

**PREAMBLE**

This Trust is irrevocable. Your gift cannot be canceled or returned to you. You cannot revoke the Trust or change its terms in any way. You should contribute only an amount of money that you will never want back.

Creating this Trust may require the filing of a Federal Gift Tax Return (IRS Form 709) and a State Gift Tax Return. Whether a Federal or a State Gift Tax Return is required will depend upon the options that you select in the Adoption Agreement, the amount of other gifts that you have made, and the laws of the State or other jurisdiction in which you reside. See the Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information for details.

This Trust Instrument is provided as a convenience to you and your attorney. Neither The Royce Fund nor Royce & Associates, LP can advise you whether the Trust is appropriate for your circumstances. Please consult with your attorney before signing the Adoption Agreement.

## Trust Agreement

This Instrument has been provided by The Royce Fund (including its successors, "TRF"), with Alliance Trust Company, 465 Furnace Street, Marshfield, Massachusetts 02050 as trustee, to enable individuals to make irrevocable gifts that will be held in trust for others. Each individual making a gift under this Instrument (the "Donor") shall complete and execute a separate instrument (the "Adoption Agreement") specifying the individual for whom the gift is made (the "Beneficiary"), the amount of the gift (the "Initial Contribution") and the Donor's choices as to the payment or accumulation of income and other options, and shall deliver the same to Alliance Trust Company, or its successor in office from time to time (the "Trustee").

Upon receipt and acceptance of a properly completed and executed Adoption Agreement and collection of the Initial Contribution (the "Receipt Date"), the Trustee shall hold the Initial Contribution, together with all additions thereto, all gains thereon and all accrued, accumulated and undistributed income (collectively, the "trust fund"), in a trust (the "Trust") for the Beneficiary upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Instrument and the Adoption Agreement.

1. **Trust Investments** (a) The Trustee, or its duly appointed agent, shall invest or reinvest as the case may be, the trust fund in Consultant Class or Service Class shares of Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Fund (including its successors, the "Fund"), a series of TRF.

(b) The Trustee, or its duly appointed agent, as the case may be, shall reinvest all net investment income dividends and capital gains distributions that are not required to be distributed currently to the Beneficiary in additional shares of the Fund, of the same class as the shares with respect to which the dividend or distribution was made, except as otherwise provided in paragraph "(c)" of this Section.

(c) If Consultant Class shares of the Fund should ever become unavailable, the Trustee, or its duly appointed agent, shall invest the trust fund in either the Service Class or Investment Class shares of the Fund as directed in writing by the President of TRF. If Service Class and Investment Class shares of the Fund should ever become unavailable, the Trustee may invest the trust fund in a comparable investment, to be selected by the Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable or responsible for any loss resulting to the trust fund or to any present or future beneficiary of the Trust by reason of the investment in shares of the Fund or any investment substituted for that fund pursuant to this paragraph.

2. **Withdrawal Rights** If the Donor selects the "Withdrawal Option" in the Adoption Agreement:

(a) Within 30 days after receipt and collection by the Trustee of the Initial Contribution or any subsequent addition to the Trust, the Beneficiary shall have the right to either (i) withdraw all of the shares of the Fund acquired by the Trust with the Initial Contribution or such subsequent addition, as the case may be, or (ii) direct the Trustee to redeem such shares of the Fund and distribute the net proceeds of such redemption to the Beneficiary. The Trustee, or its duly appointed

agent, shall notify the Beneficiary of this right of withdrawal promptly after receipt of the Initial Contribution or any additional contribution.

(b) The Beneficiary shall have the power, for each calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the termination of the Trust occurs, to direct the Trustee to make tax equalization distributions. Each such direction shall be given to the Trustee no earlier than the close of the calendar year to which the distribution relates and no later than 180 days following the close of the calendar year to which the distribution relates, and the Trustee shall pay the amount of such distribution to the Beneficiary within 30 days after the Trustee has received such direction. The amount of the tax equalization distribution for any calendar year shall be equal to the lesser of (i) the amount requested by the Beneficiary and (ii) the amount determined by multiplying each class of income earned by the Trust for that calendar year (ordinary income or capital gains) by the highest marginal Federal tax rate for unmarried individuals for that calendar year applicable to that class of income. Any direction made pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable.

(c) **Disability of A Beneficiary:** In the case when a beneficiary becomes disabled the Trustee may make distributions to the Beneficiary for the purpose of improving the Beneficiary's Standard of Living:

*Disability* is defined as the inability to perform/engage in any substantial, gainful activity because of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued or indefinite duration. The disability must be verified and attested to by a licensed medical professional and then approved by the account Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion.

3. **The Representative** The "Representative" shall be the individual (other than the Donor or the Donor's spouse) specified in the Adoption Agreement to serve in that capacity. The Representative shall be authorized to appoint another individual (other than the Donor or the Donor's spouse) to serve as successor Representative. If the Representative dies or becomes disabled without having appointed a successor Representative, his or her guardian, conservator or committee or the executors or administrators of his or her estate shall appoint a successor Representative. The Trustee may rely, and shall be protected in acting upon, any request, consent or election made by the Representative on behalf of the Beneficiary.

#### 4. **Education Expenses**

(a) If the Donor selects the "Withdrawal Option" in the Adoption Agreement and the Donor has so authorized in the Adoption Agreement, the Beneficiary may direct the Trustee to pay the educational expenses of the Beneficiary's college or other post-secondary education at any college or other post-secondary educational institution (the "Post-Secondary Institution") that the Beneficiary attends. For purposes of this Section:

(i) the phrase "college or other post-secondary education" means  
(a) a college or post-graduate degree program at an accredited college or university or  
(b) with the written consent of the Representative (as defined below), any other post-secondary educational program at a technical, vocational or religious post-secondary school; and

(ii) the phrase "educational expenses of the Beneficiary's college or post-secondary education" means (a) the charges of the Post-Secondary Institution for tuition, room and board, (b) with the written consent of the Representative, such other

fees and expenses (such as laboratory fees and student activity fees) as are required by the Post-Secondary Institution in connection with such education (“Institutional Charges”),+ and (c) with the written consent of the Representative, charges for books, off-campus living expenses, travel sponsored by the Post-Secondary Institution or Post-Secondary Institution-related organizations and other non-mandatory activity fees (“Personal Charges”).

For the avoidance of doubt, the term Post-Secondary Institution shall mean a third-stage, or third level, non-compulsory educational level following the completion of a school providing a secondary education, such as a high school. For purposes of the Trust established hereunder, Post-Secondary Institutions shall refer to institutions that provide undergraduate and postgraduate education, as well as those which provide vocational education and training including, but not limited to, colleges, universities, vocational schools, religious schools, and community colleges. The Representative, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine whether a particular institution is a Post-Secondary Institution within the meaning of this paragraph.

(b) The Beneficiary shall submit to the Trustee any bill or statement from the Post-Secondary Institution for the Beneficiary’s Tuition, Room, Board and Institutional Charges and, upon Receipt of that bill or statement, the Trustee shall pay the amount of such bill or statement to the Beneficiary and the Post-Secondary Institution as joint payees. Alternatively, the Trustee may, at the request of the Beneficiary, and in its sole and absolute discretion, make such payments directly to the Post-Secondary Institution for the Beneficiary’s Institutional Charges pursuant to any direct deposit expense payment plan that the Trustee deems acceptable. The Trustee may rely, without further investigation, upon any bill or statement of such institution that appears to the Trustee to be genuine.

(c) The Beneficiary shall submit to the Trustee a statement signed by the Beneficiary and the Representative, in such form and with such acknowledgment or guaranty of such signatures as the Trustee shall require, for the Beneficiary’s Personal Charges and, upon receipt of that statement, the Trustee shall pay the amount of such statement to the Beneficiary and deliver a Notice of such payment to the Representative. The Trustee may rely, without further investigation, upon any such statement that appears to the Trustee to be genuine.

(d) The Trustee may charge a reasonable fee for the services provided in this Section, in addition to any other fees that it may collect for its services as Trustee.

5. **Tax Withholding** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Instrument, the Trustee is authorized to withhold from any distribution required under this Instrument any Federal, state or local taxes that may be required to be withheld with respect to the payment of such distribution under applicable Federal, state or local law, and to pay the amounts withheld to the appropriate taxing authorities.

## 6. **Trust Termination**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph “(b)” of this Section, the Trust shall terminate on the last to occur of (i) the termination date specified by the Donor in the Adoption Agreement and (ii) the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Receipt Date. Upon termination of the Trust pursuant to this paragraph, the Trustee shall distribute the entire trust fund to the Beneficiary.

(b) If the Beneficiary dies before the termination date specified in paragraph “(a)” above, the Trust shall thereupon terminate and the trust fund shall be distributed (i) to or among such persons, corporations or entities, including the Beneficiary’s estate, the Beneficiary’s creditors or the creditors of the Beneficiary’s estate, outright or in trust and upon such terms and conditions as the Beneficiary shall appoint by his or her last will and testament, duly admitted to probate, which makes specific reference to this provision, or (ii) if (or to the extent that) the Beneficiary fails to exercise this general power of appointment effectively, to the person or persons specified in the Adoption Agreement as the “Secondary Beneficiaries” (in equal shares, if more than one), or (iii) if no Secondary Beneficiary is specified in the Adoption Agreement, to the executors or administrators of the Beneficiary’s estate.

7. **Additional Contributions** - Any person (other than the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary’s spouse, the Representative or the Representative’s spouse) may add property to the Trust by delivery of the same to the Trustee, which shall in all respects be subject to this Instrument, as supplemented by the Adoption Agreement. (Such additional gifts may require the filing of a Federal and state gift tax return.).

8. **Beneficiaries Younger Than 21**

(a) If and for so long as the Beneficiary is under the age of eighteen (18) years, (i) except as otherwise provided in Section 3 and in paragraph “(b)” of this Section, all distributions required to be made to the Beneficiary under this Instrument shall be paid to the Representative (as defined below), (ii) all of the rights and powers given to the Beneficiary by this Instrument shall be exercisable by the Representative and (iii) all notices, statements, proxies and other communications required to be sent to the Beneficiary under this Instrument shall be sent to the Representative.

(b) If the Donor so specifies in the Adoption Agreement, all distributions required to be made to the Beneficiary under this Instrument before the Beneficiary’s twenty-first (21st) birthday shall be paid to the Representative, as custodian for the Beneficiary under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act of any jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in Section 3.

9. **Assignment or Invasion of the Trust Fund Prohibited** The Beneficiary shall have no power to assign, transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of any interest in the trust fund, and all sums payable to the Beneficiary hereunder shall be free and clear of the Beneficiary’s liabilities, debts, contracts and assignments and from levies, attachments or similar proceedings of any kind, including claims for alimony, child support or similar obligations, and free from the control of his or her spouse. No provision of law that would otherwise authorize a court to direct that the trust fund be invaded for any purpose shall apply to the Trust.

10. **Trustee Powers** - In addition to and not in limitation of any powers conferred upon fiduciaries by law, the Trustee is expressly authorized, in its sole and absolute discretion:

(a) To appoint agents, accountants, experts and counsel, including individuals and entities affiliated with the Trustee, TRF or the Fund’s investment adviser, and to authorize any one or more of them to perform the Trustee’s ministerial acts hereunder, including but not limited to the acceptance of investments, maintenance of financial and other records, collection and remittance of fees and expenses, if any, issuance of reports and accountings to beneficiaries, distribution of the trust fund at the termination of the Trust and preparation, execution and filing of tax returns and payment of taxes shown to be due on such returns.

(b) To pay from the trust fund any and all expenses, costs, fees, taxes, penalties or other charges, including compensation to any agents, accountants, experts and counsel whose services may be required in the administration of the Trust.

(c) To hold property in its own name, unregistered, in the name of a nominee, in such form as will pass by delivery or in book-entry form.

(d) To pay reasonable annual and other fees to itself comparable to the fees for such services charged by others.

(e) To determine the form of any notices required in connection with any rights or powers exercisable by the Beneficiary under this Instrument and any reasonable conditions on the exercise of such rights or powers that the Trustee finds necessary or convenient for the efficient administration of the Trust.

11. **Voting of Shares of the Fund** The Trustee, or its duly appointed agent, shall deliver, or arrange for delivery of, notices of meetings of shareholders of the Fund, Fund proxy statements and Fund proxies in sufficient time to enable the Beneficiary to attend such meeting in person or vote by proxy. The Trustee shall vote all shares of the Fund for which no proxies are returned (and which are not present in person at the meeting) in the same proportion as shares of the Fund for which proxies are otherwise voted including those returned and those voted in person.

## 12. **Accounting Reports**

(a) The Trustee is authorized to send, or have sent by its duly appointed agent, to the Beneficiary (or to the executors or administrators of the Beneficiary's estate, if the Beneficiary has died), annually or more frequently as the Trustee shall determine, a written account of its administration of the Trust (which may be or include a periodic statement of the Trust's account with the Fund) setting forth (i) all investments, receipts and disbursements and other transactions effected during the period from the Receipt Date, or from the close of any preceding period covered by such an account, to the closing date of such account selected by the Trustee, (ii) all cash, securities and other property held at the close of such period and the current value thereof and (iii) such other information as may be required of the Trustee under applicable law. The Trustee or its duly appointed agent shall also send copies of such accounts to the Donor upon his or her written request. The written approval of such account by the Beneficiary (or the executors or administrators of the Beneficiary's estate, if the Beneficiary has died) shall make such account binding and conclusive upon all persons (whether or not in being) then or thereafter interested in the Trust. The failure of the Beneficiary (or the executors or administrators of his or her estate) to object to any such account within 60 days after receipt of a copy of such account shall be deemed to be written approval of such account.

(b) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as a limitation upon or prohibition against the Trustee's right to have its account judicially settled.

## 13. **Liability of Trustees and Agents**

(a) No Trustee or agent of the Trust shall be subject to any personal liability whatsoever, in tort, contract or otherwise, to any person in connection with the trust fund or the affairs of

this Trust, except for his, her or its own acts constituting bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence, and all such persons shall look solely to the trust fund for satisfaction of claims of any nature arising in connection with affairs of the Trust. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing (and except as to acts of the Trustee constituting bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence):

(b) The Trustee shall not be liable for the performance of any duties and obligations which are not specifically set forth in this Instrument, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Instrument against the Trustee.

(c) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken in good faith in reliance upon the advice or opinion of any legal counsel, accountant or other expert or professional, and such advice or opinion shall be full and complete personal protection to the Trustee and agents of the Trust in respect of any action taken or suffered by it in good faith and in reliance on, or in accordance with, such advice or opinion.

(d) The Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting upon any notice, request, consent, order or other paper or document reasonably believed by the Trustee to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

(e) The Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith.

**14. Indemnification of Trustee –**

(a) The Trustee and each of its agents shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be indemnified by and receive reimbursement from the trust fund against and from any and all loss, liability, damage or expense that the Trustee or any of its agents may incur or sustain for or by reason of (i) any change in the Beneficiary's domicile without written notice to the Trustee or any of its agents, (ii) failure of the Beneficiary's executors, administrators or heirs to provide timely written notice to the Trustee or any of its agents of the Beneficiary's death, (iii) failure of the Donor to file any Federal or state gift or generation-skipping transfer tax return or to pay any Federal or state gift or generation-skipping transfer tax or (iv) failure of the Beneficiary to file any Federal or state estate or income tax return or pay any Federal or state estate or income tax. The Trustee may receive advance payments in connection with the indemnification provided under this Section, subject to the Trustee's obligation to repay any amount advanced to it that is subsequently determined to be in excess of the amount to which it is entitled.

(b) The rights accruing to the Trustee and its agents by reason of the foregoing shall not be deemed to exclude any other right to which it or they may legally be entitled, nor shall anything else contained herein restrict the right of the Trustee or any of its agents to contribution under applicable law.

**15. Resignation, Removal and Replacement of the Trustee**

(a) Any Trustee may resign at any time upon 60 days' notice in writing to TRF, whereupon a majority of those directors/trustees of TRF who are not interested persons of TRF or the Fund's investment adviser, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as it may from time to

time be amended, or any Act enacted in lieu thereof, shall select a successor Trustee in the manner provided in paragraph "c" below.

(b) A majority of those directors/trustees of TRF who are not interested persons of TRF or the Fund's investment adviser, may, upon 10 days' notice in writing to the Trustee and the Fund's investment adviser, remove any Trustee at any time acting hereunder.

(c) Whenever any Trustee shall cease to act for any reason, its successor shall be such individual or entity as may be selected by a majority of those directors/trustees of TRF who are not interested persons of TRF or the Fund's investment adviser. When the successor Trustee assumes office, notice thereof shall be sent to the Beneficiary.

(d) No successor Trustee shall be liable or responsible for any act or default of any predecessor Trustee, nor shall any successor Trustee be required to inquire into or take any notice of the prior administration of the trust fund.

16. **Amendment** This Instrument may be amended by the Trustee, with the consent of a majority of those directors/trustees of TRF who are not interested persons of TRF or the Fund's investment adviser, at any time or from time to time, to promote the prompt and efficient administration of the Trusts under this Instrument or to carry out the purposes of the Trust; provided, however, that no such amendment may (i) adversely affect the rights of the Beneficiary in any significant respect, (ii) affect any election or option selected by the Donor, (iii) result in the return of any interest in or power over the Trust to the Donor or the Donor's spouse, (iv) expand the amendment powers of the Trustee under this paragraph or (v) violate any applicable statute or rule of law. Any such amendment shall apply to every Trust created under this Instrument and shall become effective only after 30 days prior written notice to the Beneficiary of every Trust created under this Instrument.

17. **Governing Law** This Instrument shall be construed and enforced, to the extent possible, according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all provisions hereof shall be administered according to the laws of such State.

18. **Severability** If any provision of this Instrument is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such provision shall be deemed to have been excised, and the balance of this Instrument shall remain in effect and shall be construed without regard to such provision, and each provision of this Instrument shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.