# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2021



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Unitholders and Board of Directors Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Houston, Texas

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the selected fund, Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund, included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust (Trust), which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the selected fund, included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust, as of December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Trust and the selected fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's and the selected fund's ability to continue as going concerns within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's and the selected fund's internal control. Accordingly,
  no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's and the selected fund's ability to continue as going concerns for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the selected fund's basic financial statements. The schedule of investment purchases and sales listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Houston Texas

BKD, LLP

Houston, Texas May 27, 2022

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Fund December 31, 2021

Investments, at cost   \$ 6,817,921		Retur	yce Total n Collective ust Fund
Investments, at fair value	Assets		
Cash denominated in foreign currencies (cost - \$681)       681         Receivable for:       238         Capital shares sold       59,771         Investment advisor       5,796         Total assets       \$ 7,296,609         Liabilities         Accounts payable and accrued liabilities       \$ (100,695)         Payable to unitholder transition account       (213,558)         Total liabilities       \$ (314,253)         Net assets held for participants:       \$ 2,743,634         Class R – INSTL       \$ 2,743,634         Class R – LM       4,238,722         Units outstanding:       171,252         Class R – INSTL       171,252         Class R – INSTL       253,160         Total units outstanding       424,412         Net asset value per unit:       \$ 16,02         Class R – INSTL       \$ 16,02	Investments, at cost	\$	6,817,921
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Class R – LM \$ 16.74	Class R – INSTL	\$	16.02
	Class R – LM	\$	16.74

# Schedule of Investments Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund December 31, 2021

nares		Cost	Fa	ir Value
Short Term Investment				
172,214 Dreyfus Treasury & Agency Cash Management	_\$	172,214	\$	172,21
Total Short Term Investment	2.38%	172,214		172,21
Common Stock				
Consumer Discretionary				
6,405 Denny's Corp		97,257		102,48
2,298 Douglas Dynamics Inc		85,084		89,70
2,515 Franchise Group Inc		93,073		131,18
768 Gentex Corp		27,079		26,76
1,170 Global Industrial Co		39,288		47,83
273 Hyatt Hotels Corp		21,828		26,13
3,032 Levi Strauss & Co		76,837		75,8
1,160 MSC Industrial Direct Co Inc		107,018		97,5
982 PC Connection Inc		47,835		42,3
707 Ralph Lauren Corp		85,228		84,0
3,020 Reynolds Consumer Products Inc		83,993		94,8
1,129 Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc		107,174		114,8
98 Watsco Inc		15,994		30,6
Total Consumer Discretionary	13.34%	887,688		964,3
Consumer Staples				
2,000 Healthcare Services Group Inc		64,972		35,5
Total Consumer Staples	0.49%	64,972		35,5
Energy				
2,773 Championx Corp		75,946		56,04
1,033 Helmerich & Payne Inc		21,947		24,4
1,897 Oceaneering International Inc		21,211		21,4
Total Energy	1.41%	119,104		101,9
Financials				
1,124 Amerisafe Inc		68,361		60,5
366 Ares Management Corp		8,566		29,7

umber Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Financials (Continued)		
1,452 Artisan Partners Asset Management	\$ 73,	353 \$ 69,173
2,057 BankUnited Inc	97,	565 87,032
872 BOK Financial Corp	83,	249 91,987
400 Capstar Financial Holdings Inc	7,	294 8,412
321 CBTX Inc	10,	375 9,309
3,693 Compass Diversified Holdings	96,	939 112,932
901 Equitable Holdings Inc	25,	093 29,544
1,094 First American Financial Corp	56,	395 85,584
1,857 First Bancshares Inc		731 71,717
68 First Citizens Bancshares Inc	28,	334 56,429
2,355 First Hawaiian Inc	65,	208 64,362
2,075 HBT Financial Inc	32,	186 38,865
1,090 Heritage Commerce Corp	13,	395 13,015
4,606 Home Bancshares Inc	108,	
298 Hometrust Bancshares Inc		710 9,232
1,808 Independent Bank Group Inc	130,	
857 Moelis & Co	50,	052 53,571
2,952 Newtek Business Services Corp	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	620 81,564
683 Oceanfirst Financial Corp	11,	676 15,163
1,862 Old Republic International Corp	41,	765 45,768
1,861 Origin Bancorp Inc		222 79,874
357 Preferred Bank	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	673 25,629
932 Primis Financial Corp	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	282 14,017
3,871 Proassurance Corp		585 97,936
650 QCR Holdings Inc		662 36,400
295 Southern First Bancshares Inc		877 18,435
1,299 Stewart Information Services Co	72,	415 103,569
1,543 Towne Bank		509 48,743
13,455 Trean Insurance Group Inc	133,	
515 Triumph Bancorp Inc		874 61,326
626 UMB Financial Corp		169 66,425
5,533 Valley National Bancorp		172 76,077
Total Financials	28.00% 1,869,	
Healthcare		
1,544 Patterson Cos Inc	46,	906 45,316
Total Healthcare	0.63% 46,	906 45,316

ares		Cost	Fai	ir Value
Industrials				
1,039 Applied Industrial Technologies	\$	102,423	\$	106,705
777 Barrett Business Services Inc		60,275		53,660
2,087 Cactus Inc		79,195		79,577
275 Carlisle Cos Inc		43,923		68,233
992 Crane Co		95,297		100,91
2,271 Deluxe Corp		89,044		72,922
9,861 Graftech International Ltd		124,019		116,650
973 Hackett Group Inc		20,935		19,970
288 Lawson Products Inc		17,557		15,768
190 LCI Industries		22,873		29,61
432 Lincoln Electric Holdings Inc		52,256		60,25
1,966 Timken Co		140,149		136,22
726 Werner Enterprises Inc		30,452		34,60
Total Industrials	12.38%	878,398		895,10
Information Technology				
1,042 Avnet Inc		41,295		42,96
3,266 CDK Global Inc		131,548		136,32
2,035 KBR Inc		65,207		96,90
1,366 Kulicke & Soffa Industries Inc		75,626		82,69
278 MKS Instruments Inc		44,222		48,41
2,427 Teradata Corp		107,049		103,07
5,737 Vontier Corp		190,080		176,29
Total Information Technology	9.50%	655,027		686,682
Materials				
6,357 Element Solutions Inc		142,008		154,34
612 Fortune Brands Home & Security		53,876		65,42
6,219 Graphic Packaging Holding Co		112,697		121,27
1,133 Innospec Inc		94,466		102,35
1,836 Minerals Technologies Inc		126,714		134,30
2,817 Silgan Holdings Inc		114,149		120,68
1,761 Trimas Corp		55,190		65,15
1,117 UFP Industries Inc		80,690		102,77
Total Materials	11.98%	779,790	•	866,31

nber hares			Cost	Fa	ir Value
	Real Estate				
3,230 Cushman & Wakefiel	d PLC	\$	67,307	\$	71,835
4,841 Kennedy-Wilson Hol	dings Inc		99,330		115,603
	Total Real Estate	2.59%	166,637		187,438
Tel	ecommunication Services				
729 ATN International Inc			33,342		29,124
1,947 World Wrestling Ente	ertainment		108,750		96,065
	Total Telecommunication Services	1.73%	142,092		125,189
	Total Common Stock	82.05%	5,609,877		5,932,769
	<u>Foreign Stock</u>				
	Energy				
8,667 Pason Systems Inc			79,515		79,181
	Total Energy	1.10%	79,515		79,181
	Financials				
573 Assured Guaranty Ltd	i		24,004		28,765
2,336 AXIS Capital Holding	s Ltd		114,005		127,242
3,605 Bank Of NT Butterfiel	d & Son Ltd		123,059		137,387
7,676 International General	Insurance		64,531		62,176
4,846 James River Group Ho	oldings Ltd		126,787		139,613
807 RenaissanceRe Holdi	ngs Ltd		122,307		136,649
585 TMX Group Ltd			61,834		59,396
	Total Financials	9.56%	636,527		691,228
	Industrials				
1,361 Evertec Inc		<u></u>	59,102		68,023
	Total Industrials	0.94%	59,102		68,023
Iı	nformation Technology				
2,623 nVent Electric PLC		_	82,063		99,674
	Total Information Technology	1.38%	82,063		99,674

Number of Shares			Cost	Fa	air Value
	Materials				
4,358 Intertape Polyme	er Group Inc	\$	86,904	\$	90,807
	Total Materials	1.26%	86,904		90,807
	Total Foreign Stock	14.24%	944,111		1,028,913
	Preferred Stock				
	Convertible Preferred Stock				
340 II-VI Inc			91,719		96,227
	Total Convertible Preferred Stock	1.33%	91,719		96,227
	Total Preferred Stock	1.33%	91,719		96,227
	Total Investments	100.00% \$	6,817,921	\$	7,230,123

## Statement of Operations – Selected Fund Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Retur	yce Total n Collective ust Fund
Income		
Dividends (net of foreign taxes \$3,794)	\$	1,895,815
Expenses		
Investment management and administrative		680,095
Custody fees		54,126
Audit fees		5,000
Other		702
Total expenses before reimbursement of fees		739,923
Reimbursement of fees		(44,952)
Net expenses		694,971
Net Investment Income		1,200,844
Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments and Foreign Currency		
Net realized gains on investments		34,245,421
Net realized gains on foreign currency transactions		55,774
Net realized losses on foreign currency forward exchange contracts		(8,413)
Net realized gains on investments and foreign currency		34,292,782
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation on Investments and Foreign Currency		
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments		(18,760,079)
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies		41,488
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments		
and foreign currency		(18,718,591)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments and foreign currency		15,574,191
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$	16,775,035

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Fund Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Retu	oyce Total rn Collective rust Fund
Operations		
Net investment income	\$	1,200,844
Net realized gains		34,292,782
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation		(18,718,591)
Net increase in net assets from operations		16,775,035
Net Decrease in Net Assets From Participant Transactions		(85,417,075)
Decrease in Net Assets Held for Participants		(68,642,040)
Net Assets Held for Participants		
Beginning of year		75,624,396
End of year	\$	6,982,356

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021

#### Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of Operations

Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust ("HB&T" or "the Trust") was created in order to provide broad and uniform diversification programs for pension and profit sharing plans which, having complied with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC), are exempt from taxation under the provisions of the IRC. The Trust is comprised of 63 portfolios (the Funds); the financial statements of one of these funds are included in this report.

Each class of the Fund has equal rights as to earnings and assets except that each class bears different distribution, shareholder servicing and transfer agent expenses. Income, expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific class), and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments and foreign currency are allocated to each class of units based on its relative net assets.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of investment income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Investment Valuation

All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value. Transfers in and out of Level 1 (quoted market prices), Level 2 (significant other observable inputs) and Level 3 (significant unobservable inputs) are recognized on the period ending date.

#### Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments are reported on the identified cost basis.

#### Foreign Currency

Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in, or expected to settle in, foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions.

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The Fund isolates that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held.

Reported net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of portfolio securities, sales and maturities of short-term securities, sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the values of assets and liabilities, including investments in securities at December 31, 2021, resulting from changes in the exchange rates.

#### Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts

The Fund may enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts primarily to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on its non-U.S. dollar denominated investment securities. When entering into a forward currency contract, the Fund agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed-upon price on an agreed future date. The Fund's net equity therein, representing unrealized gain or loss on the contracts, as measured by the difference between the forward foreign exchange rates at the dates of entry into the contracts and the forward rates at the reporting date, is included in the statement of assets and liabilities. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in the statement of operations. These instruments involve market risk, credit risk or both kinds of risks in excess of the amount recognized in the statement of assets and liabilities. Risks arise from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and movement in currency and securities values and interest rates.

#### Investment Income and Distribution of Income

Dividend income less foreign taxes withheld, if any, is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Investment income is allocated ratably on the valuation dates among all participants. No distributions are made to participants in the Fund until units owned are redeemed, at which time the market value of redeemed units is distributed. Investment income and realized gains (if any) earned by the Fund are reinvested, thereby increasing the respective unit values.

#### Valuation of Participants' Interest

Units of participation may be purchased or redeemed on the valuation dates at the fair value per unit on such valuation dates. The Fund is valued daily.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021

#### Federal Income Taxes

The Fund complies with the requirements under Section 501(a) of the IRC and apportions all of its taxable income to its participants. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

#### Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 27, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Investment Management Advisor

The investment management advisor for the Fund is Royce & Associates, LLC.

#### Note 2: Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions With Affiliates

The Fund is charged an administrative fee by HB&T for trustee/administrative services (fund accounting services, transfer agency services, trustee services, etc.). The Fund also entered into investment advisory and service agreements with a third-party advisor. These fees compensate the advisor for the services it provides and for expenses borne by the advisor under the agreement.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the investment advisor voluntarily reimbursed class R-INSTL for a portion of its expenses.

The following table indicates the fees charged to the Fund and the various classes of units within the Fund (as a percentage of net assets). These charges are calculated using the Fund's average daily net assets:

Fund	Trustee/ Administrative Fees	Investment Management Fees	Custody Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Royce Total Return					
Collective Trust Fund:					
Class R-INSTL	0.06%	0.80%	0.07%	0.01%	0.94%
Class R-LM	0.06%	0.00%	0.07%	0.01%	0.14%

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021

### Note 3: Financial Highlights

#### Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund

	Class	R-INSTL	Cla	ss R-LM
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$	12.65	\$	13.11
Net investment income		0.21		0.20
Net realized and unrealized gains		3.16		3.43
Net increase from investment operations		3.37		3.63
Net asset value, end of year	\$	16.02	\$	16.74
Total return		26.64%		27.69%
Ratio to average net assets:				
Net investment income		1.43%		1.32%
Expenses without reimbursements		0.96%		0.13%
Expenses with reimbursements		0.90%		0.13%

### Note 4: Participant Unit Transactions

#### Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund

	Units	Dollars
Class R-INSTL:		_
Proceeds from sales of units	1,280,091	\$ 19,131,287
Cost of units redeemed	(6,276,151)	(96,418,399)
Net change in Class R-INSTL from		
participant transactions	(4,996,060)	(77,287,112)
Class R-LM:		
Proceeds from sales of units	101,069	1,570,148
Cost of units redeemed	(630,200)	(9,700,111)
Net change in Class R-LM from		
participant transactions	(529,131)	(8,129,963)
Net decrease in net assets from		
participant transactions		\$ (85,417,075)

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#### Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- **Level 1:** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- **Level 3:** Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2021.

**Short Term Investments.** Short term investments, including money market funds, for which market quotations are readily available, are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Common Stock, Foreign Stock, and Preferred Stock. Securities traded on a national securities exchange (or reported on the NASDAQ national market) are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. Certain foreign securities may be fair valued using a pricing service that considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to the intraday trading in the U.S. markets for investments, such as American Depository Receipts and the movement of certain indexes of securities based on a statistical analysis of the historical relationship and are categorized as either Level 1 or 2 of the hierarchy.

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2021.

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	Fair Value Measureme							nts Using	
Fair		air Value	N	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund									
Short Term Investment	\$	172,214	\$	172,214	\$	-	\$	-	
Common Stock		5,932,769		5,932,769		-		-	
Foreign Stock		1,028,913		1,028,913		-		-	
Preferred Stock		96,227		96,227					
Total	\$	7,230,123	\$	7,230,123	\$	0	\$	0	

#### Note 6: Risk Factors

#### **Investment Securities Risk**

The Fund invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities.

#### Foreign Securities Risk

Securities traded in foreign markets have often (though not always) performed differently from securities traded in the United States. However, such investments often involve special risks not present in U.S. investments that can increase the chances that the Fund will lose money. In particular, the Fund is subject to the risk that because there may be fewer investors on foreign exchanges and a smaller number of securities traded each day, it may be more difficult for the Fund to buy and sell securities on those exchanges. In addition, prices of foreign securities may go up and down more than prices of securities traded in the United States.

#### **Currency Risk**

Securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests may be denominated or quoted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates may affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. Because the Fund's assets are primarily invested in securities of foreign countries, the U.S. dollar equivalent of the Fund's net assets would be adversely affected by reductions in the value of the foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar. For this reason,

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changes in foreign currency exchange rates can affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. Generally, when the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency loses value because the currency is worth fewer U.S. dollars. Conversely, when the U.S. dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency gains value because the currency is worth more U.S. dollars. This risk, generally known as "currency risk," means that a strong U.S. dollar may reduce returns for U.S. investors in foreign stocks, while a weak U.S. dollar may increase those returns.



## Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Fund Royce Total Return Collective Trust Fund Year Ended December 31, 2021

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class	Cost		
Common Stock	\$ 49,691,043		
Foreign Stock	8,169,990		
Preferred Stock	1,167,092		
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 59,028,125		

#### Sales

Investment Class	Proceeds	Cost	Gains (Losses)	
Common Stock	\$ 121,768,266	\$ 90,069,961	\$ 31,698,305	
Foreign Stock	17,510,118	15,323,107	2,187,011	
Exchange-traded Funds – Fixed Income	37,703	48,568	(10,865)	
Limited Partnerships – Public Equity	497,632	232,965	264,667	
Preferred Stock	1,181,676	1,075,373	106,303	
Total Investments Sold	\$ 140,995,395	\$ 106,749,974	\$ 34,245,421	