

PRIMARY LAYOUT
2008 YEAR-END TAX REPORTING INFORMATION

General American Investors Company, Inc.																														
Primary Layout Report Date: January 13, 2009 (Revised from January 12, 2009; see yellow highlighted cell)																														

This spreadsheet and the accompanying instructions do not constitute, and should not be considered a substitute for, legal advice. The rules governing the proper tax characterization of distributions by mutual funds can be complex. Each fund should consult its own tax advisor regarding the proper tax characterization and reporting of the fund's distributions. Please note that AMT should be provided in Column 31 as a percentage of Column 30, not an amount.

Please list Securities in Cusip Order (Skip Rows Between Entries)																																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
Security Description (Fund Name)	CUSIP	Ticker Symbol	Estimated (E)	Reclass (R)	Corrected (C)	Record Date	Ex-Dividend Date	Payable Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Year Included in Shareholders' Income			Form 1099 Box 1a Breakdown			Form 1099 Box 1b Breakdown			Box 1b Total Qualified Dividends (18+19+20)	Box 2a Total Capital Gain Distr.	Box 2b Unrecap Gain	Box 2c Section 1202 Gain	Box 2d Collectibles (28%) Gain	Box 3 Nondividend Distributions	Box 6 Foreign Tax Paid	Box 8 Cash Liquidation Distr	Box 9 Noncash Liquidation Distr	Exempt Interest Dividends	Percentage of AMT in Column 30	CUSIP Number Change (M) or (Y)		
										2007 (Prior Year)	2009 (Next Year)	2008 (Current Year)	Income Dividends	Short-term Capital Gain	Foreign Tax Paid	Box 1a Total Ordinary Dividends (14+15+16)	Qualified Income Dividends	Qualified Short-term Gains													Qualified Foreign Tax Paid	
General American Investors Company, Inc.																																
Common	368802104	GAM				1/28/2008	1/24/2008	2/11/2008	0.215294			0.215294	0.005815			0.005815	0.005738			0.005738	0.209479											
Common	368802104	GAM				11/14/2008	11/12/2008	12/26/2008	0.440000			0.440000	0.185594			0.185594	0.185594			0.185594	0.254406											
									0.655294			0.655294	0.191409			0.191409	0.191332			0.191332	0.463885											
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				3/7/2008	3/5/2008	3/24/2008	0.371875			0.371875	0.108585			0.108585	0.108585			0.108585	0.263290											
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				6/6/2008	6/4/2008	6/24/2008	0.371875			0.371875	0.108585			0.108585	0.108585			0.108585	0.263290											
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				9/8/2008	9/4/2008	9/24/2008	0.371875			0.371875	0.108585			0.108585	0.108585			0.108585	0.263290											
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				12/8/2008	12/4/2008	12/24/2008	0.371875			0.371875	0.108585			0.108585	0.108585			0.108585	0.263290											
									1.487500			1.487500	0.434340			0.434340	0.434340			0.434340	1.053160											