a subsidiary of Comsat).

NAME AND POSITION: Stephen L. Isaacs (64), Director

Term Expires: 2005 Tenure: Since 1986 (RVT), 1993 (RVT), 2005 (OTCM),

(OTCM), 1996 (FUND) 2003 (FUND)

No. of Funds Non-Royce Directorships: None Overseen: 19

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: President of The Center for Health and Social Policy (since September 1996); Attorney and President of Health Policy Associates, Inc., consultants. Mr. Isaacs ☐s prior business experience includes having served as Director of Columbia University Development Law and Policy Program and Professor at Columbia University (until August 1996).

NAME AND POSITION: William L. Koke (69), Director

Term Expires: 2003 Tenure: Since 2001 (RVT), 2001 (RVT), 2003 (OTCM),

(OTCM), 1997 (FUND) 2005 (FUND)

No. of Funds Non-Royce Directorships: None Overseen: 19

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Financial planner with Shoreline Financial Consultants. Mr. Koke∏s prior business experience includes having served as Director of Financial Relations of SONAT, Inc., Treasurer of Ward Foods, Inc. and President of CFC, Inc.

\*Interested Director.

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Managing Director and Vice President of Royce, having been employed by Royce since October 1989.

NAME AND POSITION: W. Whitney George (45), Vice

**Tenure:** Since 1995 (RVT), 1995 (OTCM), 1996 (FUND)

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: Managing Director and Vice President of Royce, having been employed by Royce since October 1991.

**NAME AND POSITION:** Daniel A. O∏Byrne (41), Vice President

and Assistant Secretary

Tenure: Since 1994 (RVT), 1994 (OTCM), 1996 (FUND)

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

NAME AND POSITION: John E. Denneen (36), Secretary Tenure: 1996-2001 and Since April 2002

Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years: General Counsel (Deputy General Counsel prior to 2003), Principal, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary of Royce and Principal of Credit Suisse First Boston Private Equity (2001-2002).

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#### Notes To Performance And Statistical Information

#### **AUTHORIZED SHARE TRANSACTIONS**

Each of Royce Value Trust, Royce Micro-Cap Trust and Royce Focus Trust may repurchase up to 300,000 shares of its common stock and up to 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of each series of its preferred stock during the year ending December 31, 2004. Any such repurchases would take place at then prevailing prices in the open market or in other transactions. Common stock repurchases would be effected at a price per share that is less than the share state of states that share the share states as the states and states are shared states as the share states are shared as the shared as th repurchases would be effected at a price per share that is less than the share \sigma s liquidation value.

Royce Value Trust, Royce Micro-Cap Trust and Royce Focus Trust are also authorized to offer their common stockholders an opportunity to subscribe for additional shares of their common stock through rights offerings at a price per share that may be less than the share st then current net asset value. The timing and

#### Notes To Performance And Statistical Information

All performance information is presented on a total return basis and reflects the reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is no guarantee of future results or volatility. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when sold. The Royce Funds invest primarily in securities of small-cap and/or micro-cap companies that may involve considerably more risk than investments in securities of larger-cap companies. The thoughts expressed in this report concerning recent market movements and future prospects for small company stocks are solely the current opinion of Royce, 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 December 31, 2003 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.

Standard deviation is a statistical measure within which a fund stotal returns have varied over time. The greater the standard deviation, the greater a fund svolatility.

The Russell 2000, Russell 2000 Value, Russell 2000 Growth, Nasdaq Composite and S&P 500 are unmanaged indices of domestic common stocks. CRSP (Center for Research in Security Pricing) divides the U.S. equity market into 10 deciles. Deciles 1-5 represent the largest domestic equity companies and deciles 6-10 represent the smallest. By way of comparison, the CRSP 1-5 would have similar capitalization parameters to the S&P 500 and the CRSP 6-10 would approximately match those of the Russell 2000. Returns for the market indices used in this report were based on information supplied to Royce by Frank Russell, CRSP and Morningstar. Royce has not independently verified the above described information. The Royce Funds is a service mark of The Royce Funds.

#### 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 report uses words such as []anticipates,[] []believes,[] []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.

The Royce Funds have based the forward-looking statements included in this 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 stockholder communications or reports.

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SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS			:	<b>D</b> есемве	r 31, 2003
COMMON STOCKS [] 103.5%	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Consumer Products [] 7.3% Apparel and Shoes - 2.6%			Jack in the Box a Prime Hospitality a Propular Family Steels Houses	42,000 106,100	\$ 897,120 1,082,220
Jones Apparel Group d	81,500	\$ 2,871,245	Ryan s Family Steak Houses	48,900	740,346
K-Swiss Cl. A Oshkosh B∏Gosh Cl. A ₫	160,000 104,300	3,849,600 2,238,278			12,892,727
Polo Ralph Lauren Cl. A Timberland Company Cl. A  Weyco Group Wolverine World Wide	150,000 30,000 153,996 84,400	4,320,000 1,562,100 5,181,811 1,720,072	Retail Stores - 2.4%  Big Lots <sup>a</sup> Charming Shoppes <sup>a,d</sup> Claire[s Stores GameStop Corporation Cl. A	207,200 584,400 109,800	2,944,312 3,155,760 2,068,632
		21,743,106	a,d	33,700	519,317
Collectibles - 0.2% The Boyds Collection <sup>a</sup> Enesco Group <sup>a</sup>	234,200 47,200	995,350 487,104	Linens □n Things a.d Payless ShoeSource a.d Stein Mart a Urban Outfitters a.d	38,000 289,600 192,800 152,600	1,143,040 3,880,640 1,588,672 5,653,830
		1,482,454			20,954,203
Food/Beverage/Tobacco - 0.7%			Other Consumer Services - 1.3%		
800 JR Cigar a.e	172,400	2,241,200	ITT Educational Services <u>a</u> Sotheby∏s Holdings Cl. A	85,000	3,992,450
Hain Celestial Group   Learney Crosmon Company d	37,800	877,338	a,d 	510,200	6,969,332
Hershey Creamery Company d Lancaster Colony	709 16,900	2,357,425 763,204			10,961,782
		6,239,167	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$35,118,163)		47,966,883
Home Furnishing/Appliances - 0.9% Bassett Furniture Industries	116,675	1,925,137	Financial Intermediaries  [] 10.4%  Banking - 2.6%		
Falcon Products <u>a,c</u>	761,600	3,351,040	BOK Financial a	125,561	4,861,722

La-Z-Boy <u>d</u> Natuzzi ADR <u>b</u>	68,200 118,700	1,430,836 1,196,496	Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach First National Bank Alaska	1,266 2,130	5,570,400 4,760,550
		7,903,509	Mechanics Bank Mercantile Bankshares <u>d</u>	200 20,000	3,760,000 911,600
Publishing - 0.5%			NetBank Oriental Financial Group	70,000 49,225	934,500 1,265,083
Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Cl. A a.d	6,000	59,100		,	
Scholastic Corporation a,d	130,000	4,425,200			22,063,855
		4,484,300	Insurance - 7.0%		
Sports and Recreation - 1.3% Callaway Golf Coachmen Industries	35,000 47,700	589,750 863,847	Alleghany Corporation a Argonaut Group a Baldwin & Lyons Cl. B Commerce Group Erie Indemnity Company	9,700 187,000 21,200 49,500	2,158,250 2,905,980 594,872 1,955,250
Fleetwood Enterprises a,d	234,300	2,403,918	Cl. A <u>d</u>	169,900	7,200,362
Monaco Coach <u>a</u> Oakley Thor Industries	141,050 243,100 12,100	3,356,990 3,364,504 680,262	First American Leucadia National Markel Corporation <u>a,d</u>	20,000 51,500 4,200	595,400 2,374,150 1,064,742
		11,259,271	Montpelier Re Holdings NYMAGIC	53,000 85,200	1,945,100 2,336,184
Other Consumer Products - 1.1% Blyth	54,700	1,762,434	Navigators Group <u>a</u> PICO Holdings <u>a</u> PMA Capital Cl. A <u>d</u>	83,200 179,400 231,700	2,568,384 2,811,198 1,186,304
Burnham Corporation Cl. B	18,000	900,000	PXRE Group Philadelphia Consolidated	176,551	4,161,307
Fossil <u>a</u> Lazare Kaplan International <u>a</u> Matthews International Cl. A <u>d</u>	15,000 103,600 186,000	420,150 720,020 5,503,740	Holding a.d The Phoenix Companies d ProAssurance Corporation a.d	35,000 81,900 152,070	1,709,050 986,076 4,889,050
			RLI Reinsurance Group of	122,724	4,597,241
		9,306,344	America d	30,000	1,159,500
			Wesco Financial d White Mountains Insurance	7,750 <b>e</b>	2,728,000
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$39,042,960)		62,418,151	Group	14,500	6,669,275
Consumer Services ☐ 5.6%			Zenith National Insurance	96,900	3,154,095
Leisure/Entertainment - 0.4% Gemstar-TV Guide International					59,749,770
a <u>.d</u> Hasbro Magna Entertainment Cl. A <u>a</u> . <u>d</u>	215,100 50,000 198,800	1,086,255 1,064,000 1,007,916	Securities Brokers - 0.7% E*TRADE Financial a	360,000	4,554,000
		2.150.171	hvestment Technology Group ad	20,000	323,000
		3,158,171	Knight Trading Group <u>a</u>	95,000	1,390,800
Restaurants/Lodgings - 1.5%					6,267,800
Benihana Cl. A <sup>a</sup> CEC Entertainment <sup>a</sup> Four Seasons Hotels IHOP Corporation	57,500 30,000 35,000 161,700	738,875 1,421,700 1,790,250 6,222,216			
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SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS				<b>D</b> ECEMBE	R 31, 2003
	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Financial Intermediaries (continued)			Chiron Corporation a.d	21,800	\$ 1,242,382
Other Financial Intermediaries - 0.1%			DUSA Pharmaceuticals a	79,700	402,485
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	10,000	\$ 723,600	Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings <u>a</u>	184,200	3,547,692
			Genzyme Corporation 2	28,000	1,381,520
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$52,286,851)		88,805,025	Human Genome Sciences 2	90,000	1,192,500
Financial Services [] 5.6% Information and Processing -			Invitrogen Corporation 2 Lexicon Genetics 2	40,000 523,300	2,800,000 3,082,237
2.1% Barra <u>d</u>	42,200	1,497,678	Millennium Pharmaceuticals <u>a</u> Perrigo Company <u>d</u> Shire Pharmaceuticals Group	50,000 169,900	933,500 2,670,828
eFunds Corporation <u>a</u>	207,775	3,604,896	ADR a,b,d	20,853	605,780
FactSet Research Systems d	110,000	4,203,100			25.742.060
Global Payments d	68,500	3,227,720			25,742,869
Moody S Corporation	30,000 20,000	1,816,500	Health Comises 1 20/		
National Processing <u>a</u> SEI Investments	93,200	471,000 2,839,804	Health Services - 1.2% Accredo Health <u>a</u>	8,705	275,165
321 my estiments	33,200	2,033,001	Albany Molecular Research a.d.	89,000	1,336,780
		17,660,698	Gentiva Health Services  Health Management	30,150	381,096
			Associates Cl. A	27,400	657,600
Insurance Brokers - 1.2%			MPATH a,d	164,000	623,200
Crawford & Co. Cl. A d	289,100	2,049,719	Lincare Holdings a	34,600	1,039,038
Crawford & Co. Cl. B Gallagher (Arthur J.) &	60,300	425,718	Manor Care <u>d</u>	58,300	2,015,431
Company Hilb, Rogal & Hamilton	86,200	2,800,638	MedQuist <u>a</u>	73,893	1,186,722
Company	155,050	4,972,454	On Assignment <u>a</u>	425,200	2,215,292
		10,248,529	Quovadx <u>a,d</u>	173,400	849,660
		10,240,329			10,579,984
Investment Management - 1.9%					10,379,964
Alliance Capital Management Holding L.P. d	135,000	4,556,250	Personal Care - 0.7%		
BKF Capital Group <sup>a</sup>	35,700	881,076	Ocular Sciences 2	152,500	4,378,275
BlackRock Cl. A d	25,000	1,327,750	Regis	37,200	1,470,144
Eaton Vance <u>d</u> Gabelli Asset Management Cl.	70,200	2,572,128			
A <u>d</u>	93,100	3,705,380			5,848,419
Nuveen Investments Cl. A	119,200	3,177,872			

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			Surgical Products and Devices - 2.6%		
		16,220,456	Allied Healthcare Products <u>a</u>	60,000	231,000
			Arrow International	272,200	6,799,556
Other Financial Services - 0.4%	FFC 200	2 725 200	CONMED Corporation a	81,500	1,939,700
PRG-Schultz International a.d Van der Moolen Holding ADR b	556,200 49,000	2,725,380 425,810	Datascope Diagnostic Products <u>d</u>	34,000 25,000	1,218,900 1,147,750
van der modien notating ADN _	43,000	<del></del>	Haemonetics a	77,900	1,861,031
		3,151,190	Invacare	88,000	3,552,560
			Novoste a,d	66,500	318,535
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$34,938,083)		47,280,873	STERIS ª	48,600	1,098,360
			Varian Medical Systems 2	40,800	2,819,280
Health [] 10.0%			Zoll Medical a	20,200	716,696
Commercial Services - 2.5%					
Covance <u>a,d</u>	122,700	3,288,360			21,703,368
First Consulting Group 2	495,900	2,791,917			
Gene Logic <u>a</u>	340,100	1,765,119	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$64,253,178)		85,109,268
IDEXX Laboratories <u>a</u>	98,000	4,535,440			
PAREXEL International a,d	277,700	4,515,402	Industrial Products [] 16.1%		
Pharmaceutical Product Development	10,000	269,700	Automotive - 0.1%		
Sybron Dental Specialties 2	21,000	590,100	CLARCOR	22,000	970,200
The TriZetto Group a,d	190,200	1,226,790	IMPCO Technologies a,d	15,500	135,160
Young Innovations	62,550	2,251,800	Quantam Fuel Systems		
			Technologies Worldwide <u>a</u>	15,500	124,620
		21,234,628			
					1,229,980
Drugs and Biotech - 3.0%					
Alexander a	20.000	472 400	Building Systems and Compone	nts -	
Abgenix <u>a</u> Affymetrix <u>a,d</u>	38,000 81,800	473,480 2,013,098	1.5% Decker Manufacturing	6,022	196,919
Allymetrix	01,000	2,013,030	Preformed Line Products	0,022	130,313
Antigenics <u>a</u> , <u>d</u>	38,500	435,820	Company	131,600	3,786,132
Applera Corporation- Celera			Simpson Manufacturing a,d	180,400	9,175,144
Genomics Group a	199,200	2,770,872			12.150.105
Biopure Corporation Cl. A a,d	18,200	43,316			13,158,195
BioSource International <u>a</u> Celgene Corporation <u>a,d</u>	1,600 40,000	10,832 1,800,800	Construction Materials - 1.7%		
Ceigene Corporation <u></u>	40,000	1,000,000	Ash Grove Cement Company		
Cephalon a,d	4,900	237,209	Cl. B	50,518	5,961,124
Cerus Corporation <u>a</u>	21,700	98,518	ElkCorp <u>d</u>	27,000	720,900
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#### **SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS**

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	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Industrial Products (continued) Construction Materials			Maxwell Technologies <u>a</u>	21,500	\$ 152,650
(continued) Florida Rock Industries Martin Marietta Materials d Synalloy Corporation a.c	85,800 8,000 345,000	\$ 4,706,130 375,760 2,387,400	Myers Industries Peerless Mfg. a.c Steelcase Cl. A Trinity Industries	52,727 158,600 82,500 20,000	639,051 2,045,940 1,184,700 616,800
		14,151,314			28,137,788
Industrial Components - 2.2%			<b>Total</b> (Cost \$85,356,675)		137,330,015
AMETEK Bel Fuse Cl. A Belden C & D Technologies Donaldson Company	43,000 53,200 97,800 50,000 26,000	2,075,180 1,590,680 2,062,602 958,500 1,538,160	Industrial Services [] 13.7% Advertising/Publishing - 0.4% Catalina Marketing a.d. Interpublic Group of Companies 3	60,000 155,000	1,209,600 2,418,000
Penn Engineering & Manufacturing Penn Engineering &	251,600	4,787,948			
Manufacturing Cl. A PerkinElmer	77,600 135,000	1,311,440 2,304,450			3,627,600
Powell Industries <u>a</u> Woodhead Industries <u>d</u>	57,400 45,400	1,099,210 767,260	Commercial Services - 5.3% ABM Industries	179,800	3,130,318
		18,495,430	Administaff and Allied Waste Industries and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the Carlisle Holdings and Carlisle Holdings are carried to the	37,500 188,800	651,750 2,620,544
Machinery - 3.9%			Carlisle Holdings <u>a</u> Central Parking	194,900 171,400	1,198,635 2,559,002
Coherent a.d Federal Signal Graco IDEX Corporation Lincoln Electric Holdings National Instruments Nordson Corporation Oshkosh Truck PAXAR Corporation a Woodward Governor	208,700 58,600 64,550 24,000 237,880 47,600 172,200 15,000 333,100	4,967,060 1,026,672 2,588,455 998,160 5,885,151 2,164,372 5,946,066 765,450 4,463,540	Convergys Corporation a DeVry a.d Hewitt Associates Cl. A a Hudson Highland Group a.d iGATE Corporation a Iron Mountain a.d Korn/Ferry International a.d Learning Tree International a.d MPS Group a.d	149,000 25,000 40,000 50,549 116,500 127,450 140,700 53,400 609,500	2,601,540 628,250 1,196,000 1,205,594 914,525 5,039,373 1,876,938 928,626 5,698,825
Company	73,600	4,182,688	Manpower Metro One Telecommunications a,d	55,800	2,627,064
		32,987,614	Monster Worldwide <u>a</u>	25,000 79,000	65,000 1,734,840
Paper and Packaging - 0.3% Peak International <u>a</u>	408,400	2,287,040	New Horizons Worldwide <u>a</u> Pemstar <u>a.d</u> RemedyTemp Cl. A <u>a</u>	277,500 223,000 62,500	1,578,697 733,670 681,875
Pumps, Valves and Bearings -			Renaissance Learning <u>a,d</u> Reynolds & Reynolds Company	15,000	361,200
0.6% Baldor Electric ConBraCo Industries <u>a</u> Denison International ADR <u>a.b</u> Franklin Electric	62,900 7,630 79,400 23,600	1,437,265 648,550 1,897,660 1,427,564	CI. A Spherion Corporation a,d TRC Companies a,d United Stationers a,d Watson Wyatt & Company	52,000 49,000 28,000 18,000	1,510,600 479,710 589,680 736,560
		5,411,039	Holdings Cl. A <u>a,d</u> West Corporation <u>a,d</u>	77,400 75,000	1,869,210 1,742,250
Specialty Chemicals and Mater 1.3%	rials -				44,960,276

Arch Chemicals CFC International  Hawkins MacDermid	38,200 123,500 136,878 226,631	980,212 654,550 1,910,817 7,759,845	Engineering and Construction - 2 EMCOR Group a,d Insituform Technologies Cl. A a,d Jacobs Engineering Group a	1.0% 22,000 160,000 10.000	965,800 2,640,000 480,100
		11,305,424	McDermott International a	71,000	848,450
			Washington Group International	<u>a</u> 100,000	3,397,000
Steel/Metal Fabrication & Distr 1.0%	ibution -				
Commercial Metals Company	5,000	152,000			8,331,350
Kaydon Corporation <u>d</u> NN	208,700 127,100	5,392,808 1,600,189	Food/Tobacco Processors - 1.3%		
Oregon Steel Mills <u>a</u>	247,900	1,440,299	Farmer Bros.	15,000	4,668,750
			MGP Ingredients <u>c</u>	417,322	6,572,822
		8,585,296			
					11,241,572
Textiles - 0.2%					
Unifi <u>a</u>	245,100	1,580,895	Industrial Distribution - 1.3%		
Other Industrial Products -			Central Steel & Wire	3,799	1,500,605
3.3%			Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	155,200	8,241,120
Albany International Cl. A	45,500	1,542,450	Strategic Distribution	115,000	1,611,150
BHA Group Holdings  Brady Corporation Cl. A	187,252 139,400	4,709,388 5,680,550			11,352,875
Diebold d	100.000	5.387.000			
Kimball International Cl. B	397,380	6,179,259			
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT	'S			DECEMBER	31, 2003
	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Industrial Services (continued) Printing - 0.7% Bowne & Co. Ennis Business Forms Moore Wallace <sup>a</sup>	68,100 62,700 90,700	\$ 923,436 959,310 1,698,811	Gold Fields ADR <u>b</u> Hecla Mining Company <u>a.d</u> MK Gold <u>a</u> Stillwater Mining <u>a</u>	57,800 198,000 517,900 52,296	\$ 805,732 1,641,420 787,208 500,473
New England Business Service	68,800	2,029,600			8,033,963
		5,611,157	Real Estate - 1.2% Alico	52,000	1,807,520
Transportation and Logistics - 3.1%			Chelsea Property Group	20,000	1,096,200

AirNet Systems a	219,000	825,630	Consolidated-Tomoka Land	13,564	443,543
Alexander & Baldwin	60,000	2,021,400	Public Storage Trammell Crow Company	25,000 412,400	1,084,750
Brink S Company (The) d	137,278	3,103,856	Tranimen Crow Company -	412,400	5,464,300
C. H. Robinson Worldwide Continental Airlines Cl. B a.d	40,000 100,000	1,516,400 1,627,000			9,896,313
EGL a	173,125	3,040,075			3,030,313
Forward Air a	166,500	4,578,750	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$46,347,366)		66,092,653
Frozen Food Express	100,500	4,576,750	Total (Cost \$40,547,500)		00,092,033
Industries <u>a</u>	306,635	2,036,056		,	
Hub Group Cl. A a	77,000	1,658,580	Technology [] 23.3%		
Landstar System <u>a</u>	33,600	1,278,144	Aerospace/Defense - 0.9%		
Patriot Transportation Holding	101,300	3,342,900	Armor Holdings a,d	28,000	736,680
UTI Worldwide d	45,000	1,706,850	Curtiss-Wright d	86,600	3,897,866
_	,		Ducommun a	117,200	2,619,420
		26,735,641	Herley Industries <sup>a</sup>	2,000	41,400
			_	•	
Other Industrial Services -					
0.6%					7,295,366
Landauer	117,900	4,807,962		•	
			Components and Systems - 6.4%		
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$81,161,608)		116,668,433	Adaptec <u>a</u>	99,500	878,585
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$61,101,008)		110,000,433	_		
Natural Resources [] 7.8%			American Power Conversion de Analogic Corporation	161,200 13,000	3,941,340 533,000
Energy Services - 3.3%			Dionex Corporation a,d	89,000	4,095,780
Atwood Oceanics a,d	19,700	629,218	Excel Technology a	168,500	5,536,910
Carbo Ceramics	105,600	5,412,000	Imation Corporation	15,700	551,855
Core Laboratories <u>a</u>	91,200	1,522,128	InFocus Corporation a	79,000	764,720
ENSCO International	6,443	175,056	Pomega Corporation d	35,000	209,300
Global Industries a	119,500	615,425	KEMET Corporation a,d	90,000	1,232,100
Hanover Compressor					
Company <u>a,d</u>	175,000	1,951,250	Kronos a,d	38,775	1,535,878
Helmerich & Payne	156,400	4,368,252	Methode Electronics Cl. A	50,000	611,500
Hydril Company <u>a</u>	25,000	598,250	Newport Corporation a,d	102,600	1,695,978
Input/Output <u>a,d</u>	540,100	2,435,851	Perceptron <u>a</u>	397,400	3,020,240
Precision Drilling <sup>a</sup>	32,500	1,419,600	Plexus Corporation <u>a</u>	252,600	4,337,142
TETRA Technologies <u>a</u>	51,000	1,236,240	Radiant Systems <u>a</u>	32,500	273,325
Tidewater	21,600	645,408	Rainbow Technologies <u>a</u>	96,900	1,091,094
Universal Compression Holdings 2	115,000	3,008,400	REMEC a,d	189,200	1,591,172
Veritas DGC <sup>a</sup>	123,000	1,289,040	Scitex a	245,700	1,238,328
Willbros Group 2	242,600	2,916,052	Symbol Technologies	233,600	3,945,504
William Group _	242,000	2,310,032	TTM Technologies <u>a</u>		
		28,222,170	Technitrol a	154,500 318,900	2,607,960 6,613,986
		20,222,170	<del>-</del>	· ·	
Oil and Gas - 2.3%			Tektronix Vishay Intertechnology <u>a</u>	65,000 65,900	2,054,000 1,509,110
Tom Brown a	125,500	4,047,375	Zebra Technologies Cl. A <sup>a</sup>	74,350	4,934,610
©hesapeake Energy d	82,000	1,113,560	Zebia recimologica ci. A _	7 1,550	1,551,010
Cimarex Energy a,d	138,170	3,687,757			54,803,417
••					54,005,417
Denbury Resources <u>a</u> EOG Resources	174,100 5,000	2,421,731 230,850	Distribution - 1.4%		
Husky Energy	85,000	1,543,661	Anixter International a,d	41,900	1,084,372
PetroCorp <sup>a</sup>	61,400	826,444	Arrow Electronics a,d	114,700	2,654,158
Prima Energy 2	43,000	1,511,880	Avnet a	92,355	2,000,409
SEACOR SMIT <sup>a</sup>	83,500	3,509,505	Insight Enterprises 2	46,000	864,800
Toreador Resources 2	100,300	466,395	Tech Data a	134,500	5,338,305
Vintage Petroleum	48,300	581,049	. 5511 Baca _	15 1,500	5,556,565
vintage i etroleum	40,500	301,049			

	-	19,940,207			11,942,044
	-	19,940,207	Internet Software and Services - 0.9%		
Precious Metals and Mining - 1.0%			CNET Networks <sup>a,d</sup>	155,400	1,059,828
AngloGold ADR b,d Glamis Gold a	49,900 115,000	2,330,330 1,968,800	CryptoLogic	202,000	2,404,002 51,600
-			DoubleClick a,d	166,700	1,703,674
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# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003

	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Technology (continued) Internet Software and Services			Integral Systems	59,800 \$	1,286,896
(continued)			JDA Software Group a	64,900	1,071,499
EarthLink a	122,700 \$	1,227,000	MRO Software a	46,000	619,160
RealNetworks <u>a,d</u> Satyam Computer Services	85,400	487,634	Macromedia <u>a,d</u> ManTech International Cl. A	51,600	920,544
ADR b	20,000	586,600	a,d	65,000	1,621,750
Stamps.com a	58,300	361,460	Manugistics Group a,d	49,200	307,500
Vastera <u>a</u>	15,000	60,000	Novell a	96,000	1,009,920
			Progress Software <u>a</u>	30,500	624,030
		7,941,798	SPSS a,d	107,500	1,922,100
	_		Transaction Systems	212 200	4 004 240
			Architects Cl. A <u>a</u>	212,300	4,804,349
IT Services - 6.0%				_	
American Management	221 000	E 001 722			10 170 000
Systems <u>a,d</u>	331,900	5,001,733			18,179,009
Answerthink a	655,000	3,635,250	- 1	_	
BearingPoint a,d	482,100	4,864,389	Telecommunication - 1.4%	112.000	225 610
Black Box d	47,000	2,165,290		113,000	335,610
CIBER a,d	70,000	606,200	Andrew Corporation <u>a</u> Catapult Communications <u>a</u>	30,000	345,300
Covansys Corporation <u>a</u> DiamondCluster International	251,600	2,767,600	Covad Communications Group	75,100	1,088,950
Cl. A <u>a,d</u>	137,800	1,405,560	a,d	213,000	766,800
Forrester Research a,d	91,500	1,635,105	Globecomm Systems <u>a,d</u>	233,700	1,110,075
Gartner Cl. A <u>a,d</u>	291,000	3,291,210	IDT Corporation <u>a</u>	25,000	553,750
CGI Group Cl. A a	106,700	666,875	IDT Corporation Cl. B a,d	40,000	925,200
Keane <u>a</u>	443,000	6,485,520	Inet Technologies <u>a</u>	65,000	780,000
MAXIMUS a,d	107,400	4,202,562	Level 3 Communications a.d	388,400	2,213,880
Perot Systems Cl. A <u>a</u>	165,100	2,225,548	PECO II a	93,600	104,926
QRS Corporation <u>a</u>	57,500	466,900	Plantronics a,d	55,100	1,799,015
Sapient Corporation <u>a</u>	944,400	5,288,640	Time Warner Telecom Cl. A <u>a</u>	179,000	1,813,270
Syntel Unisys Corporation <u>a.d</u>	72,400 325,000	1,789,004 4,826,250		_	11,836,776

		51,323,636	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$139,099,913)	198,827,922
Semiconductors and				
Equipment - 4.2%	15.000	207.500	Utilities [] 0.1%	102.200
Artisan Components and district	15,000		Southern Union <u>a</u> 10,500	193,200
BE Semiconductor Industries a Cabot Microelectronics a	58,000 125,000	492,420	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$132,500)	193,200
CEVA a,d	31,666	329,326	10tal (Cost \$132,300)	193,200
Cognex Corporation	118,400	· ·	Miscellaneous [] 3.6%	
Credence Systems a,d	10,600		<b>Total</b> (Cost \$25,222,259)	30,284,076
Cymer <sup>a,d</sup>	14,500	669,755		
DSP Group a	115,000	2,864,650	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
DuPont Photomasks <u>a,d</u>	35,000	844,900	(Cost \$602,959,556)	880,976,499
Electroglas a,d	281,700	1,028,205	DREEDRED STOCK II O 10/	
Exar Corporation <u>a</u>	69,400	1,185,352	PREFERRED STOCK [] 0.1% Aristotle Corporation 11.00%	
Fairchild Semiconductor Cl. A a	66,200	1,653,014		36,720
GlobespanVirata a	76,000	446,880		
Helix Technology	36,900		TOTAL PREFERRED STOCK	
Integrated Circuit Systems <u>a</u>	75,000	2,136,750	(Cost \$31,005)	36,720
Intevac a	109,050	1,538,696	DDINGIDAL	
Kulicke & Soffa Industries <u>a</u> Lattice Semiconductor <u>a,d</u>	105,800 254,000	1,521,404 2,458,720	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	
Mentor Graphics a	225,700	3,281,678		
Mentor Grapmes _	223,700	3,201,070	CORPORATE BONDS []	
National Semiconductor <u>a</u>	38,200	1,505,462		
Novellus Systems <u>a</u>	12,000		Dixie Group 7.00%	472.560
Semitool <u>a</u> Veeco Instruments <u>a,d</u>	50,000 65,000		Conv. Sub. Deb. due 5/15/12 \$ 537,000 Richardson Electronics 7.25%	472,560
veces instrainents	03,000		Conv. Sub. Deb. due 12/15/06 1,319,000	1,213,480
		35,505,876	20111 2421 2421 444 12,13,60	
		33,303,070	TOTAL CORPORATE	
5.6			BONDS	1 606 040
Software - 2.1%			(Cost \$1,570,870)	1,686,040
ANSYS a	10,000	397,000	II S TREASURY OR IGATIONS   2 20/	
Aspen Technology <u>a,d</u> Autodesk	27,100 106,000		U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS [] 3.2% U.S. Treasury Notes	
Business Objects ADR a,b,d	20,500		5.625%, due 2/15/06 25,000,000	26,942,375
			TOTAL U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS	26 042 275
			(Cost \$26,849,375)	26,942,375
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## **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

## **DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	VALUE		VALUE
REPURCHASE AGREEMENT [] 19.0%		Money Market Funds State Street Navigator Securities	
State Street Bank & Trust Company, 0.30% dated 12/31/03, due 1/2/04, maturity value \$162,203,703 (collateralized		Lending Prime Portfolio	\$ 70,716,012
by U.S. Treasury Bonds, 0.00% due 3/25/04		<b>Total</b> (Cost \$70,768,029)	70,768,029
and U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.50%-1.75% due 12/31/04-7/31/05, valued at \$165,454,825) (Cost \$162,201,000)	\$ 162,201,000	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> [] <b>134.3%</b> (Cost \$864,379,835)	1,142,610,663
COLLATERAL RECEIVED FOR SECUR LOANED [] 8.3% U.S. Treasury Bonds 10.375%-12.00% due		LIABILITIES LESS CASH AND OTHER ASSETS [] (8.4)%	(71,837,548)
11/15/12-8/15/13 U.S. Treasury Notes	42,769	PREFERRED STOCK [] (25.9)%	(220,000,000)
2.125%-3.875% due 5/31/04-7/15/12 U.S. Treasury Bills	5,623	NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	

- a Non-income producing.
- b American Depository Receipt.
- c At December 31, 2003, the Fund owned 5% or more of the Company soutstanding voting securities thereby making the Company an Affiliated Company as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940. The market value and cost of the affiliates at December 31, 2003 was \$18,656,762 and \$15,311,408, respectively.
- d A portion of these securities were on loan at December 31, 2003. Total market value of loaned securities at December 31, 2003 was \$67.367.384.
- e A security for which market quotations are no longer readily available represents 0.3% of net assets. This security has been valued at its fair value under procedures established by the Fund Board of Directors.
- New additions in 2003.

Bold indicates the Fund s largest 20 equity holdings in terms of December 31, 2003 market value.

**INCOME TAX INFORMATION:** The cost of total investments for Federal income tax purposes was \$867,973,689. At December 31, 2003, net unrealized appreciation for all securities was \$274,636,974, consisting of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation of \$317,612,471 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation of \$42,975,497. The primary differences in book and tax basis cost is the timing of the recognition of losses on securities sold and amortization of discount for book and tax purposes.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	<b>D</b> есемвек 31, 2003
ASSETS: Investments at value (cost \$702,178,835)   including \$70,768,029 of collateral on loaned securities Repurchase agreement (at cost and value) Cash Receivable for investments sold Receivable for dividends and interest Prepaid expenses	\$ 980,409,663 162,201,000 204,977 763,629 1,008,448 20,856
Total Assets	1,144,608,573
LIABILITIES: Payable for collateral on loaned securities Payable for investments purchased Payable for investment advisory fee Preferred dividends accrued but not yet declared Accrued expenses	70,768,029 1,612,603 977,568 288,449 188,809
Total Liabilities	73,835,458
PREFERRED STOCK: 5.90% Cumulative Preferred Stock ☐ \$0.001 par value, \$25 liquidation value per share; 8,800,000 shares outstanding	220,000,000
Total Preferred Stock	220,000,000
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 850,773,115
ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS: Common Stock paid-in capital [ \$0.001 par value per share; 49,956,349 shares outstanding (150,000,000 shares authorized) Accumulated net realized loss on investments Net unrealized appreciation on investments Preferred dividends accrued but not yet declared	\$ 577,693,079 (4,862,343) 278,230,828 (288,449)
Net Assets applicable to Common Stockholders (net asset value per share ☐ \$17.03)	\$ 850,773,115

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INVESTMENT INCOME: Income:		
Dividends		\$ 6,586,470
Interest Securities lending		1,147,303 139,448
Securities lending		139,440
Total income		7,873,221
Expenses:		10.106.074
Investment advisory fees Stockholder reports		10,196,974 354,471
Custody and transfer agent fees		221,988
Administrative and office facilities expenses		113,988
Professional fees		110,794
Directors□ fees		103,168
Other expenses		131,674
Total expenses		11,233,057
Fees waived by investment advisor		(866,667)
Net expenses		10,366,390
Net investment loss		(2,493,169)
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS:		
Net realized gain on investments		74,989,675
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments		208,275,790
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments		283,265,465
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS		280,772,296
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS		(12,274,332)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS		\$268,497,964
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
	Year ended	Year ended
	December 31,	December 31,
	2003	2002
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS: Net investment loss	¢ (2.402.160)	¢ (502.247)
Net realized gain on investments	\$ (2,493,169) 74,989,675	\$ (583,347) 62,933,497
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	208,275,790	(156,381,089)
		·
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from investment	200 772 200	(0.4.000.000)
operations	280,772,296	(94,030,939)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS:		/=01.000
Net investment income		(581,030)

Net realized gain on investments Quarterly distributions accrued but not yet declared	(12,252,107) (22,225)	(11,398,970)
Total distributions to Preferred Stockholders	(12,274,332)	(11,980,000)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	268,497,964	(106,010,939)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS: Net investment income Net realized gain on investments	(61,293,595)	(2,981,664) (58,496,049)
Total distributions to Common Stockholders	(61,293,595)	(61,477,713)
CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS:  Net proceeds from rights offering Offering costs from issuance of Preferred Stock Reinvestment of distributions to Common Stockholders	54,487,617 (7,261,800) 35,567,306	39,123,307
Total capital stock transactions	82,793,123	39,123,307
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS: Beginning of year	289,997,492 560,775,623	(128,365,345) 689,140,968
End of year	\$850,773,115	\$ 560,775,623

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share of Common Stock outstanding throughout each period, and to assist stockholders in evaluating the Fund\( \sigma \) performance for the periods presented.

Years ended December 31,

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$13.22	\$17.31	\$16.56	\$15.77	\$15.72
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS: Net investment income (loss)	(0.05)	(0.02)	0.05	0.18	0.26

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	5.64	(2.25)	2.58	2.58	1.65
Total investment operations	5.59	(2.27)	2.63	2.76	1.91
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED					
STOCKHOLDERS: Net investment income		(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.04)
Net realized gain on investments	(0.26)	(0.28)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.32)
Total distributions to Preferred Stockholders	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.31)	(0.33)	(0.36)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	5.33	(2.56)	2.32	2.43	1.55
		(2.53)			
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS:					
Net investment income	(1.20)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.13)	(0.15)
Net realized gain on investments	(1.30)	(1.44)	(1.44)	(1.35)	(1.22)
Total distributions to Common Stockholders	(1.30)	(1.51)	(1.49)	(1.48)	(1.37)
CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS:					
Effect of reinvestment of distributions by Common Stockholders	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.13)
Effect of rights offering and Preferred Stock offering	(0.22)	[]	(0.00)	(8.13)	[]
Total capital stock transactions	(0.22)	(0.02)	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.13)
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$17.03	\$13.22	\$17.31	\$16.56	\$15.77
MARKET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$17.21	\$13.25	\$15.72	\$14.438	\$13.063
TOTAL RETURN ( <u>a</u> ):					
Market Value Net Asset Value	42.0%	(6.9)%	20.0%	22.7%	5.7%
RATIOS BASED ON AVERAGE NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON	40.8%	(15.6)%	15.2%	16.6%	11.7%
STOCKHOLDERS: Total expenses $(\underline{b},\underline{c})$	1.49%	1.72%	1.61%	1.43%	1.39%
Management fee expense	1.34%	1.56%	1.45%	1.25%	1.18%
Other operating expenses Net investment income (loss)	0.15% (0.36)%	0.16% (0.09)%	0.16% 0.35%	0.18% 1.18%	0.21% 1.47%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:	(0.30)70	(0.03)70	0.5570	1.1070	1.4770
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders,					
End of Period (in thousands)	\$850,773	\$560,776	\$689,141	\$623,262	\$552,928
Liquidation Value of Preferred Stock, End of Period (in thousands)	\$220,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Portfolio Turnover Rate	23%	35%	30%	36%	41%
PREFERRED STOCK: Total shares outstanding	8,800,000	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000
Asset coverage per share	\$121.68	\$112.62	\$132.68	\$122.38	\$111.40
Liquidation preference per share	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Average market value per share ( <u>d</u> ):					
5.90% Cumulative	\$25.04				
7.80% Cumulative	\$25.87	\$26.37	\$25.70	\$23.44	\$24.98
7.30% Tax-Advantaged Cumulative	\$25.53	\$25.82	\$25.37	\$22.35	\$24.24

- (a) The Market Value Total Return is calculated assuming a purchase of Common Stock on the opening of the first business day and a sale on the closing of the last business day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for the purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund[s Distribution Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan. Net Asset Value Total Return is calculated on the same basis, except that the Fund[s net asset value is used on the purchase and sale dates instead of market value.
- (b) Expense ratios based on total average net assets including liquidation value of Preferred Stock were 1.19%, 1.38%, 1.30%, 1.12% and 1.06% for the periods ended December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.
- (c) Expense ratios based on average net assets applicable to Common Stockholders before waiver of fees by the investment adviser would have been 1.62%, 1.82%, 1.65%, 1.51% and 1.48% for the periods ended December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.
- (d) The average of month-end market values during the period that the preferred stock was outstanding.

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ROYCE VALUE TRUST, INC.

## Notes to Financial Statements

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

Royce Value Trust, Inc. ([the Fund[)]) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on July 1, 1986 as a diversified closed-end investment company. The Fund commenced operations on November 26, 1986.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

## **Valuation of Investments:**

Securities are valued as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the valuation date. Securities that trade on an exchange or Nasdaq are valued at their last reported sales price taken from the primary market in which each security trades or, if no sale is reported for such day, at their bid price. Other over-the-counter securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their bid price. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value under procedures established by the Fund Board of Directors. Bonds and other fixed income securities may be valued by reference to other securities with comparable ratings, interest rates and maturities, using established independent pricing services.

### **Investment Transactions and Related Investment Income:**

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

purposes.

### **Expenses:**

The Fund incurs direct and indirect expenses. Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund soperations, while expenses applicable to more than one of the Royce Funds are allocated in an equitable manner. Allocated personnel and occupancy costs related to The Royce Funds are included in administrative and office facilities expenses. The Fund has adopted a deferred fee agreement that allows the Fund so Directors to defer the receipt of all or a portion of Directors Fees otherwise payable. The deferred fees are invested in certain Royce Funds until distributed in accordance with the agreement.

#### Taxes:

As a qualified regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, the Fund is not subject to income taxes to the extent that it distributes substantially all of its taxable income for its fiscal year. The Schedule of Investments includes information regarding income taxes under the caption [Income Tax Information].

#### **Distributions:**

The Fund currently has a policy of paying quarterly distributions on the Fund∏s Common Stock. Distributions are currently being made at the annual rate of 9% of the rolling average of the prior four calendar quarter-end NAVs of the Fund s Common Stock, with the fourth quarter distribution being the greater of 2.25% of the rolling average or the distribution required by IRS regulations. Distributions to Preferred Stockholders are recorded on an accrual basis and paid quarterly. The Fund is required to allocate long-term capital gain distributions and other types of income proportionately to distributions made to holders of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock. To the extent that distributions are not paid from long-term capital gains, net investment income or net short-term capital gains, they will represent a return of capital. Distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Permanent book and tax basis differences relating to stockholder distributions will result in reclassifications within the capital accounts. Undistributed net investment income may include temporary book and tax basis differences, which will reverse in a subsequent period. Any taxable income or gain remaining undistributed at fiscal year end is distributed in the following year.

## **Repurchase Agreements:**

The Fund enters into repurchase agreements with respect to its portfolio securities solely with State Street Bank and Trust Company ([SSB&T]), the custodian of its assets. The Fund restricts repurchase agreements to maturities of no more than seven days. Securities pledged as collateral for repurchase agreements, which are held by SSB&T 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 SSB&T, including possible delays or restrictions upon the ability of the Fund to dispose of the underlying securities.

## **Securities Lending:**

The Fund loans securities to qualified institutional investors for the purpose of realizing additional income. Collateral on all securities loaned for the Fund is accepted in cash and is invested temporarily by the custodian. The collateral is equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities.

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## ROYCE VALUE TRUST, INC.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## **Capital Stock:**

The Fund issued 2,448,904 and 2,615,641 shares of Common Stock as reinvestment of distributions by Common Stockholders for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

On March 10, 2003, the Fund completed a rights offering of Common Stock to its stockholders at the rate of one common share for each 10 rights held by stockholders of record on January 28, 2003. The rights offering was fully subscribed, resulting in the issuance of 5,090,083 common shares at a price of \$10.77, and proceeds of \$54,820,194 to the Fund prior to the deduction of estimated expenses of \$332,577. The net asset value per share of the Fund Common Stock was reduced by approximately \$0.07 per share as a result of the issuance.

On October 10, 2003, the Fund redeemed all (2,400,000 shares) of its then outstanding 7.80% Cumulative Preferred Stock at the redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends through the redemption date of \$0.0975 per share, and all (4,000,000 shares) of its outstanding 7.30% Tax-Advantaged Cumulative Preferred Stock at the redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends through the redemption date of \$0.09125 per share. On October 9, 2003, the Fund received net proceeds of \$213,070,000 (after underwriting discounts of \$6,930,000 and before estimated offering expenses of \$331,800) from the public offering of 8,800,000 shares of 5.90% Cumulative Preferred Stock. Commencing October 9, 2008 and thereafter, the Fund, at its option, may redeem the 5.90% Cumulative Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at the redemption price.

At December 31, 2003, 8,800,000 shares of the 5.90% Cumulative Preferred Stock were outstanding. The Fund is required to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the Cumulative Preferred Stock as required by the 1940 Act. In addition, pursuant to the Rating Agency Guidelines established by Moody[]s, the Fund is required to maintain a certain discounted asset coverage. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, the Cumulative Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends, whether or not declared on such shares, in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict the Fund[]s ability to pay dividends to Common Stockholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. The Fund has met these requirements since issuing the Preferred Stock.

Under Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Topic D-98, Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities, preferred securities that are redeemable for cash or other assets are to be classified outside of permanent equity to the extent that the redemption is at a fixed or determinable price and at the option of the holder or upon the occurrence of an event that is not solely within the control of the issuer. Subject to the guidance of the EITF, the Fund S Cumulative Preferred Stock has been reclassified outside of permanent equity (net assets applicable to Common Stockholders) in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Investment Advisory Agreement:**

As compensation for its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement, Royce & Associates, LLC ([Royce]) receives a fee comprised of a Basic Fee ([Basic Fee]) and an adjustment to the Basic Fee based on the investment performance of the Fund in relation to the investment record of the S&P 600 SmallCap Index ([S&P 600]).

The Basic Fee is a monthly fee equal to 1/12 of 1% (1% on an annualized basis) of the average of the Fund∏s month-end net assets applicable to Common Stockholders plus the liquidation value of Preferred Stock for the rolling 60-month period ending with such month. The Basic Fee for each month is increased or decreased at the rate of 1/12 of .05% for each percentage point that the investment performance of the Fund exceeds, or is exceeded by, the percentage change in the investment record of the S&P 600 for the performance period by more than two percentage points. The maximum increase or decrease in the Basic Fee for any month may not exceed 1/12 of .5%. Accordingly, for each month, the maximum monthly fee rate as adjusted for performance is 1/12 of 1.5% and is payable if the investment performance of the Fund exceeds the percentage change in the investment record of the S&P 600 by 12 or more percentage points for the performance period, and the minimum monthly fee rate as adjusted for performance is 1/12 of .5% and is payable if the percentage change in the investment record of the S&P 600 exceeds the investment performance of the Fund by 12 or more percentage points for the performance period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Royce is not entitled to receive any fee for any month when the investment performance of the Fund for the rolling 36-month period ending with such month is negative. In the event that the Fund investment performance for such a performance period is less than zero, Royce will not be required to refund to the Fund any fee earned in respect of any prior performance period.

Royce has voluntarily committed to waive the portion of its investment advisory fee attributable to an issue of the Fund\[ \]s Preferred Stock for any month in which the Fund\[ \]s average annual NAV total return since issuance of the Preferred Stock fails to exceed the applicable Preferred Stock dividend rate

For the year ended December 31, 2003 the Fund accrued and paid Royce advisory fees totaling \$9,330,307, which is net of \$866,667 voluntarily waived by Royce.

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## ROYCE VALUE TRUST, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **Distributions to Stockholders:**

The tax character of distributions paid to stockholders during 2003 and 2002 was as follows:

Distributions paid from:	2003	3	2002		
Ordinary income	\$	1,416,811	\$	6,028,029	

Long-term capital gain		72,128,891	 67,429,684
	\$	73,545,702	\$ 73,457,713

As of December 31, 2003, the tax basis components of distributable earnings included in stockholders equity were as follows:

Post October loss	\$ (2,394,565)
Undistributed long-term capital gain	1,126,076
Unrealized appreciation	274,636,974
Accrued preferred distributions	(288,449)
	\$ 273,080,036

Under current tax law, capital losses realized after October 31 and prior to the Fund□s fiscal year end may be deferred, as occuring on the first day of the following fiscal year.

For financial reporting purposes, capital accounts and distributions to shareholders are adjusted to reflect the tax character of permanent book / tax differences. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Fund recorded the following permanent reclassifications, which relate primarily to the current net operating losses. Results of operations and net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

Net Investment Income	Accumulated Net Realized Gain (Loss)	Paid-in Capital	
\$2,493,169	\$(2,493,169)	\$	П

## **Purchases and Sales of Investment Securities:**

For the year ended December 31, 2003, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities, other than short-term securities, amounted to \$183,043,350 and \$265,871,410, respectively.

## **Transactions in Shares of Affiliated Companies:**

An □Affiliated Company□, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, is a company in which a Fund owns 5% or more of the company□s outstanding voting securities. The Fund effected the following transactions in shares of such companies during the year ended December 31, 2003:

Affiliated Company	Market Value 12/31/02	Purchases	Sales	Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Dividend Income	Market Value 12/31/03
Ascent Media						
Group Cl. A	\$ 426,608		\$ 1,224,840	\$ 78,658		\$ 0
CompX	•	± 2 521 550		FF4 F20		2 006 000
International	0	\$ 2,531,550		554,530	Ц	3,086,080
Falcon	1 526 050	1 625 004	201 055	212.041		2 251 040
Products MGP	1,526,850	1,635,894	291,955	312,941		3,351,040
Ingredients	2,505,360	842,029	П	3,225,433	\$48,180	6,572,822
Peerless Mfg.	1,316,380	П	й	729,560	П	2,045,940
Richardson Electronics 7.25% Conv.	,		J	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		, , , , , ,
due 12/15/06	1,055,200			158,280		1,213,480
Synalloy	0	1 707 450		F00.0F0		2 207 400
Corporation	0	1,797,450	Ц	589,950		2,387,400

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ROYCE VALUE TRUST, INC.

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

### To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Royce Value Trust, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Royce Value Trust, Inc., including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2003, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, and the statement of changes in net assets for the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund\(\text{\tex

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2003, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above and audited by us present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Royce Value Trust, Inc. at December 31, 2003, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Philadelphia, PA January 24, 2004

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# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

**D**ECEMBER **31**, **2003** 

COMMON STOCKS []					
102.470	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Consumer Products [] 9.0% Apparel and Shoes - 2.7% Ashworth a Delta Apparel Innovo Group a.c	40,000 146,500 90,000	\$ 322,800 2,609,165 286,200	Restaurants/Lodgings - 0.2% Angelo and Maxie s a Benihana Cl. A a BUCA a.c	3,333 34,770 30,000	\$ 4,733 446,794 204,300
Kleinert∏s <u>a,d</u>	14,200	0			655,827
Marisa Christina <u>a</u> Oshkosh B[Gosh Cl. A <u>c</u> Skechers U.S.A. Cl. A <u>a.c</u> Vans <u>a</u> Weyco Group	76,600 37,000 47,000 20,000 60,000	122,560 794,020 383,050 228,200 2,018,940	Retail Stores - 4.0% Brookstone  Buckle (The) Cato Corporation Cl. A	34,500 36,500 58,000	735,195 808,475 1,189,000
		6,764,935	Deb Shops Dress Barn (The) <u>a</u>	19,900 53,660	427,850 804,363
Collectibles - 1.0% The Boyds Collection a.c Enesco Group a Topps Company (The)	227,700 52,400 101,000	967,725 540,768 1,036,260	FTD CI. A a.c. Footstar a.c. InterTAN a La Senza Corporation Stein Mart a Libited Datail Crown a	10,000 97,000 49,800 99,900 285,200	246,400 371,510 503,976 977,858 2,350,048
		2,544,753	United Retail Group <sup>a</sup> Wet Seal (The) Cl. A <sup>a.c</sup>	60,600 157,000	179,376 1,552,730
Food/Beverage/Tobacco - 1.4%					10,146,781
<b>800 JR Cigar</b> <sup>a,d</sup> Green Mountain Coffee	193,000	2,509,000	Other Consumer Services -		
Roasters <u>a</u> Monterey Pasta Company <u>a</u>	28,600 79,000	658,372 294,670	0.6% Ambassadors Group	7,500	176,175
		3,462,042	Ambassadors International E-LOAN <sup>a,c</sup>	6,100 80,500	76,250 239,890
Home Furnishing/Appliances -	1.2%		First Cash Financial Services <u>a</u> Rent-Way <u>a.c</u>	12,000 81,000	307,692 663,390
Bassett Furniture Industries Falcon Products <u>a</u>	26,300 150,000	433,950 660,000			1,463,397
Lifetime Hoan <u>c</u> Stanley Furniture Company <u>c</u>	109,854 2,500	1,856,533 78,750	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$9,437,883)		12,977,275
		3,029,233	Diversified Investment Con  0.4%  Closed-End Mutual Funds -	npanies	
Publishing - 0.4%			0.4% Central Fund of Canada Cl. A	197,000	1,034,250
Information Holdings <u>a</u>	40,000	884,000	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$856,524)		1,034,250
Sports and Recreation - 1.0%			Financial Intermediaries [		
Johnson Outdoors Cl. A <sup>a</sup> Monaco Coach <sup>a</sup> National R.V. Holdings <sup>a</sup>	33,600 75,900 31,800	504,101 1,806,420 316,410	6.1% Banking - 1.6% First Midwest Financial	64,800	1,399,680
	51,000	310,110	ser nameser manerar	0.,000	2,555,000

			First National Lincoln	13,400	668,633
		2,626,931	Lakeland Financial	22,500	794,700
			Pacific Mercantile Bancorp a,c	15,000	145,050
Other Consumer Products -					
1.3%			Queen City Investments a	948	475,896
Concord Camera <u>a,c</u>	30,000	277,500	Sterling Bancorp	18,150	517,275
Cross (A. T.) & Company Cl. A		667.000			
a,c	100,000	667,000			4 001 024
First Years (The)	25,600	382,464			4,001,234
JAKKS Pacific <u>a</u>	35,000	460,600			
Lazare Kaplan International a	151,700	1,054,315	Insurance - 4.5%		
Water Pik Technologies <u>a</u>	46,500	570,555	Argonaut Group a,c	30,900	480,186
			Ceres Group <u>a</u>	50,300	293,752
		3,412,434	Independence Holding	18,630	442,463
			NYMAGIC	67,900	1,861,818
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$14,988,862)		22,724,328	Navigators Group a,c	37,200	1,148,364
			PICO Holdings a	145,100	2,273,717
Consumer Services ☐ 5.1%			PMA Capital Cl. A <sup>c</sup>	80,000	409,600
Direct Marketing - 0.1%			PXRE Group	73,164	1,724,475
ValueVision Media Cl. A a,c	5,000	83,500	ProAssurance Corporation a.c	48,800	1,568,920
value vision i reala en 7	3,000		Wellington Underwriting	444,712	615,221
Leisure/Entertainment - 0.2%			Zenith National Insurance	19,100	621,705
	25.000	107.750	Zemin National insulance	19,100	021,703
IMAX Corporation a,c	25,000	197,750			
Singing Machine Company	110 000	202.020			11 440 221
(The) <u>a,c</u>	118,000	282,020			11,440,221
TiVo a,c	20,000	148,000			
			<b>Total</b> (Cost \$10,718,653)		15,441,455
		627,770			

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS				<b>D</b> ECEMBE	ER 31, 2003
	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Financial Services [] 1.0% Insurance Brokers - 0.4% Clark a.c CorVel Corporation a.c	20,900 18,750	\$ 402,116 705,000	Exactech <sup>a</sup> Interpore International <sup>a,c</sup> Medical Action Industries <sup>a,c</sup> Molecular Devices <sup>a</sup>	63,000 22,600 43,500 25,500	\$ 929,250 293,800 813,885 484,245
		1,107,116	NMT Medical <u>a</u> Orthofix International <u>a.c</u>	44,000 29,500	198,000 1,444,910
Other Financial Services - 0.6%			Osteotech <sup>a</sup> PLC Systems <sup>a</sup>	22,100 105,200	194,480 122,032

MicroFinancial a	10,000	29,000	Utah Medical Products a	42,300	1,096,416
PRG-Schultz International a,c	305,000	1,494,500			7,675,748
		1,523,500	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$18,685,321)		28,155,060
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$2,163,397)		2,630,616	10101 (0031 \$10,003,321)		20,133,000
			Industrial Products [] 14.8%		
Health [] 11.1%			Automotive - 0.6%		
Commercial Services - 3.7% BioReliance Corporation <u>a</u>	35,300	1,688,046	Spartan Motors Wescast Industries Cl. A	40,800 37,900	412,080 1,118,050
Bruker BioSciences a	200,300	911,365			1 520 120
First Consulting Group <sup>a</sup> ICON ADR <sup>a,b</sup>	254,700 800	1,433,961 34,880			1,530,130
PAREXEL International <sup>a,c</sup> The TriZetto Group <sup>a,c</sup>	121,400 181,500	1,973,964 1,170,675	Building Systems and Compor Drew Industries <sup>a</sup>	nents - 2.0% 15,000	417,000
Young Innovations	61,450	2,212,200	Juno Lighting a	121,600	2,736,000
		9,425,091	LSI Industries Skyline Corporation	67,812 32,100	915,462 1,119,327
			Skyline corporation	32,100	1,113,327
Drugs and Biotech - 1.9%	60,800	600.256			5,187,789
Antigenics <u>a,c</u> Arena Pharmaceuticals <u>a,c</u>	14,000	688,256 86,800	Construction Materials - 1.8%		
BioSource International <u>a</u> DUSA Pharmaceuticals <u>a</u>	177,900 20,000	1,204,383 101,000	Ash Grove Cement Company Florida Rock Industries	8,000 25,000	944,000 1,371,250
Emisphere Technologies a,c	187,200	1,025,856	Monarch Cement	50,410	958,294
Geron Corporation <u>a,c</u> Myriad Genetics <u>a,c</u>	6,000 55,000	59,820 707,300	Synalloy Corporation <u>a</u>	171,000	1,183,320
Nabi Biopharmaceuticals a	5,000	63,550			4,456,864
Sangamo BioSciences 2 VIVUS 2	10,000 167,200	55,400 633,688	Industrial Components - 2.7%		
		4.626.052	Aaon <u>a</u>	47,500	921,975
		4,626,053	Bel Fuse Cl. A Penn Engineering &	52,600	1,572,740
			Manufacturing Penn Engineering &	56,600	1,077,098
Health Services - 1.5%	25.000	21.000	Manufacturing Cl. A	30,800	520,520
ATC Healthcare Cl. A <u>a</u> aaiPharma <u>a.c</u>	35,000 31,600	21,000 793,792	Planar Systems <u>a,c</u> Powell Industries <u>a</u>	10,000 85,800	243,200 1,643,070
Covalent Group a	25,000	63,775	Scientific Technologies   Tech (One Severe	10,700	49,776
MIM Corporation a.c MedCath Corporation a.c	68,100 18,000	478,743 188,280	Tech/Ops Sevcon II-VI <u>a</u>	76,200 10,000	417,576 258,000
Quovadx <u>a</u>	65,000	318,500	Woodhead Industries c	10,000	169,000
RehabCare Group a,c SFBC International a,c	25,000 10,000	531,500 265,600			6,872,955
Sierra Health Services a,c	40,000	1,098,000			
Superior Consultant Holdings	10,000	41,300	Machinery - 0.8%		
		3,800,490	Astec Industries <a>e</a> Cascade Corporation	40,200 5,000	493,254 111,500
		3,000,490	Hurco Companies <u>a</u>	16,100	86,135
Personal Care - 1.0%	47.000	202.020	LeCroy Corporation a,c	14,000	252,140
Compex Technologies <u>a,c</u> Helen of Troy <u>a,c</u>	47,000 20,000	392,920 463,000	Lindsay Manufacturing <a>c</a> MTS Systems	10,000 10,000	252,500 192,300
Lifeline Systems a	18,000	342,000	Mueller (Paul) Company	13,650	542,041

Ocular Sciences a,c	49,800	1,429,758			
		•			1,929,870
		2,627,678			
			Paper and Packaging - 0.1%		
Surgical Products and Devices	- 3.0%		Mod-Pac Corporation a,c	23,200	185,368
Aksys a,c	76,000	671,080			
Allied Healthcare Products 2	258,400	994,840	Pumps, Valves and Bearings	- 1.5%	
			Denison International ADR	2	
Cantel Medical a	21,000	339,990	<u>a,b</u>	113,500	2,712,650
CONMED Corporation a, c	3,900	92,820	Sun Hydraulics	152,550	1,096,835
					2 222 425
					3,809,485
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# ROYCE MICRO-CAP TRUST, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT	S			<b>D</b> ECEMBI	ER 31, 2003
	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Industrial Products					
(continued)			Engineering and Construction		
Specialty Chemicals and Mater			Comfort Systems USA 2	122,200	\$ 669,656
Aceto	87,631	\$ 2,238,096	Devcon International <u>a</u> Insituform Technologies Cl.	21,700 A	151,900
American Pacific	36,000	345,600	a,c <b></b>	70,000	1,155,000
Balchem Corporation	10,000	228,000	Keith Companies <u>a</u>	10,000	136,200
CFC International a	144,700	766,910			
Eastern Company (The)	54,627	854,366			2,112,756
Hawkins	122,667	1,712,431			
			Food/Tobacco Processors -		
NuCo2 <u>a,c</u>	20,000	253,400	1.2%		
Park Electrochemical	10,000	264,900	Galaxy Nutritional Foods <a>a</a> ML Macadamia Orchards LP	108,500	272,335
			CI. A	120,200	438,730
		6,663,703	Seneca Foods Cl. A a	62,500	1,343,750
			Seneca Foods Cl. B <u>a</u>	42,500	935,000
Steel/Metal Fabrication & Distr 0.9%	ibution -				
Encore Wire <u>a</u>	10,000	177,100			2,989,815
Metals USA <sup>a</sup>	60,000	604,200			
NN -	112,300	1,413,857	Industrial Distribution - 0.89	%	
Universal Stainless & Alloy					
Products <u>a,c</u>	7,700	83,160	Central Steel & Wire	1,200	474,000
			Elamex <u>a</u>	70,200	175,500
		2,278,317	Lawson Products	16,200	537,516
			Strategic Distribution	59,690	836,257
			-		

Textiles - 0.1% Fab Industries <u>a</u>	56,400	296,100			2,023,273
Other Industrial Bradusts 1 70/	,		Drinting 1 10/		
Other Industrial Products - 1.7% BHA Group Holdings	96,915	2,437,412	Printing - 1.1% Bowne & Co.	66,500	901,740
Maxwell Technologies a,c	15,300	108,630	Ennis Business Forms <sup>c</sup>	11,200	171,360
Maxwell reclinologies	13,300	100,030	New England Business	11,200	171,500
Myers Industries	29,342	355,625	Service	32,400	955,800
Peerless Mfg. <u>a</u>	43,200	557,280	Schawk Cl. A	56,700	772,821
Quixote Corporation	36,000	878,760		•	
Quixote corporation	30,000				2 001 721
					2,801,721
		4,337,707			
			Transportation and Logistics -	- 2.1%	
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$23,301,321)		37,548,288	AirNet Systems <u>a</u>	196,000	738,920
			Forward Air <sup>a</sup>	43,800	1,204,500
			Frozen Food Express	•	
Industrial Services [] 14.1%			Industries <u>a</u>	213,500	1,417,640
Advertising/Publishing - 0.8%			Hub Group Cl. A <u>a</u>	6,500	140,010
FindWhat.com <u>a,c</u>	10,000	187,500	Knight Transportation a,c	38,925	998,426
	141 200	1 150 604	Patriot Transportation	20.400	027.000
Modem Media Cl. A <u>a</u>	141,200	1,153,604	Holding <u>a</u>	28,400	937,200
NetRatings <u>a</u>	50,000	571,500			
					5,436,696
		1,912,604			
		, , , , , , ,	Other Industrial Services -		
			0.6%		
Commercial Services - 6.7%			Landauer	21,300	868,614
APAC Customer Services a,c	139,900	363,740	Team <u>a</u>	55,500	569,430
Administaff a,c	10,000	173,800			
American Bank Note Holograph					
a <del>-</del>	267,200	408,816			1,438,044
Bennett Environmental a,c	10,000	206,600			
Butler International a	38,500	58,135	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$22,497,759)		35,643,977
Carlisle Holdings <u>a</u>	390,000	2,398,500			
Edgewater Technology a	18,339	89,128	Natural Resources ☐ 9.1%		
Exponent a	67,900	1,453,060	Energy Services - 3.4%		
iGATE Corporation a	299,700	2,352,645	Carbo Ceramics	33,600	1,722,000
Innodata Isogen <u>a</u>	125,000	500,000	Core Laboratories <u>a</u>	24,000	400,560
Kforce a	55,000	513,700	Dril-Quip a	66,500	1,083,950
Manufacturers Services a,c	139,000	845,120	GulfMark Offshore a	69,200	968,800
NCO Group a,c	20,000	455,400	Input/Output a,c	168,500	759,935
NIC <u>a,c</u> New Horizons Worldwide <u>a</u>	26,800 141,000	215,204 802,149	Lufkin Industries NATCO Group Cl. A <u>a</u>	34,800 100,400	1,001,892 762,036
Pegasystems <sup>a</sup>	165,500	1,426,610	Valley National Gases 2	30,100	210,700
Pemstar a.c	96,500	317,485	Veritas DGC <sup>a</sup>	93,400	978,832
RemedyTemp Cl. A a	98,200	1,071,362	Willbros Group a	55,900	671,918
TRC Companies a,c	17,400	366,444	· <del>-</del>	,	
Volt Information Sciences <sup>a</sup>	36,600	827,160			8,560,623
Wackenhut Corrections 2	54,200	1,235,760			
Westaff a	362,500	848,250	Oil and Gas - 3.1%		
···cocan _	302,300	0-70,230		142.000	2 206 226
			Bonavista Energy Trust Contango Oil & Gas Company	, 142,000	2,306,326
		16,929,068		50,000	349,500
			Pophury Posources à		
			Denbury Resources <u>a</u> . Evergreen Resources <u>a</u> ,c	73,800 35,000	1,026,558 1,137,850
			Nuvista Energy a	121,000	744,342
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS			1	<b>Э</b> ЕСЕМВЕІ	R <b>31, 2003</b>
	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Natural Resources (continued)			Jaco Electronics a	38,000	
Oil and Gas (continued)	104 200	¢ 1 402 E22	Nu Horizons Electronics a,c	40,000 33,000	392,000
PetroCorp <u>a</u> Prima Energy <u>a</u>	104,200 21,000	\$ 1,402,532 738,360	Pomeroy IT Solutions Richardson Electronics	206,600	486,420 2,539,114
Toreador Resources <sup>a</sup>	30,000	139,500	Menardson Electronics	200,000	2,333,114
Toreador Resources _	30,000	139,300			4 00E 674
		7.044.060			4,905,674
		7,844,968	Internet Software and Services -		
			0.8%		
Precious Metals and Mining - 1.1%			Keynote Systems 2	5,000	59,500
Apex Silver Mines <u>a</u>	79,600	1,663,640	Lionbridge Technologies a,c	37,500	360,375
Brush Engineered Materials a,c	15,500	237,305	LookSmart a.c	20,000	31,000
MK Gold <u>a</u>	603,700	917,624	Overstock.com a,c	14,500	287,970
			RealNetworks a.c	65,700	375,147
		2,818,569	Register.com <u>a</u>	41,857	219,749
			Stamps.com <u>a</u>	111,000	688,200
Real Estate - 1.5%					
HomeFed Corporation <u>a</u>	69,352	2,011,208			2,021,941
Liberte Investors a,c	247,700	1,748,762			
Stratus Properties <u>a</u>	11,000	110,220	IT Services - 6.1%		
		2.070.100	CIBER a	205,000	1,775,300
		3,870,190	Computer Task Group a	341,100	1,326,879
			Covansys Corporation a	265,500	2,920,500
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$11,038,470)		23,094,350	DiamondCluster International Cl A $\underline{a,c}$	168,100	1,714,620
10tal (2032 \$11,030,170)		23,034,330			
Technology ☐ 26.7%			DynTek Cl. A <u>a.c</u> Forrester Research <u>a</u>	199,000 105,500	143,280 1,885,285
Aerospace/Defense - 2.9%			Sapient Corporation a	685,000	3,836,000
Astronics Corporation <u>a</u>	83,800	419,000	SCB Computer Technology <sup>a</sup>	50,000	103,000
CPI Aerostructures <u>a</u>	56,000	666,400	Syntel	56,800	1,403,528
Ducommun <u>a</u>	99,500	2,223,825	Technology Solutions a	50,000	62,550
Fairchild Corporation (The) Cl. A a.c		289,800	Tier Technologies Cl. B 2	33,500	273,695
HEICO Corporation	66,600	1,212,120	Tyler Technologies <sup>a</sup>	15,000	144,450
Herley Industries <u>ª</u> Kaman Corporation Cl. A	81,000	1,676,700			15 500 007
•	22,500	286,425			15,589,087
MAIR Holdings <u>a,c</u>	51,600	375,648	Semiconductors and Equipment		
SIFCO Industries <u>a</u>	45,800	191,902	1.8%	_	
	.5,000		August Technology a	2,000	37,100
		7,341,820	Exar Corporation <sup>a</sup>	68,500	1,169,980
		, - ,	-	,	,,

Components and Systems - 5.3% Advanced Photonix Cl. A a Bonso Electronics International CSP a Cable Design Technologies a CDel Global Technologies Excel Technology a Intrusion a	371,400 50,000 132,581 30,000 168,279 97,900 75,000	772,512 410,000 816,699 269,700 336,558 3,216,994 44,250	FSI International a.c Helix Technology Inficon Holding ADR a.b.c Intevac a PDF Solutions a.c Photronics a.c Semitool a.c Xicor a.c	34,500 9,500 10,000 72,450 30,000 29,750 25,500 35,000	254,610 195,510 86,500 1,022,269 447,000 592,620 273,386 396,900
Kronos <u>a,c</u>	17,375	688,224			4,475,875
Lantronix <u>a</u>	219,500	256,815		•	
MOCON	22,600	183,060	Software - 5.2%		
Mobility Electronics a,c	1,000	8,941	Aladdin Knowledge Systems a	77,300	690,289
Newport Corporation a,c	45,000	743,850	ANSYS a	15,400	611,380
OSI Systems <u>a</u> Performance Technologies <u>a</u>	22,000 45,750	422,620 651,938	Applix <u>a</u> ILOG ADR <u>a,b,c</u>	20,000 35,000	70,600 430,500
Plexus Corporation a.c	24,500	420,665	Indus International a,c	169,800	509,400
Printronix a	35,000	614,565	Integral Systems	58,300	1,254,616
Rainbow Technologies <sup>a</sup>	31,500	354,690	JDA Software Group <sup>a</sup>	59,500	982,345
REMEC a,c	172,500	1,450,725	MSC.Software a,c	58,700	554,715
Spectrum Control a	12,500	99.513	PLATO Learning <sup>a</sup>	121,142	1,278,048
TransAct Technologies <sup>a</sup>	68,200	1,650,440	SCO Group (The) a,c	23,500	399,500
<u> </u>			SPSS a,c	91,900	1,643,172
			Transaction Systems	31,300	1,010,172
		13,412,759	Architects Cl. A a	140,100	3,170,463
			Verity a	95,000	1,585,550
Distribution - 1.9%					=/000/000
Agilysys	90,000	1,003,500			13,180,578
Bell Industries <sup>a</sup>	85,700	222,820			13/100/370
Dell Illuustiles _	05,700	222,020			
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# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003

	SHARES	VALUE		PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	VALUE
Technology (continued)			U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS [] 2 U.S. Treasury	2.0%	
Telecommunication - 2.7%			Notes 1.875%, due		
Anaren <u>a</u>	95,500 \$	1,348,460		\$5,000,000 \$	5,028,320
Brooktrout <u>a</u>	28,400	357,272			
			TOTAL U.S. TREA	SURY	
C-COR.net <u>a</u>	5,000	/	OBLIGATIONS		
Captaris <u>a</u>	50,000	281,000	(Cost \$5,006,482)		5,028,320
Centillium Communications a,c	55,000	309,650			

Computer Network Technology a.c	20,000	190,800	REPURCHASE AGREEMENT	
Giga-tronics a ITXC Corporation a.c ITXC Corporation a.c Interland a MetaSolv a.c Optical Communication Products Cl. A a PC-Tel a	3,200 36,000 2,500 44,100 45,000 31,100	155,520 16,325 107,163 166,500	☐ 23.9% State Street Bank & Trust Company, 0.30% dated 12/31/03, due 1/2/04, maturity	
			value \$60,601,010 (collateralized by U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.625%-2.125% due 8/31/04-3/31/05, valued at \$61,823,172) (Cost	
Radyne ComStream <u>a</u>	21,400	178,069	\$60,600,000)	60,600,000
SpectraLink Corporation	57,000	1,092,690	COLLATERAL RECEIVED FOR	SECUPITIES
Tollgrade Communications a.c	20,000	350,600	LOANED [] 8.4%	SECORITIES
ViaSat <u>a</u>	98,200	1,879,548	5.50%-14.00% due	
			11/15/09-8/15/28 U.S. Treasury	82,914
		6,825,618		110,738
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$39,558,379)		67,753,352	U.S. Treasury Strip-Principal 9.125% due 5/15/18	22,810
Miscellaneous 🛘 5.0%			Money Market Funds	,
<b>Total</b> (Cost \$11,773,456)		12,553,169	State Street Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio	20,960,303
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS			Trime Fortiono	
(Cost \$165,020,025)		259,556,120	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$21,176,765)	21,176,765
PREFERRED STOCKS [] 0.5%			TOTAL INVESTMENTS [] 137.2% (Cost	
Angelo and Maxie∏s 10.00% Conv.	6,991	17,827	\$252,761,270)	347,759,017
Seneca Foods Conv. <u>a</u>	75,409	1,379,985		
			LIABILITIES LESS CASH AND OTHER ASSETS [] (13.5)%	(3/1 333 065)
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS				(34,333,965)
(Cost \$957,998)		1,397,812	PREFERRED STOCK [] (23.7)%	(60,000,000)
			NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS  100.0%	\$253,425,052

- a Non-income producing.
- b American Depository Receipt.
- c A portion of these securities were on loan at December 31, 2003. Total market value of loaned securities at December 31, 2003 was \$20,392,479.
- Gecurities for which market quotations are no longer readily available represent 0.99% of net assets. These securities have been valued at their fair value under procedures established by the Fund so Board of Directors.
- □ New additions in 2003.

**INCOME TAX INFORMATION:** The cost of total investments for Federal income tax purposes was \$253,607,180. At December 31, 2003, net unrealized appreciation for all securities was \$94,151,837, consisting of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation of \$99,902,417 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation of \$5,750,580. The primary differences in book and tax basis cost is the timing of the recognition of losses on securities sold and amortization of discount for book and tax purposes.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	<b>D</b> ECEMBER <b>31</b> , <b>2003</b>
ASSETS: Investments at value (cost \$192,161,270) - including \$21,176,765 of collateral on loaned securities Repurchase agreement (at cost and value) Cash Receivable for investments sold Receivable for dividends and interest Prepaid expenses	\$ 287,159,017 60,600,000 2,738,816 217,109 137,093 5,793
Total Assets	350,857,828
LIABILITIES: Payable for collateral on loaned securities Payable for investments purchased Payable for investment advisory fee Preferred dividends accrued but not yet declared Accrued expenses	21,176,765 15,789,784 293,489 80,000 92,738
Total Liabilities	37,432,776
PREFERRED STOCK: 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock - \$0.001 par value, \$25 liquidation value per share; 2,400,000 shares outstanding	60,000,000
Total Preferred Stock	60,000,000
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 253,425,052

## **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS:**

Common Stock paid-in capital - \$0.001 par value per share; 19,015,340 shares

outstanding

(150,000,000 shares authorized) \$145,700,538
Accumulated net investment income 3,449,948
Accumulated net realized gain on investments 9,356,819
Net unrealized appreciation on investments 94,997,747
Preferred dividends accrued but not yet declared (80,000)

Net Assets applicable to Common Stockholders (net asset value per share - \$13.33)

\$253,425,052

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003			
INVESTMENT INCOME: Income: Dividends Interest Securities lending	\$ 1,802,298 151,415 40,100			
Total income	1,993,813			
Expenses: Investment advisory fees Custody and transfer agent fees Stockholder reports Professional fees Directors[] fees Administrative and office facilities expenses Other expenses	3,371,509 131,792 99,634 78,392 50,179 32,106 73,364			
Total expenses Fees waived by investment advisor	3,836,976 (200,000)			
Net expenses	3,636,976			
Net investment loss	(1,643,163)			
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS: Net realized gain on investments Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	30,865,842 67,143,086			

Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	98,008,928	
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPER	RATIONS	96,365,765
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS		(3,247,215)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOL RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	DERS	\$ 93,118,550
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
	Year ended December 31, 2003	Year ended December 31, 2002
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS: Net investment loss Net realized gain on investments Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	\$ (1,643,163) 30,865,842 67,143,086	\$ (2,363,582) 16,747,557 (38,936,315)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from investment operations	96,365,765	(24,552,340)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS: Net realized gain on investments Quarterly distributions accrued but not yet declared	(3,236,104) (11,111)	(3,100,000)
Total distributions to Preferred Stockholders	(3,247,215)	(3,100,000)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS RESULTING FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	93,118,550	(27,652,340)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS: Net realized gain on investments	(16,874,985)	(13,769,198)
Total distributions to Common Stockholders	(16,874,985)	(13,769,198)
CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS: Offering costs from issuance of Preferred Stock Reinvestment of distributions to Common Stockholders	(2,097,350) 11,707,658	8,549,592
Total capital stock transactions	9,610,308	8,549,592
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS: Beginning of year	85,853,873 167,571,179	(32,871,946) 200,443,125
End of year (including net investment income of \$3,449,948 in 2003)	\$253,425,052	\$167,571,179

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share of Common Stock outstanding throughout each period, and to assist stockholders in evaluating the Fund□s performance for the periods presented.

Years ended December 31,

			•	
2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
\$9.39	\$11.83	\$10.14	\$11.00	\$10.06
(0.09)	(0.13)	(0.05)	0.09	0.12
5.28	(1.29)	2.57	1.23	1.35
5.19	(1.42)	2.52	1.32	1.47
[] (0.18)	[] (0.18)	[] (0.19)	(0.01) (0.22)	(0.05) (0.18)
(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.23)
5.01	(1.60)	2.33	1.09	1.24
	, ,			
[] (0.92)	(0.80)	[] (0.57)	(0.09) (1.63)	(0.06) (0.21)
(0.92)	(0.80)	(0.57)	(1.72)	(0.27)
(0.11)			0	
(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.23)	(0.03)
(0.15)	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.23)	(0.03)
\$13.33	\$9.39	\$11.83	\$10.14	\$11.00
\$12.60	\$8.44	\$10.50	\$8.625	\$9.00
	\$9.39  (0.09) 5.28 5.19  (0.18)  (0.18)  (0.18)  (0.192)  (0.92)  (0.92)  (0.11) (0.04) (0.15)  \$13.33	\$9.39 \$11.83  (0.09) (0.13) 5.28 (1.29)  5.19 (1.42)  (0.18) (0.18)  (0.18) (0.18)  5.01 (1.60)  (0.92) (0.80)  (0.92) (0.80)  (0.92) (0.80)  (0.11) [ (0.04) (0.04) (0.15) (0.04)  \$13.33 \$9.39	\$9.39 \$11.83 \$10.14  (0.09) (0.13) (0.05) 5.28 (1.29) 2.57  5.19 (1.42) 2.52  (0.18) (0.18) (0.19)  (0.18) (0.18) (0.19)  5.01 (1.60) 2.33  (0.92) (0.80) (0.57)  (0.92) (0.80) (0.57)  (0.11) [	\$9.39 \$11.83 \$10.14 \$11.00  (0.09) (0.13) (0.05) 0.09  5.28 (1.29) 2.57 1.23  5.19 (1.42) 2.52 1.32  (0.18) (0.18) (0.19) (0.22)  (0.18) (0.18) (0.19) (0.23)  5.01 (1.60) 2.33 1.09  (0.92) (0.80) (0.57) (1.63)  (0.92) (0.80) (0.57) (1.72)  (0.11) [

TOTAL RETURN ( <u>a</u> ):					
Market Value	63.6%	(12.7)%	28.8%	15.3%	4.5%
Net Asset Value	55.6%	(13.8)%	23.4%	10.9%	12.7%
<b>RATIOS BASED ON AVERAGE NET ASSETS</b>					
APPLICABLE TO COMMON					
STOCKHOLDERS:					
Total expenses ( <u>b</u> , <u>c</u> )	1.82%	1.96%	1.78%	1.32%	1.27%
Management fee expense	1.59%	1.59%	1.57%	1.08%	
Other operating expenses	0.23%	0.37%	0.21%	0.24%	
Net investment income (loss)	(0.82)%	(1.23)%	(0.43)%	0.74%	1.20%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:					
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholder	S,				
End of Period (in thousands)	\$253,425	\$167,571	\$200,443	\$163,820	\$151,269
Liquidation Value of Preferred Stock,					
End of Period (in thousands)	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Portfolio Turnover Rate	26%	39%	27%	49%	49%
PREFERRED STOCK:					
Total shares outstanding	2,400,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Asset coverage per share	\$130.59	\$129.73	\$150.28	\$127.39	\$119.54
Liquidation preference per share	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Average market value per share ( <u>d</u> ):					
6.00% Cumulative	\$25.37				
7.75% Cumulative	\$25.70	\$25.91	\$25.30	\$23.08	\$24.67

<sup>(</sup>a) The Market Value Total Return is calculated assuming a purchase of Common Stock on the opening of the first business day and a sale on the closing of the last business day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for the purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund[s Distribution Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan. Net Asset Value Total Return is calculated on the same basis, except that the Fund[s net asset value is used on the purchase and sale dates instead of market value.

- (b) Expense ratios based on total average net assets including liquidation value of Preferred Stock were 1.49%, 1.62%, 1.46%, 1.06% and 0.98% for the periods ended December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.
- (c) Expense ratios based on average net assets applicable to Common Stockholders before waiver of fees by the investment adviser would have been 1.92%, 2.04%, 1.81% and 1.44% for the periods ended December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 1999, respectively.
- (d) The average of month-end market values during the period that the preferred stock was outstanding.

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ROYCE MICRO-CAP TRUST, INC.

## Notes to Financial Statements

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

Royce Micro-Cap Trust, Inc. ([the Fund[)]) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on September 9, 1993 as a diversified closed-end investment company. The Fund commenced operations on December 14, 1993.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

#### Valuation of Investments:

Securities are valued as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the valuation date. Securities that trade on an exchange or Nasdaq are valued at their last reported sales price taken from the primary market in which each security trades or, if no sale is reported for such day, at their bid price. Other over-the-counter securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their bid price. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value under procedures established by the Fund Board of Directors. Bonds and other fixed income securities may be valued by reference to other securities with comparable ratings, interest rates and maturities, using established independent pricing services.

#### Investment Transactions and Related Investment Income:

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

## **Expenses:**

The Fund incurs direct and indirect expenses. Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund soperations, while expenses applicable to more than one of the Royce Funds are allocated in an equitable manner. Allocated personnel and occupancy costs related to The Royce Funds are included in administrative and office facilities expenses. The Fund has adopted a deferred fee agreement that allows the Fund Directors to defer the receipt of all or a portion of Directors Fees otherwise payable. The deferred fees are invested in certain Royce Funds until distributed in accordance with the agreement.

#### Taxes:

As a qualified regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, the Fund is not subject to income taxes to the extent that it distributes substantially all of its taxable income for its fiscal year. The Schedule of Investments includes information regarding income taxes under the caption  $\square$ Income Tax Information $\square$ .

#### **Distributions:**

The Fund currently has a policy of paying quarterly distributions on the Fund∏s Common Stock. Distributions are currently being made at the annual rate of 9% of the rolling average of the prior four calendar quarter-end NAVs of the Fund

S Common Stock, with the fourth quarter distribution being the greater of 2.25% of the rolling average or the distribution required by IRS regulations. Distributions to Preferred Stockholders are recorded on an accrual basis and paid quarterly. The Fund is required to allocate long-term capital gain distributions and other types of income proportionately to distributions made to holders of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock. To the extent that distributions are not paid from long-term capital gains, net investment income or net short-term capital gains, they will represent a return of capital. Distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Permanent book and tax basis differences relating to stockholder distributions will result in reclassifications within the capital accounts. Undistributed net investment income may include temporary book and tax basis differences, which will reverse in a subsequent period. Any taxable income or gain remaining undistributed at fiscal year end is distributed in the following year.

#### **Repurchase Agreements:**

The Fund enters into repurchase agreements with respect to its portfolio securities solely with State Street Bank and Trust Company ([]SSB&T[]), the custodian of its assets. The Fund restricts repurchase agreements to maturities of no more than seven days. Securities pledged as collateral for repurchase agreements, which are held by SSB&T 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 SSB&T, including possible delays or restrictions upon the ability of the Fund to dispose of the underlying securities.

## **Securities Lending:**

The Fund loans securities to qualified institutional investors for the purpose of realizing additional income. Collateral on all securities loaned for the Fund is accepted in cash and is invested temporarily by the custodian. The collateral is equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities.

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## **Capital Stock:**

The Fund issued 1,173,282 and 896,290 shares of Common Stock as reinvestment of distributions by Common Stockholders for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

On October 20, 2003, the Fund redeemed all (1,600,000 shares) of its then outstanding 7.75% Cumulative Preferred Stock at the redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends through the redemption date of \$0.15069 per share. On October 16, 2003, the Fund received net proceeds of \$58,110,000 (after underwriting discounts of \$1,890,000 and before estimated offering expenses of \$207,350) from the public offering of 2,400,000 shares of 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock. Commencing October 16, 2008 and thereafter, the Fund, at its option, may redeem the 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at the redemption price.

At December 31, 2003, 2,400,000 shares of the 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock were outstanding. The Fund is required to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the Cumulative Preferred Stock as required by the 1940 Act. In addition, pursuant to the Rating Agency Guidelines established by Moody[]s, the Fund is required to maintain a certain discounted asset coverage. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, the Cumulative Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends, whether or not declared on such shares, in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict the Fund[]s ability to pay dividends to

Common Stockholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. The Fund has met these requirements since issuing the Preferred Stock.

Under Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Topic D-98, Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities, preferred securities that are redeemable for cash or other assets are to be classified outside of permanent equity to the extent that the redemption is at a fixed or determinable price and at the option of the holder or upon the occurrence of an event that is not solely within the control of the issuer. Subject to the guidance of the EITF, the Fund S Cumulative Preferred Stock has been reclassified outside of permanent equity (net assets applicable to Common Stockholders) in the accompanying financial statements.

## **Investment Advisory Agreement:**

As compensation for its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement, Royce & Associates, LLC ([Royce]) receives a fee comprised of a Basic Fee ([Basic Fee]) and an adjustment to the Basic Fee based on the investment performance of the Fund in relation to the investment record of the Russell 2000.

The Basic Fee is a monthly fee equal to 1/12 of 1% (1% on an annualized basis) of the average of the Fund∏s month-end net assets applicable to Common Stockholders plus the liquidation value of Preferred Stock for the rolling 36-month period ending with such month. The Basic Fee for each month is increased or decreased at the rate of 1/12 of .05% for each percentage point that the investment performance of the Fund exceeds, or is exceeded by, the percentage change in the investment record of the Russell 2000 for the performance period by more than two percentage points. The performance period for each such month is a rolling 36-month period ending with such month. The maximum increase or decrease in the Basic Fee for any month may not exceed 1/12 of .5%. Accordingly, for each month, the maximum monthly fee rate as adjusted for performance is 1/12 of 1.5% and is payable if the investment performance of the Fund exceeds the percentage change in the investment record of the Russell 2000 by 12 or more percentage points for the performance period, and the minimum monthly fee rate as adjusted for performance is 1/12 of .5% and is payable if the percentage change in the investment record of the Russell 2000 exceeds the investment performance of the Fund by 12 or more percentage points for the performance period.

Royce has voluntarily committed to waive the portion of its investment advisory fee attributable to an issue of the Fund\[ \]s Preferred Stock for any month in which the Fund\[ \] s average annual NAV total return since issuance of the Preferred Stock\[ \] fails to exceed the Preferred Stock\[ \] s dividend rate.

For the year ended December 31, 2003 the Fund accrued and paid Royce advisory fees totaling \$3,171,509, which is net of \$200,000 voluntarily waived by Royce.

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**Distributions to Stockholders:** 

The tax character of distributions paid to stockholders during 2003 and 2002 was as follows:

Distributions paid from:	2003	2002	
Ordinary income Long-term capital gain	\$ 3,217,774 16,893,315	\$ 16,869,198	
	\$ 20,111,089	\$ 16,869,198	

As of December 31, 2003, the tax basis components of distributable earnings included in stockholders equity were as follows:

distributed net investment income distributed long-term gain arealized appreciation crued preferred distributions	\$ 3,449,948 10,202,729 94,151,837 (80,000)
	\$ 107,724,514

For financial reporting purposes, capital accounts and distributions to shareholders are adjusted to reflect the tax character of permanent book / tax differences. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Fund recorded the following permanent reclassifications, which relate primarily to the current net operating losses. Results of operations and net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

Undistributed	Accumulated	
Net Investment	Net Realized	Paid-in
Income	Gain (Loss)	Capital
-		
\$ 5,093,111	\$ (5,084,534)	\$ (8,577)

#### **Purchases and Sales of Investment Securities:**

For the year ended December 31, 2003, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities, other than short-term securities, amounted to \$59,049,805 and \$94,203,089, respectively.

### **Transactions in Shares of Affiliated Companies:**

An □Affiliated Company□, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, is a company in which a Fund owns 5% or more of the company□s outstanding voting securities. The Fund effected the following transactions in shares of such companies during the year ended December 31, 2003:

Affiliated Company	Market Value 12/31/02	Purchases	Sales	Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Dividend Income	Market Value 12/31/03
Technical Communications	\$34,812		\$ 108,304	\$(49,170)		0

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

## To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Royce Micro-Cap Trust, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Royce Micro-Cap Trust, Inc., including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2003, and the related statement of operations for the year ended, and the statement of changes in net assets for the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights

for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund[s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2003, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above and audited by us present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Royce Micro-Cap Trust, Inc. at December 31, 2003, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Philadelphia, PA January 24, 2004 TAIT, WELLER & BAKER

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## ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS			Ι	<b>DECEMBER</b>	31, 2003
COMMON STOCKS [] 95.2%	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	VALUE
Consumer Products [] 9.6% Sports and Recreation - 6.3% Callaway Golf Oakley	100,000 75,000	\$ 1,685,000 1,038,000	Industrial Products [] 10.6% Building Systems and Componer Simpson Manufacturing a	nts - 4.1% 70,000	\$ 3,560,200
Winnebago Industries	40,000	2,750,000	Construction Materials - 2.8%  Florida Rock Industries	45,000	2,468,250
Other Consumer Products - 3.3% Matthews International Cl. A  Yankee Candle Company a	42,500 60,000	1,257,575 1,639,800	Machinery - 3.7% <b>Lincoln Electric Holdings</b> Woodward Governor Company	75,000 24,400	1,855,500 1,386,652
, , <u>-</u>	·	2,897,375	<b>Total</b> (Cost \$3,876,158)		3,242,152 9,270,602
Total (Cost \$5,161,556)  Consumer Services [] 6.3% Direct Marketing - 3.9% Nu Skin Enterprises Cl. A	200,000	8,370,375	Industrial Services [] 7.4% Commercial Services - 5.0% Carlisle Holdings a.c	350,000	2,152,500