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Item 1. Reports to Shareholders.

## JUNE 30, 2018 Stockholders

2018 Semiannual Review and Report to

# A Few Words on Closed-End Funds

Royce & Associates, LP manages three closed-end funds: Royce Global Value Trust, which invests primarily in companies with headquarters outside of the United States, Royce Micro-Cap Trust, which invests primarily in micro-cap securities; and Royce Value Trust, which invests primarily in small-cap securities. A closed-end fund is an investment company whose shares are listed and traded on a stock exchange. 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 s Board of Directors. A closed-end fund raises cash for investment by issuing a fixed number of shares through initial and other public offerings that may include shelf offerings and 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, as with any publicly traded stock. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. This is in contrast to open-end mutual funds, which sell and redeem their shares at net asset value on a continuous basis.

#### A Closed-End Fund Can Offer Several Distinct Advantages

A closed-end fund does not issue redeemable securities or offer its securities on a continuous basis, so it does not need to liquidate securities or hold uninvested assets to meet investor demands for cash redemptions.

In a closed-end fund, not having to meet investor redemption requests or invest at inopportune times can be effective 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 in less liquid portfolio securities because it is not subject to potential stockholder redemption demands. This is potentially beneficial for Royce-managed closed-end funds, with significant investments in small- and micro-cap securities.

The fixed capital structure allows permanent leverage to be employed as a means to enhance capital appreciation potential.

Royce Micro-Cap Trust and Royce Value Trust distribute capital gains, if any, on a quarterly basis. Each of these Funds has adopted a quarterly distribution policy for its common stock.

We believe that the closed-end fund structure can be an appropriate investment for a long-term investor who understands the benefits of a more stable pool of capital.

#### Why Dividend Reinvestment Is Important

A very important component of an investor s total 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 54 and 55. For additional information on the Funds Distribution Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Options and the benefits for stockholders, please see page 56 or visit our website at www.roycefunds.com.

#### **Managed Distribution Policy**

The Board of Directors of each of Royce Micro-Cap Trust and Royce Value Trust has authorized a managed distribution policy (MDP). Under the MDP, Royce Micro-Cap Trust and Royce Value Trust pay quarterly distributions at an annual rate of 7% of the average of the prior four quarter-end net asset values, with the fourth quarter being the greater of these annualized rates or the distribution required by IRS regulations. With each distribution, the Fund will issue a notice to its stockholders and an accompanying press release that provides detailed information regarding the amount and composition of the distribution (including whether any portion of the distribution represents a return of capital) and other information required by a Fund s MDP. You should not draw any conclusions about a Fund s investment performance from the amount of distributions or from the terms of a Fund s MDP. A Fund s Board of Directors may amend or terminate the MDP at any time without prior notice to stockholders; however, at this time there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination of any of the MDPs.

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# Letter to Our Stockholders

# SMALL-CAP S FIRST HALF Value Trails For Now

During the first six months of 2018, small-cap stocks enjoyed the good times bred by a bull market that at this writing has not yet slowed down. Although the first half began with higher volatility and stalled equities prices and ended with a series of wild days that made the bullish second quarter feel more tumultuous than it was the overall direction of U.S. markets has remained positive, particularly for smaller stocks. For the year-to-date period ended June 30, 2018, the small-cap Russell 2000 Index gained 7.7%, well ahead of both the large-cap Russell 1000 (+2.9%) and S&P 500 (+2.6%) Indexes, while making a new historical high on June 20. Returns were even higher for micro-cap stocks the Russell Microcap Index advanced 10.7% for the same period.

This mostly welcome absolute and relative performance took place against the backdrop of an accelerating U.S. economy, a strong job market, and, in many cases, sterling corporate profit growth while at the same time global economic progress slowed, most notably in China and other large emerging markets. The major non-U.S. indexes slipped deeper into negative territory during the first half, as the combination of slower international growth, rising emerging market instability, a stronger dollar, and heightened trade war worries led investors to prefer all things domestic. (In fact, 35 of the 45 non-U.S. small-cap markets that we follow had declines in the first half of 2018, though only 26 were negative when measured in local currencies.) Still, growth continued to skew positive outside the U.S., with the important economies of Japan and Germany continuing to look solid.

#### Equity Indexes Average Annual Total Return as of 6/30/18 (%)

#### 1 Not annualized.

Small-Cap is represented by Russell 2000; Small-Cap Value is represented by Russell 2000 Value, Small-Cap Growth is represented by Russell 2000 Growth, Large-Cap is represented by Russell 1000, Micro-Cap is represented by Russell Microcap. For details on The Royce Funds performance in the period, please turn to the Managers Discussions that begin on page 8. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** 

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# We expect a leadership shift in the form of a reversion to the mean that would favor small-cap value outperforming small-cap growth over the next five years.

In this context, then, you would expect a small-cap specialist to be quite content, if not happy. This might especially be the case considering that small-caps as well as micro-caps have been true to their historical habit of outpacing larger companies through an economic expansion. Yet as much as we were pleased with first-half results, we find ourselves far from blissful. A closer look at small-cap performance in the first half reveals some genuine historical oddities in spite of all looking well on the surface. Our main concern is the disconnect between the confidence of the management teams we ve been meeting with and the relatively underwhelming performance for many cyclical industries. We anticipated that stocks in these industries would do better owing to their recent earnings strength and ongoing prospects as well as to the healthy state of the U.S. economy (each, of course, being related to the other). OBSTACLE ON THE TRACK The Troublesome 10-Year Treasury Yield Another related concern is the way in which the ongoing weakness of the 10-year Treasury yield is at odds with the quickened pace of U.S. economic growth when the 10-year has been sluggish in the past, it s often been seen as a symptom of economic weakness, and not without some justification. The fact that the economy has arguably been some distance down the track to normal for at least a couple of years remains a source of concern to us.

#### Road to Normalization: Economy vs Markets 1 Quarterly data. Source: Bloomberg

We invite you to consider the following five points: through the end of June, the U.S. economy had grown for 109 consecutive months, GDP growth has converged with its long-term average, unemployment reached an 18-year low in June, personal consumption expenditure inflation hit the Fed s 2% target in May, and short rates were rising. Additionally, we re also seeing the early signs of inflation. Most are registering in increased commodity, raw material, and other input costs, which is historically familiar economic territory. History also shows, however, that these developments are also typically coincident with rising interest rates. So far, though, the 10-year Treasury yield has stubbornly refused to acquiesce to history making the 10-year the major obstacle on the path back to normal in our view.

From our perspective as highly active, valuation-sensitive small-cap specialists, the most frustrating have been those periods when the 10-year yield has fallen back. It seems to us that nearly every time it has declined over the last 18 months, the market has witnessed a subsequent flight to high yield or growth stocks while value and economically sensitive issues struggled to keep pace. It almost seems as if investors became temporarily convinced that we had slipped back into the 2010-2015 era of quantitative easing and zero interest rates. We think it bears emphasizing that, for all its uncertainty, the current environment could not be more different. Yet the disconnect persisted into June.

The critical question, then, is, what happens next? More pertinently for our investors, the question can be phrased in a more specific way as, are we likely to see a shift in small-cap style and sector leadership? We believe that we will. The second quarter saw an admittedly short-term sign when the Russell 2000 Value Index shook off five straight quarters of underperformance to outpace its small-cap growth counterpart, up 8.3% versus 7.2%. But exactly when, and under what conditions, a longer-running shift materializes remains to be seen, of course. To be sure, the kind of leadership change that we expect from growth to value and from defensives to cyclicals seldom occurs without a fair bit of volatility.

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#### SMALL-CAP HIGHS

#### **Returns, Valuations and Risks**

Putting the issue of market turbulence aside for a moment, the timing does seem apt to us for a change. First, the two-year cumulative return at the end of June for the Russell 2000 was 46.5% which is a wonderful, but sadly not a sustainable, pace. Second, the one-, five-, and 10-year average annual total returns for the small-cap index for the period ended June 30, 2018 were all comfortably ahead of their long-term monthly rolling averages.

#### **Recent Small-Cap Returns Higher Than History**

#### Russell 2000 through 6/30/18

When we look at the same information for the Russell 2000 Growth Index, the contrast is even more stark, with its latest five-year return significantly in excess of its historical rolling average. This is one important reason why we expect a leadership shift in the form of a reversion to the mean that would favor small-cap value outperforming small-cap growth over the next five years.

The state of small-cap valuations also looks unsustainably high to us, particularly if we see a continued, and more consistent, rise in the 10-year yield. While the P/E ratio for the Russell 2000 did not look especially rich at the end of June, another valuation metric, the last twelve months enterprise value to earnings before interest and taxes (EV/EBIT) which we use most frequently when examining companies tells a different story, one that reveals higher-than-average historical valuations. The currently elevated state of returns and valuations could mean that we are entering a longish period of multiple compression, which is one reason why we prefer select small-caps with strong earnings prospects and/or modest valuations. If we see increased volatility over the balance of the year, these types of stocks look better positioned to cope with it effectively.

Based on earnings and cash flow quality as well as confident management teams we are seeing superior fundamentals in selected cyclical areas that other investors are avoiding. For example, the supply/demand dynamics in a number of industries, such as semiconductors & semiconductor equipment, transportation, and chemicals, look favorable to us and do not appear to us to be fully reflected in their current valuations. Many cyclical companies appear much better positioned for intermediate-term growth than defensive and/or growth stocks. While most of these cyclical stocks have lagged the field over the last 18 months, they are also more reasonably priced than defensives based on EV to EBIT. We remain convinced that fundamentally strong small-cap companies, especially those with attractive-to-reasonable valuations, will become more appealing to investors as confidence in the U.S. economy continues to build. **Cyclicals Cheaper than Defensives** Median LTM EV/EBIT1 Ex. Negative EBIT

#### for Russell 2000 as of 6/30/18

There s a related point that may be equally important when considering valuations: The sheer size and diversity of the small-cap asset class means that there are almost always opportunities to find what we think are promising or quality businesses trading at attractive discounts. Based on EV/EBIT, the bottom three deciles of the Russell 2000 were trading at sizable discounts compared to the median for the index as a whole at the end of June.

#### Many Small-Caps Sell at a Significant Discount

Bottom Three Deciles in Russell 2000 Median LTM EV/EBIT1 Ex. Negative EBIT as of 6/30/18 1 Last Twelve Months Enterprise Value/Earnings Before Interest and Taxes

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#### VOLATILITY AND INTEREST RATES Both On the Rise

During the first quarter, the Russell 2000 moved 1% or more in 33% of its trading days compared to 18% in all of 2017. Another volatility measure, the CBOE Russell 2000 Volatility Index (RVX), measures market expectations of near-term volatility conveyed by Russell 2000 stock index option prices. The RVX has averaged 24.0% per year since its inception on 1/2/04. Its average in 2017 was 15.9%, and its year-to-date average through the end of June 2018 was 17.5%. Eighteen months of lower volatility suggests strongly to us that increased volatility is likely.

We also believe that the upward trend in rates is under way and suspect that the 10-year yield will begin to move up more consistently over the next year. We see both rising rates and increased volatility as healthy. In fact, looking once more at history, we find that periods of rising rates have been favorable for small-cap stocks on both an absolute and relative basis. When the 10-Year Treasury yield was rising, the Russell 2000 outperformed the large-cap Russell 1000 in 70% of monthly rolling one-year periods for the 20-year period ended 6/30/18, with an average one-year return of 23.8% versus 19.2% for large-cap. Our expectations for absolute small-cap returns are more modest, though we do expect this historical relative return spread pattern to hold up.

#### How Have Small-Caps Performed When Rates Were Rising?

Russell 2000 vs Russell 1000 Trailing Monthly Rolling 1-Year Returns When

10-Year Treasury Yield was Rising From 6/30/98 through 6/30/18 10-Year Treasury Yield rose in 92 of 229 periods

More specifically, we see rising rates as a phenomenon that should also be helpful to risk-conscious active managers in the small-cap space primarily because it fosters an environment where better balance sheet companies are likely to be rewarded for their fiscal prudence. In other words, risk management matters. This is relevant today because of the increased leverage specifically financial leverage within the Russell 2000. And as rates continue to move up, the overall small-cap index looks increasingly risky. As active managers, we have the ability to screen and scrutinize small-cap businesses with better balance sheets and shy away from those that we see as having excess financial leverage. (It is worth mentioning that the market has largely ignored better balance sheet companies for much of the last 10 years.) Most of our strategies gravitate toward companies with low debt. We would rather focus on companies that have great operating leverage but not financial leverage. With rising rates, inflation, and economic growth becoming established, the market seems to be transitioning into an environment that will favor similar qualities. REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL We are therefore of two minds about the current cycle. On the one hand, we think that we could see some consolidation or a correction the latter certainly seems more probable now than it did a year ago. Yet we remain optimistic about small-cap earnings growth and like the fundamentals of our holdings across our strategies in terms of balance sheets, cash flows, and earnings strength. It is in cyclical areas, including Industrials, the more cyclical precincts of technology, and Materials, and that we have most often uncovered what we judge to be the best combination of value, quality, and/or growth prospects. And this has always been a function of our bottom-up process rather than a top down view of the economy.

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We see signs of progress that in our view place us squarely on the road to normalization, which was evident in the modest increases in bond yields and the reemergence of value s leadership in 2018 s second quarter.

This is why many of our portfolios have had perennially higher weightings in those sectors (and while others we manage have had high weightings in Financials and Consumer Discretionary). We also long ago developed the practice of leaning into those areas of the asset class where we see excess pessimism. Investments in industries that the rest of the market is abandoning have often borne fruit, though we have learned through decades of small-cap asset management that it usually requires a great deal of patience measured in years in many cases before the arrival of a bountiful harvest.

We think it s worth noting that the three changes in the market environment that we expect lower returns, higher volatility, and value/cyclical leadership have all historically been coincident with leadership for active management. We see signs of progress that in our view place us squarely on the road to normalization, which was evident in the modest increases in bond yields and the reemergence of value s leadership in 2018 s second quarter. There were other equally positive signs in July, including stabilizing macro indicators from outside the U.S., a welcome rebound in the performance of many industrial companies, and ongoing earnings strength for several cyclical areas. We expect to see more signs of normalizing markets to emerge as the year goes on.

Sincerely,

Charles M. RoyceChristopher D. ClarkFrancis D. Gannon Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, andCo-Chief InvestmentOfficer, Royce & Associates, LPCo-Chief Investment Officer,Royce & Associates, LPValue 31, 2018

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# Performance

#### NAV Average Annual Total Returns

As of June 30, 2018 (%)

YTD1 1-YR 3-YR 5-YR 10-YR 15-YR 20-YR 25-YR 30-YR SINCE

#### INCEPTION INCEPTION

 DATE
 Royce Global Value Trust
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#### 1 Not annualized.

#### Important Performance and Risk Information

All performance information in this Review and Report reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, net of the Fund s investment advisory fee, and reflects the reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted. Current month-end performance may be obtained at www.roycefunds.com. The Funds are closed-end registered investment companies whose respective shares of common stock may trade at a discount to the net asset value. Shares of each Fund s common stock are also subject to the market risk of investing in the underlying portfolio securities held by each Fund. Certain immaterial adjustments were made to the net assets of Royce Value Trust at 6/30/18, for financial reporting purposes, and as a result the total return based on that net asset value differs from the adjusted net asset value and total return reported in the Financial Highlights. All indexes referenced are unmanaged and capitalization-weighted. Each index s returns include net reinvested dividends and/or interest income. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is a trademark of Russell Investment Group. The Russell 2000 Index is an index of domestic small-cap stocks that measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest publicly traded U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell Microcap Index includes 1,000 of the smallest securities in the small-cap Russell 2000 Index, along with the next smallest eligible securities as determined by Russell. The Russell Global Small Cap Index is an unmanaged, capitalization-weighted index of global small-cap stocks. The performance of an index does not represent exactly any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns include net reinvested dividends and/or interest income. Royce Value, Micro-Cap and Global Value Trust shares of common stock trade on the NYSE. Royce Fund Services, LLC (RFS) is a member of FINRA and files certain material with FINRA on behalf of each Fund. RFS is not an underwriter or distributor of any of the Funds.

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# MANAGERS DISCUSSION Royce Global Value Trust (RGT)

Chuck Royce

#### David Nadel

#### Chris Flynn FUND PERFORMANCE

**Royce Global Value Trust was down 0.9% on a net asset value (** NAV ) basis and 2.8% on a market price basis for the year-to-date period ended June 30, 2018, in both cases underperforming its unleveraged benchmark, the Russell Global Small Cap Index, which rose 0.7% for the same period. While U.S. stocks generally did well, most international indexes slipped into negative territory during 2018 s first six months, as the combination of a modest slowdown in international growth, rising emerging market instability, a stronger dollar, and heightened trade war concerns all affected results.

**WHAT WORKED... AND WHAT DIDN T** Six of the Fund s 11 equity sectors detracted from first-half results. Led by Consumer Discretionary and Industrials, their respective negative impacts were somewhat modest. Vakrangee, which detracted most at the position level, is an Indian company that operates a network of outlets providing everyday transactional services to mostly rural consumers, primarily in under-served areas. During the first quarter, the company faced questions about corporate governance and its internal investment policy, among other issues. Although Vakrangee refuted these allegations, the cloud overhanging the firm s credibility gave us pause, and we exited our position in April. Burkhalter Holding is the leading provider of electrical engineering services in Switzerland. Its stock price was hurt by increasing talk that competition would pressure pricing. Seeing these issues as more temporal than structural, we chose to hold our shares during the first half.

The stock of California-based laser diode and equipment maker Coherent underwent a correction in the first half after the company s announcement of slightly better-than-expected results came with a more muted profit outlook. Already reducing our position in 2017, we held our position in the first half in expectation of a recovery in its previously strong profitability. The U.K. s Clarkson is the world s largest ship broker. After a few difficult years, the company described an improving environment for its business in hiring ships to transport commodities in March. The firm then reversed course in April when it issued a profit warning, which sent its shares into a tailspin. Thinking about the long term, we added to our position in the first half.

Energy was the top-contributing sector in the first half, and the top contributor at the industry level was energy equipment & services, as the rebound for oil prices fed through to improved prospects for these businesses. Norway s TGS-NOPEC Geophysical, which provides geoscience data to oil and gas companies worldwide, was the top contributor in this industry and in the portfolio as a whole. Its revenue and earnings were boosted by improving exploration and production spending, higher oil prices, and the longer-term need for energy companies to replenish reserves, which is driving increased spending on seismic data. Virtu Financial uses its technology to act as a market maker and liquidity provider to the global financial markets. Based in New York City, the firm announced impressive first-quarter results in profits and earnings thanks to increased market volatility and high trading volumes. From the Industrials sector, Kirby Corporation has the largest inland and coastal tank barge fleet in the U.S. and also draws revenue from servicing and distributing industrial engines, transmissions, parts, and oil field services equipment. The tank barge markets seem to be recovering well, thanks to retirements of older barges, limited new builds, and solid utilization rates. Kirby has also benefited from two recent acquisitions over the last 18 months that are allowing it to drive industry consolidation.

Relative to the Russell Global Small Cap, the major source of underperformance was ineffective stock selection in the Information Technology sector, most impactfully in the IT services and electronic equipment, instruments & components industries. Stock picking detracted in Health Care, particularly in the health care equipment & supplies group. Conversely, stock selection was a strength versus the benchmark in the Energy sector s energy equipment & services industry, while a smaller advantage came from stock picks in Industrials, where the machinery group did best.

#### **Top Contributors to Performance**

Year-to-Date Through	TGS-NOPEC Geophysical 0.73		Virtu Financial Cl. A 0.47		A 0.47	Kirby		
Corporation 0.39	Bravura Solutions	0.33	Nanometrics	0.27	1 Includes d	ividends		
Top Detractor	Top Detractors from Performance							
Year-to-Date Through	6/30/18 (%)2	Vakrang	ee -0.31	Burkhalte	r Holding -(	0.28	Coherent	-0.26
Clarkson -0.24	ManpowerGroup -0	.23 2	Net of dividends					

**CURRENT POSITIONING AND OUTLOOK** The market s recent behavior looks curious to us. We hear optimism and solid progress from the management teams we meet with, see solid earnings reports, and observe consistently strong macroeconomic data. On the other hand, small-cap market leadership in the U.S. has stubbornly remained with defensive and yield-oriented stocks, while cyclicals have lagged. In addition, the rate of change in global growth has slowed, as measured by global PMIs (the Purchasing Managers Index, an indicator of economic health for manufacturing and service sectors), while the effects of tariffs are just now registering and are only likely to intensify before a resolution is reached. All of this raises the degree of difficulty for U.S. equities to maintain their recent performance pace and for non-U.S. stocks to rebound. We do believe, however, that the portfolio holds companies that are well positioned to execute effectively in a more challenging environment. 8 | 2018 Semiannual Report to Stockholders

#### PERFORMANCE AND PORTFOLIO REVIEW SYMBOLS MARKET PRICE RGT NAV XRGTX

 Performance
 Average
 Annual
 Total
 Return (%)
 Through 6/30/18
 JAN-JUN 20181
 1-YR
 3-YR
 SINCE INCEPTION (10/17/13)

 RGT (NAV)
 -0.88
 11.89
 9.69
 6.48
 1
 Not Annualized

#### Market Price Performance History Since Inception (10/17/13)

Cumulative Performance of Investment1

1-YR 5-YR 10-YR 15-YR 20-YR SINCE INCEPTION (10/17/13) RGT 10.5% N/A N/A N/A N/A 24.4%

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Reflects the cumulative performance experience of a continuous common stockholder who purchased one share at inception (\$8.975 IPO) and reinvested all distributions.

Reflects the actual month-end market price movement of one share as it has traded on NYSE and, prior to 12/1/03, on the Nasdaq.

The **Morningstar Style Map** is the **Morningstar Style Box** with the center 75% of fund holdings plotted as the **Morningstar Ownership Zone**. The Morningstar Style Box is designed to reveal a fund s investment strategy. The Morningstar Ownership Zone provides detail about a portfolio s investment style by showing the range of stock sizes and styles. The Ownership Zone is derived by plotting each stock in the portfolio within the proprietary Morningstar Style Box. Over time, the shape and location of a fund's ownership zone may vary. See page 66 for additional information.

Top 10 Positions% of Net AssetsKirby Corporation2.1FLIR Systems2.1TGS-NOPEC Geophysical1.6VirtuFinancial Cl. A1.5Computer Modelling Group1.4VZ Holding1.4SEI Investments1.3Spirax-Sarco Engineering1.3Lazard Cl. A1.2Raven Industries1.2

Portfolio Sector Breakdown% of Net AssetsIndustrials28.1Information Technology17.6Financials15.3Health Care8.8Materials8.8Consumer Discretionary6.7Energy5.3Real Estate2.6Consumer Staples2.4Telecommunication Services0.3Utilities0.1Cash and Cash Equivalents, Net of Outstanding Line of Credit4.0

Calendar Year Total Returns (%) YEAR RGT 2017 31.1 2016 11.1 2015 -3.4 2014 -6.2

#### Portfolio Country Breakdown1,2

% of Net Assets United States 27.5 United Kingdom 10.1 Canada 9.8 Japan 7.3 Australia 4.9 Switzerland 4.2 France 3.7 1 Represents countries that are 3% or more of net assets. 2 Securities are categorized by the country of their headquarters.

Portfolio DiagnosticsFund Net Assets\$129 millionNumber of Holdings260Turnover Rate23%Net Asset Value\$12.37Market Price\$10.51Average Market Capitalization1\$1,855 millionWeighted Average P/E Ratio2,320.0xWeighted Average P/B Ratio22.6xActive Share497%1

**Geometric Average.** This weighted calculation uses each portfolio holding s market cap in a way designed to not skew the effect of very large or small holdings; instead, it aims to better identify the portfolio s center, which Royce believes offers a more accurate measure of average market cap than a simple mean or median.

Harmonic Average. This weighted calculation evaluates a portfolio as if it were a single stock and measures it overall. It compares the total market value of the portfolio to the portfolio s share in the earnings or book value, as the case may be, of its underlying stocks.

The Fund s P/E ratio calculation excludes companies with zero or negative earnings (7% of portfolio holdings as of 6/30/18).

Active Share is the sum of the absolute values of the different weightings of each holding in the Fund versus each holding in the benchmark, divided by two.

#### Important Performance and Risk Information

All performance information reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, net of the Fund s investment advisory fee, and reflects the reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted. Returns as of the most recent month-end may be obtained at www.roycefunds.com. The market price of the Fund s shares will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when sold. The Fund invests primarily in securities of small- and mid-cap companies, which may involve considerably more risk than investments in securities of larger-cap companies. The Fund s broadly diversified portfolio does not ensure a profit or guarantee against loss. From time to time, the Fund may invest a significant portion of its net assets in foreign securities, which may involve political, economic, currency and other risks not encountered in U.S. investments. Regarding the Top Contributors

and Top Detractors tables shown above, the sum of all contributors to, and all detractors from, performance for all securities in the portfolio would approximate the Fund s year-to-date performance for 2018.

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Royce Global Value Schedule of Investments 4.9%	e Trust Common Stocks	96.0%	SHARES	VALUE	AUSTRALIA
ALS					
140,000 \$ 781,197					
Ausdrill					
109,800 149,108					
Bingo Industries					
60,700 120,388					
Bravura Solutions					
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5,500 814,747					
Hansen Technologies					
335,000 780,938					
HT&E					
53,400 99,192					
Imdex 1					
83,800 76,590					
IPH					
365,000 1,202,026					
NetComm Wireless 1					
30,000 24,533					
Seeing Machines 1					
1,474,517 243,249					
Tassal Group					

23,000	70,297						
Technolog	y One						
285,000	896,386	Total (Cost \$5,618,222)	6,387,042	AUSTRIA 0.8%			
Mayr-Melnh	of Karton						
7,500	1,012,483	Total (Cost \$893,160)	1,012,483	BELGIUM 0.4%			
Radisson I	Hospitality 1						
180,000	577,777	Total (Cost \$505,978)	577,777	BRAZIL 2.2%			
B3							
32,847	173,314						
Construtora	Tenda 1						
20,000	122,763						
CVC Brasi	l Operadora	e Agencia de Viagens					
17,400	7,400 202,923						
Direcional Engenharia 1							
40,900	62,895						
Industrias R	omi						
51,900	73,516						
Internationa	l Meal Comp	any Alimentacao					
25,000	51,152						
MRV Engen	haria e Parti	cipacoes					
21,700	67,411						
OdontoPrev							
225,000	758,756						
T4F Entrete	nimento						
50,400	102,731						
Tegma Ge	stao Logistic	a					
24,300	96,617						

## TOTVS

168,000	1,179,024	Total (Cost \$3,265,772)	2,891,102	CANADA 9.8%
Agnico Eag	le Mines 2			
10,000	458,300			
Altus Group				
38,000	847,207			
Calfrac Wel	I Services 1			
45,800	194,397			
Canaccord	Genuity Group			
92,000	508,059			
Canadian	Western Bank			
4,600	121,241			
Computer I	Modelling Gro	ир		
234,000	1,797,741			
E-L Financia	al			
1,200	748,479			
FirstService	Corporation			
10,300	783,212			
Franco-Nev	ada Corporatio	n 2		
12,800	934,656			
Genworth M	II Canada			
13,000	423,033			
Gluskin She	eff + Associates	5		
23,000	287,270			
Hudbay Min	erals			
13,000	72,800			
Leucrotta E	xploration 1			

41,900 62,468

#### Magellan Aerospace

14,000 171,027

Major Drilling Group International 1

201,300 1,062,657

#### Morneau Shepell

50,000 1,033,735

#### North American Construction Group

31,000 184,450

Pan American Silver 2

31,800 569,220

Parex Resources 1

18,700 353,048

#### Solium Capital 1

66,000 577,842

#### Sprott

520,600 1,203,837

#### TORC Oil & Gas

22,400 125,064

#### Western Forest Products

101,250	206,405	Total (Cost \$12,322,145)	12,726,148		CHILE	0.1%	
SMU 1							
318,400	93,805	Total (Cost \$85,780)	93,805	CHINA	1.4%		
A-Living Se	ervices 1						
45,100	82,433						
China Communications Services							
303,600	192,323						

0.1%

oldings						
9						
7						
dings						
1 Total (Cost \$1,209,115)	1,770,176	CYPRUS 0.				
TCS Group Holding GDR						
Total (Cost \$114,206)	113,850	DENMARK 1.2%				
Total (Cost \$1,091,309)	1,510,067	EGYPT 0.4%				
<b>Total (Cost \$1,091,309)</b> onal Bank (Egypt)	1,510,067	EGYPT 0.4%				
	GDR	I 9 7 ctor 8 dings 1 <b>Total (Cost \$1,209,115) 1,770,176</b> GDR				

23,800 112,548

Egyptian Financial Group-Hermes

235,100	303,30				
Oriental We	eavers				
82,300	56,354	Total (Cost \$494,5	i74) 472,206	FINLAND 0.0%	
Ferratum					
1,300	24,594	Total (Cost \$37,828	) 24,594	FRANCE 3.7%	
Albioma					
3,100	69,942				
Interparfum	IS				
14,850	625,173	1			
Neurones					
26,339	738,208	}			
Rothschild	& Co				
33,000	1,115,6	58			
Sartorius	Stedim Bio	tech			
9,000	940,663				
Synergie					
1,200	59,137				
Thermado	r Groupe				
19,000	1,273,60	03 Total (Cost \$3,	335,183) 4,822,3	384 GEORGIA	0.1%
Bank of Ge	orgia Grou	р			
3,400	84,583				
Georgia C	Capital 1				
3,400	46,217	Total (Cost \$120,25	8) 130,800	GERMANY 2.7%	
Amadeus F	ire				
8,000	864,172				
Carl Zeiss	Meditec				
13,500	921,482				

CompuGroup Medical

8,000 411,066

FinTech Group 1

## 500 15,736

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Schedu	June 30, 2018 (unaudited) Schedule of Investments (continued) SHARES VALUE GERMANY (continued)							
MorphoSy	/s 1							
6,000	\$ 735,714							
STRATEO	C Biomedica	I						
5,051	394,613							
VIB Verm	oegen							
4,700	120,202	Total (Cost \$2,145,542)	3,462,985	GREECE 0.2%				
JUMBO								
4,700	77,500							
Sarantis								
5,800	50,122							
Star Bull	c Carriers 1							
8,000	102,880	Total (Cost \$219,753)	230,502	HONG KONG 1.3%				
HKBN								
150,000	230,958	3						
I.T								
378,400	270,093	3						
Pico Far E	East Holding	S						
526,500	213,402	2						
Texhong <sup>-</sup>	Textile Grou	р						
47,600	71,834							
Value Par	tners Group	,						
894,500	706,880	)						
Xinyi Glas	s Holdings							

159,800	195,330	Total (Cost \$1,440,404)	1,688,497	INDIA 2.0%
AIA Engi	neering			
45,000	985,186			
Borosil Gla	ass Works			
5,800	78,092			
Dewan Ho	using Finance	9		
21,500	199,577			
Jubilant I	ife Sciences			
16,300	166,890			
Manappur	am Finance			
27,550	39,667			
Mphasis				
2,400	37,831			
Phillips C	arbon Black			
27,000	85,751			
Radico Kh	aitan			
24,000	144,669			
Redington	India			
30,000	48,165			
SH Kelkar	& Company			
200,000	656,790			
Sterlite T	echnologies			
35,000	140,506	Total (Cost \$2,836,758)	2,583,124	INDONESIA 0.4%
Selamat S	empurna			
5,500,00	5 <b>02,791</b>	Total (Cost \$501,555)	502,791	IRELAND 0.6%
C&C Gro	up			

32,300

122,212

Irish Resi	dential Prop	erties REIT		
62,500	100,723			
Keywords	Studios			
25,000	588,609	Total (Cost \$272,181)	811,544	ISRAEL 0.1%
Nova Mea	asuring Instru	uments 1,2		
6,700	182,575	Total (Cost \$126,148)	182,575	ITALY 0.8%
Anima Ho	lding			
7,400	39,804			
DiaSorin				
7,500	855,706			
Openjobn	netis 1			
15,900	178,624	Total (Cost \$583,764)	1,074,134	<b>JAPAN</b> 7.3%
Ai Holding	<u>js</u>			
20,000	433,907			
As One				
15,000	1,041,864	4		
EPS Hold	lings			
34,600	742,534			
Financial	Products Gr	oup		
10,000	129,070			
Fujitec C	Company			
46,000	567,132			
Kyowa Ex	(eo			
7,000	183,923			
Leopalace	e21			
11,500	63,049			
Mandom	Corporation			

1,200 37,393

## **Meitec Corporation**

25,750 1,237,321

Nitto Kohki

2,900 67,946

## NS Solutions

7,000 176,589

## NSD

32,600 743,191

### Open House

2,050 121,465

## Pressance

6,150 95,098

## Relo Group

40,000 1,056,406

### Sun Frontier Fudousan

3,650 43,220

### TATERU

4,400 72,688

TKC Corporation

23,000 857,969

## Tokai Corporation

4,300 92,707

## Trancom

1,400 96,229

## USS

67,500 1,285,192

Yumeshir	n Holdings			
6,950	72,880			
Zenkoku	Hosho			
6,100	277,135	Total (Cost \$7,684,846)	9,494,908	MALAYSIA 0.2%
Kossan F	lubber Indus	tries		
98,100	204,967	Total (Cost \$202,847)	204,967	MEXICO 0.5%
Becle				
200,000	288,214	L		
Bolsa Me	xicana de Va	alores		
250,000	420,815	5 Total (Cost \$789,517)	709,029	NETHERLANDS 1.0%
AMG Adv	anced Meta	llurgical Group		
3,500	197,008			
DP Euras	ia 1			
119,700	250,231			
Intertrus	t			
50,000	888,696	Total (Cost \$1,433,730)	1,335,935	NEW ZEALAND 1.5%
Fisher & I	Paykel Healt	hcare		
102,875	1,037,49	94		
Trade Me	Group			
300,000	946,865	5 Total (Cost \$1,542,076)	1,984,359	NORWAY 1.8%
Kongsber	g Automotiv	e 1		
130,000	149,404	Ļ		
Leroy Se	eafood Grou	р		
12,300	82,883			
Protector	Forsikring 1			
8,950	72,968			
TGS-NO	PEC Geophy	ysical		

55,000	2,025,944	1 Total (Cost \$1,336,546)	) 2,331,199	PERU	0.1%	
Ferreycorp						
93,200	66,693	Total (Cost \$56,092)	66,693	PHILIPPINES	0.1%	
Pryce Corporation						
489,100	54,530					
Robinsons Retail Holdings						
69,200	103,085	Total (Cost \$184,559)	157,615	POLAND	0.2%	

Warsaw Stock Exchange

33,000 322,454 Total (Cost \$459,764) 322,454 THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018 Semiannual Report to Stockholders | 11 **Royce Global Value Trust** Schedule of Investments (continued) SHARES VALUE PORTUGAL 0.3% Sonae 313,400 \$ 376,968 Total (Cost \$421,495) 376,968 RUSSIA 0.5% **Globaltrans Investment GDR** 61,600 Total (Cost \$408,649) 628,320 SINGAPORE 1.2% 628,320 CSE Global 591,850 186,786 Midas Holdings 1,3 400,000 42,275 Sheng Siong Group 141,800 110,318 **XP** Power 24,000 1,118,093 Yanlord Land Group 134,300 Total (Cost \$1,071,962) 1,614,196 SOUTH AFRICA 0.7% 156,724 **Coronation Fund Managers** 59,000 250,796 JSE 15,000 177,266 Nampak 1 35,800 40,922 **PSG Group** 25,000 394,022 Total (Cost \$1,039,463) 863,006 SOUTH KOREA 1.1%

700	202,557					
Com2ι	JS					
600	90,444					
Eugene	Technology					
6,600	93,271					
Innoce	an Worldwide					
5,700	303,795					
Interojo						
2,800	87,053					
KIWOO	M Securities					
700	68,147					
Koh You	Koh Young Technology					
1,200	109,825					
Modetou	ur Network					
7,400	180,601					
S-1 Corporation						
2,600	225,823	Total (Cost \$1,417,075)	1,361,516	SPAIN 0.3%		
Atento 2	2					
65,400	447,990	Total (Cost \$622,537)	447,990	SRI LANKA 0.2%		
National Development Bank						
187,17	9 145,321					
Sampa	ath Bank 1					
28,368	54,299					
Sunshin	e Holdings					
154,02	5 51,568	Total (Cost \$270,465)	251,188	SWEDEN 2.7%		
Addtech	CI. B					

Addtech Cl. B

18,960 419,557

Bravida Holding					
120,000 953,248					
Dustin Group					
7,650 68,926					
Green Landscaping Holding 1					
40,000 115,220					
Hexpol					
110,000 1,144,612					
Knowit					
7,000 134,736					
Lagercrantz Group					
60,000 653,809 Total (Cost \$2,910,627) 3,490,108 SWITZERLAND 4.2%					
Burkhalter Holding					
10,000 847,218					
Forbo Holding					
110 164,617					
Kardex					
4,300 596,607					
LEM Holding					
500 747,248					
Partners Group Holding					
1,800 1,322,327					
VZ Holding					
VZ Holding 5,600 1,764,314 Total (Cost \$4,333,284) 5,442,331 TAIWAN 0.3%					
5,600 1,764,314 Total (Cost \$4,333,284) 5,442,331 TAIWAN 0.3%					

46,200	178,051				
TCI					
6,185	95,548	Total (Cost \$271,223)	391,421	THAILAND 0.2%	
Beauty Co	ommunity				
205,600	75,712	2			
Erawan G	roup (The)				
377,300	71,747	,			
Plan B Me	edia				
300,000	55,237	7 Total (Cost \$246,746)	202,696	TURKEY 0.1%	
Tat Gida S	Sanayi				
72,350	68,824	Total (Cost \$130,798)	68,824	UKRAINE 0.3%	
MHP GE	R				
30,000	399,000	Total (Cost \$411,612)	399,000	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 0.1%	
ADES Inte	ernational I	Holding 1			
8,100	103,275	Total (Cost \$107,934)	103,275	UNITED KINGDOM 10.1%	
Abcam					
28,000 492,953					
Ashmore Group					
279,000 1,373,425					
Biffa					
111,400 366,080					
Clarkson					
40,600 1,232,383					
Consort Medical					
57,500 904,557					
Conviviality 1,3					
61,200	0				

## Diploma

28,500 493,105

## dotdigital group

142,200 140,751

## Elementis

200,000 667,266

## Equiniti Group

331,000 1,078,988

## Ferroglobe

41,100 352,227

Ferroglobe (Warranty Insurance Trust)1,3

41,100 0

Go-Ahead Group

4,200 88,022

Hilton Food Group

16,100 211,205

#### Huntsworth

151,800 241,407

## ITE Group

380,341 401,564

ITE Group (Rights) 1

## 665,596 209,943

### Jupiter Fund Management

36,000 211,899

#### Polypipe Group

95,000 482,699

### Restore

## **RPC** Group

23,000 227,111

### SIG

100,000 184,369

## Spirax-Sarco Engineering

19,000 1,634,907

#### Staffline Group

8,400 103,875

### Stallergenes Greer 1

10,800 387,196

#### Victrex

22,500 865,294

- WANdisco 1
- 8,000 117,722

#### Xaar

53,591 169,391 Total (Cost \$12,593,083) 13,036,719 UNITED STATES 27.5%

#### Air Lease Cl. A

36,460 1,530,226

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	018 (unaudited) e of Investments (continued) S VALUE UNITED STAT	ES (continued)		
Brooks Auto	omation 2			
18,100	\$ 590,422			
CIRCOR Int	nternational 1			
32,200	1,190,112			
Cognex Cor	prporation			
10,748	479,468			
Coherent 1				
3,000	469,260			
comScore	91			
24,000	523,200			
Diebold Nixe	kdorf 2			
28,800	344,160			
Diodes 1				
20,500	706,635			
Dorian LPG	G 1			
4,475	34,189			
EnerSys 2				
11,000	821,040			
Expeditors I	International of Washington 2			
13,300	972,230			
FLIR Systems 2				
E1 E00	0.676.455			

51,500 2,676,455

Innospec 2,4

## 12,457 953,583

## Kadant

7,800 749,970

## KBR 2

58,700 1,051,904

## Kirby Corporation 1,2,4

32,900 2,750,440

## Lazard Cl. A

32,600 1,594,466

## Lindsay Corporation

13,700 1,328,763

### Littelfuse

4,000 912,720

## ManpowerGroup

8,800 757,328

### MBIA 1,2,4

80,300 725,912

### Nanometrics 1,2,4

35,600 1,260,596

National Instruments 2,4

15,200 638,096

### Popular

13,100 592,251

Quaker Chemical 2

6,069 939,906

#### **Raven Industries**

40,000 1,538,000

#### Rogers Corporation 1,2,4

- 4,800 535,008
- SEACOR Holdings 1
- 20,200 1,156,854

#### **SEACOR Marine Holdings 1**

20,309 468,935

#### **SEI Investments 2**

27,600 1,725,552

Signet Jewelers

5,500 306,625

Standard Motor Products

- 11,200 541,408
- Sun Hydraulics 2
- 15,139 729,549
- Tennant Company 2
- 11,600 916,400

#### Valmont Industries

5,400 814,050

#### Virtu Financial Cl. A 2

74,300 1,972,665

World Fuel Services

12,000	244,920	Total (Cost \$26,504,302)	35,543,298	URUGUAY	0.3%
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Arcos Dorados Holdings Cl. A

Total (Cost \$351,426) **TOTAL COMMON STOCKS** 46,800 325,260 325,260 (Cost \$104,022,293) **REPURCHASE AGREEMENT** 10.2% \$ 124,221,861 Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, 0.35% dated 6/29/18, due 7/2/18, maturity value \$13,162,384 (collateralized by obligations of various U.S. Government Agencies, 1.375% due 10/07/21, valued at \$13,428,459) (Cost \$13,162,000) 13,162,000 TOTAL INVESTMENTS 106.2% (Cost \$117,184,293) LIABILITIES LESS CASH AND OTHER ASSETS (6.2)% 137,383,861 (7,996,878) NET ASSETS 100.0% \$ 129,386,983

New additions in 2018. 1 Non-income producing. 2

All or a portion of these securities were pledged as collateral in connection with the Fund s revolving credit agreement at June 30, 2018. Total market value of pledged securities at June 30, 2018, was \$14,875,097.

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Securities for which market quotations are not readily available represent 0.0% of net assets. These securities have been valued at their fair value under procedures approved by the Fund s Board of Directors. These securities are defined as Level 3 securities due to the use of significant unobservable inputs in the determination of fair value. See Notes to Financial Statements.

4 At June 30, 2018, a portion of these securities were rehypothecated in connection with the Fund s revolving credit agreement in the aggregate amount of \$5,000,988.

Securities of Global/International Funds are categorized by the country of their headquarters, with the exception of exchange-traded funds.

#### Bold indicates the Fund s 20 largest equity holdings in terms of June 30, 2018, market value.

**TAX INFORMATION:** The cost of total investments for Federal income tax purposes was \$117,231,433. At June 30, 2018, net unrealized appreciation for all securities was \$ 20,152,428 consisting of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation of \$27,931,533 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation of \$7,779,105. The primary cause of the difference between book and tax basis cost is the tim