

ROYCE FOCUS TRUST INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GEORGE W WHITNEY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ROYCE FOCUS TRUST INC [FUND]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2008

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President / VP - Investment Advisor

**ROYCE & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 1414 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**NEW YORK, NY 10019**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V Amount		
Common Stock	12/16/2008		G	D	\$ 4.158	589,544	I Held by wife
Common Stock	12/17/2008		P	A	\$ 4.2922	596,718	I Held by wife
Common Stock	12/18/2008		P	A	\$ 4.3943	602,018	I Held by wife
Common Stock						886,135	D
Common Stock						199,385	I

Common  
Stock

Held by  
children

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEORGE W WHITNEY ROYCE & ASSOCIATES, LLC 1414 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10019		X	Vice President	VP - Investment Advisor

## Signatures

W. Whitney  
George 12/18/2008

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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