



# Royce Total Return Fund



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**Small-Cap Value Approach<sup>1</sup>**

**\$2.21<sup>B</sup>**  
Avg Market Cap<sup>2</sup>

**Low Volatility<sup>3</sup>**

**90%**  
Active Share<sup>4</sup>

**Lead Manager Tenure**

**23+**  
Years on Fund<sup>5</sup>

## Why invest in Royce Total Return Fund?

- Small-cap value fund (generally market caps up to \$3 billion) that invests primarily in dividend-paying companies with high returns on invested capital and strong fundamentals
- Focuses on quality businesses with the ability to generate excess cash flow and attractive prospects that are selling at prices Royce believes do not fully reflect these attributes
- Has a long-term history of low volatility and better risk-adjusted returns than its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Index

## Performance and Expenses by Share Class

Average Annual Total Return through 9/30/17 (%)

	3Q2017*	YTD*	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	SINCE	ANNUAL OPERATING	
									INCEPT.	EXPENSES (%)	
									(12/15/93)	GROSS	NET
Institutional	5.95	8.93	19.30	10.41	12.27	7.26	10.23	9.28	11.04	1.07	1.07
Investment	5.91	8.85	19.14	10.27	12.13	7.13	10.10	9.19	10.96	1.21	1.21
Service	5.86	8.54	18.84	10.02	11.81	6.89	9.87	9.01	10.81	1.48	1.48
Russell 2000	5.67	10.94	20.74	12.18	13.79	7.85	11.37	7.53	9.26	N/A	N/A

\*Not Annualized

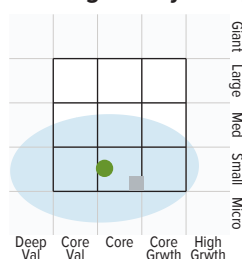
## Important Performance and Expense Information

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. Shares redeemed within 30 days of purchase may be subject to a 1% redemption fee, payable to the Fund, which is not reflected in the performance shown above; if it were, performance would be lower. (Institutional Class shares are not subject to the redemption fee.) Current month-end performance may be higher or lower than performance quoted and may be obtained at [www.roycefunds.com](http://www.roycefunds.com). Operating expenses reflect the Fund's total annual operating expenses for the Investment (RYTRX), Service (RYTFX), or Institutional (RTRIX) Class as of the Fund's most current prospectus and include management fees, other expenses, and acquired fund fees and expenses for the Investment or Institutional Class and management fees, 12b-1 distribution and service fees, other expenses, and acquired fund fees and expenses for the Service Class. Acquired fund fees and expenses reflect the estimated amount of the fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund through its investment in mutual funds, hedge funds, private equity funds, and other investment companies.

All performance and risk information presented in this material prior to the commencement date of Service Class shares on 1/3/02 and Institutional Class shares on 3/4/03 reflects Investment Class results. Service Class shares bear an annual distribution expense that is not borne by Investment or Institutional Class shares. If Service Class's annual distribution expense had been reflected, total returns prior to 1/3/02 would have been lower. The Investment and Institutional Classes would have substantially similar returns because all classes invest in the same portfolio of securities, differing only to the extent that the classes have different expenses. All performance charts reflect the Investment Class.

## Morningstar Style Map™

As of 6/30/17

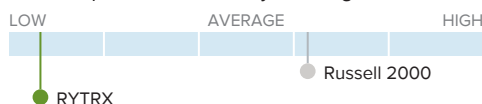


- Weighted average of holdings
- The center 75% of holdings
- Weighted average of holdings for Russell 2000

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.

## Low Volatility<sup>3</sup> As of 9/30/17

5-Year Relative Standard Deviation vs. all Small-Cap Funds tracked by Morningstar



## Relative Risk Adjusted Returns: Monthly Rolling Sharpe Ratios

20 Years Through 9/30/17

On a monthly rolling risk-adjusted basis, the Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 in 98% of all 10-year periods and 92% of all 5-year periods.

	PERIODS BEATING THE INDEX	RYTRX AVG*	INDEX AVG*
10-year	118/121	98%	0.45 0.33
5-year	167/181	92%	0.62 0.43

\*Average of monthly rolling sharpe ratios over the specified periods.

## Absolute Returns: 10-Year Monthly Rolling Return Periods

Number of 10-Year Average Annual Return Periods From 12/15/93 to 9/30/17

RYTRX averaged a 9.6% return over all 166 10-year monthly rolling return periods.

RETURN RANGE (%)	PERIODS	% IN RANGE
> 10	55	33
> 5 and ≤ 10	108	65
> 0 and ≤ 5	3	2
≤ 0	0	0

## Portfolio Diagnostics

2016 Annual Turnover Rate	16%
Weighted Average P/E Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	19.5x
Weighted Average P/B Ratio <sup>6</sup>	2.2x
Net Assets	\$2,476M
Number of Holdings	274
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	12.3%

“The process consists of three key elements: We devote as much attention to risk as we do to potential returns—capital preservation means as much as capital appreciation; we have an absolute return orientation that fosters realistic expectations for the stocks we buy; and we have a long-term investment horizon for the dividend-paying companies that we own and the portfolio itself.”—Chuck Royce

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. **Low Volatility.** The Fund was in the lowest volatility quintile compared with all funds in Morningstar's Small Growth, Small Blend, and Small Value Categories with at least five years of history, a total of 523 funds as of 9/30/17. 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. Royce has been the Fund's lead or co-manager since inception. 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 (5% of portfolio holdings as of 9/30/17).

**Top 10 Positions**

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

Top 200 holdings represented 96% of the Fund's equity investments as of 9/30/17.

Quaker Chemical	2.0
E-L Financial	1.8
ManpowerGroup	1.7
Erie Indemnity Cl. A	1.6
Albemarle Corporation	1.4
Woodward	1.4
Teleflex	1.3
Thor Industries	1.3
Tennant Company	1.2
MKS Instruments	1.2

**Portfolio Sector Breakdown**

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

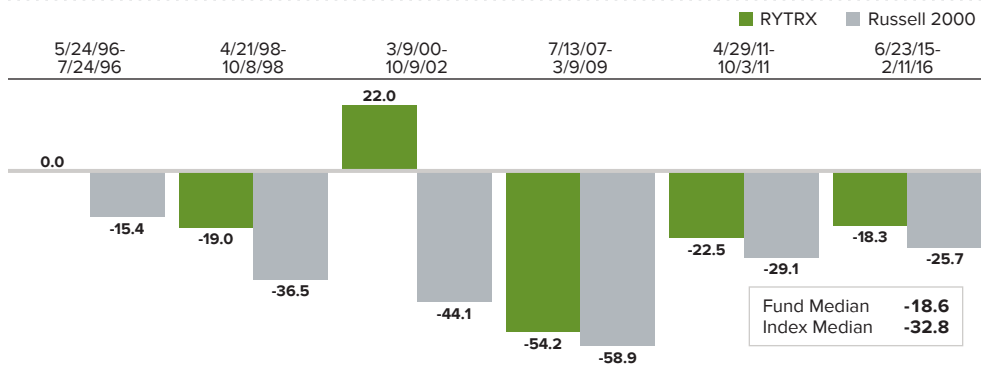
	RYTRX	RUSSELL 2000
Industrials	27.3	15.1
Financials	26.2	18.1
Materials	14.1	4.4
Consumer Discretionary	9.1	11.9
Information Technology	6.7	16.8
Health Care	4.6	15.5
Energy	3.3	3.7
Consumer Staples	3.0	2.7
Utilities	2.4	3.6
Telecommunication Services	0.9	0.8
Real Estate	0.4	7.2
Bonds & Preferreds	0.2	—
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.9	—

**Calendar Year Total Returns (%)**

YEAR	RYTRX	RUSSELL 2000
2016	25.9	21.3
2015	-7.2	-4.4
2014	1.3	4.9
2013	32.8	38.8
2012	14.4	16.3
2011	-1.7	-4.2
2010	23.5	26.9
2009	26.2	27.2
2008	-31.2	-33.8
2007	2.4	-1.6
2006	14.5	18.4
2005	8.2	4.6
2004	17.5	18.3
2003	30.0	47.3
2002	-1.6	-20.5

**Down Market Performance Comparison (%)**

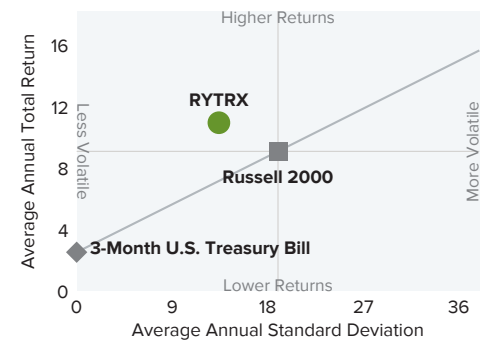
The Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 during all six downturns of 15% or more from the index's prior historical high since the Fund's inception.



**Long-Term Risk/Return Profile**

Fund's First Full Month (12/31/93) to 9/30/17 (%)

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



**Market Cycle<sup>1</sup> Performance (%)**

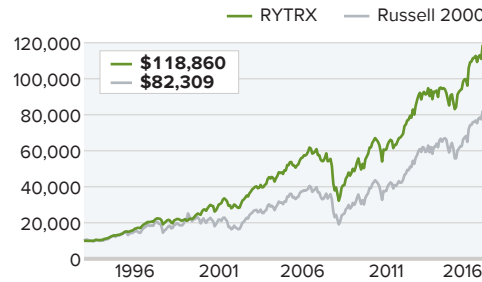
The Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 from the 6/23/15 index peak through current (9/30/17) and in two of the three most recent full market cycle periods.

	RYTRX	RUSSELL 2000
6/23/15-9/30/17 (Peak-to-Current)	22.3	18.9
4/29/11-6/23/15 (Peak-to-Peak)	44.8	58.5
7/13/07-4/29/11 (Peak-to-Peak)	6.8	6.6
3/9/00-7/13/07 (Peak-to-Peak)	193.9	54.8

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

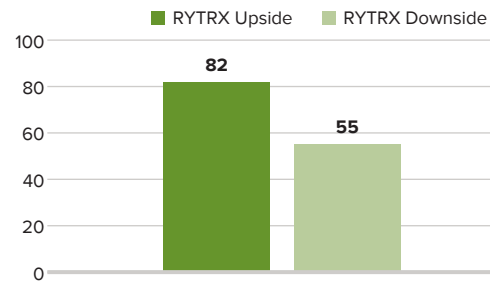
**Value of \$10,000**

Invested on 12/15/93 as of 9/30/17 (\$)



**Upside/Downside Capture Ratio**

Fund's First Full Quarter (12/31/93) to 9/30/17 (%)



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