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**ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC.**

**1414 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

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**TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

To the Stockholders of:

ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting ) of ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC. (the Fund ) will be held at the offices of the Fund, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019 on Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern time), for the following purposes:

1. To elect four Directors to the Fund's Board:
  - (i) two Directors to be elected by the holders of the Fund's Common Stock and its 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock (the Preferred Stock ), voting together as a single class, and
  - (ii) two Directors to be elected only by the holders of the Fund's Preferred Stock voting as a separate class; and

2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.  
The Board of Directors of the Fund has set the close of business on August 6, 2008 as the record date for determining those stockholders entitled to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, and only holders of record at the close of business on that day will be entitled to vote.

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**IMPORTANT**

**To save the Fund the expense of additional proxy solicitation, please mark your instructions on the enclosed Proxy, date and sign it and return it in the enclosed envelope (which requires no postage if mailed in the United States), even if you expect to be present at the Meeting. If you have been provided with the opportunity on your proxy card or voting instruction form to provide voting instructions via telephone or the Internet, please take advantage of these prompt and efficient voting options.** The accompanying Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors, is revocable and will not affect your right to vote in person in the event that you attend the Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

John E. Denneen  
*Secretary*

August 25, 2008

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

**ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC.  
1414 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
September 25, 2008**

**INTRODUCTION**

The enclosed Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting) of Royce Focus Trust, Inc. (the Fund), to be held at the offices of the Fund, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, on Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern time) and at any adjournments thereof. The approximate mailing date of this Proxy Statement is August 25, 2008.

All properly executed Proxies received prior to the Meeting will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked thereon or otherwise as provided therein. Unless instructions to the contrary are marked, Proxies will be voted FOR the election of the Director nominees of the Fund.

You may revoke your Proxy at any time before it is exercised by sending written instructions to the Secretary of the Fund at the Fund's address indicated above or by filing a new Proxy with a later date, and any stockholder attending the Meeting may vote in person, whether or not he or she has previously filed a Proxy.

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Fund, which will reimburse brokerage firms, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their expenses in forwarding proxy material to the beneficial owners of the Fund's shares. Some officers and employees of the Fund and/or Royce & Associates, LLC (R&A), the Fund's investment adviser, may solicit proxies personally and by telephone, if deemed desirable. Shareholders vote at the Meeting by casting ballots (in person or by proxy) which are tabulated by one or two persons, appointed by the Board of Directors before the Meeting, who serve as Inspectors and Judges of Voting at the Meeting and who have executed an Inspectors and Judges Oath.

The Board of Directors of the Fund has set the close of business on August 6, 2008 as the record date (the Record Date) for determining those stockholders entitled to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, and only holders of record at the close of business on that day will be entitled to vote. Stockholders on the Record Date will be entitled to one vote for each outstanding share of Common Stock and 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock (the Preferred Stock) and, together with the Common Stock, Stock or

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shares ) held (proportional voting rights for fractional shares held), with no shares having cumulative voting rights.

As of the Record Date, there were 18,937,795 shares of Common Stock and 1,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock of the Fund outstanding. The following persons were known to the Fund to be beneficial owners or owners of record of 5% or more of its outstanding shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock as of the Record Date:

| <u>Name and Address of Owner</u>                                                                         | <u>Class/Series of Stock</u>  | <u>Amount and Nature of Ownership</u>                                   | <u>Percent of Class/Series</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Charles M. Royce<br>c/o Royce & Associates,<br>LLC<br>1414 Avenue of the Americas<br>New York, NY 10019  | Common                        | 1,649,020 shares<br><br>Beneficial* (sole voting and investment power)  | 8.71%                          |
| W. Whitney George<br>c/o Royce & Associates,<br>LLC<br>1414 Avenue of the Americas<br>New York, NY 10019 | Common                        | 2,230,639 shares<br><br>Beneficial** (sole voting and investment power) | 11.78%                         |
| Cede & Co.***<br>Depository Trust Company<br>P.O. Box #20<br>Bowling Green Station<br>New York, NY 10028 | Common<br><br>6.00% Preferred | 18,142,514 shares<br>Record***<br>1,000,000 shares<br>Record***         | 95.80%<br><br>100%             |

\* Includes 278,867 shares held by Royce Family Fund, Inc., a charitable foundation established by Mr. Royce and members of his family.

\*\* Includes 836,074 shares held by W. Whitney George Family Foundation, a charitable foundation established by Mr. George and members of his family.

\*\*\* Shares held by brokerage firms, banks and other financial intermediaries on behalf of beneficial owners are registered in the name of Cede & Co.

The Board of Directors knows of no business other than that stated in Proposal 1 of the Notice of Meeting that will be presented for consideration at the Meeting. If any other matter is properly presented at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, it is the intention of the persons named on the enclosed proxy card to vote in accordance with their best judgment.

**SUMMARY OF VOTING RIGHTS ON PROXY PROPOSALS**

| <b>Proposal</b>              | <b>Common Stockholders</b>                                                                | <b>Preferred Stockholders</b>                                                      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Election of Directors</b> | Common and Preferred Stockholders, voting together as a single class, elect two Directors | Preferred Stockholders, voting as a separate class, elect two additional Directors |

**PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the Meeting, four members of the Board of Directors of the Fund will be elected. The holders of both Common Stock and Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class, are entitled to elect seven directors. These seven directors are divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class will expire. Donald R. Dwight and William L. Koke have each been nominated by the Board of Directors for a three-year term to expire at the Fund's 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. It should be noted that Donald R. Dwight and William L. Koke are scheduled to retire in accordance with the Board's retirement policy on December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The classes of Directors are indicated below:

**CLASS III DIRECTOR NOMINEES TO SERVE UNTIL 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Donald R. Dwight  
William L. Koke

**CLASS II DIRECTORS SERVING UNTIL 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Mark R. Fetting  
Richard M. Galkin  
Arthur S. Mehlman

**CLASS I DIRECTORS SERVING UNTIL 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Charles M. Royce  
G. Peter O'Brien

The holders of Preferred Stock, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect two directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal. The Board of Directors has nominated the following two persons to continue as Directors of the Fund, to be elected by holders of the Preferred Stock: Stephen L. Isaacs and David L. Meister.

Each of these persons has agreed to serve if elected, and the Fund's management has no reason to believe that any of them will be unavailable for service as a Director. However, if any of them become unwilling or unable to serve, the persons named in the accompanying Proxy will vote for the election of such other persons, if any, as the Board of Directors may nominate.

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Certain biographical and other information concerning the existing Directors and the nominees who are interested persons as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Investment Company Act ), of the Fund, including their designated classes, is set forth below.

| <b><u>Name, Address* and Principal Occupations During Past Five Years**</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b><u>Age</u></b> | <b><u>Positions With the Fund</u></b> | <b><u>Length of Time Served</u></b> | <b><u>Current Term Expires</u></b> | <b><u>Elected By</u></b> | <b><u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen</u></b> | <b><u>Other Public Company Directorships</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Charles M. Royce***<br>President, Chief Investment Officer and Member of Board of Managers of Royce & Associates, LLC ( R&A ), investment adviser to the Fund, Royce Micro-Cap Trust ( RMT ), Royce Value Trust, Inc. ( RVT ), The Royce Fund ( TRF ) and Royce Capital Fund ( RCF ) (the Fund, RMT, RFT, TRF and RCF collectively, The Royce Funds ). | 68                | Class I Director and President        | 1986                                | 2009                               | Common and Preferred     | 28                                                          | Director of Technology Investment Capital Corp.  |

| <u>Name, Address* and Principal Occupations During Past Five Years**</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Age</u> | <u>Positions With the Fund</u> | <u>Length of Time Served</u> | <u>Current Term Expires</u> | <u>Elected By</u>    | <u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen</u>                                                                                                 | <u>Other Public Company Directorships</u> |
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| Mark R. Fetting***<br>President and Chief Executive Officer of Legg Mason, Inc.; Member of Board of Managers of R&A. Mr. Fetting's prior business experience includes having served as Senior Executive Vice President of Legg Mason, Inc.; Division President and Senior Officer of Prudential Financial Group, Inc. and related companies; Partner, Greenwich Associates; and Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. | 53         | Class II Director              | 2001                         | 2010                        | Common and Preferred | 42 (Director/Trustee of all Royce Funds consisting of 28 portfolios; Director/Trustee of the Legg Mason Family of Funds consisting of 14 portfolios) | None                                      |

\* Mr. Royce's address is c/o Royce & Associates, LLC, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019. Mr. Fetting's address is c/o Legg Mason, Inc., 100 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

\*\* Each of the Directors or nominees is also a director/trustee of certain other investment companies for which R&A acts as an investment adviser.

\*\*\* Interested person, as defined in the Investment Company Act, of the Fund.  
Elected by and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

**Interested Persons**

Messrs. Royce and Fetting are interested persons of the Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act due to the positions they hold with R&A and its affiliate Legg Mason, respectively, and their stock ownership in Legg Mason. There are no family relationships between any of the Fund's Directors and officers.

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Certain biographical and other information concerning the existing Directors and nominees who are not interested persons, as defined in the Investment Company Act, of the Fund, including their designated classes, is set forth below.

| <b><u>Name, Address* and Principal Occupations During Past Five Years**</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b><u>Age</u></b> | <b><u>Positions With the Fund</u></b> | <b><u>Length of Time Served</u></b> | <b><u>Current Term Expires</u></b> | <b><u>Elected By</u></b> | <b><u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen</u></b> | <b><u>Other Public Company Directorships</u></b> |
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| Donald R. Dwight<br>President of Dwight Partners, Inc., corporate communications consultants; and Chairman (from 1982 until March 1998) and Chairman Emeritus (since March 1998) of Newspapers of New England, Inc. Mr. Dwight's 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 Eaton Vance Funds. | 77                | Class III Director                    | 1998                                | 2008                               | Common and Preferred     | 28                                                          | None                                             |
| Richard M. Galkin<br>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).                                             | 70                | Class II Director                     | 1986                                | 2010                               | Common and Preferred     | 28                                                          | None                                             |

| <b>Name, Address* and Principal Occupations During Past Five Years**</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Age</b> | <b>Positions With the Fund</b> | <b>Length of Time Served</b> | <b>Current Term Expires</b> | <b>Elected By</b>    | <b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen</b>                                                                                                 | <b>Other Public Company Directorships</b>    |
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| Stephen L. Isaacs<br>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).                                          | 69         | Director                       | 1986                         | 2008                        | Preferred only       | 28                                                                                                                                                   | None                                         |
| William L. Koke<br>Private investor. Mr. Koke's prior business experience includes having served as President of Shoreline Financial consultants, Director of Financial Relations of SONAT, Inc., Treasurer of Ward Foods, Inc. and President of CFC, Inc.                                                                                                                                                      | 74         | Class III Director             | 2001                         | 2008                        | Common and Preferred | 28                                                                                                                                                   | None                                         |
| Arthur S. Mehlman<br>Director of The League for People with Disabilities, Inc.; Director of University of Maryland Foundation (non-profits). Formerly: Director of University of Maryland College Park Foundation (non-profit)(from 1998 to 2005); Partner, KPMG LLP (international accounting firm) (from 1972 to 2002); Director of Maryland Business Roundtable for Education (from July 1984 to June 2002). | 66         | Class II Director              | 2004                         | 2010                        | Common and Preferred | 42 (Director/Trustee of all Royce Funds consisting of 28 portfolios; Director/Trustee of the Legg Mason Family of Funds consisting of 14 portfolios) | Director of Municipal Mortgage & Equity, LLC |

| <u>Name, Address* and Principal Occupations During Past Five Years**</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Age</u> | <u>Positions With the Fund</u> | <u>Length of Time Served</u> | <u>Current Term Expires</u> | <u>Elected By</u>    | <u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen</u>                                                                                                 | <u>Other Public Company Directorships</u>       |
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| David L. Meister<br>Consultant. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Tennis Channel (from June 2000 to March 2005). Mr. Meister's prior business experience includes having served as Chief Executive Officer of Seniorlife.com, 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. | 68         | Director                       | 1986                         | 2008                        | Preferred only       | 28                                                                                                                                                   | None                                            |
| G. Peter O'Brien<br>Trustee Emeritus of Colgate University (since 2005); Board Member of Hill House, Inc. (since 1999). Formerly: Trustee of Colgate University (from 1996 to 2005); President of Hill House, Inc. (from 2001 to 2005); and Managing Director/Equity Capital Markets Group of Merrill Lynch & Co. (from 1971 to 1999).                                                                                                   | 62         | Class I Director               | 2001                         | 2009                        | Common and Preferred | 42 (Director/Trustee of all Royce Funds consisting of 28 portfolios; Director/Trustee of the Legg Mason Family of Funds consisting of 14 portfolios) | Director of Technology Investment Capital Corp. |

\* Messrs. Dwight, Galkin, Isaacs, Koke, Mehlman, Meister and O'Brien's address is c/o Royce & Associates, LLC, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

\*\* Each of the Directors or nominees is a director/trustee of certain other investment companies for which R&A acts as an investment adviser. Messrs. Dwight, Galkin, Isaacs, Koke, Mehlman, Meister and O'Brien are each a member of the Fund's Audit Committee and its Nominating Committee.

#### **Audit Committee Report**

The Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee"), which consists of the Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act and who are independent as defined in the listing standards of

the New York Stock Exchange (the Independent Directors ). The current members of the Audit Committee are Donald R. Dwight, Richard M. Galkin, Stephen L. Isaacs, William L. Koke, Arthur S. Mehlman, David L. Meister and G. Peter O'Brien. Mr. Galkin serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and Mr. Mehlman has been designated as the Audit Committee Financial Expert, as defined under Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations.

The principal purposes of the Audit Committee are to (i) assist Board oversight of the (a) integrity of the Fund's financial statements; (b) independent accountants' qualifications and independence; and (c) performance of the Fund's independent accountants and (ii) prepare, or oversee the preparation of any audit committee report required by rules of the SEC to be included in the Fund's proxy statement for its annual meeting of stockholders. The Board of Directors has adopted an Audit Committee Charter for the Fund attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Audit Committee also has (i) received written disclosures and the letter required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 from Tait, Weller & Baker (TW&B), independent auditors for the Fund, and (ii) discussed certain matters required to be discussed under the requirements of The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board with TW&B. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services by the Fund's independent auditors is compatible with maintaining their independence.

At its meeting held on February 13, 2008, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audit of the Fund's financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and for the fiscal year then ended with Fund management and TW&B. Had any material concerns arisen during the course of the audit and the preparation of the audited financial statements mailed to stockholders and included in the Fund's 2007 Annual Report to Stockholders, the Audit Committee would have been notified by Fund management or TW&B. The Audit Committee received no such notifications. At the same meeting, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's 2007 Annual Report to Stockholders.

#### **Nominating Committee**

The Board of Directors has a Nominating Committee composed of the seven Independent Directors, namely Messrs. Dwight, Galkin, Isaacs, Koke, Mehlman, Meister and O'Brien. Messrs. Galkin and O'Brien serve as Co-Chairmen of the Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors has adopted a Nominating Committee Charter which was previously filed as an Exhibit to the proxy statement filed with the SEC on behalf of the Fund on August 23, 2007.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending to the Board of Directors individuals believed to be qualified to become Board members in the event that a position is vacated or created. The Nominating Committee will consider Director candidates recommended by stockholders. In considering potential nominees, the Nominating Committee will take into consideration (i) the contribution which the person can make to the Board, with consideration given to the person's business and professional experience, education and such other factors as the Committee may consider relevant; (ii) the character and integrity of the person; (iii) whether or not the person is an interested person as defined in the Investment Company Act and whether the person is otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations to serve as a Director or Independent Director of the Fund; (iv) whether or not the person has any relationships that might impair his independence, such as any business, financial or family relationships with Fund management, the investment adviser of the Fund, Fund service providers or their affiliates; (v) whether or not the person is financially literate pursuant to the New York Stock Exchange's audit committee membership standards; (vi) whether or not the person serves on boards of, or is otherwise affiliated with, competing financial service organizations or their related investment company complexes; (vii) whether or not the person is willing to serve as, and willing and able to commit the time necessary for the performance of the duties of, a Director of the Fund; and (viii) whether or not the selection and nomination of the person would be consistent with the requirements of the Fund's retirement policies.

To have a candidate considered by the Nominating Committee, a stockholder must submit the recommendation in writing and must include biographical information and set forth the qualifications of the proposed nominee. The stockholder recommendation and information described above must be sent to the Fund's Secretary, John E. Denneen, c/o Royce Focus Trust, Inc., 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

Although the Board of Directors does not have a standing compensation committee, the Independent Directors review their compensation annually.

#### **Committee and Board of Directors Meetings**

During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Board of Directors held six meetings, the Audit Committee held two meetings and the Nominating Committee did not hold any meetings. Each Director then in office attended 75% or more of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and the total number of meetings of the Audit Committee held during that year.

**Compensation of Directors and Affiliated Persons**

Each Independent Director receives a base fee of \$2,600 per year plus \$250 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended. No Director received remuneration for services as a Director for the year ended December 31, 2007 in addition to or in lieu of this standard arrangement.

Set forth below is the aggregate compensation paid by the Fund and the total compensation paid by The Royce Funds to each Independent Director of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

| <u>Name</u>                                | <u>Aggregate<br/>Compensation<br/>From the<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Pension or<br/>Retirement<br/>Benefits<br/>Accrued<br/>as Part<br/>of Fund<br/>Expenses</u> | <u>Estimated<br/>Annual<br/>Benefits<br/>upon<br/>Retirement</u> | <u>Total<br/>Compensation<br/>From The<br/>Royce Funds<br/>Paid to<br/>Directors</u> | <u>Total<br/>Compensation<br/>From the Fund<br/>and Fund<br/>Complex<br/>Paid to<br/>Directors<sup>1</sup></u> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Donald R. Dwight,<br>Director <sup>2</sup> | \$3,850                                                 | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | \$105,000                                                                            | \$105,000                                                                                                      |
| Richard M. Galkin,<br>Director             | 3,850                                                   | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | 105,000                                                                              | 105,000                                                                                                        |
| Stephen L. Isaacs,<br>Director             | 3,850                                                   | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | 105,000                                                                              | 105,000                                                                                                        |
| William L. Koke,<br>Director <sup>3</sup>  | 3,850                                                   | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | 105,000                                                                              | 105,000                                                                                                        |
| Arthur S. Mehlman<br>Director              | 3,850                                                   | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | 105,000                                                                              | 231,250                                                                                                        |
| David L. Meister,<br>Director              | 3,850                                                   | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | 105,000                                                                              | 105,000                                                                                                        |
| G. Peter O Brien,<br>Director              | 3,600                                                   | None                                                                                           | None                                                             | 98,000                                                                               | 213,000                                                                                                        |

<sup>1</sup> Represents aggregate compensation paid to each Director during the calendar year ended December 31, 2007 from the Fund Complex. The Fund Complex includes the 28 portfolios of The Royce Funds and the 14 portfolios of the Legg Mason Family of Funds.

<sup>2</sup> Includes \$770 from the Fund (\$21,000 from the Fund and other Royce Funds) deferred during 2007 at the election of Mr. Dwight under The Royce Funds Deferred Compensation Plan for trustees/directors.

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$1,100 from the Fund (\$30,000 from the Fund and other Royce Funds) deferred during 2007 at the election of Mr. Koke under The Royce Funds Deferred Compensation Plan for trustees/directors.

**Officers of the Fund**

Officers of the Fund are elected each year by the Fund's Board of Directors. The following sets forth information concerning the Fund's officers:

| <b><u>Name, Address* and Principal Occupations During Past Five Years</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b><u>Age</u></b> | <b><u>Office**</u></b>            | <b><u>Officer of Fund Since</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Charles M. Royce<br>President, Chief Investment Officer and Member of Board of Managers of R&A.                                                                                                                                                                                              | 68                | President                         | 1986                                |
| John D. Diederich<br>Chief Operating Officer, Managing Director and Member of the Board of Managers of R&A; Chief Financial Officer of R&A; Director of Administration of The Royce Funds; and President of Royce Fund Services, Inc. ( RFS ), having been employed by R&A since April 1993. | 57                | Vice President and Treasurer      | 1997                                |
| Jack E. Fockler, Jr.<br>Managing Director and Vice President of R&A; Vice President of RFS, having been employed by R&A since October 1989.                                                                                                                                                  | 49                | Vice President                    | 1995                                |
| W. Whitney George<br>Managing Director and Vice President of R&A, having been employed by R&A since October 1991.                                                                                                                                                                            | 50                | Vice President                    | 1995                                |
| Daniel A. O Byrne<br>Principal and Vice President of R&A, having been employed by R&A since October 1986.                                                                                                                                                                                    | 46                | Vice President                    | 1994                                |
| John E. Denneen<br>General Counsel, Principal, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer and Secretary of R&A; Secretary and Chief Legal Officer of The Royce Funds.                                                                                                                                | 41                | Secretary and Chief Legal Officer | 1996 to 2001 and since 2002         |
| Lisa Curcio<br>Chief Compliance Officer of The Royce Funds (since October 2004); Compliance Officer of R&A (since June 2004); Vice President, The Bank of New York (from February 2001 to June 2004).                                                                                        | 48                | Chief Compliance Officer          | 2004                                |

\* The address of each officer is c/o Royce & Associates, LLC, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

\*\* Elected by and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

**Stockholder Communications**

Stockholders may send written communications to the Fund's Board of Directors or to an individual Director by mailing such correspondence to the Secretary of the Fund (addressed to 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019). Such communications must be signed by the stockholder and identify the class and number of shares held by the stockholder. Properly submitted stockholder communications will, as appropriate, be forwarded to the entire Board or to the individual Director. Any stockholder proposal submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), must continue to meet all the requirements of Rule 14a-8. See Additional Information Stockholder Proposals herein.

**Director Attendance at Stockholder Meetings**

The Fund has no formal policy regarding Director attendance at stockholder meetings. None of the Fund's Independent Directors attended the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the officers and Directors of the Fund and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Fund's equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange. Officers, Directors and greater than ten percent stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish the Fund with copies of all Forms 3, 4 and 5 they file.

Based solely on the Fund's review of the copies of such forms and amendments thereto, furnished to it during or with respect to its most recent fiscal year, and written representations from certain reporting persons that they were not required to file Form 5 with respect to the most recent fiscal year, the Fund believes that all of its officers, Directors, greater than ten percent beneficial owners and other persons subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act due to the requirements of Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act (i.e., any investment adviser or affiliated person of the Fund's investment adviser), have complied with all filing requirements applicable to them with respect to transactions in the Fund's shares during the Fund's most recent fiscal year.

**Stock Ownership**

Information relating to each Director's ownership as of August 6, 2008 in the Fund and in all registered Royce Funds overseen or to be overseen by each Director is set forth below:

| <u>Name</u>                      | <u>Aggregate Dollar<br/>Range of Equity<br/>in the Fund</u> | <u>Aggregate Dollar Range of<br/>Securities in all Royce Funds<br/>overseen by each Director<br/>in the Royce Family of Funds</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Interested Director:</i>      |                                                             |                                                                                                                                   |
| Charles M. Royce                 | Over \$100,000                                              | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| Mark R. Fetting                  | \$10,001 - \$50,000                                         | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Non-Interested Directors:</i> |                                                             |                                                                                                                                   |
| Donald R. Dwight                 | \$1 - \$10,000                                              | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| Richard M. Galkin                | \$10,001 - \$50,000                                         | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| Stephen L. Isaacs                | \$10,001 - \$50,000                                         | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| William L. Koke                  | \$1 - \$10,000                                              | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| Arthur S. Mehlman                | \$10,001 - \$50,000                                         | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| David L. Meister                 | None                                                        | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |
| G. Peter O'Brien                 | \$10,001 - \$50,000                                         | Over \$100,000                                                                                                                    |

Information regarding ownership of the Fund's shares by the Fund's Directors and officers as of the Record Date is set forth below:

| <u>Name and Address* of Owner</u> | <u>Amount of Record/Beneficial<br/>Ownership of<br/>Shares of Common Stock</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Interested Directors:</i>      |                                                                                |
| Charles M. Royce                  | 1,649,020                                                                      |
| Mark R. Fetting                   | 3,191                                                                          |
| <i>Non-Interested Directors:</i>  |                                                                                |
| Donald R. Dwight                  | 962                                                                            |
| Richard M. Galkin                 | 2,426                                                                          |
| Stephen L. Isaacs                 | 1,448                                                                          |
| William L. Koke                   | 1,033                                                                          |
| Arthur S. Mehlman                 | 3,829                                                                          |
| David L. Meister                  | None                                                                           |
| G. Peter O'Brien                  | 5,127                                                                          |
| <i>Interested Officers:</i>       |                                                                                |
| John D. Diederich                 | 27,680                                                                         |
| Jack E. Fockler, Jr.              | None                                                                           |
| W. Whitney George                 | 2,230,639                                                                      |
| Daniel A. O'Byrne                 | 5,444                                                                          |
| John E. Denneen                   | 15,901                                                                         |
| Lisa Curcio                       | None                                                                           |

\* The address of each Director and officer is c/o Royce & Associates, LLC, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

Mr. Royce has sole voting power and sole investment power as to the shares beneficially owned by him. As of the Record Date, all Directors and officers of the Fund as a group (15 persons) beneficially owned 3,946,700 shares of the Fund's Common Stock, constituting approximately 21% of the outstanding shares, and no shares of its Preferred Stock.

As of August 6, 2008, no Independent Director or any of his immediate family members directly or indirectly owned any securities issued by Legg Mason or any of its affiliates (other than registered investment companies).

**Vote Required**

A quorum consists of stockholders representing a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund's Common Stock and/or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, entitled to vote, who are present in person or by proxy, and a plurality of all of the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present is sufficient to elect a Director.

**The Board of Directors recommends that all stockholders vote FOR all Director nominees.**

**FEES PAID TO INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

**Audit Fees**

The aggregate fees paid to TW&B in connection with the annual audit of the Fund's financial statements and for services normally provided by TW&B in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings of the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$23,600 and \$24,600, respectively, including out of pocket expenses.

**Audit Related Fees**

The aggregate fees paid to TW&B in connection with assurance and related services related to the annual audit of the Fund and for review of the Fund's financial statements, other than the Audit Fees described above, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$1,500 and \$1,500, respectively. The audit-related services rendered by TW&B to the Fund consisted of the preparation of reports to a rating agency for the Preferred Stock.

**Tax Fees**

The aggregate fees paid for tax-related services, including preparation of tax returns, tax compliance and tax advice, rendered by TW&B to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$5,000 and \$6,000, respectively.

**All Other Fees**

There were no other fees billed for non-audit services rendered by TW&B to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007. The aggregate non-audit fees billed by TW&B for services rendered to R&A and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with R&A that provides ongoing services to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$6,500 and \$7,500, respectively. The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the independence of TW&B.

The Audit Committee has determined that the preparation of the rating agency reports is compatible with maintaining TW&B's independence. TW&B did not provide any other professional services to the Fund or R&A for the year ended December 31, 2007. No representatives of TW&B will be present at the Meeting.

**Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee of the Fund has adopted policies and procedures with regard to the pre-approval of audit and non-audit services. On an annual basis, at the Fund's December Audit Committee meeting, TW&B will submit a schedule of proposed audit, audit-related, tax and other non-audit services to be rendered to the Fund and/or R&A and its affiliates for the following year that require pre-approval by the Audit Committee. Such schedule will include the maximum fees that can be paid for such services without further Audit Committee approval. Any subsequent revision to pre-approved services or fees will be considered at the next regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting. Services not presented for pre-approval at the December Audit Committee meeting will be submitted to the Chief Financial Officer of the Fund for a determination that the proposed services fit within the independence guidelines and then considered for pre-approval at the next regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting. A proposal to commence an engagement involving audit, audit-related or tax services prior to the next regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting shall be made in writing by the Chief Financial Officer to all Audit Committee members and include a summary of the engagement, estimated maximum cost, the category of services and the rationale for engaging the Fund's independent auditor. Such proposed engagement can be pre-approved by any Audit Committee member who is an Independent Director. Pre-approval by the Chairman of the Audit Committee is required for a proposed engagement involving non-audit services other than audit-related or tax.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Adjournment of Meeting; Other Matters**

In the event that sufficient votes in favor of Proposal 1 in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders are not received by the time scheduled for the Meeting, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more

adjournments of the Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies for such Proposal. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy at the session of the Meeting to be adjourned. The persons named as proxies will vote in favor of such adjournment those proxies which they are entitled to vote in favor of the Proposal. They will vote against any such adjournment those proxies required to be voted against the Proposal.

While the Meeting has been called to transact any business that may properly come before it, the Directors know of no business other than the matter stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. However, if any additional matter properly comes before the Meeting and on all matters incidental to the conduct of the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed Proxy to vote the Proxy in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

The Fund expects that broker-dealer firms holding shares of the Fund in street name for the benefit of their customers and clients will request the instructions of such customers and clients on how to vote their shares on the Proposal before the Meeting. The Fund understands that, under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, such broker-dealers may, without instructions from such customers and clients, grant authority to the proxies designated by the Fund to vote on the election of Directors if no instructions have been received prior to the date specified in the broker-dealer firm's request for voting instructions. Certain broker-dealer firms may exercise discretion over shares held in their name for which no instructions are received by voting such shares in the same proportion as they have voted shares for which they have received instructions.

The shares as to which the Proxies so designated are granted authority by broker-dealer firms to vote on the matters to be considered at the Meeting, the shares as to which broker-dealer firms have declined to vote ( broker non-votes ) and the shares as to which Proxies are returned by record stockholders but which are marked abstain on any matter will be included in the Fund's tabulation of the total number of votes present for purposes of determining whether the necessary quorum of stockholders exists. However, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast. Therefore, abstentions and broker non-votes will not have an effect on the election of Directors.

**Address of Investment Adviser**

R&A's principal office is located at 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

**Annual Report Delivery**

**The Fund's Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2007 was previously mailed to its stockholders and the**

**Semiannual Report to Stockholders for the six months ended June 30, 2008 will be mailed to stockholders in late August 2008. Copies of the Annual Report are available, and copies of the Semiannual Report will be available in late August, upon request, without charge, by writing to the Fund at 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019 or calling toll free at 1-800-221-4268. All publicly released material information is always disclosed by the Fund on its website at [www.roycefunds.com](http://www.roycefunds.com).**

#### **Stockholder Proposals**

Proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the Fund's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by the Fund by April 27, 2009 for inclusion in the Fund's Proxy Statement and form of Proxy for that meeting. The Fund's By-laws generally require advance notice be given to the Fund in the event a stockholder desires to nominate a person for election to the Board of Directors or to transact any other business from the floor at an annual meeting of stockholders. Notice of any such nomination or other business intended to be presented at the Fund's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be in writing and received at the Fund's principal executive office between April 27, 2009 and May 27, 2009. Written proposals should be sent to the Secretary of the Fund, 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

#### **Proxy Delivery**

If you and another shareholder share the same address, the Fund may only send one proxy statement unless you or the other shareholder(s) request otherwise. Call or write the Fund if you wish to receive a separate copy of the proxy statement and the Fund will promptly mail a copy to you. You may also call or write to the Fund if you wish to receive a separate proxy in the future, or if you receive multiple copies now, and wish to receive a single copy in the future. For such requests, please call 1-800-221-4268, or write the Fund at 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

**PLEASE FILL IN, DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY AND RETURN IT IN THE ACCOMPANYING POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.**

By order of the Board of Directors,

John E. Denneen  
*Secretary*

Dated: August 25, 2008

Charter of the Audit Committee  
of the Board of Directors/Trustees  
For The Royce Funds Listed In Appendix A Hereto

**I. Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee shall be composed of at least three Directors/Trustees, each of whom:

- (a) shall not be an interested person of the Fund, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act );
- (b) shall not accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the Fund (other than fees for serving on the Board of Directors/Trustees or any committee thereof); and
- (c) shall be financially literate at the time of his or her appointment to the Audit Committee, as such qualification is interpreted by the Board of Directors/Trustees in its business judgment, or shall become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after his or her appointment to the Audit Committee.

In the event Fund shares are or become listed on a national securities exchange or are or become quoted on a national market quotation system, the additional qualification requirements set forth below also shall apply:

- (d) each Director/Trustee who is a member of the Audit Committee shall satisfy the applicable independence requirements for any such national securities exchange or national market quotation system; and
- (e) at least one Director/Trustee who is a member of the Audit Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise as the Board of Directors/Trustees interprets such qualification in its business judgment.

The Board of Directors/Trustees shall determine annually: (i) whether at least one of the members of the Audit Committee is an audit committee financial expert, as defined in rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and (ii) whether simultaneous service on more than three public company audit committees by a member of the Audit Committee would not impair the ability of such member to serve on the Audit Committee.

**II. Purposes of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee shall be responsible for:

- (1) assisting Board oversight of the
  - (a) integrity of the Fund's financial statements;
  - (b) independent accountants' qualifications and independence; and
  - (c) performance of the Fund's independent accountants; and
- (2) preparation, or overseeing the preparation of, any audit committee report required by rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Fund's proxy statement for its annual meeting of stockholders.

**III. Responsibilities and Duties of the Audit Committee**

The Fund's independent accountants shall report directly to the Audit Committee.

As may be necessary or appropriate to carry out its purposes, or to comply with applicable law or the requirements of any securities exchange or market quotation system on which Fund shares are or may become listed or quoted, the Audit Committee shall have the following responsibilities and duties:

- (a) the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the Fund's independent accountants, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the independent accountants regarding financial reporting;
- (b) to (i) select an accounting firm to (1) serve as the Fund's independent accountants, (2) audit the Fund's financial statements on an annual basis, and (3) provide an opinion on an annual basis with respect to the Fund's financial statements, and (ii) recommend that the members of the Board of Directors/Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, ratify such selection;
- (c) to pre-approve (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Fund by the Fund's independent accountants and (ii) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the Fund's independent accountants to the Fund's Investment Adviser or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Investment Adviser ( Adviser Affiliate ) that provides ongoing

services to the Fund, if the engagement by the Adviser Affiliate relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund;

- (d) if determined to be advisable, to develop policies and procedures for pre-approval of the engagement of the Fund's independent accountants to provide any of the audit or non-audit services described in Section III(c) above;
- (e) to consider whether each non-audit service provided by the Fund's independent accountants to the Fund and to the Fund's Investment Adviser or any Adviser Affiliate that provides ongoing services to the Fund is compatible with maintaining the independence of such independent accountants;
- (f) to ensure that the Fund's independent accountants submit on a periodic basis to the Audit Committee a formal written statement delineating all relationships between such independent accountants and the Fund, consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, and to actively engage in a dialogue with, and receive and consider specific representations from, the Fund's independent accountants with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may affect the objectivity and independence of such independent accountants;
- (g) to review the arrangements for annual and special audits and the scope of such audits with the Fund's independent accountants;
- (h) to meet to review and discuss the Fund's audited financial statements and, to the extent required by applicable law or regulations, the Fund's semi-annual financial statements with Fund management and the Fund's independent accountants, including the Fund's disclosure of management's discussion of Fund performance;
- (i) to review with the Fund's independent accountants any audit problems or difficulties the accountants may have encountered during or relating to the conduct of the audit, including any matters required to be discussed pursuant to rules of The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and other relevant regulatory and professional organizations, or any subsequent Statement, and management's response;
- (j) to establish and administer policies and procedures relating to the hiring by the Fund, its Investment Adviser, or any administrator that is an Adviser Affiliate of employees or former employees of the Fund's independent accountants;
- (k) to consider information and comments from the Fund's independent accountants with respect to the Fund's accounting and financial

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reporting policies, procedures and internal control over financial reporting (including the Fund's critical accounting policies and practices) and management's responses to any such comments;

- (l) to request, receive and/or review from the Fund's independent accountants such other materials as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the discretion of the Committee in the exercise of its duties under this Charter; such materials may (but are not required to) include, without limitation, any other material written communications relating to the Fund's financial statements, or internal or disclosure controls, between the independent accountants and the Fund, the Investment Adviser, the Fund's sub-adviser(s), if any, or other Fund service providers, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences;
- (m) at least annually, to obtain and review a report by the Fund's independent accountants describing: (i) such independent accountants internal quality-control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of such independent accountants, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by such firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) all relationships between the Fund's independent accountants and the Fund, the Investment Adviser and Adviser Affiliates (to assess the independence of the Fund's independent accountants);
- (n) to establish procedures for: (i) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Fund regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission of concerns by employees of the Fund's Investment Adviser, manager, administrator, principal underwriter, or any other provider of accounting related services for the Fund regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- (o) to address reports received from attorneys in accordance with procedures adopted by the Fund's Investment Adviser relating to the possible violation of federal or state law or fiduciary duty;
- (p) to discuss with Fund management and the Fund's independent accountants policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management; and
- (q) to perform such other functions and to have such other powers consistent with this Charter, the Fund's Articles of Incorporation or Declaration of Trust, as amended and supplemented, the Fund's

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By-laws, as amended, and applicable law, as the Audit Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

The Audit Committee may delegate any portion of its authority, including the authority to grant preapprovals of audit related services and permitted non-audit services, to a subcommittee of one or more members of the Audit Committee pursuant to preapproval policies and procedures established by the Audit Committee; provided, however, that the Audit Committee may not delegate preapproval of the audit required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Any decision of such subcommittee of the Audit Committee to grant preapprovals shall be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The function of the Audit Committee is oversight; it is the responsibility of Fund management to maintain appropriate systems for accounting and internal control over financial reporting, and the responsibility of the Fund's independent accountants to plan and carry out a proper audit. Specifically, Fund management is responsible for: (1) the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Fund's financial statements; (2) the maintenance of appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies; and (3) the maintenance of internal control over financial reporting and other procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and related laws and regulations. The Fund's independent accountants are responsible for planning and carrying out an audit consistent with applicable legal and professional standards and the terms of their engagement letter. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed to reduce the responsibilities or liabilities of the Fund's service providers, including the Fund's independent accountants.

Although the Audit Committee is expected to review appropriately the matters that come before it, such review of a Fund's financial statements by the Audit Committee is not an audit, nor does the Committee's review substitute for the responsibilities of the Fund's management for preparing, or the Fund's independent accountants for auditing, the financial statements. Members of the Audit Committee are not employees of the Fund and, in serving on the Audit Committee, are not, and do not hold themselves out to be, acting as accountants or auditors. As such, it is not the duty or responsibility of the Audit Committee or its members to conduct field work or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures.

In discharging their duties, the members of the Audit Committee are entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (1) one or more officers of the Fund whom the Board reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (2) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the Board reasonably believes are

within the person's professional or expert competence; or (3) a committee of the Board.

**IV. Meetings**

The Audit Committee shall meet on a regular basis but no less frequently than annually. The Audit Committee periodically shall meet separately with the Fund's independent accountants, Fund management and representatives of Fund management responsible for the financial and accounting operations of the Fund. The Audit Committee may hold special meetings at such times as the Audit Committee believes necessary or appropriate. Members of the Audit Committee may participate in a meeting of the Audit Committee by means of conference call or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in such meeting can hear each other.

**V. Assistance from Fund Management; Authority to Engage Advisers; Funding**

The appropriate officers of the Fund shall provide or arrange to provide such information, data and services as the Audit Committee may request. The Audit Committee shall have the power and authority to take all action it believes necessary or appropriate to discharge its responsibilities, including the power and authority to retain independent counsel and other advisers. The Fund shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee as a committee of the Board, for payment of: (i) compensation to the Fund's independent accountants or any other accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review, or attest services for the Fund, (ii) compensation to any advisers employed by the Audit Committee under this Section V, and (iii) ordinary administrative expenses of the Audit Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its responsibilities.

**VI. Reporting**

The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall report to the Board on the results of its deliberations and make such recommendations as deemed necessary or appropriate.

**VII. Amendments**

This Charter may be amended or modified from time to time by vote of the Board.

**Dated: April 11, 2000**

**Revised: December 7, 2005**

**Revised: February 13, 2008**

**APPENDIX A**

Royce Capital Fund

Royce Focus Trust, Inc.

Royce Micro-Cap Trust, Inc.

Royce Value Trust, Inc.

The Royce Fund

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P/S SKU# 002CS62037

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ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC.

PROXY

PROXY

Common Stock

1414 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10019

**This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors.**

The undersigned hereby appoints Charles M. Royce and John E. Denneen, or either of them acting in absence of the other, as Proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse, all shares of Common Stock of the Fund held of record by the undersigned on August 6, 2008 at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Royce Focus Trust, Inc. to be held on September 25, 2008, and at any adjournment thereof.

**This Proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed by the undersigned stockholder. If no direction is made, this Proxy will be voted FOR Proposal 1.**

**PLEASE VOTE, DATE AND SIGN ON REVERSE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.**

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) on other side. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by president or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

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1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Donald R. Dwight and William L. Koke

**Instruction: If you do not wish your shares voted FOR a particular nominee, mark the "For All Except" box and strike a line through the nominee's name. Your shares will be voted for the remaining nominees.**

2. THE PROXIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE

UPON SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY

COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

Please be sure to sign and date this Proxy.

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Stockholder sign here

Co-owner sign here

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ROYCE FOCUS TRUST, INC.

PROXY

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6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock

1414 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10019

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The undersigned hereby appoints Charles M. Royce and John E. Denneen, or either of them acting in absence of the other, as Proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse, all shares of the 6.00% Cumulative Preferred Stock of the Fund held of record by the undersigned on August 6, 2008 at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Royce Focus Trust, Inc. to be held on September 25, 2008, and at any adjournment thereof.

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