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ROYCE FOCUS TRUST INC  
Form SC 13G  
February 09, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B) (C),  
AND (D) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO 13D-2(b)

(Amendment No. )\*

Royce Focus Trust Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 per Share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

78080N108

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(CUSIP Number)

January 29, 2004

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1 (b)  
 Rule 13d-1 (c)  
 Rule 13d-1 (d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting  
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of  
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would  
alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be  
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange  
Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS

Arthur D. Lipson

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)

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3. SEC USE ONLY  
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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States  
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5. SOLE VOTING POWER

483,217 shares (comprised of 450,962 shares held by Western Investment Hedged Partners LP, 28,673 shares held by Western Investment Total Return Master Fund Ltd. and 3,582 shares held by Mr. Lipson personally)  
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NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

0 shares  
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7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

483,217 shares (comprised of 450,962 shares held by Western Investment Hedged Partners LP, 28,673 shares held by Western Investment Total Return Master Fund Ltd. and 3,582 shares held by Mr. Lipson personally)  
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8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

483,217 shares  
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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.23%  
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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN  
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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Royce Focus Trust Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

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1414 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

This Schedule 13G is being filed with respect to shares of Common Stock of the Issuer which are beneficially owned by Arthur D. Lipson. See Item 4 below.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence:

c/o Western Investment LLC  
2954 East Bengal Boulevard  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

Item 2(c). Citizenship: United States

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

78080N108

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person Filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.
- (c)  Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act.
- (d)  Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e)  Investment Adviser in accordance with Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f)  Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g)  Parent holding company, in accordance with Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Sec. 240.13d01(c), check this box

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Item 4. Ownership.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 483,217 shares

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(b) Percent of class: 5.23%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

483,217 (comprised of (i) 450,962 shares held by Western Investment Hedged Partners L.P. ("Western Partners"), of which Mr. Lipson is the Managing Member of its general partner, (ii) 28,673 shares held by Western Investment Total Return Master Fund Ltd. ("Western Fund") of which Mr. Lipson is the Managing Member of its investment manager and (iii) 3,582 shares held directly by Mr. Lipson.

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

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(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

483,217 (comprised of (i) 450,967 shares held by Western Partners, of which Mr. Lipson is the Managing Member of its general partner, (ii) 28,673 shares held by Western Fund, of which Mr. Lipson is the Managing Member of its investment manager and (iii) 3,582 shares held directly by Mr. Lipson.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the Beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. |\_|

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

The entities listed in response to Item 4(c) are known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds of such securities. No such entity holds more than 5% of the class.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

See Item 4(c) above, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

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Item 10. Certification.

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true and correct.

February 5, 2004

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(Date)

/s/ Arthur D. Lipson

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Arthur D. Lipson

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