

# **ROYCE FUND**



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## **Summary Prospectus**

Royce Dividend Value Fund | July 15, 2024

RDVIX Investment Class Symbol | RYDVX Service Class Symbol

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Statutory Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information dated May 1, 2024. Each document contains more information about the Fund and its risks and is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this Summary Prospectus). The Fund's Statutory Prospectus, Statement of Additional Information, reports to shareholders, and other information about the Fund are available online at www.royceinvest.com/prospectus. You can also get this information at no cost by calling Investor Services at (800) 841-1180, sending an e-mail request at www.royceinvest.com/contact, or by contacting your financial intermediary.

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## **Royce Dividend Value Fund**

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#### **Investment Goal**

Royce Dividend Value Fund's investment goals are long-term growth of capital and current income.

#### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The following table presents the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Shares of the Fund purchased or held through a third party, such as a broker-dealer, bank, or other financial intermediary, may incur fees and expenses that are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

	INVESTMENT CLASS	SERVICE CLASS
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	0.00%	0.00%
Maximum deferred sales charge	0.00%	0.00%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	0.00%	0.00%

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management fees	0.85%	0.85%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	0.00%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.42%	0.51%
Total annual Fund operating expenses	1.27%	1.61%
Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements	-0.18%	-0.27%
Total annual Fund operating expenses after fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements	1.09%	1.34%

The total annual Fund operating expense ratios are subject to change in response to changes in the Fund's average net assets and/or for other reasons. A decline in the Fund's average net assets can be expected to increase the impact of operating expenses on the Fund's total annual operating expense ratios.

Royce has contractually agreed, without right of termination, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to maintain the Investment and Service Classes' net annual operating expenses (excluding brokerage commissions, taxes, interest, litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, and other expenses not borne in the ordinary course of business) at or below 1.09% and 1.34%, respectively, through April 30, 2025.

#### Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's total operating expenses (net of fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements for the Investment and Service Classes in year one) remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on the assumptions your costs would be:

	INVESTMENT CLASS	SERVICE CLASS
1 Year	\$111	\$136
3 Years	\$385	\$482
5 Years	\$680	\$851
10 Years	\$1,518	\$1,888

#### **Portfolio Turnover**

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 14% of the average value of its portfolio.



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### **Royce Dividend Value Fund**

#### **Principal Investment Strategy**

Royce Investment Partners ("Royce"), the Fund's investment adviser, invests the Fund's assets primarily in dividend-paying equity securities of companies with stock market capitalizations up to \$15 billion that it believes are trading below its estimate of their current worth. Royce bases this assessment chiefly on strong balance sheets and other indicators of financial strength. Royce also considers companies that it believes are well managed and/or have strong business prospects, as well as the potential for improvement in cash flow levels and internal rates of return.

The Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in dividend-paying equity securities, under normal circumstances. In addition, at least 65% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in equity securities of companies with stock market capitalizations up to \$15 billion at the time of investment. Although the Fund generally focuses on securities of U.S. companies, it may invest up to 25% of its net assets (measured at the time of investment) in securities of companies headquartered in foreign countries. The Fund may invest in other investment companies that invest primarily in equity securities. The Fund may sell securities to, among other things, secure gains, limit losses, redeploy assets into what Royce deems to be more promising opportunities, and/or manage cash levels in the Fund's portfolio.

#### **Primary Risks for Fund Investors**

As with any mutual fund that invests in common stocks, Royce Dividend Value Fund is subject to market risk—the possibility that common stock prices will decline over short and/or extended periods of time due to overall market, financial, and economic conditions, trends or events, governmental or central bank actions and/or interventions, changes in investor sentiment, armed conflicts, economic sanctions and countermeasures in response to sanctions, market disruptions caused by trade disputes or other factors, political developments, major cybersecurity events and acts of terrorism, the global and domestic effects of a pandemic or epidemic, contagion effects on the finance sector and the overall economy from banking industry instability, and other factors that may or may not be directly related to the issuer of a security held by the Fund. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are increasingly interconnected, and economic, financial, or political events in one country or region could have profound impacts on global economies or markets. Armed conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, as well as any banking industry instability, may adversely affect global economies, markets, industries, and individual companies in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. As a result, the value of your investment in the Fund will fluctuate, sometimes sharply and unpredictably, and you could lose money over short and/or long periods of time.

The prices of equity securities of companies with stock market capitalizations up to \$15 billion are generally more volatile than those of larger-cap securities. In addition, because these securities tend to have significantly lower trading volumes than larger-cap securities, the Fund may have difficulty selling holdings or may only be able to sell holdings at prices substantially lower than what Royce believes they are worth. Therefore, the Fund may involve considerably more risk of loss and its returns may differ significantly from funds investing in larger-cap companies or other asset classes. There is no assurance that there will be net investment income to distribute and/or that the Fund will achieve its investment goals.

As of December 31, 2023, the Fund invested a significant portion of its assets in a limited number of issuers. Such a portfolio may involve considerably more risk to investors than one that invests in a larger number of issuers because such a portfolio may be more susceptible to any single corporate, economic, political, regulatory, or market event.

A significant portion of the Fund's assets also may, from time to time, be invested in companies from a single sector or a limited number of sectors. Such an investment approach may involve considerably more risk to investors than one that is more broadly diversified across economic sectors because it may be more susceptible to corporate, economic, political, regulatory, or market events that adversely affect the relevant sector(s). As of December 31, 2023, the Fund invested a significant portion of its assets in companies from the Industrials and Financials sectors. Industrial companies can be significantly affected by commodity prices, import and export controls, worldwide competition, changes in consumer sentiment and spending, and liability for environmental damage, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control. Financial companies can be significantly affected by interest rate changes, global investment trends, market conditions, and currency exchange rates. Companies in both sectors can be significantly affected by general economic trends, government regulation and spending, and legislation.

Investment in foreign securities involves risks that may not be encountered in U.S. investments, including adverse political, social, economic, environmental, public health, and/or other developments that are unique to a particular region or country. Prices of foreign securities in particular countries or regions may, at times, move in a different direction and/or be more volatile than those of U.S. securities. Because the Fund does not intend to hedge its foreign currency exposure, the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's investments may be harmed by declines in the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar.

Royce's estimate of a company's current worth may prove to be inaccurate, or this estimate may not be recognized by other investors, which could lead to portfolio losses or underperformance relative to similar funds and/or the Fund's benchmark indexes. Additionally, selecting stocks based, in part, on a history of paying dividends may cause the Fund to underperform relative to funds that do not select stocks on this basis. Further, various factors may lead a company to unexpectedly reduce or eliminate dividend payments, which could adversely affect the market price of its securities. In addition, "value" stocks may remain undervalued for long periods (particularly during times of low or declining interest rates), undervaluation may become more severe, or perceived undervaluation may actually represent intrinsic value. Therefore, securities in the Fund's portfolio may not increase as much as the market as a whole and some securities may continue to be undervalued for long periods of time or may never reach what Royce believes are their full market values.

Investments in the Fund are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. This Prospectus is not a contract.

Cybersecurity incidents may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to Fund assets, Fund or investor data, or proprietary information. Such incidents may also cause the Fund, Royce, and/or their service providers to suffer data breaches, data corruption, or loss of operational functionality. In addition, cybersecurity incidents may prevent Fund

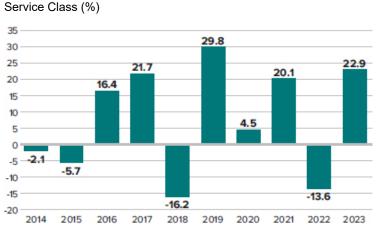
#### **Royce Small-Cap Portfolio (concluded)**

investors from purchasing, redeeming, or exchanging shares, as well as from receiving distributions. The Fund and Royce have limited ability to prevent or mitigate cybersecurity incidents affecting thirdparty service providers, and such third-party service providers may have limited indemnification obligations to the Fund or Royce. Cybersecurity incidents may result in significant financial losses to the Fund and its shareholders, and substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent any future cybersecurity incidents. Issuers of securities in which the Fund invests are also subject to cybersecurity risks, and the value of these securities could decline if the issuers are affected by cybersecurity incidents.

#### Performance

The following performance information provides an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. Past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The Calendar Year Total Returns chart shows performance year-by-year over the last ten years (Service Class used for illustrative purposes—returns differ by Class). The Average Annual Total Returns table shows how the Fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with those of the Russell 2500 Index, the Fund's primary benchmark index, and the Russell 2000 Index, the Fund's secondary benchmark index. The returns differ only to the extent that the Classes have different expenses because all Classes invest in the same portfolio of securities.

#### **Calendar Year Total Returns**



During the period shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a calendar quarter was 21.83% (quarter ended 6/30/20) and the lowest return for a calendar quarter was -30.72% (quarter ended 3/31/20).

The table also presents the impact of taxes on the Fund's returns (Service Class again used for illustrative purposes). In calculating these figures, we assumed that the shareholder was in the highest federal income tax bracket in effect at the time of each distribution of income or capital gains. We did not consider the impact of state or local income taxes. Your after-tax returns depend on your tax situation, so they may differ from the returns shown. This information does not apply if your investment is in an individual retirement account (IRA), a 401(k) plan, or is otherwise tax deferred because such accounts are subject to income taxes only upon distribution. Current month-end performance information for all share classes may be obtained at www.royceinvest. com or by calling Shareholder Services at (800) 841-1180.

Average Annual Total Returns As of 12/31/23 (%)				
	1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	
Service Class				
Return Before Taxes	22.92	11.57	6.58	
Return After Taxes on Distributions	19.78	9.27	4.17	
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	15.76	8.96	4.73	
Investment Class				
Return Before Taxes	23.12	11.84	6.83	
Russell 2500 Index				
(Reflects no deductions for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.42	11.67	8.36	
Russell 2000 Index				
(Reflects no deductions for fees, expenses, or taxes)	16.93	9.97	7.16	

#### **Investment Adviser and Portfolio Management**

Royce & Associates, LP is the Fund's investment adviser and a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware. Royce & Associates primarily conducts its business under the name Royce Investment Partners. Charles M. Royce is the Fund's portfolio manager. Mr. Royce has been portfolio manager since the Fund's inception. Effective September 30, 2024, Mr. Royce will no longer serve as a portfolio manager of the Fund. Miles Lewis will be the Fund's lead portfolio manager, Portfolio Manager Joseph Hintz, CFA®, will manage the Fund with him, and they will be assisted by Jag Sriram, CFA®, as of such date.

#### How to Purchase and Sell Fund Shares

Minimum initial investments for shares of the Fund's Investment and Service Classes purchased directly from The Royce Fund:

ACCOUNT TYPE	MINIMUM
Regular Account	\$2,000
IRA	\$1,000
Automatic Investment or Direct Deposit Plan Accounts	\$1,000
401(k) Accounts	None

The minimum for subsequent investments is \$50, regardless of account type.

Investment and Service Class shares of the Fund purchased through a third party, such as a broker-dealer, bank, or other financial intermediary, may be subject to investment minimums that differ from those described in this Prospectus.

You may request to sell shares in your account at any time online, by telephone, and/or by mail. You may also purchase or sell Fund shares through a third party, such as a broker-dealer, bank, or other financial intermediary.

#### **Tax Information**

The Fund intends to make distributions that are expected to be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains unless you are tax exempt or your investment is in an IRA, a 401(k) plan, or is otherwise tax deferred.

#### **Financial Intermediary Compensation**

If you purchase the Fund through a financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay such intermediary for the sale of Fund shares, shareholder services, or other purposes. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

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### More information on The Royce Fund is available free upon request, including the following:

#### Annual/Semiannual Reports

Additional information about a Fund's investments, together with a discussion of market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance, is available in the Funds' annual and semiannual reports to shareholders. These reports are also available (without charge) online at **www.royceinvest.com/literature** and upon request by calling (800) 841-1180.

#### Statement of Additional Information ("SAI")

The SAI provides more details about The Royce Fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at **www.royceinvest.com/literature** and upon request by calling (800) 841-1180. It is also on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is incorporated by reference into this prospectus (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

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Through the Internet: Prospectuses, applications, IRA forms, and additional information are available through our website at www.royceinvest.com/literature.

Text only versions of the Funds' prospectus, SAI, and other documents filed with the SEC can be viewed online or downloaded from **www.sec.gov**.

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