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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS ANNOUNCES:

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NEW YORK - Dec. 8 – General American Investors Company, Inc. (NYSE symbol – GAM), a closed-end investment company, announced that the price at which shares of its common stock will be issued to stockholders who elected to receive additional shares in payment of the 2017 year-end dividend and distribution on its common stock will be \$33.575 per share. The issue price represents the average between the high and the low prices on the New York Stock Exchange on December 8, 2017, which was below the net asset value of \$40.24 per share on that date. The dividend and distribution is payable on December 29, 2017. As announced on November 1, the dividend and distribution amounts to \$3.09 per share in the aggregate and is estimated to consist of:

- A distribution of \$2.61 per share from net long-term capital gains on securities sold.
- A dividend of \$0.48 per share from estimated undistributed net investment income for the full year 2017.

The final determination as to the taxability of the above amounts will be reported to you in January 2018 via Form 1099-DIV.

General American Investors was founded in 1927, has been publicly traded since its inception, and has been listed on the NYSE since 1930. The objective of the Company is long-term capital appreciation through investment in companies with above average growth potential. As of November 30, 2017, the Company had net assets of approximately \$1.0 billion applicable to its 25.9 million shares of common stock outstanding. The net asset value of the common stock of the Company on November 30, 2017 was \$40.15 per share and the closing price was \$33.72 per share. Its preferred shares (symbol GAM Pr B) are also listed on the NYSE and their aggregate liquidation value is \$190.1 million.

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