

ROYCE FOCUS TRUST INC
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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)
12/22/2008

___ 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	12/22/2008		P		15,720	A	\$ 4.1477	619,633	I	Held by wife
Common Stock	12/23/2008		P		71	A	\$ 4.1	619,704	I	Held by wife
Common Stock								886,135	D	
Common Stock								199,835	I	Held by children

