
**GENERAL
AMERICAN
INVESTORS**

**2001
ANNUAL
REPORT**





GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.

Established in 1927, the Company is a closed-end investment company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Its objective is long-term capital appreciation through investment in companies with above average growth potential.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2001	2000
Net assets-December 31	\$1,247,529,720	\$1,305,039,463
Preferred Stock liquidation preference	150,000,000	150,000,000
Common Stock	1,097,529,720	1,155,039,463
Net investment income	12,512,405	13,805,530
Net realized gain	70,720,822	217,372,941
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation	(87,697,439)	(45,048,910)
Per Common Share-December 31		
Net asset value	\$35.14	\$39.91
Market price	33.47	\$36.00
Discount from net asset value	-4.8%	-9.8%
Common Shares outstanding-Dec. 31	31,231,563	28,940,544
Common stockholders of record-Dec. 31	4,900	5,182
Market price range* (high-low)	\$39.70-\$27.50	\$44.00-\$35.63
Market volume-shares	5,009,500	4,896,700

*Unadjusted for dividend payments.

DIVIDEND SUMMARY (per share)

Record Date	Payment Date	Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gain	Total
Common Stock				
Nov. 15, 2001	Dec. 20, 2001	\$0.82(a)	\$1.26	\$2.08
Jan. 28, 2002	Feb. 11, 2002	.19(b)	.11	.30
<i>Total from 2001 earnings</i>		<u>\$1.01</u>	<u>\$1.37</u>	<u>\$2.38</u>
(a) Includes short-term gain in the amount of \$.45 per share.				
(b) Represents short-term gain.				
Nov. 13, 2000	Dec. 21, 2000	\$1.97(c)	\$4.14	\$6.11
Jan. 29, 2001	Mar. 14, 2001	.06(d)	2.02	2.08
<i>Total from 2000 earnings</i>		<u>\$2.03</u>	<u>\$6.16</u>	<u>\$8.19</u>
(c) Includes short-term gain in the amount of \$1.49 per share.				
(d) Represents short-term gain.				
Preferred Stock				
Mar. 6, 2001	Mar. 23, 2001	\$.0963	\$.3537	\$.45
Jun. 6, 2001	Jun. 25, 2001	.0963	.3537	.45
Sep. 6, 2001	Sep. 24, 2001	.0963	.3537	.45
Dec. 6, 2001	Dec. 24, 2001	.0963	.3537	.45
<i>Total for 2001</i>		<u>\$.3852(e)</u>	<u>\$1.4148</u>	<u>\$1.80</u>
(e) Includes short-term gain in the amount of \$.2224 per share (\$.0556 per quarter).				
Mar. 6, 2000	Mar. 23, 2000	\$.1281	\$.3219	\$.45
Jun. 6, 2000	Jun. 23, 2000	.1281	.3219	.45
Sep. 6, 2000	Sep. 25, 2000	.1281	.3219	.45
Dec. 6, 2000	Dec. 26, 2000	.1281	.3219	.45
<i>Total for 2000</i>		<u>\$.5124(f)</u>	<u>\$1.2876</u>	<u>\$1.80</u>
(f) Includes short-term gain in the amount of \$.4056 per share (\$.1014 per quarter).				

The year just ended marked General American Investors' 75th Anniversary as a closed-end investment company. It will be remembered most for the tragic events of September 11th. It was also the first time since 1973-74 that our benchmark, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (including income), posted back-to-back negative returns, losing 11.9%. By contrast, the return to our common stockholders (assuming reinvestment of all dividends) was 4.3%, resulting from a decline in net asset value per share of 1.20% together with significant shrinkage in the discount at which our shares trade. We are encouraged by our performance, especially when viewed in the context of the extraordinary results of recent years.

The table that follows, which compares our returns on an annualized basis with the S&P 500, illustrates that over many years General American has produced superior investment results.

<i>Years</i>	<i>Stockholder Return</i>	<i>S&P 500</i>
3	20.0%	-1.0%
5	26.5	10.7
10	15.4	12.9
20	16.6	15.2
30	15.9	12.3
40	13.7	10.9

Long-term capital gain distributions for 2001 will total \$1.37 per share, including \$.11 per share that will be distributed in February 2002. Because of tax requirements unique to our industry, gains realized in November and December are paid in the following calendar year. Total dividends attributable to 2001, including net income and short-term capital gains, amounted to \$2.38 per share, or 6.8% of ending net asset value ("NAV"). This percentage has averaged 10.9% over the past 20 years.

During 2001, 19,000 common shares of General American were purchased in the open market at an average discount to NAV of 9%. The Board of Directors has authorized repurchases of common shares when they are trading at a discount in excess of 8% of NAV.

The economy appears to be stabilizing amid nascent signs of recovery. In the past, aggressive Federal Reserve Board action has succeeded in ending recessions. In 2001, the Fed reduced interest

rates eleven times, to 1.75%, the lowest level in forty years. As a result, the real rate (the nominal rate less inflation) is presently below zero. Together with current deficit spending, these actions should ensure future economic growth. The recovery is likely to be sluggish, however, and gains in corporate profits may well be modest. Importantly, there would seem to be little pent-up demand for consumer durables like cars and houses, two traditional well-springs of a cyclical rebound. It may take some time, furthermore, to purge the structural excesses of the last boom when both business and consumer spending rose to levels well above their respective rates of savings. While the number of newly unemployed workers may be receding, the unemployment rate could rise for some time. This would weigh on consumer confidence and spending.

In consequence, corporate profits face a number of headwinds and a return to vigorous growth may prove challenging. The relative strength of the dollar continues to impact export demand while adversely affecting the competitive position of U. S. manufacturers at home. With little inflation, more than adequate capacity and balance sheets already stretched, improving profit margins will not be accomplished easily. Markets, however, now reflect more fully subdued expectations for growth and profits. While a return to the environment that produced the out-sized gains of the five years ended in 1999 seems improbable, we are less guarded with respect to the market outlook than we have been in recent reports.

We have commenced work on the development of a website for General American. It will include corporate information, current NAV and market price data, historical reports, dividend payments, press releases and a means by which you can contact us and our transfer agent. Look for us on "the Web" at www.generalamericaninvestors.com toward the end of the first quarter.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
 Spencer Davidson
President and Chief Executive Officer
 January 16, 2002

Corporate Overview and 75th Year

General American Investors, established in 1927, is one of the nation's oldest closed-end investment companies. It is an independent organization, internally managed. For regulatory purposes, the Company is classified as a diversified, closed-end management investment company; it is registered under and subject to the regulatory provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

As we celebrate our 75th year, we look back with pride on a record characterized by continuity of management and consistency of purpose with attendant superior returns. Over the last 75 years, the total return (exclusive of operating expenses) indicated for the Company is 13.1% compounded annually. In comparison, the total return for the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (including income) is 10.6% per year.

During our first 21 years, Frank Altschul served as President and portfolio manager. He then served as Chairman followed by his son, Arthur G. Altschul (1961-1995), and by our current Chairman, Lawrence B. Bittenwieser. During this 75-year period, only 6 individuals served as President and portfolio manager; these titles are currently held by Spencer Davidson (since 1995).

Investment Policy

The primary objective of the Company is long-term capital appreciation. Lesser emphasis is placed on current income. In seeking to achieve its primary objective, the Company invests principally in common stocks believed by its management to have better than average growth potential.

The Company's investment approach focuses on the selection of individual stocks, each of which is expected to meet a clearly defined portfolio objective. A continuous investment research program, which stresses fundamental security analysis, is carried on by the officers and staff of the Company under the oversight of the Board of Directors. A listing of the directors with their principal affiliations, showing a broad range of experience in business and financial affairs, is on page 16 of this report.

Portfolio Manager

Mr. Spencer Davidson has been responsible for the management of General American's portfolio since he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company in August 1995. Mr. Davidson, who joined the Company in 1994 as senior investment counselor, has spent his entire business career on Wall Street since first joining an investment and banking firm in 1966.

"GAM" Common Stock

As a closed-end investment company, General American Investors does not offer its shares continuously. The Common Stock is listed on The New York Stock Exchange (symbol, GAM) and can be bought or sold with commissions determined in the same manner as all listed stocks. Net asset value is computed daily (on an unaudited basis) and is furnished upon request. It is also available on most electronic quotation services using the symbol "XGAMX." The figure for net asset value per share, together with the market price and the percentage discount or premium from net asset value as of the close

of each week, is published in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's*.

The ratio of market price to net asset value has shown considerable variation over a long period of time. While shares of GAM usually sell at a discount from their underlying net asset value, as do the shares of most other domestic equity closed-end investment companies, they, periodically, sell at a premium over net asset value. The last time the Company's shares sold at a premium for a prolonged period was the year-long period from March 1992 through April 1993. During 2001, the stock sold at premiums over and discounts from net asset value which ranged from a premium of 1.8% (July 6) to a discount of 8.5% (September 21). At December 31, the price of the stock was at a discount of 4.8% as compared with a discount of 9.8% a year earlier.

"GAM Pr" Preferred Stock

On June 19, 1998, the Company issued and sold in an underwritten offering 6,000,000 shares of its 7.20% Tax-Advantaged Cumulative Preferred Stock with a liquidation preference of \$25 per share (\$150,000,000 in the aggregate).

The Preferred Shares are noncallable for 5 years, are rated "aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol, GAM Pr).

The preferred capital is available to leverage the investment performance of the Common Stockholders. As is the case for leverage in general, it may also result in higher market volatility for the Common Stockholders.

Dividend Policy

The Company's dividend policy is to distribute to stockholders before year-end substantially all ordinary income estimated for the full year and capital gains realized during the ten-month period ending October 31 of that year. If any additional capital gains are realized or ordinary income is earned during the last two months of the year, a "spill-over" distribution of these amounts will be paid early in the

following year to Common Stockholders. Dividends on shares of Preferred Stock are paid quarterly. Distributions from capital gains and ordinary income are allocated proportionately among holders of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock.

Dividends from income have been paid continuously on the Common Stock since 1939 and capital gain dividends in varying amounts have been paid for each of the years 1943-2001 (except for the year 1974). (A table listing dividends paid during the 20-year period 1982-2001 is shown at the bottom of page 6.) To the extent that full shares can be issued, dividends are paid to Common Stockholders in additional shares of Common Stock unless the stockholder specifically requests payment in cash. Spill-over dividends of nominal amounts are paid in cash only.

Privacy Policy and Practices

General American Investors collects nonpublic personal information about its customers (stockholders) with respect to their transactions in shares of the Company's securities but only for those stockholders whose shares are registered in their names. This information includes the stockholder's address, tax identification or Social Security number and dividend elections. We do not have knowledge of, nor do we collect personal information about, stockholders who hold the Company's securities at financial institutions such as brokers or banks in "street name" registration.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law.

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our stockholders to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to our stockholders. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard our stockholders' nonpublic personal information.

**Total return on
\$10,000 investment
20 years ended
December 31, 2001**

The investment return for a common stockholder of General American Investors (GAM) over the 20 years ended December 31, 2001 is shown in the table below and in the accompanying chart. The return based on GAM's net asset value (NAV) per common share in comparison to the change in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (S&P 500) is also displayed. Each illustration assumes an investment of \$10,000 at the beginning of 1982.

The Stockholder Return is the return a common stockholder of GAM would have achieved assuming reinvestment of all optional dividends at the actual reinvestment price and reinvestment of all cash dividends

at the average (mean between high and low) market price on the ex-dividend date.

The GAM Net Asset Value (NAV) Return is the return on shares of the Company's common stock based on the NAV per share, including the reinvestment of all dividends.

The S&P 500 Return is the time-weighted total rate of return on this widely-recognized, unmanaged index which is a measure of general stock market performance, including dividend income.

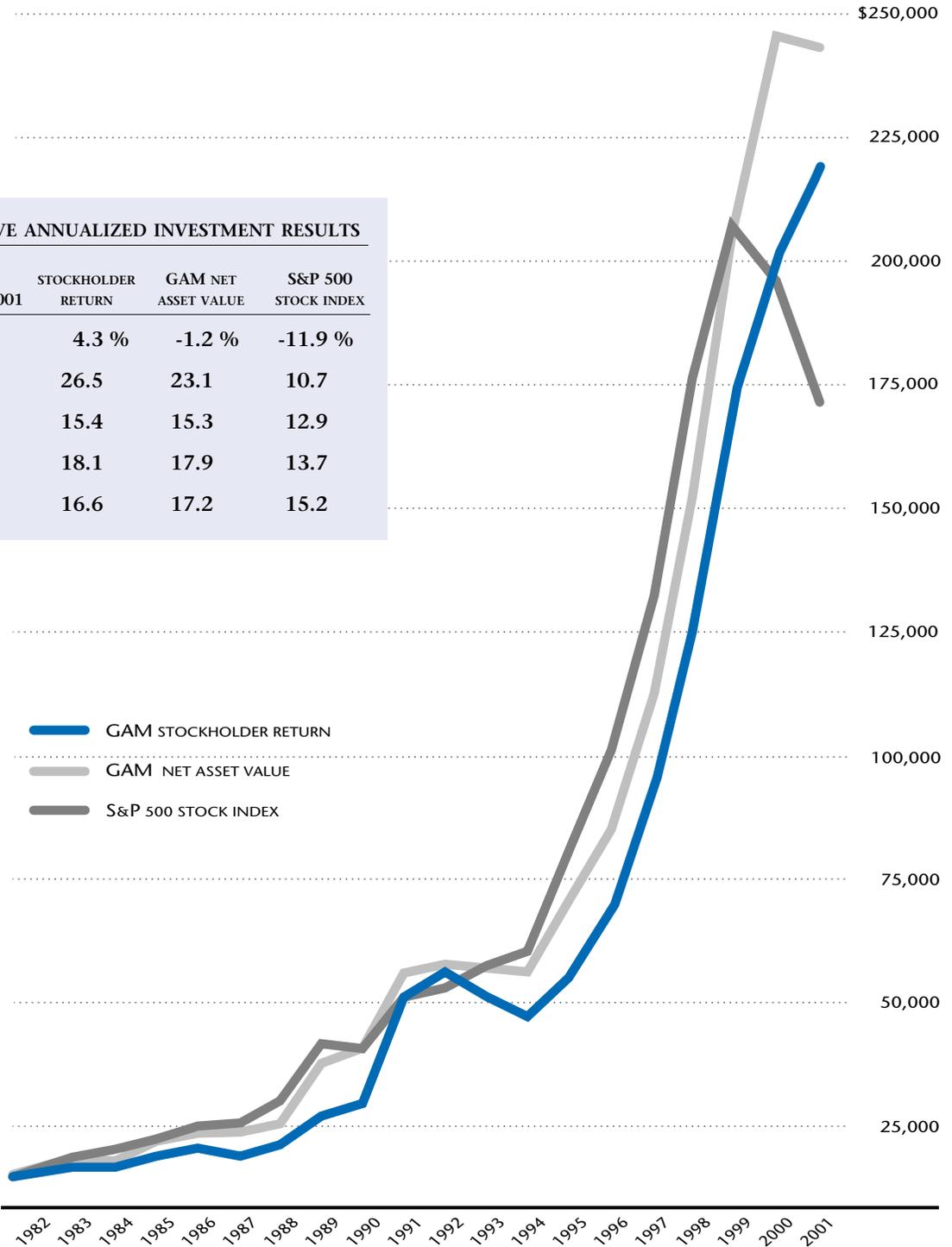
The results illustrated are a record of past performance and may not be indicative of future results.

	GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS				STANDARD & POOR'S 500	
	STOCKHOLDER RETURN		NET ASSET VALUE RETURN		RETURN	
	CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT	ANNUAL RETURN	CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT	ANNUAL RETURN	CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT	ANNUAL RETURN
1982	\$ 11,929	19.29 %	\$ 11,842	18.42 %	\$12,155	21.55 %
1983	13,875	16.31	14,567	23.01	14,896	22.55
1984	12,881	-7.16	13,534	-7.09	15,831	6.28
1985	16,077	24.81	18,271	35.00	20,861	31.77
1986	17,873	11.17	20,312	11.17	24,760	18.69
1987	14,994	-16.11	20,826	2.53	26,057	5.24
1988	18,181	21.26	24,485	17.57	30,365	16.53
1989	27,017	48.60	33,755	37.86	39,966	31.62
1990	28,098	4.00	36,013	6.69	38,731	-3.09
1991	51,981	85.00	58,013	61.09	50,505	30.40
1992	59,664	14.78	60,073	3.55	54,339	7.59
1993	50,165	-15.92	59,021	-1.75	59,838	10.12
1994	46,222	-7.86	57,404	-2.74	60,598	1.27
1995	56,031	21.22	70,940	23.58	83,322	37.50
1996	66,946	19.48	85,107	19.97	102,411	22.91
1997	95,451	42.58	112,384	32.05	136,544	33.33
1998	125,337	31.31	151,875	35.14	175,528	28.55
1999	174,494	39.22	207,158	36.40	212,318	20.96
2000	207,822	19.10	243,701	17.64	193,019	-9.09
2001	216,821	4.33	240,776	-1.20	170,069	-11.89

**20-YEAR INVESTMENT RESULTS
ASSUMING AN INITIAL
INVESTMENT OF \$10,000**

**CUMULATIVE VALUE
OF INVESTMENT**

COMPARATIVE ANNUALIZED INVESTMENT RESULTS			
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001	STOCKHOLDER RETURN	GAM NET ASSET VALUE	S&P 500 STOCK INDEX
1 year	4.3 %	-1.2 %	-11.9 %
5 years	26.5	23.1	10.7
10 years	15.4	15.3	12.9
15 years	18.1	17.9	13.7
20 years	16.6	17.2	15.2



		SHARES	SHARES HELD DECEMBER 31, 2001
INCREASES			
NEW POSITIONS	AXT, Inc.	30,000	213,500 (a)
	Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	—	120,000 (b)
	Newell Rubbermaid Inc.	—	150,000 (b)
ADDITIONS	Annuity and Life Re (Holdings), Ltd.	10,000	560,000
	Brooks Automation, Inc.	100,000	275,000
	Golden West Financial Corporation	40,000	525,000
	Health Net, Inc.	100,000	400,000
	IQE plc	196,000	2,646,000
	MedImmune, Inc.	25,000	264,000
	MetLife, Inc.	50,000	300,000
	Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated	50,000	600,000
Wind River Systems, Inc.	189,500	339,500	
DECREASES			
ELIMINATIONS	AMR Corporation	500,000	—
	Brooktrout, Inc.	225,000	—
REDUCTIONS	AmerUs Group Co.	20,000	300,000
	Annaly Mortgage Management, Inc.	50,000	525,000
	BioReliance Corporation	98,200	100,000
	The Boeing Company	25,000	475,000
	Cisco Systems, Inc.	25,000	535,000
	Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.	250,000	500,000
	Everest Re Group, Ltd.	35,000	575,000
	First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.	58,750	200,000 (c)
	The Home Depot, Inc.	100,000	2,045,000
	IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation	80,000	520,000
	John Hancock Financial Services, Inc.	20,000	440,000
	OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	30,000	150,000
	PartnerRe Ltd.	25,000	550,000
PRI Automation, Inc.	200,000	120,000	
Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.	5,000	225,000	
Uniroyal Technology Corporation	148,000	250,000	

* Excludes transactions in Stocks-Miscellaneous-Other.

(a) Includes shares purchased in prior period and previously carried under Stocks-Miscellaneous-Other.

(b) Shares purchased in prior period and previously carried under Stocks-Miscellaneous-Other.

(c) Includes shares received in conjunction with a stock split.

DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE (1982-2001)

The following table shows aggregate dividends paid per share on the Company's Common Stock for each year during the 20-year period 1982-2001. Amounts shown include payments made after year-end attributable to income and gain in each respective year.

YEAR	DIVIDEND FROM		YEAR	DIVIDEND FROM	
	INCOME [#]	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS		INCOME [#]	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS
1982	\$.36	\$1.15	1992	\$.03	\$2.93
1983	.67	2.38	1993	.06	2.34
1984	.28	1.35	1994	.06	1.59
1985	.47	1.07	1995	.13	2.77
1986	.36	2.15	1996	.25	2.71
1987	.35	1.54	1997	.21	2.95
1988	.29	1.69	1998	.47	4.40
1989	.23	1.56	1999	1.04	4.05
1990	.21	1.65	2000	2.03	6.16
1991	.09	3.07	2001	1.01	1.37

[#]Includes short-term capital gains per share which amounted to \$.28 in 1983, \$.12 in 1985, \$.02 in 1989, \$.03 in 1995, \$.05 in 1996, \$.62 in 1999, \$1.55 in 2000 and \$.64 in 2001.

The statement of investments as of December 31, 2001, shown on pages 10 and 11 includes 59 stock issues. Listed here are the ten largest stock holdings on that date.

	SHARES	VALUE	% TOTAL NET ASSETS
THE HOME DEPOT, INC. The dominant company in home center retailing, Home Depot's innovative merchandising, strong balance sheet and excellent management has enabled the Company to continue to gain share in a fragmented industry.	2,045,000	\$104,315,450	8.4 %
THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. The leading off-price retailer, through divisions such as T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, of apparel and home fashions in the U.S. and worldwide. TJX has expanded through acquisitions and internal growth, has achieved financial strength and is positioned for sustainable growth.	1,325,000	52,814,500	4.2
EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD. The largest independent U.S. property/casualty reinsurer which generates annual premiums of \$1.5 billion and has a high quality, well-reserved AA balance sheet. This Bermuda domiciled company has a strong management team that exercises prudent underwriting discipline and efficient expense control, resulting in above-average earnings growth.	575,000	40,652,500	3.3
IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION A biopharmaceutical company which is committed to developing and commercializing effective treatments of selected cancers and autoimmune diseases. With proven products such as Rituxan and a broad pipeline of product opportunities, IDEC is positioned for continued success.	520,000	35,843,600	2.9
PFIZER INC. Well established as a leader in the pharmaceutical industry, Pfizer continues to reap the benefits of its commitment to research and development and its ability to effectively market products. The recent launch of several new products serving large markets and development of a pipeline rich with many promising drug candidates position Pfizer for strong long-term growth.	890,000	35,466,500	2.8
WAL-MART STORES, INC. A policy of serving the mass market with everyday low prices, supported by the lowest cost structure has made Wal-Mart the world's largest retailer with ongoing growth opportunities in the U.S. and overseas.	570,000	32,803,500	2.6
GOLDEN WEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION A savings and loan holding company with \$59 billion in assets headquartered in Oakland, CA. It has a strong, conservative management with a high level of insider ownership. Excellent asset quality, tight expense control and efficient capital management help produce above-average earnings increases.	525,000	30,896,250	2.5
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION A growing chain of membership warehouses, located principally in the U.S., that sell high quality merchandise at competitive prices. Earnings are generated from high sales volume, low operating costs and rapid inventory turnover.	675,000	29,956,500	2.4
PARTNERRE LTD. A leading global Bermuda-based multi-line reinsurer that generates annual premiums of \$1.7 billion and has a well-capitalized and conservatively reserved AA balance sheet. PartnerRe has a deep and talented staff and is well positioned to benefit from the upcoming strong industry pricing cycle.	550,000	29,700,000	2.4
FORD MOTOR COMPANY A global manufacturer of automobiles, trucks and related parts. The company provides financial services through its Ford Motor Credit subsidiary and owns 81% of Hertz, the top car rental firm in the U.S.	1,700,500	26,731,860	2.1
		<u>\$419,180,660</u>	<u>33.6%</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

General American Investors

ASSETS	DECEMBER 31,	
	2001	2000
INVESTMENTS, AT VALUE (NOTE 1a)		
Common Stocks (cost \$461,130,422 and \$457,376,112, respectively)	\$ 931,026,318	\$ 1,005,549,350
Corporate discount notes (cost \$310,348,410 and \$285,169,722, respectively)	310,348,410	285,169,722
	<u>1,241,374,728</u>	<u>1,290,719,072</u>
CASH, RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS		
Cash (including margin account balance of \$20,966 and \$2,899,267, respectively)	40,931	3,112,551
Receivable for securities sold	2,827,707	434,736
Receivable from broker for proceeds on securities sold short	23,334,454	67,808,111
Dividends, interest and other receivables	1,261,862	2,754,152
Prepaid Expenses	5,804,035	5,078,299
Other	513,446	557,437
	<u>1,275,157,163</u>	<u>1,370,464,358</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		
	<u>1,275,157,163</u>	<u>1,370,464,358</u>
LIABILITIES		
Payable for securities purchased	1,318,500	3,921,101
Preferred dividend accrued but not yet declared	240,000	240,000
Securities sold short, at value (proceeds \$23,334,454 and \$67,808,111, respectively) (note 1a)	15,758,350	50,811,910
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	10,310,593	10,451,884
	<u>27,627,443</u>	<u>65,424,895</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
	<u>27,627,443</u>	<u>65,424,895</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,247,529,720</u>	<u>\$1,305,039,463</u>
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO PREFERRED STOCK AT A LIQUIDATION VALUE OF \$25 PER SHARE	<u>\$150,000,000</u>	<u>\$150,000,000</u>
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	<u>\$1,097,529,720</u>	<u>\$1,155,039,463</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE	<u>\$35.14</u>	<u>\$39.91</u>
NET ASSETS		
7.20% Tax-Advantaged Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$1 par value (note 2)		
Authorized 10,000,000 shares; outstanding 6,000,000 shares	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Common Stock, \$1 par value (note 2)		
Authorized 50,000,000 shares; outstanding 31,231,563 and 28,940,544 shares, respectively (exclusive of 9,400 shares held in Treasury in 2000)	31,231,563	28,940,544
Additional paid-in capital (note 2)	723,414,981	645,307,453
Undistributed realized gain on securities sold (note 2)	9,598,439	60,229,372
Undistributed net income and distributions in excess of net income, respectively (note 2)	52,737	(367,345)
Unallocated distributions on Preferred Stock	(240,000)	(240,000)
Unrealized appreciation on investments (including aggregate gross unrealized appreciation of \$520,141,071 and \$604,311,705, respectively)	477,472,000	565,169,439
	<u>477,472,000</u>	<u>565,169,439</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,247,529,720</u>	<u>\$1,305,039,463</u>

(see notes to financial statements)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

General American Investors

INCOME	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2001	2000
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$55,790 and \$71,050, respectively)	\$7,862,551	\$7,646,236
Interest	15,201,651	17,819,536
Other Income	541,123	431,836
TOTAL INCOME	23,605,325	25,897,608
EXPENSES		
Investment research	7,145,088	8,031,203
Administration and operations	2,656,023	2,710,018
Office space and general	534,127	550,679
Transfer agent, custodian and registrar fees and expenses	224,807	250,036
Directors' fees and expenses	167,907	187,653
Stockholders' meeting and reports	128,337	146,510
Auditing and legal fees	152,700	132,000
Miscellaneous taxes	83,931	83,979
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,092,920	12,092,078
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	12,512,405	13,805,530
REALIZED GAIN AND CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS (NOTES 1d AND 4)		
Net realized gain on investments:		
Long transactions	52,639,769	213,312,192
Short sale transactions (note 1b)	18,081,053	4,060,749
Net realized gain on investments (long-term, except for \$15,679,190 and \$43,284,041, respectively)	70,720,822	217,372,941
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation	(87,697,439)	(45,048,910)
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(16,976,617)	172,324,031
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(\$4,464,212)	\$186,129,561

STATEMENT
OF CHANGES
IN NET ASSETS

OPERATIONS	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2001	2000
Net investment income	\$12,512,405	\$13,805,530
Net realized gain on sales of securities	70,720,822	217,372,941
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation	(87,697,439)	(45,048,910)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(4,464,212)	186,129,561
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS		
From net income, including short-term capital gain	(2,311,200)	(3,074,400)
From long-term capital gain	(8,488,800)	(7,725,600)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM PREFERRED DISTRIBUTIONS	(10,800,000)	(10,800,000)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS		
From net income, including short-term capital gain	(26,369,696)	(60,132,212)
From long-term capital gain	(96,274,382)	(151,138,654)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM COMMON DISTRIBUTIONS	(122,644,078)	(211,270,866)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS		
Value of Common Shares issued in payment of dividends (note 2)	81,091,222	136,477,203
Cost of Common Shares purchased (note 2)	(692,675)	(40,015,559)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS - CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	80,398,547	96,461,644
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(57,509,743)	60,520,339
NET ASSETS		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,305,039,463	1,244,519,124
END OF YEAR (including undistributed net income of \$52,737 and distributions in excess of net income of \$367,345, respectively)	\$1,247,529,720	\$1,305,039,463

(see notes to
financial statements)

COMMON STOCKS

	SHARES		VALUE (NOTE 1a)
AEROSPACE/DEFENSE (1.5%)	475,000	The Boeing Company	(COST \$14,344,668) <u>\$18,420,500</u>
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES (2.8%)	535,000	Cisco Systems, Inc. (a)	9,688,850
	520,000	Cox Communications, Inc. Class A (a)	21,793,200
	180,000	NTL Incorporated (a)	169,200
	144,500	Wolters Kluwer NV-ADR	3,294,600
		(COST \$9,681,525)	<u>34,945,850</u>
COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS (0.9%)	484,500	Oberthur Card Systems S.A. (a)	3,861,465
	230,000	Viewpoint Corporation (a)	1,566,300
	339,500	Wind River Systems, Inc. (a)	6,080,445
		(COST \$15,966,968)	<u>11,508,210</u>
CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (4.8%)	500,000	Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.	9,470,000
	275,000	Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.	11,437,250
	1,700,500	Ford Motor Company	26,731,860
	150,000	Newell Rubbermaid Inc.	4,135,500
	175,000	PepsiCo, Inc.	8,520,750
		(COST \$53,064,273)	<u>60,295,360</u>
ELECTRONICS (1.5%)	692,500	Molex Incorporated Class A	(COST \$14,877,393) <u>18,732,125</u>
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (INCLUDING SERVICES) (0.7%)	280,000	Waste Management, Inc.	(COST \$3,690,021) <u>8,934,800</u>
FINANCE AND INSURANCE (23.4%)	195,000	American International Group, Inc.	15,483,000
	300,000	AmerUs Group Co.	10,752,000
	525,000	Annaly Mortgage Management, Inc.	8,400,000
	560,000	Annuity and Life Re (Holdings), Ltd.	14,061,600
	315	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A (a)	23,814,000
	78,912	Central Securities Corporation	1,997,263
	575,000	Everest Re Group, Ltd.	40,652,500
	200,000	First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.	5,838,000
	525,000	Golden West Financial Corporation	30,896,250
	440,000	John Hancock Financial Services, Inc.	18,172,000
	360,000	M&T Bank Corporation	26,226,000
	300,000	MetLife, Inc.	9,504,000
	550,000	PartnerRe Ltd.	29,700,000
	600,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated	19,968,000
	260,000	SunTrust Banks, Inc.	16,302,000
	225,000	Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.	20,475,000
		(COST \$113,945,775)	<u>292,241,613</u>
HEALTH CARE (14.0%)		PHARMACEUTICALS (11.9%)	
	220,000	Alkermes, Inc. (a)	5,799,200
	425,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	21,675,000
	270,000	Genaera Corporation (a)	1,053,000
	325,000	Genentech, Inc. (a)	17,631,250
	520,000	IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation (a)	35,843,600
	155,000	Johnson & Johnson	9,160,500
	264,000	MedImmune, Inc. (a)	12,236,400
	120,000	Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	2,941,200
	150,000	OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	6,861,000
	890,000	Pfizer Inc.	35,466,500
		(COST \$66,166,567)	<u>148,667,650</u>
		MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS AND DEVICES (1.2%)	
	290,000	Medtronic, Inc.	(COST \$862,614) <u>14,850,900</u>
		HEALTH CARE SERVICES (0.9%)	
	100,000	BioReliance Corporation (a)	2,853,000
	400,000	Health Net, Inc. (a)	8,712,000
		(COST \$7,734,076)	<u>11,565,000</u>
		(COST \$74,763,257)	<u>175,083,550</u>

COMMON STOCKS (Continued)

SHARES		VALUE (NOTE 1a)
MISCELLANEOUS (3.7%)	Other	(COST \$56,000,845) <u>\$46,057,135</u>
OIL AND NATURAL GAS (INCLUDING SERVICES) (0.8%)	700,000 Repsol, S.A.-ADR	(COST \$8,236,884) <u>10,171,000</u>
RETAIL TRADE (17.7%)	675,000 Costco Wholesale Corporation (a)	29,956,500
	2,045,000 The Home Depot, Inc. (b)	104,315,450
	1,325,000 The TJX Companies, Inc.	52,814,500
	570,000 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	32,803,500
	(COST \$49,514,414)	<u>219,889,950</u>
SEMICONDUCTORS (2.5%)	213,500 AXT, Inc.(a)	3,080,805
	275,000 Brooks Automation, Inc. (a)	11,184,250
	197,000 EMCORE Corporation (a)	2,649,650
	2,646,000 IQE plc (a)	6,747,300
	120,000 PRI Automation, Inc. (a)	2,454,000
	250,000 Uniroyal Technology Corporation (a)	800,000
	380,000 Zarlink Semiconductor Inc. (a)	4,275,000
	(COST \$40,148,272)	<u>31,191,005</u>
SPECIAL HOLDINGS (a)(c) (NOTE 5) (0.3%)	(d) Sequoia Capital IV	2,500
	432,000 Silicon Genesis Corporation Series C Preferred	3,006,720
	546,000 Standard MEMS, Inc. Series A Convertible Preferred	546,000
	(COST \$6,896,127)	<u>3,555,220(e)</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (74.6%)		(COST \$461,130,422) <u>931,026,318</u>

SHORT-TERM SECURITIES AND OTHER ASSETS

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		
\$75,900,000	American Express Credit Corporation notes due 1/7-1/17/02; 1.78%-2.04%	75,704,672
63,900,000	Ford Motor Credit Company notes due 1/3-2/7/02; 2.54%-2.95%	63,654,297
75,600,000	General Electric Capital Corp. notes due 1/8-1/29/02; 1.75%-1.93%	75,447,113
66,400,000	General Motors Acceptance Corp. notes due 1/2-2/4/02; 2.40%-2.93%	66,144,778
29,500,000	Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. notes due 1/22-1/31/02; 2.25%-2.90%	29,397,550
	(COST \$310,348,410)	310,348,410
	Cash, receivables and other assets, less liabilities	6,154,992
TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES AND OTHER ASSETS, NET (25.4%)	(COST \$316,503,402)	<u>316,503,402</u>
NET ASSETS	(COST \$777,633,824)	<u>\$1,247,529,720</u>

(a) Non-income producing security.

(b) 1,000,000 shares held by custodian in a segregated custodian account as collateral for open short positions.

(c) Restricted security.

(d) A limited partnership interest

(e) Fair value of each holding in the opinion of the Directors.

STATEMENT OF SECURITIES SOLD SHORT: DECEMBER 31, 2001

General American Investors

COMMON STOCKS

SHARES	VALUE (NOTE 1a)
338,000 Molex Incorporated	\$10,461,100
175,000 Southwest Bancorporation of Texas, Inc.	5,297,250
TOTAL SECURITIES SOLD SHORT	(PROCEEDS \$23,334,454) <u>\$15,758,350</u>

(see notes to financial statements)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General American Investors Company, Inc. (the "Company"), established in 1927, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a closed-end, diversified management investment company. It is internally managed by its officers under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain prior year financial statement items have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

a. **SECURITY VALUATION** Securities traded on securities exchanges or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the period. Listed and NASDAQ securities for which no sales are reported on that day and other securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price (asked price for open short positions) on the valuation date. Corporate discount notes are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Special holdings are valued at fair value in the opinion of the Directors. In determining fair value, in the case of restricted shares, consideration is given to cost, operating and other financial data and, where applicable, subsequent private offerings or market price of the issuer's unrestricted shares (to which a 30 percent discount is applied); for limited partnership interests, fair value is based upon an evaluation of the partnership's net assets.

b. **SHORT SALES** The Company may make short sales of securities for either speculative or hedging purposes. When the Company makes a short sale, it borrows the securities sold short from a broker; in addition, the Company places cash with that broker and securities in a segregated account with the custodian, both as collateral for the short position. The Company may be required to pay a fee to borrow the securities and may also be obligated to pay any dividends declared on the borrowed securities. The Company will realize a gain if the security price decreases and a loss if the security price increases between the date of the sale and the date on which the Company replaces the borrowed securities.

c. **FEDERAL INCOME TAXES** The Company's policy is to fulfill the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all taxable income to its stockholders. Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes is required.

d. **OTHER** As customary in the investment company industry, securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded as of the ex-dividend dates.

2. CAPITAL STOCK AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS

On June 19, 1998, the Company issued and sold 6,000,000 shares of its 7.20% Tax-Advantaged Cumulative Preferred Stock. The stock has a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated and unpaid dividends to the date of redemption.

The Company is required to allocate distributions from long-term capital gains and other types of income proportionately among holders of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock. To the extent that dividends on the shares of Preferred Stock are not paid from long-term capital gains, they will be paid from ordinary income or net short-term capital gains or will represent a return of capital.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Company is required to maintain an asset coverage of at least 200% for the Preferred Stock. In addition, pursuant to the Rating Agency Guidelines, the Company is required to maintain a certain discounted asset coverage for its portfolio that equals or exceeds the Basic Maintenance Amount under the guidelines established by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. The Company has met these requirements since the issuance of the Preferred Stock.

The holders of Preferred Stock have voting rights equivalent to those of the holders of Common Stock (one vote per share) and, generally, vote together with the holders of Common Stock as a single class.

At all times, holders of Preferred Stock will elect two members of the Company's Board of Directors and the holders of Preferred and Common Stock, voting as a single class, will elect the remaining directors. If the Company fails to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock in an amount equal to two full years' dividends, the holders of Preferred Stock will have the right to elect a majority of the directors. In addition, the Investment Company Act of 1940 requires that approval of the holders of a majority of any outstanding preferred shares, voting separately as a class, would be required to (a) adopt any plan of reorganization that would adversely affect the Preferred Stock and (b) take any action requiring a vote of security holders, including, among other things, changes in the Company's sub-classification as a closed-end investment company or changes in its fundamental investment policies.

Transactions in Common Stock during 2001 and 2000 were as follows:

	SHARES		AMOUNT	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Shares issued in payment of dividends (includes 28,400 and 1,113,200 shares issued from Treasury, respectively)	2,310,019	3,738,367	\$ 2,310,019	\$ 3,738,367
Increase in paid-in capital			78,781,203	132,738,836
Total increase			81,091,222	136,477,203
Shares purchased (at an average discount from net asset value of 9.0% and 8.6%, respectively)	19,000	1,017,200	(19,000)	(1,017,200)
Decrease in paid-in capital			(673,675)	(38,998,359)
Total decrease			(692,675)	(40,015,559)
Net increase			\$80,398,547	\$96,461,644

2. CAPITAL STOCK AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS (Continued from bottom of previous page)

Distributions in excess of net income for financial statement purposes result primarily from transactions where tax treatment differs from book treatment.

As of December 31, 2001, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$5,926,412
Undistributed long-term gain	3,342,802
Unrealized appreciation	<u>477,472,000</u>
	<u>\$486,741,214</u>

3. OFFICERS' COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT AND THRIFT PLANS

The aggregate compensation paid by the Company during 2001 and 2000 to its officers amounted to \$5,334,000 and \$5,254,000, respectively.

The Company has non-contributory retirement plans and a contributory thrift plan which cover substantially all employees. The costs to the Company and the assets and liabilities of the plans are not material. Costs of the plans are funded currently.

4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of securities and securities sold short (other than short-term securities) during 2001 were as follows:

	<u>PURCHASES</u>	<u>SALES</u>
Long transactions	\$217,712,654	\$266,598,113
Short sale transactions	<u>28,442,689</u>	<u>2,050,085</u>
Total	<u>\$246,155,343</u>	<u>\$268,648,198</u>

At December 31, 2001, the cost of investments for Federal income tax purposes was the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes.

5. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

	<u>DATE ACQUIRED</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>VALUE (NOTE 1a)</u>
Sequoia Capital IV*	1/31/84	\$886,407	\$2,500
Silicon Genesis Corporation Series C Preferred	2/16/01	3,006,720	3,006,720
Standard MEMS, Inc. Series A Convertible Preferred	12/17/99	<u>3,003,000</u>	<u>546,000</u>
Total		<u>\$6,896,127</u>	<u>\$3,555,220</u>

* The amounts shown are net of distributions from this limited partnership interest which, in the aggregate, amounted to \$4,806,404. The initial investment in the limited partnership was \$2,000,000.

6. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENT

In July 1992, the Company entered into an operating lease agreement for office space which expires in 2007 and provides for future rental payments in the aggregate amount of approximately \$5.6 million. The lease agreement contains a clause whereby the Company received twenty months of free rent beginning in December 1992 and escalation clauses relating to operating costs and real property taxes.

Rental expense approximated \$322,000 for 2001. Minimum rental commitments under the operating lease are approximately \$403,000 in 2002 and \$504,000 per annum in 2003 through 2007.

In March 1996, the Company entered into a sublease agreement which expires in 2003 and provides for future rental receipts. Minimum rental receipts under the sublease are approximately \$203,000 in 2002 and \$64,000 in 2003. The Company will also receive its proportionate share of operating expenses and real property taxes under the sublease.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On January 16, 2002, the Board of Directors declared on the Common Stock a dividend of \$9,369,469 from realized gains, including \$3,435,472 from long-term capital gains and the balance from short-term gains (ordinary income). This dividend is payable in cash on February 11, 2002.

Unaudited

In addition to purchases of the Company's Common Stock as set forth in Note 2 on page 12, purchases of Common Stock may be made at such times, at such prices, in such amounts and in such manner as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

The following table shows per share operating performance data, total investment return, ratios and supplemental data for each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2001. This information has been derived from information contained in the financial statements and market price data for the Company's shares.

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 39.91	\$ 41.74	\$ 34.87	\$ 29.15	\$ 25.24
Net investment income	.41	.53	.45	.47	.21
Net gain on securities - realized and unrealized	(.66)	6.12	11.32	9.44	7.15
Total from investment operations	(.25)	6.65	11.77	9.91	7.36
Less distributions on:					
Common Stock:					
Dividends from investment income	(.88)(a)	(2.30)(b)	(.71)(c)	(.48)	(.26)(d)
Distributions from capital gains	(3.28)	(5.78)	(3.77)	(3.24)	(3.19)
	(4.16)	(8.08)	(4.48)	(3.72)	(3.45)
Preferred Stock:					
Dividends from investment income	(.07)(e)	(.11)(f)	(.07)(g)	(.03)	—
Distributions from capital gains	(.29)	(.29)	(.35)	(.20)	—
Unallocated	—	—	—	(.01)	—
	(.36)	(.40)	(.42)	(.24)	—
Total distributions	(4.52)	(8.48)	(4.90)	(3.96)	(3.45)
Capital Stock transaction - effect of Preferred Stock offering	—	—	—	(.23)	—
Net asset value, end of year	\$35.14	\$ 39.91	\$ 41.74	\$ 34.87	\$ 29.15
Per share market value, end of year	\$33.47	\$ 36.00	\$ 37.19	\$ 30.44	\$ 26.19
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN - Stockholder					
Return, based on market price per share	4.33%	19.10%	39.22%	31.31%	42.58%
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Total net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$1,247,530	\$1,305,039	\$1,244,519	\$1,018,933	\$702,597
Net assets attributable to Common Stock, end of year (000's omitted)	\$1,097,530	\$1,155,039	\$1,094,519	\$868,933	\$702,597
Ratio of expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	1.02%	1.09%	1.01%	0.95%	0.98%
Ratio of net income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	1.15%	1.24%	1.23%	1.50%	0.80%
Portfolio turnover rate	23.81%	40.61%	33.68%	34.42%	32.45%
PREFERRED STOCK					
Liquidation value, end of year (000's omitted)	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	—
Asset coverage	832%	870%	830%	679%	—
Liquidation preference per share	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	—
Market value per share	\$25.90	\$24.25	\$21.75	\$25.88	—
(a) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$0.51 per share.					
(b) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$1.82 per share.					
(c) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$.29 per share.					
(d) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$.05 per share.					
(e) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$.04 per share.					
(f) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$.09 per share.					
(g) Includes short-term capital gain in the amount of \$.03 per share.					

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statements of investments and securities sold short, of General American Investors Company, Inc. as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and

disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2001, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of General American Investors Company, Inc. at December 31, 2001, the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York
January 15, 2002

OFFICERS

NAME (AGE) EMPLOYEE SINCE	POSITION WITH COMPANY SINCE	NAME (AGE) EMPLOYEE SINCE	POSITION WITH COMPANY SINCE
Spencer Davidson (59) 1994	President and Chief Executive Officer 1995	Peter P. Donnelly (53) 1974	Vice-President 1991 securities trader
Andrew V. Vindigni (42) 1988	Vice-President 1995 security analyst (financial services industry)	Diane G. Radosti (49) 1980	Treasurer 1990 corporate accounting and financial reporting
Eugene L. DeStaebler, Jr. (63) 1975	Vice-President, Administration 1978 operations and finance	Carole Anne Clementi (55) 1982	Secretary 1994 shareholder relations and office management

All officers serve for a term of one year and are elected by the board of directors at the time of its annual organization meeting on the second Wednesday in April. The address for each officer is the Company's office. Other directorships and affiliations for Mr. Davidson are shown in the listing of Directors on page 16.

SERVICE COMPANIES

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DIRECTORS

General American Investors

NAME (AGE) DIRECTOR SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS
INDEPENDENT ("DISINTERESTED") DIRECTORS		
Lawrence B. Buttenwieser (70) CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1967	<i>Partner</i> Rosenman & Colin LLP (lawyers)	
Arthur G. Altschul, Jr. (37) 1995	<i>Managing Member</i> Diaz & Altschul Group, LLC (investments and securities)	Delta Opportunity Fund, Ltd., <i>Director</i> Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation, <i>Director</i> The Overbrook Foundation, <i>Trustee</i>
Lewis B. Cullman (83) 1961	<i>President</i> Cullman Ventures LLC (catalogs)	Chess-in-the-Schools, <i>Chairman,</i> <i>Board of Trustees</i> Metropolitan Museum of Art, <i>Trustee</i> Neurosciences Research Foundation, <i>Trustee</i> The New York Botanical Garden, <i>Senior</i> <i>Vice Chairman, Board of Managers</i>
Gerald M. Edelman (72) 1976	<i>Member and Chairman of the</i> <i>Department of Neurobiology</i> The Scripps Research Institute	Neurosciences Institute of the Neurosciences Research Foundation, <i>Director</i> <i>and President</i>
John D. Gordan, III (56) 1986	<i>Partner</i> Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (lawyers)	
Bill Green (72) 1993	<i>Corporate director and trustee</i>	ClientSoft, Inc., <i>Director</i> Commercial Capital Corp., <i>Director</i> Energy Answers Corporation, <i>Director</i> New York City Housing Development Corporation, <i>Member and Vice Chair</i>
Sidney R. Knafel (71) 1994	<i>Managing Partner</i> SRK Management Company (private investment company)	BioReliance Corporation, <i>Chairman</i> IGENE Biotechnology, Inc., <i>Director</i> Insight Communications Company, Inc., <i>Chairman</i> NTL Incorporated, <i>Director</i> Source Media, Inc., <i>Director</i>
Richard R. Pivrotto (71) 1971	<i>President</i> Richard R. Pivrotto Co., Inc. (self-employed consultant)	General Theological Seminary, <i>Trustee</i> The Gillette Company, <i>Director</i> The Greenwich Bank and Trust Company, <i>Director</i> Greenwich Hospital Corporation, <i>Trustee</i> Immunomedics, Inc., <i>Director</i> New York Life Insurance Company, <i>Director</i> Princeton University, <i>Charter Trustee</i> <i>Emeritus</i>
Joseph T. Stewart, Jr. (72) 1987	<i>Corporate director and trustee</i>	Foundation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, <i>Trustee</i> Marine Biological Laboratory, <i>Member,</i> <i>Advisory Council</i>
Raymond S. Toubh (75) 1989	<i>Financial Consultant</i>	Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Inc., <i>Director</i> Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., <i>Director</i> Enron Corp., <i>Director</i> Gentiva Health Services, Inc., <i>Director</i> Health Net, Inc., <i>Director</i> Hercules Incorporated, <i>Director</i> Petrie Stores Liquidating Trust, <i>Trustee</i> Starwood Hotels & Resorts, <i>Trustee</i> Triarc Companies, Inc., <i>Director</i> WHX Corporation, <i>Director</i>
INSIDE ("INTERESTED") DIRECTOR		
Spencer Davidson (59) 1995	<i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i> General American Investors Company, Inc. since 1995	Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation, <i>Director</i> Neurosciences Research Foundation, <i>Trustee</i>

All directors serve for a term of one year and are elected by stockholders at the time of the annual meeting on the second Wednesday in April. The address for each director is the Company's office.

Arthur G. Altschul, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS
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