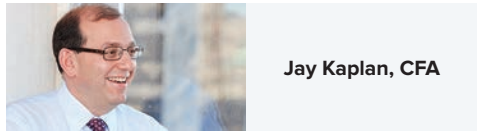




Royce Capital Fund—Small-Cap Portfolio



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Small-Cap Value Approach¹

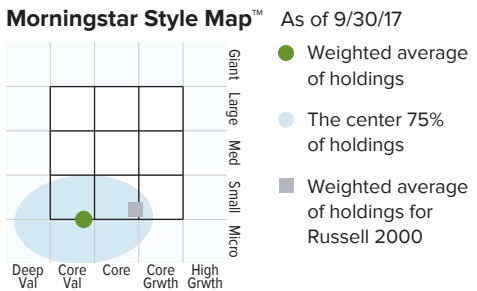
\$1.37_B
Avg Market Cap²

Above Average Volatility³

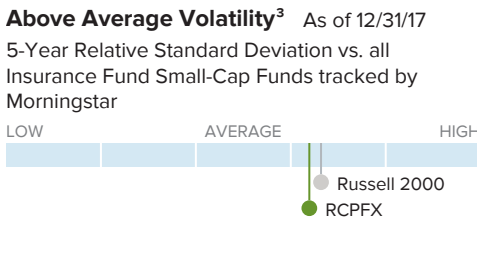
97%
Active Share⁴

Portfolio Manager Tenure

14+
Years on Fund⁵



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.



Portfolio Diagnostics

2017 Annual Turnover Rate	91%
Weighted Average P/E Ratio ^{6,7}	16.9x
Weighted Average P/B Ratio ⁶	1.9x
Net Assets	\$492M
Number of Holdings	74
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	11.9%

Why invest in Royce Capital Fund—Small-Cap Portfolio?

- Small-cap value fund (generally market caps up to \$3 billion) that focuses on companies with above-average profitability and low leverage that are selling at attractive valuations due to what Royce believes are temporary factors
- Pursues opportunities when expectations are low and focuses on industries where Royce sees the greatest number of compelling bargains
- Outperformed its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Index, in 74% of all monthly rolling 10-year periods for the 20 years ended 12/31/17

Performance and Expenses by Share Class

Average Annual Total Return through 12/31/17 (%)

	4Q2017*	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	SINCE INCEPT. (12/27/96)	ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES (%)	
									GROSS	NET
Investment	4.63	5.38	3.98	9.36	7.28	10.33	10.35	10.70	1.09	1.09
Service	4.46	5.10	3.70	9.06	6.99	10.11	10.18	10.55	1.34	1.34
Russell 2000	3.34	14.65	9.96	14.12	8.71	11.17	7.89	8.59	N/A	N/A

*Not Annualized

Important Performance and Expense Information

All performance information reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, reflects the reinvestment of distributions, and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that shares may be worth more or less than their original cost when redeemed. Current month-end performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted and may be obtained at www.roycefunds.com. The Fund's total returns do not reflect any deduction for charges or expenses of the variable contracts investing in the Fund. Operating expenses reflect the Fund's total annual operating expenses for the Investment (RCPFX) or Service (RCSSX) Class as of the Fund's most current prospectus and include management fees, and other expenses for the Investment Class and management fees, 12b-1 distribution and service fees, and other expenses for the Service Class.

All performance and risk information presented in this material prior to the commencement date of Service Class shares on 5/2/06 reflect Investment Class results. Service Class shares bear an annual distribution expense that is not borne by Investment Class shares. If Service Class's annual distribution expense had been reflected, total returns prior to 5/2/06 would have been lower. All performance charts reflect the Investment Class.

Relative Returns: Monthly Rolling Average Annual Return Periods

20 Years Through 12/31/17

On a monthly rolling basis, the Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 in 74% of all 10-year periods; 67% of all 5-year periods; and 51% of all 1-year periods.

	PERIODS BEATING THE INDEX	RCPFX AVG*	INDEX AVG*
10-year	89/121	74%	9.1
5-year	122/181	67%	10.5
1-year	116/229	51%	11.7

*Average of monthly rolling average annual total returns over the specified periods.

Absolute Returns: 10-Year Monthly Rolling Return Periods

Number of 10-Year Average Annual Return Periods From 12/27/96 to 12/31/17

RCPFX averaged a 9.7% return over all 133 10-year monthly rolling return periods.

RETURN RANGE (%)	PERIODS	% IN RANGE
> 10	57	43
> 5 and ≤ 10	74	56
> 0 and ≤ 5	2	2
≤ 0	0	0

“My goal is to find companies where expectations built into the current valuation are too low relative to what I believe is far more likely to happen.” —Jay Kaplan

1. Royce classifies the Fund as 'Value' because it anticipates the portfolio will have a weighted average price-to-book ratio or weighted average normalized price to earnings ratio lower than the Russell 2000 Index. 2. **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. 3. **Above Average Volatility.** The Fund was in the second-highest volatility quintile compared with all funds in Morningstar's Insurance Fund Small Growth, Insurance Fund Small Blend, and Insurance Fund Small Value Categories with at least five years of history, a total of 111 funds as of 12/31/17. The universe consists of each fund's oldest share class only. Volatility quintiles are based on the average five-year standard deviation for each of the last four calendar quarters. Higher volatility is usually associated with higher risk. 4. **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. 5. Mr. Kaplan has been the Fund's manager since 2003. 6. **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. 7. The Fund's P/E Ratio calculation uses trailing 12-month earnings and excludes companies with zero or negative earnings (4% of portfolio holdings as of 12/31/17).

Top 10 Positions

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

Spirit Airlines	2.7
Genworth MI Canada	2.6
Wabash National	2.3
Insight Enterprises	2.3
Vishay Intertechnology	2.3
Celestica	2.2
PC Connection	2.1
Fabrinet	2.0
Federated Investors Cl. B	2.0
Gentex Corporation	1.8

Portfolio Sector Breakdown

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

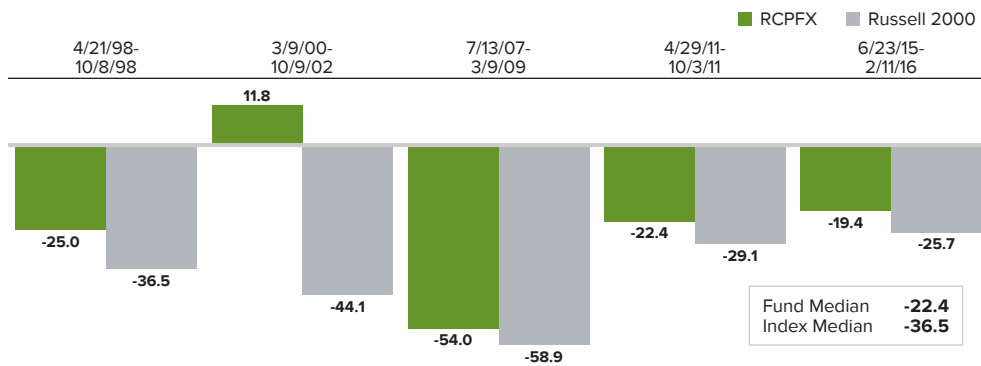
	RCPFX	RUSSELL 2000
Industrials	24.2	15.4
Information Technology	23.2	16.6
Financials	20.8	17.8
Consumer Discretionary	15.0	12.5
Energy	2.8	4.0
Consumer Staples	1.8	2.8
Health Care	1.7	15.3
Real Estate	1.5	6.7
Utilities	1.3	3.5
Materials	—	4.6
Telecommunication Services	—	0.8
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7.8	—

Calendar Year Total Returns (%)

YEAR	RCPFX	RUSSELL 2000
2017	5.4	14.6
2016	21.0	21.3
2015	-11.8	-4.4
2014	3.2	4.9
2013	34.8	38.8
2012	12.5	16.3
2011	-3.3	-4.2
2010	20.5	26.9
2009	35.2	27.2
2008	-27.2	-33.8
2007	-2.1	-1.6
2006	15.6	18.4
2005	8.6	4.6
2004	25.0	18.3
2003	41.1	47.3

Down Market Performance Comparison (%)

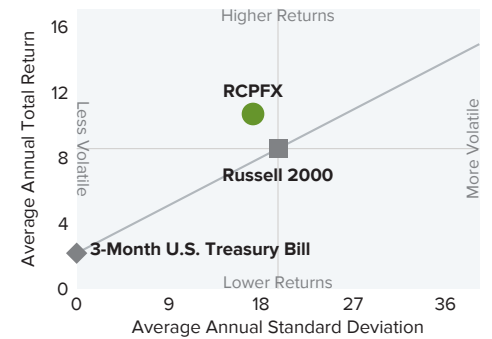
The Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 during all five downturns of 15% or more from the index's prior historical high since the Fund's inception.



Long-Term Risk/Return Profile

Fund's First Full Month (12/31/96) to 12/31/17 (%)

The Fund had a higher return than the Russell 2000 with lower volatility.



Market Cycle¹ Performance (%)

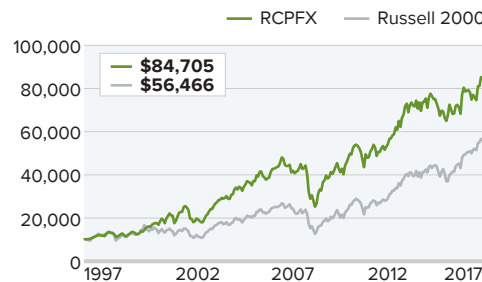
The Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 in two of the three most recent full market cycle periods.

	RCPFX	RUSSELL 2000
6/23/15-12/31/17 (Peak-to-Current)	9.3	22.9
4/29/11-6/23/15 (Peak-to-Peak)	43.5	58.5
7/13/07-4/29/11 (Peak-to-Peak)	11.4	6.6
3/9/00-7/13/07 (Peak-to-Peak)	233.2	54.8

¹Royce defines market cycles as peak-to-peak periods in which a peak is the market high prior to a decline of at least 15%.

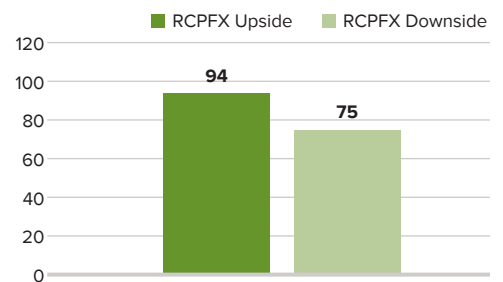
Value of \$10,000

Invested on 12/27/96 as of 12/31/17 (\$)



Upside/Downside Capture Ratio

Fund's First Full Quarter (12/31/96) to 12/31/17 (%)



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