



## Your Vote Is Important

No Matter How Many or  
How Few Shares You Own

# Royce Value Trust, Inc.

June 1, 2020

## Dear Stockholder,

Ahead of the Royce Value Trust, Inc. (the “Fund”) Special Meeting of Stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) scheduled to be held July 14, 2020, you are being asked to approve a new investment advisory agreement<sup>1</sup> with the Fund’s investment manager, Royce Investment Partners (“Royce”)<sup>2</sup>, to ensure that Royce continues operating the Fund and executing the strategy that is delivering outperformance for you year after year.

**It is important that all stockholders participate, and our records show that you have not yet voted.** To ensure that Royce continues operating the Fund, vote **“FOR”** the proposal put forward by Royce Value Trust on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card.

## Why Should I Vote to Approve the New Investment Advisory Agreement?



Royce has developed and implemented the Fund’s strategy to deliver superior returns. Approving these agreements will ensure that Royce can continue to operate the Fund and execute its strategy to deliver the returns you rely on.



Under Royce’s management, the Fund has consistently outperformed its benchmark<sup>3</sup> over key timeframes, including over the past 1-, 3-, 5-, 20-, 25-, and 30-year periods ended 3/31/20, as well as since the Fund’s inception (11/26/86)<sup>4</sup>. Additionally, the Fund outperformed its benchmark<sup>3</sup> in the previous full market cycle period and from the 8/31/18 index peak through 3/31/20<sup>4</sup>.



Importantly, the new investment advisory agreement will be substantially identical to the current agreement. This means there will be no changes to the Fund’s portfolio management personnel, investment objective, principal investment strategy, or investment guidelines, and the contractual investment advisory fee rate will also remain the same.

## What Happens If I Don’t Vote to Approve the New Investment Advisory Agreement?

If stockholders do not approve the new investment advisory agreement, the Fund may be forced to seek approval to liquidate.

### Liquidation could result in...



A meaningful loss of value for stockholders during a period of significant market volatility



Negative tax consequences

Protect the Value of Your Investment —  
Vote the **WHITE** Proxy Card Today



The Royce Value Trust, Inc. Board of Directors unanimously recommends that stockholders vote on the **WHITE** proxy card **“FOR”** the approval of the new investment advisory agreement with Royce to ensure that the Fund’s operations can continue uninterrupted.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Royce Value Trust, Inc. Board of Directors



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You can vote by internet, telephone or by signing and dating the **WHITE** proxy card and mailing it in the envelope provided. If you have any questions about how to vote your shares or need additional assistance, please contact:

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## REMEMBER

We urge you not to vote using any other colored proxy card as doing so will revoke your vote on the **WHITE** proxy card.

<sup>1</sup> Due to the “change of control” that will result from the pending combination of Legg Mason Inc. (“Legg Mason”) and Franklin Resources, Inc., a global investment management organization operating as Franklin Templeton, that will cause the Fund’s current investment advisory agreement to terminate in accordance with its terms as required by applicable law.

<sup>2</sup> Royce & Associates, LP is a Delaware limited partnership that primarily conducts its business under the name Royce Investment Partners.

<sup>3</sup> Fund benchmark is the Russell 2000 Index, an unmanaged, capitalization-weighted index of domestic small-cap stocks. It measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest publicly traded U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 index.

<sup>4</sup> Returns calculated on a net asset value (“NAV”) basis.

### Forward-looking Statement

This letter is not an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of the Fund. This letter may contain statements regarding plans and expectations for the future that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking and can sometimes be identified by the use of words such as “plan,” “expect,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “project,” “estimate,” “guidance,” “possible,” “continue” and other similar terms and phrases, although not all forward-looking statements include these words. Such forward-looking statements are based on the current plans and expectations of the Fund, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance and events to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Additionally, past performance is no guarantee of future results. Additional information concerning such risks and uncertainties are or will be contained in the Fund’s filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Fund’s Annual Report to Stockholders on Form N-CSR, for the year ended December 31, 2019, and subsequent filings with the Commission. These factors should be considered carefully and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The Fund undertakes no responsibility to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement.