

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS

2018 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.

Net assets applicable to Common Stock -	2018	2017
December 31	\$896,789,202	\$1,070,483,445
Net investment income	8,173,881	8,564,156
Net realized gain	59,267,989	91,833,612
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation	(139,146,694)	70,336,629
Distributions to Preferred Stockholders	(11,311,972)	(11,311,972)
Per Common Share - December 31		
Net asset value	\$34.51	\$40.47
Market price	\$28.44	\$34.40
Discount from net asset value	-17.6%	-15.0%
Common Shares outstanding - Dec. 31	25,984,054	26,453,136
Market price range* (high-low)	\$37.26-\$27.09	\$36.53-\$31.12
Market volume - shares	12,069,886	10,504,400

DIVIDEND	SUMMARY	(per share)	(unaudited)
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Record Date	Payment Date	Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gain	Total
Common Stock				
Nov. 19, 2018 Total from 2018 ea	Dec. 28, 2018 arnings	\$0.293862	\$1.956138	\$2.250000
Nov. 13, 2017 Feb. 5, 2018	Dec. 29, 2017 Feb. 16, 2018	\$0.578150 -	\$2.511850 0.500000	\$3.090000 0.500000
Total from 2017 ea	rnings	\$0.578150	\$3.011850	\$3.590000
Preferred Stock				
Mar. 7, 2018	Mar. 26, 2018	\$0.048567	\$0.323308	\$0.371875
Jun. 7, 2018	Jun. 25, 2018	0.048567	0.323308	0.371875
Sept. 7, 2018	Sept. 24, 2018	0.048567	0.323308	0.371875
Dec. 7, 2018	Dec. 24, 2018	0.048567	0.323308	0.371875
Total for 2018		\$0.194268	\$1.293232	\$1.487500
Mar. 7, 2017	Mar. 24, 2017	\$0.069579	\$0.302296	\$0.371875
Jun. 7, 2017	Jun. 26, 2017	0.069579	0.302296	0.371875
Sept. 7, 2017	Sept. 25, 2017	0.069579	0.302296	0.371875
Dec. 7, 2017	Dec. 26, 2017	0.069579	0.302296	0.371875
Total for 2017		\$0.278316	\$1.209184	\$1.487500

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eneral American Investors' net asset value (NAV) per Common Share (assuming reinvestment of all dividends) decreased 7.0% for the year ended December 31, 2018. The U.S. stock market was down 4.4% for the year, as measured by our benchmark, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (including income). The return to our Common Stockholders decreased by 9.9% and the discount at which our shares traded to their NAV continued to fluctuate and on December 31, 2018, it was 17.6%.

The table that follows provides a comprehensive presentation of our performance and compares our returns on an annualized basis with the S&P 500.

Years	Stockholder Return (Market Value)	NAV Return	S&P 500
3	5.4%	6.3%	9.3%
5	3.9	4.7	8.5
10	11.4	11.2	13.1
20	7.1	7.2	5.6
30	11.7	11.3	9.9
40	13.5	13.0	11.5
50	10.6	11.3	9.8

Market volatility returned with a vengeance in 2018 reflected in the equity market's strong early performance and weak finish as December's market decline was unmatched since 1931. As we hypothesized last year, earnings multiples contracted with interest rate increases just as earnings accelerated rapidly with an improved economy on the back of significantly reduced U.S. corporate tax rates and regulatory reforms. Thus, while earnings rose in excess of 23% for the year, the performance of the S&P 500 logged 7% gains through October 31 and ended down 4.4% for the year. Much of the decline can be traced to escalating trade spats threatening corporate supply chains, elevated debt levels and liquidity concerns, perhaps in part, a result of Fed balance sheet reductions and similar planned actions by other central banks. Significant geo-political tensions also appeared to reach a zenith in the fourth quarter with tariff implementations, degrading world economic growth, especially in China and Europe, an uncertain outcome with Brexit and the rise of political populism across the European Union.

As is often the case, the very circumstances that lead to market corrections cause adjustment in policy as participants adjust their strategies, relieving the overriding pessimism, upending the negative sentiment and in the short-term lead markets higher. Recent favorable comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Powell and others are the case in point and have diminished market fears of a "too tight" Federal Reserve policy, and recent U.S./China discussions seem to have calmed trade and geopolitical concerns converting pessimism to hope that many of the issues contributing to the 4th quarter and late December selloff may be resolved favorably.

In truth, nothing has yet been resolved, although, at the fringes some progress has been made. Valuations are largely where they were at the end of November with the exception of the FAANG stocks, which have experienced significant multiple contraction as of this writing. 2019 earnings growth for the S&P 500 anticipated at the end of September to be 9% has been reduced by analysts to 5%, with a few calling for an outright earnings recession, as we had in 2015. However, stock buybacks have likely been large enough over the past year, despite some margin compression, to grow earnings around 1-2% per S&P 500 share on their own and assuming nominal gross domestic product growth in the U.S. economy in excess of 3.5%, 4-5% earnings growth seems plausible, if not conservative. Assuming no significant policy errors here and abroad, China successfully rebooting its expansion and the addition of announced, but not implemented buybacks, growth in earnings may improve further.

In sum, the rise of uncertainty has negatively affected anticipated growth rates, margins and multiples paid for corporate earnings. Volatility in financial markets has risen dramatically with much of it self-induced by poorly planned or implemented policy decisions and commentary. As some of these uncertainties resolve themselves over time, negative expectations may not be realized and the equity markets may find their footing and continue to advance as one of the longest market expansions in U.S. history unfolds into its eleventh year. We remain guardedly optimistic on the equity markets, but vigilant on the potential for rising risks to the economy.

Ms. Diane G. Radosti, an employee of the Company for the last thirty-eight years and Treasurer since 1990, retired effective December 31, 2018. Ms. Radosti will continue in a consulting role with the Company during the first quarter of 2019. Effective January 1, 2019, Ms. Samantha X. Jin was appointed Treasurer.

The Company is also pleased to report the following officer promotions effective January 1, 2019: Mr. Anang K. Majmudar to Senior Vice-President, Mr. Liron Kronzon to Vice-President, and Ms. Connie A. Santa Maria to Assistant Corporate Secretary.

Information about the Company, including our investment objectives, operating policies and procedures, investment results, record of dividend payments, financial reports and press releases, etc., is available on our website, which can be accessed at www.generalamericaninvestors.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Jeffrey W. Priest President and Chief Executive Officer

February 6, 2019

Corporate Overview General American Investors, established in 1927, is one of the nation's oldest closed-end investment companies. It is an independent organization that is internally managed. For reg-

ulatory purposes, the Company is classified as a diversified, closed-end management investment company; it is registered under and subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code.

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. The Directors have a broad range of experience in business and financial affairs.

Portfolio Manager Mr. Jeffrey W. Priest, has been President of the Company since February 1, 2012 and has been responsible for the management of the Company since January 1, 2013 when

he was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Portfolio Manager. Mr. Priest joined the Company in 2010 as a senior investment analyst and has spent his entire 30-year business career on Wall Street. Mr. Priest succeeds Mr. Spencer Davidson who served as Chief Executive Officer and Portfolio Manager from 1995 through 2012.

"GAM" Common Stock As a closed-end investment company, the Company 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 in the same manner as all listed stocks. Net asset value is computed and published on the Company's website daily (on an unaudited basis) and is also furnished upon request. It is also available on most electronic quotation services using the symbol "XGAMX." Net asset value per share (NAV), market price, and the discount or premium from NAV as of the close of each week, is published in *Barron's* and *The Wall Street Journal*, Monday edition.

Shares of the Company usually sell at a discount to NAV, as do the shares of most other domestic equity closed-end investment companies.

Since March 1995, the Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of Common Stock in the open market when the shares trade at a discount to NAV of at least 8%. To date, 27,368,114 shares have been repurchased.

On September 24, 2003, the Company issued

"GAM Pr B" Preferred Stock and sold in an underwritten offering 8,000,000 shares of its 5.95% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B with a liquidation preference of \$25 per share (\$200,000,000 in the ag-

gregate). The Preferred Shares are rated "A1" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and are listed and traded on The New York Stock Exchange (symbol, GAM Pr B). The Preferred Shares are available to leverage the investment performance of the Common Stockholders; higher market volatility for the Common Stockholders may result.

The Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 1 million Preferred Shares in the open market at prices below \$25 per share. To date, 395,313 shares have been repurchased.

Dividend and Distribution Policy The Company's dividend and distribution 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 ended October 31 of that year. If any additional capital gains are realized and available or ordinary income is earned during the last two months of the year, a "spill-over" distribution of these amounts may be paid. Dividends and distributions on shares of Preferred Stock are paid quarterly. Distributions from capital gains and dividends from 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 distributions in varying amounts have been paid for each of the years 1943-2018 (except for the year 1974). (A table listing dividends and distributions paid during the 20-year period 1999-2018 is shown at the bottom of page 4.) To the extent that shares can be issued, dividends and distributions are paid to Common Stockholders in additional shares of Common Stock unless the stockholder specifically requests payment in cash.

Proxy Voting Policies, Procedures and Record The policies and procedures used by the Company to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and the Company's proxy voting record for the 12-month period ended June

30, 2018 are available: (1) without charge, upon request, by calling the Company at its toll-free number (1-800-436-8401), (2) on the Company's website at www.generalamerican-investors.com and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec. gov.

Direct Registration

The Company makes available direct registration for its Common Shareholders. Direct registration, an element of the Investors Choice Plan administered by our transfer agent, is

a system that allows for book-entry ownership and electronic transfer of our Common Shares. Accordingly, when Common Shareholders, who hold their shares directly, receive new shares resulting from a purchase, transfer or dividend payment, they will receive a statement showing the credit of the new shares as well as their Plan account and certificated share balances. A brochure which describes the features and benefits of the Investors Choice Plan, including the ability of shareholders to deposit certificates with our transfer agent, can be obtained by calling American Stock Transfer & Trust Company at 1-800-413-5499, calling the Company at 1-800-436-8401 or visiting our website: www.generalamericaninvestors.com - click on Distributions & Reports, then Report Downloads.

Privacy Policy and Practices The Company collects nonpublic personal information about its direct stockholders with respect to their transactions in shares of the Company's securities (those stockholders whose shares are

registered directly 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 in "street name" registration.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our current or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law. We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our stockholders to those few employees who need to know that information to perform their responsibilities. We maintain safeguards to comply with federal standards to secure our stockholders' information.

Total return on \$10,000 investment for 20 years ended
December 31, 2018

he investment return for a Common Stockholder of General American Investors (GAM) over the 20 years ended December 31, 2018 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 1999.

Stockholder Return is the return a Common Stockholder of GAM would have achieved assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at the actual reinvestment price and of all cash dividends and distributions at the market price on the ex-dividend date.

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 and distributions at the reinvestment prices indicated above.

Standard & Poor's 500 Return is the total rate of return on this widely-recognized, unmanaged index which is a measure of general stock market performance, including dividend income.

Past performance may not be indicative of future results.

The following tables and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a stockholder would pay on Company distributions or the sale of Company shares.

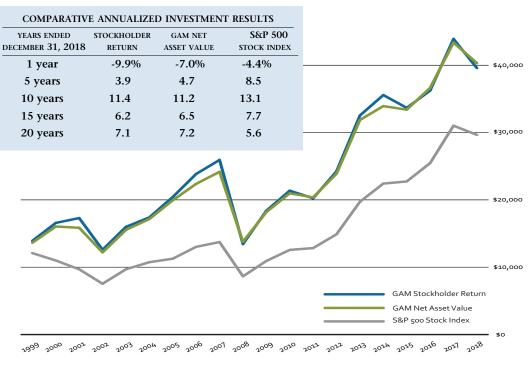
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS					STANDARD & PO	OOR'S 500
	Stockhole	STOCKHOLDER RETURN NET ASSET VALUE RETURN		Retu	RN	
	Cumulative Investment	Annual Return	Cumulative Investment	Annual Return	Cumulative Investment	Annual Return
1999	\$13,922	39.22%	\$13,640	36.40%	\$12,096	20.96%
2000	16,581	19.10	16,046	17.64	10,996	-9.09
2001	17,299	4.33	15,854	-1.20	9,689	-11.89
2002	12,592	-27.21	12,204	-23.02	7,544	-22.14
2003	15,993	27.01	15,548	27.40	9,698	28.56
2004	17,399	8.79	17,160	10.37	10,745	10.79
2005	20,426	17.40	19,940	16.20	11,264	4.83
2006	23,854	16.78	22,381	12.24	13,028	15.66
2007	25,934	8.72	24,174	8.01	13,733	5.41
2008	13,434	-48.20	13,774	-43.02	8,642	-37.07
2009	18,385	36.86	18,193	32.08	10,928	26.45
2010	21,371	16.24	20,978	15.31	12,573	15.06
2011	20,241	-5.29	20,376	-2.87	12,841	2.13
2012	24,242	19.77	23,903	17.31	14,894	15.99
2013	32,538	34.22	31,870	33.33	19,722	32.41
2014	35,570	9.32	33,929	6.46	22,422	13.69
2015	33,671	-5.34	33,400	-1.56	22,738	1.41
2016	36,227	7.59	36,633	9.68	25,462	11.98
2017	43,910	21.21	43,366	18.38	31,020	21.83
2018	39,576	-9.87	40,317	-7.03	29,661	-4.38

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS PER COMMON SHARE (1999-2018) (UNAUDITED)

This table shows dividends and distributions on the Company's Common Stock for the prior 20-year period. Amounts shown are based upon the year in which the income was earned, not the year paid. Spill-over payments made after year-end are attributable to income and gains earned in the prior year.

EARNINGS SOURCE			EARNINGS SOURCE					
		SHORT-TERM	Long-term			SHORT-TERM	LONG-TERM	RETURN OF
YEAR	INCOME	CAPITAL GAINS	CAPITAL GAINS	YEAR	INCOME	CAPITAL GAINS	CAPITAL GAINS	CAPITAL
1999	\$.420	\$.620	\$4.050	2009	\$.103	\$.051	\$.186	\$.010
2000	.480	1.550	6.160	2010	.081	.033	.316	_
2001	.370	.640	1.370	2011	.147	.011	.342	_
2002	.030	_	.330	2012	.215	.015	1.770	_
2003	.020	_	.590	2013	.184	_	1.916	_
2004	.217	_	.957	2014	.321	.254	2.925	_
2005	.547	.041	1.398	2015	.392	_	.858	_
2006	.334	_	2.666	2016	.283	_	2.997	_
2007	.706	.009	5.250	2017	.578	_	3.012	_
2008	.186	_	.254	2018	.294	_	1.956	_

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



PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION (UNAUDITED)

The diversification of the Company's net assets applicable to its Common Stock by industry group as of December 31, 2018 is shown in the table.

	DECEMBER 31, 2018			
		·	% COMMON	
INDUSTRY CATEGORY	COST(000)	VALUE(000)	NET ASSETS*	
Information Technology				
Semiconductors & Semiconductor				
Equipment	\$9,265	\$34,345	3.8%	
Software & Services	91,009	130,116	14.6	
Technology Hardware & Equipment	42,067	77,058_	8.6	
	142,341	241,519	27.0	
Financials				
Banks	560	15,744	1.7	
Diversified Financials	10,386	37,816	4.2	
Insurance	41,926	144,890	16.2	
	52,872	198,450	22.1	
Consumer Staples	50 770	446056	42.0	
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	58,772	116,956	13.0	
Food & Staples Retailing	<u>25,409</u>	43,496	4.9	
O	84,181	160,452	17.9	
Consumer Discretionary	20.174	21.004	2.5	
Media	30,174	31,094	3.5	
Retailing	<u>37,129</u>	108,609	12.1	
Industrials	67,303	139,703	15.6	
Capital Goods	27,479	33,747	3.8	
Commercial & Professional Services	8,408	43,102	4.8	
Transportation	21,327	20,784	2.3	
Transportation	57,214	97,633	$\frac{2.3}{10.9}$	
Health Care		<u> </u>	10.7	
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology				
& Life Sciences	51,038	83,889	9.4	
Energy	65,350	64,701	7.2	
Miscellaneous**	58,369	38,653	4.3	
Telecommunication Services	7,835	6,611	0.7	
	586,503	1,031,611	115.1	
Short-Term Securities	57,748	57,748_	6.4	
Total Investments	\$644,251	1,089,359	121.5	
Other Assets and Liabilities - Net		(2,453)	(0.3)	
Preferred Stock		(190,117)	(21.2)	
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock		\$896,789	100.0%	
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^{*} Net Assets applicable to the Company's Common Stock.

** Securities which have been held for less than one year, not previously disclosed and not restricted. (see notes to unaudited financial statements)

T		NET SHARES TRANSACTED	Shares Held
Increases: New Positions	VBI Vaccines Inc.	900,000	1,764,464(b)
Additions	Axis Capital Holdings Limited	20,000	295,000
	Cameco Corporation	200,000	1,327,947
	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	20,000	416,511
	Discovery, Inc.	50,000	449,285
	DXC Technology Company	25,000	151,474
	Eaton Corporation plc	25,000	154,131
	GCI Liberty, Inc Class A	67,600	359,199
	Nelnet, Inc.	12,500	382,500
	Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	28,621	464,985
	Phillips 66	28,000	168,000
	Worldpay, Inc.	10,000	148,769
DECREASES:			
ELIMINATIONS	Charter Communications, Inc.	10,000	
	Ford Motor Company	434,063	
	General Electric Company	295,000	
REDUCTIONS	Apple Inc.	15,000	89,000
	Arantana Therapeutics, Inc.	274,999	1,599,365
	Celgene Corporation	10,000	155,000
	eBay Inc.	200,000	438,800
	Ensco plc - Class A	200,000	1,325,000
	Everest Re Group, Ltd.	5,000	115,000
	Facebook, Inc Class A	9,500	76,500
	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	40,000	333,600
	Halliburton Company	25,000	460,000
	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	6,600	182,300
	Kindred Biosciences, Inc.	9,243	449,574
	The Kroger Co.	140,979	415,782
	Macy's, Inc.	120,000	300,000
	PepsiCo, Inc.	20,500	174,500
	Pfizer Inc.	50,000	330,808
	Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc Class A	263,000	197,196
	Universal Display Corporation	10,000	121,309
	Vodafone Group plc ADR	328,352	342,900
	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	72,325	157,875

⁽a) Common shares unless otherwise noted; excludes transactions in Common Stocks - Miscellaneous - Other.

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

The statement of investments as of December 31, 2018, shown on pages 8 - 10 includes securities of 61 issuers. Listed here are the ten largest holdings on that date.

	SHARES	VALUE	% COMMON NET ASSETS
THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. Through its T.J. Maxx and Marshalls divisions, TJX is the leading off-price retailer. The continued growth of these divisions in the U.S. and Europe, along with expansion of related U.S. and foreign off-price formats, provide ongoing growth opportunities.	1,296,536	\$58,007,021	
MICROSOFT CORPORATION Microsoft is a leading global provider of software, services, and hardware devices. The company produces the Windows operating system, Office productivity suite, Azure public cloud service, and Xbox gaming console.	500,686	50,854,677	5.7
REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC. Republic Services is a leading provider of non-hazardous, solid waste collection and disposal services in the U.S. The efficient operation of its routes and facilities combined with appropriate pricing enables Republic Services to generate significant free cash flo	597,895 w.	43,102,251	4.8
ALPHABET INC. Alphabet is a global technology firm with a dominant market share in internet search, online advertising, desktop, and mobile operating systems, as well as a growing share of cloud computing platforms. Alphabet has a wide competitive moat, a strong busines franchise, a reasonable valuation, several positive potential catalyst and manageable risks.		36,764,155	4.1
NESTLÉ S.A. Nestlé is a well-managed, global food company with a favorably-positioned product portfolio and an excellent balance sheet. Marke share, volume growth, pricing power, expense control, and capital management yield durable, above average, total return potential.	450,000	36,545,900	4.1
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC CLASS A Berkshire Hathaway is a holding company owning many well-oper subsidiaries mainly in the insurance, railroad, utility/energy, aerosp manufacturing, retail, and finance industries. The company also ho various common stock investments. Berkshire is positioned to provabove average, long term, relatively defensive returns due to its conservative balance sheet.	pace, olds	33,660,000	3.7
ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD. Arch Capital, a Bermuda-based insurer/reinsurer, generates premiur of approximately \$6.5 billion and has a high quality, well-reserved balance sheet. This company has a strong management team that exercises underwriting discipline, expense control, and capital management resulting in above-average earnings and book value growth.	1,200,000 ms	32,064,000	3.6
UNILEVER N.V. Unilever N.V. is a well-managed, primarily emerging market-based, global consumer goods manufacturer focusing on personal care, home care, food and refreshment products. Advantaged geographic coupled with above average volume growth, pricing power, and management execution generates above average, long-term shareholder returns.		32,051,366	3.6
CISCO SYSTEMS, INC. Cisco is the leading global provider of telecommunications infrastruct products and services that span networking, security, collaboration, ar cloud applications. Cisco benefits from secular technology trends and also successfully executing a multi-year transition. Cisco offers an attrivaluation with solid growth, strong shareholder yield, and moderate r	nd is active	27,731,200	3.1
ASML HOLDING N.V. ASML is the leading global provider of lithography systems for the semiconductor industry, manufacturing highly complex equipmen to the production of integrated circuits or microchips. ASML has es a dominant market share in next-generation lithography even as the grows its share of semiconductor capex budgets. ASML has strong g prospects, healthy margin leverage, shareholder-friendly capital alleand a moderate risk profile.	stablished nat market growth	27,677,017	3.1
		\$378,457,587	42.2%

	SHARES	COMMON STOCKS		VALUE (NOTE 1a)
CONSUMER		Media (3.5%)		
DISCRETIONARY		Discovery, Inc. (a)		\$11,115,311
(15.4%)	359,199	GCI Liberty, Inc Class A (a)		14,784,631
	197,196	Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc C		5,194,143
	R	LETAILING (11.9%)	(COST \$30,174,082)	31,094,085
	18,000	Amazon.com, Inc. (a)		27,035,460
	335,279	Liberty Expedia Holdings, Inc. (a)		13,112,762
	300,000	Macy's, Inc.		8,934,000
	1,296,536	The TJX Companies, Inc.	(COST \$26 922 229)	58,007,021 107,089,243
			(COST \$36,833,238)	138,183,328
			(COST \$67,007,320)	130,103,320
CONSUMER	F	OOD, BEVERAGE, AND TOBACCO (13.0%	6)	15.062.122
STAPLES	225,118	Danone (France)	.)	15,863,133
(17.9%)	93,210 450,000	Diageo plc ADR (United Kingdom Nestlé S.A. (Switzerland)	1)	13,217,178 36,545,900
	174,500	PepsiCo, Inc.		19,278,760
	590,000	Unilever N.V. (Netherlands/Unite	ed Kingdom)	32,051,366
	,	,,,,	(COST \$58,772,256)	116,956,337
	Fe	OOD AND STAPLES RETAILING (4.9%)	(3331 433)2,233)	
	85,200	Costco Wholesale Corporation		17,356,092
	415,782	The Kroger Co.		11,434,005
	157,875	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.		14,706,056_
			(COST \$25,409,192)	43,496,153
			(COST \$84,181,448)	_160,452,490_
ENERGY	252,500	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	 [11,069,600
(7.2%)	1,327,947	Cameco Corporation (Canada)		15,072,198
	1,325,000	Ensco plc - Class A (United Kingd	lom)	4,717,000
	3,830,440	Gulf Coast Ultra Deep Royalty Tr	ust	109,168
	460,000 1,300,000	Halliburton Company Helix Energy Solutions Group, In	c. (a)	12,226,800 7,033,000
	168,000	Phillips 66	C. (a)	14,473,200
	100,000	1 mmps 00	(COST \$65,349,681)	64,700,966
FINANCIALS	R	ANKS (1.7%)		
(22.1%)	110,000	M&T Bank Corporation	(COST \$560,176)	15,744,300
	Γ	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS (4.2%)		
	182,300	JPMorgan Chase & Co.		17,796,126
	382,500	Nelnet, Inc.		20,020,050
	τ.	(1 (20))	(COST \$10,385,873)	37,816,176
		NSURANCE (16.2%)		22.465.670
	154,552	Aon plc (United Kingdom) Arch Capital Group Ltd. (a) (Bern	auda)	22,465,679
	1,200,000 295,000	Axis Capital Holdings Limited (Be	rmuda)	32,064,000 15,233,800
	110	Berkshire Hathaway Inc Class A		33,660,000
	115,000	Everest Re Group, Ltd. (Bermuda)		25,042,400
	400,000	MetLife, Inc.		16,424,000
			(COST \$41,925,667)	144,889,879
			(COST \$52,871,716)	198,450,355
HEALTH CARE	P	HARMACEUTICALS, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AN	ND LIFE SCIENCES	
(9.4%)	1,599,365	Arantana Therapeutics, Inc. (a)		9,804,107
	155,000	Celgene Corporation (a)		9,933,950
	333,600	Gilead Sciences, Inc.		20,866,680
	299,942	Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc. (a)		3,416,339
	449,574	Kindred Biosciences, Inc. (a)		4,922,835
	200,191 464,985	Merck & Co., Inc. Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)		15,296,594 2,385,373
	330,808	Pfizer Inc.		2,363,373 14,439,769
	1,764,464	VBI Vaccines Inc. (a) (Canada)		2,823,142
	, , = =	(, ((COST \$51,037,592)	83,888,789
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	SHARES	common stocks (Cont	inued)	VALUE (NOTE 1a)
Industrials	CAP	PITAL GOODS(3.8%)	,	, ,
(10.9%)	154,131	Eaton Corporation plc ((Ireland)	\$10,582,634
	217,541	United Technologies Co	orporation	23,163,766
	,	O	(COST \$27,479,170)	33,746,400
	Con	mmercial and Professional	L SERVICES (4.8%)	
	597,895	Republic Services, Inc.	(COST \$8,407,622)	43,102,251
	Tpa	NSPORTATION (2.3%)		
	416,511	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	(COST \$21,327,337)	20,783,899
	,	,	(COST \$57,214,129)	97,632,550
Information	SEM	ICONDUCTOR AND SEMICON	DUCTOR EQUIPMENT(3.8%)	
TECHNOLOGY	203,652	Applied Materials, Inc.	Decrea Econ MEAT (0.070)	6,667,566
(26.9%)	177,850	ASML Holding N.V. (Ne	etherlands)	27,677,017
	,	· ·	(COST \$9,264,556)	34,344,583
	Sof	TWARE AND SERVICES (14.5%	6)	
	35,500	Alphabet Inc. (a)	o)	36,764,155
	151,474	DXC Technology Comp	oany	8,053,873
	438,800	eBay Inc. (a)		12,317,116
	76,500	Facebook, Inc Class A	(a)	10,028,385
	500,686	Microsoft Corporation		50,854,677 11,370,415
	148,769	Worldpay, Inc. (a)	(COST \$90,704,097)	129,388,621
	TEC	HNOLOGY, HARDWARE, AND		129,300,021
	89,000	Apple Inc.	EQUINETT (0.070)	14,038,860
	640,000	Cisco Systems, Inc.		27,731,200
	133,966	InterDigital, Inc.		8,899,361
	175,000	Lumentum Holdings In	.c. (a)	7,351,750
	135,036	QUALCOMM Incorpora	ated	7,684,899
	121,309	Universal Display Corpo		11,350,883
			(COST \$42,064,544)	<u>77,056,953</u> 240,790,157
			(COST \$142,033,197)	240,790,137
MISCELLANEOUS		Other (c)	(COST \$58,369,076)	38,653,117
(4.3%)				
TELECOMMUNICAT	пон 342,900	Vodafone Group plc AE	OR (United Kingdom)	
Services (0.7%)	,	1 1	(COST \$7,835,032)	6,611,112
	TO	ΓAL COMMON STOCKS (114.8%)	
			(COST \$585,899,191)	1,029,362,864
XA7		TALADD ANTT (-)		
WARRANTS	281,409	WARRANT (a)	Inc./November 14, 2019/\$3.50	
TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND	201,409	Applied DNA sciences,	(COST \$2,814)	1,126
EQUIPMENT (0.0%			(3331 42) 311)	
•	6)			
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		PUT OPTIONS		
	Contracts		ON DATE/EXERCISE PRICE	
(100	CONTRACTS O SHARES EAC	H) COMPANY/EXPIRATIC	ON DATE/EXERCISE PRICE C./January 18, 2019/\$48,75	
	Contracts	H) COMPANY/EXPIRATIC	ON DATE/EXERCISE PRICE c./January 18, 2019/\$48.75 (COST \$296,005)	1,520,000
(100 RETAILING	CONTRACTS O SHARES EAC	H) COMPANY/EXPIRATIC	c./January 18, 2019/\$48.75 (COST \$296,005)	1,520,000
(100 RETAILING (0.2%)	CONTRACTS O SHARES EACH 3,800	H) COMPANY/EXPIRATIO The TJX Companies, In	c./January 18, 2019/\$48.75 (COST \$296,005)	1,520,000 727,500

Shares SI	HORT-TERM SECURITIES AND OTHER ASSETS	VALUE (NOTE 1a)
57,748,016 St	ate Street Institutional Treasury Plus Money	<u> </u>
	Market Fund, Trust Class, 2.25% (d) (6.4%)	
	(COST \$57,748,016)	\$57,748,016
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (e) (121.5		1,089,359,506
Liabilities in excess of receivab	les and other assets (-0.3%)	(2,453,129)
		1,086,906,377
PREFERRED STOCK (-21.2%)		(190,117,175)
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO CO	OMMON STOCK (100%)	\$896,789,202

- ADR American Depository Receipt (a) Non-income producing security.
- (b) Security is held as collateral for options written.
- (c) Securities which have been held for less than one year, not previously disclosed, and not restricted.
- (d) 7-day yield.
- (e) At December 31, 2018, the cost of investments for Federal income tax purposes was \$647,437,508; aggregate gross unrealized appreciation was \$496,340,378; aggregate gross unrealized depreciation was \$54,418,380; and net unrealized appreciation was \$441,921,998.

(see notes to financial statements)

Assets	DECEMBER 31, 2018
Investments, at Value (note 1a) Common stocks (cost \$585,899,191) Warrant (cost \$2,814) Purchased options (cost \$600,557) Money market fund (cost \$57,748,016) Total investments (cost \$644,250,578)	\$1,029,362,864 $1,126$ $2,247,500$ $57,748,016$ $1,089,359,506$
RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS Cash Receivable for securities sold Dividends, interest and other receivables Qualified pension plan asset, net excess funded (note 7) Present value of future office lease payments (note 8) Prepaid expenses, fixed assets, and other assets Total Assets	3,440,304 3,266,222 1,834,035 2,889,389 5,477,302 2,001,531 1,108,268,289
Liabilities	
Payable for securities purchased Accrued compensation payable to officers and employees Accrued preferred stock dividend not yet declared Accrued supplemental pension plan liability (note 7) Accrued supplemental thrift plan liability (note 7) Present value of future office lease payments (note 8) Accrued expenses and other liabilities Total Liabilities	1,942,260 3,448,000 219,955 5,376,582 4,022,879 5,477,302 874,934 21,361,912
5.95% CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES B - 7,604,687 at a liquidation value of \$25 per share (note 5) NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK - 25,984,054 (note 5) NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE	190,117,175 <u>\$896,789,202</u> \$34.51
	<u> </u>
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	
Common Stock, 25,984,054 shares at par value (note 5) Additional paid-in capital (note 5) Unallocated distributions on Preferred Stock Total distributable earnings (note 5) Accumulated other comprehensive loss (note 7) NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	\$25,984,054 432,382,368 (219,955) 442,606,759 (3,964,024) \$896,789,202

(see notes to financial statements)

INCOME	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$693,812)	\$19,257,586
Interest	1,519,921
	20,777,507
EXPENSES	
Investment research	6,674,468
Administration and operations	3,690,461
Office space and general	1,209,190
Auditing and legal fees	287,648
Directors' fees and expenses	281,926
Transfer agent, custodian, and registrar fees and expenses	231,369
State and local taxes	136,244
Stockholders' meeting and reports	92,320
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,603,626
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	8,173,881
REALIZED GAIN AND CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS (NOTE	es 1, 3 and 4)
Net realized gain on investments:	
Common stock	60,012,191
Purchased option transactions	(664,474)
Written option transactions	(79,728)
	59,267,989
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation:	
Common stocks and warrant	(138,897,975)
Purchased options	(155,283)
Written options	(93,436)
	(139,146,694)
GAINS AND DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	(79,878,705)
NET INVESTMENT INCOME, GAINS, AND DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	(71,704,824)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS	(11,311,972)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(\$83,016,796)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	YEAR ENDE	ED DECEMBER 31,
OPERATIONS	2018	2017
Net investment income	\$8,173,881	\$8,564,156
Net realized gain on investments	59,267,989	91,833,612
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation	(139,146,694)	70,336,629
	(71,704,824)	170,734,397
Distributions to Preferred Stockholders*	(11,311,972)	(11,311,972)*
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(83,016,796)	159,422,425
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)		
Funded status of defined benefit plans (note 7)	(1,328,128)	1,987,555
Distributions to Common Stockholders*	(70,424,179)	(86,731,075)*
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (NOTE 5)		
Value of Common Shares issued in payment of dividends		
and distributions	22,883,574	35,156,383
Cost of Common Shares purchased	_(41,808,714)	(61,886,535)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS - CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	(18,925,140)	(26,730,152)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(173,694,243)	47,948,753
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,070,483,445	1,022,534,692
END OF YEAR	\$896,789,202	<u>\$1,070,483,445</u>

*Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-10532, effective November 5, 2018, specifies certain disclosure updates and simplifications. Accordingly, the distinction between dividends from net investment income and distributions from realized capital gains is being discontinued such that all dividends and distributions will be reported in a single line item. Prior year distribution amounts have been conformed to current presentation. In the year ended December 31, 2017 distributions were reported as follows: Distribution to Preferred Stockholders consisted of Dividends from net investment income of \$2,116,504 and Distributions from capital gains of \$9,195,468. Distribution to Common Stockholders consisted of Dividends from net income of \$15,212,903 and Distributions from capital gains of \$71,518,172.

The 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, 2018.

This information has been derived from information contained in the financial statements and market price data for the Company's shares.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$40.47	\$37.56	\$37.74	\$39.77	\$41.07
Net investment income	.31	.32	.30	.48	.32
Net gain (loss) on common stocks,					
options and other-realized and					
unrealized	(3.03)	6.23	3.10	(.99)	2.39
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(.05)	.08	.02	.02	(.13)
	(2.77)	6.63	3.42	(.49)	2.58
Distributions on Preferred Stock:					
Dividends from net investment incom	me (.06)	(.04)	(.04)	(.12)	(.04)
Distributions from net capital gains	(.38)	(.39)	(.38)	(.27)	(.34)
	(.44)	(.43)	(.42)	(.39)	(.38)
Total from investment operations	(3.21)	6.20	3.00	(.88)	2.20
Distributions on Common Stock:					
Dividends from net investment incom	me (.29)	(.30)	(.33)	(.34)	(.32)
Distributions from net capital gains	(2.46)	(2.99)	(2.85)	(.81)	(3.18)
	(2.75)	(3.29)	(3.18)		(3.50)
Net asset value, end of year	\$34.51	\$40.47	\$37.56	\$37.74	\$39.77
Per share market value, end of year	\$28.44	\$34.40	\$31.18	\$31.94	\$35.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN					
Stockholder return, based on market pr	ice				
per share	(9.87%)	21.21%	7.59%	(5.34%)	9.32%
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	, ,			,	
Net assets applicable to Common Stock					
end of year (000's omitted)	\$896,789	\$1,070,483	\$1,022,535	\$1,068,028	\$1,227,900
Ratio of expenses to average net assets					
applicable to Common Stock	1.20%	1.28%	1.27%	1.17%	1.10%
Ratio of net income to average net asset	S				
applicable to Common Stock	0.78%	0.79%	0.78%	1.17%	0.78%
Portfolio turnover rate	23.00%	19.58%	20.29%	14.41%	14.98%
PREFERRED STOCK					
Liquidation value, end of year					
(000's omitted)	\$190,117	\$190,117	\$190,117	\$190,117	\$190,117
Asset coverage	572%	663%	638%	662%	746%
Liquidation preference per share	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Market value per share	\$25.72	\$26.59	\$25.77	\$26.75	\$26.01
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(see notes to financial statements)					

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General American Investors

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 accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") pursuant to the requirements for reporting; Accounting Standards Codification 946, *Financial Services - Investment Companies* ("ASC 946"), and Regulation S-X.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income, expenses and gains and losses during the reported period. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets, and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ, and these differences could be material.

a. Security Valuation Equity securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the period. Equity securities reported on the NASDAQ national market are valued at the official closing price on that day. Listed and NASDAQ equity 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 options written) on the valuation date. Equity securities traded primarily in foreign markets are

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued from previous page.)

valued at the closing price of such securities on their respective exchanges or markets. Corporate debt securities, domestic and foreign, are generally traded in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Company utilizes the latest bid prices provided by independent dealers and information with respect to transactions in such securities to determine current market value. If, after the close of foreign markets, conditions change significantly, the price of certain foreign securities may be adjusted to reflect fair value as of the time of the valuation of the portfolio. Investments in money market funds are valued at their net asset value. Special holdings (restricted securities) and other securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value determined in good faith pursuant to specific procedures appropriate to each security as established by and under the general supervision of the Board of Directors. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, using fair value to price a security may result in a price materially different from the price used by other investors or the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security.

b. OPTIONS The Company may purchase and write (sell) put and call options. The Company purchases put options or writes call options to hedge the value of portfolio investments while it purchases call options and writes put options to obtain equity market exposure. The risk associated with purchasing an option is that the Company pays a premium whether or not the option is exercised. Additionally, the Company bears the risk of loss of the premium and a change in market value should the counterparty not perform under the contract. Put and call options purchased are accounted for in the same manner as portfolio securities. Premiums received from writing options are reported as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Those that expire unexercised are treated by the Company on the expiration date as realized gains on written option transactions in the Statement of Operations. The difference between the premium received and the amount paid on effecting a closing purchase transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain, or, if the premium is less than the amount paid for the closing purchase transaction, as a realized loss on written option transactions in the Statement of Operations. If a written call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether the Company has realized a gain or loss on investments in the Statement of Operations. If a written put option is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis for the securities purchased by the Company and is parenthetically disclosed under cost of investments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Company as writer of an option bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option. See Note 4 for option activity.

c. Securities Transactions and Investment Income Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded as of the ex-dividend dates. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of discount and premium on investments, is earned from settlement date and is recognized on the accrual basis. Cost of short-term investments represents amortized cost.

d. Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rate of such currencies versus U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date. Events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the Company's Board of Directors. The Company does not separately report the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from changes in market prices on securities held. Such changes are included in net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments on the Statement of Operations.

Realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the recorded amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in foreign exchange rates on foreign denominated assets and liabilities other than investments in securities held at the end of the reporting period.

Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of U.S. companies as a result of, among other factors, the possibility of political or economic instability or the level of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets.

- e. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS The Company expects to pay dividends of net investment income and distributions of net realized capital and currency gains, if any, annually to common shareholders and quarterly to preferred shareholders. Dividends and distributions to common and preferred shareholders, which are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Permanent book/tax differences relating to income and gains are reclassified to paid-in capital as they arise.
- f. 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. In accordance with U.S. GAAP requirements regarding accounting for uncertainties in income taxes, management has analyzed the Company's tax positions taken or expected to be taken on Federal and state income tax returns for all open tax years (the current and the prior three tax years) and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Company's financial statements.
- g. Contingent Liabilities Amounts related to contingent liabilities are accrued if it is probable that a liability has been incurred and an amount is reasonably estimable. Management evaluates whether there are incremental legal or other costs directly associated with the ultimate resolution of a matter that are reasonably estimable and, if so, they are included in the accrual.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued from previous page.)

h. INDEMNIFICATIONS In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Company has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these indemnification provisions and expects the risk of loss thereunder to be remote.

2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Various data inputs are used in determining the value of the Company's investments. These inputs are summarized in a hierarchy consisting of the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities (including money market funds which are valued using amortized cost and which transact at net asset value, typically \$1 per share),

Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, credit risk, etc.), and

Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Company's net assets as of December 31, 2018:

Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common stocks	\$1,029,362,864	_	_	\$1,029,362,864
Warrants	1,126	_	_	1,126
Purchased options	2,247,500	_	_	2,247,500
Money market fund	57,748,016	_	_	57,748,016
Total	\$1,089,359,506			\$1,089,359,506

Transfers among levels, if any, are reported as of the actual date of reclassification. No such transfers occurred during the year ended December 31, 2018.

3. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of securities (other than short-term securities and options) during 2018 amounted to \$268,946,486 and \$272,249,196, on long transactions, respectively.

4. OPTIONS

The level of activity in purchased and written options varies from year to year based upon market conditions. Transactions in purchased call and put options, as well as written covered call options and collateralized put options during the year ended December 31, 2018 were as follows:

<u>Purchased Options</u>	Calls		S PUTS	
	Contracts	COST BASIS	CONTRACTS	COST BASIS
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	4,500	\$333,937	2,100	\$713,037
Purchased	2,000	236,523	10,650	2,035,717
Exercised	(4,000)	(425, 160)	(5,850)	(1,829,510)
Expired	(2,500)	(145,300)	(1,600)	(318,687)
Outstanding, December 31, 2018	0	\$0	5,300	\$600,557
<u> </u>				
Written Options	Covered	CALLS	Collatera	LIZED PUTS
	Contracts	Premiums	CONTRACTS	Premiums
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	2,100	\$705,936	0	\$0
Written	19,505	6,671,559	6,602	1,507,272
Terminated in closing purchase transaction	(20,957)	(6,997,745)	(6,062)	(1,374,205)
Options assigned	(148)	(123,277)	(540)	(133,067)
Expired	(500)	(256,473)	0	0
Outstanding, December 31, 2018	0	\$0	0	\$0

5. CAPITAL STOCK AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 50,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, and 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value. With respect to the Common Stock, 25,984,054 shares were issued and outstanding; 8,000,000 Preferred Shares were originally issued and 7,604,687 were outstanding on December 31, 2018.

On September 24, 2003, the Company issued and sold 8,000,000 shares of its 5.95% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B in an underwritten offering. The Preferred Shares were noncallable for the 5 year period ended September 24, 2008 and have a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends to the date of redemption.

On December 10, 2008, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 1 million Preferred Shares in the open market at prices below \$25.00 per share. This authorization has been renewed annually thereafter. To date, 395,313 shares have been repurchased.

5. CAPITAL STOCK AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS - (Continued from previous page.)

The Company allocates distributions from net 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 net capital gains, they will be paid from investment company taxable income, 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% of the Preferred Stock. In addition, pursuant to Moody's Investor Service, Inc. Rating Agency Guidelines, the Company is required to maintain a certain discounted asset coverage for its portfolio that equals or exceeds a Basic Maintenance Amount. If the Company fails to meet these requirements in the future and does not cure such failure, the Company may be required to redeem, in whole or in part, shares of Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends. In addition, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict the Company's ability to pay dividends on shares of Common Stock and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times.

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.

Holders of Preferred Stock will elect two members to 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 subclassification as a closed-end investment company or changes in its fundamental investment policies.

The Company presents its Preferred Stock, for which its redemption is outside of the Company's control, outside of the net assets applicable to Common Stock in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Transactions in Common Stock during 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	SHARES		AMO	DUNT
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Par Value of Shares issued in payment of dividends and distributions (shares				
issued from treasury)	758,865	1,047,100	\$758,865	\$1,047,100
Increase in paid-in capital			22,124,709	34,109,283
Total increase			22,883,574	35,156,383
Par Value of Shares purchased (at an average discount from net asset value				
of 16.0% and 15.7%, respectively)	(1,227,947)	(1,815,079)	(1,227,947)	(1,815,079)
Decrease in paid-in capital			(40,580,767)	(60,071,456)
Total decrease			(41,808,714)	(61,886,535)
Net decrease	(469,082)	(767,979)	(\$18,925,140)	(\$26,730,152)

At December 31, 2018, the Company held in its treasury 5,996,818 shares of Common Stock with an aggregate cost of \$197,915,206.

The tax basis distributions during the year ended December 31, 2018 are as follows: ordinary distributions of \$8,963,411 and net capital gains distributions of \$72,772,740. As of December 31, 2018, distributable earnings on a tax basis totaled \$445,891,246 consisting of \$3,716,353 from undistributed net capital gains, \$252,895 from ordinary income and \$441,921,998 from net unrealized appreciation on investments. Reclassifications arising from permanent "book/tax" difference reflect non-tax deductible expenses during the year ended December 31, 2018. As a result, additional paid-in capital was decreased by \$1,002,465 and total distributable earnings was increased by \$1,002,465. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification. As of December 31, 2018, the Company had wash loss deferrals of \$3,186,930 and straddle loss deferrals of \$1,103,299.

6. OFFICERS' COMPENSATION

The aggregate compensation accrued and paid by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2018 to its officers (identified on page 20) amounted to \$6,390,000 of which \$3,035,000 was payable as of year end.

7. BENEFIT PLANS

The Company has funded (qualified) and unfunded (supplemental) defined contribution thrift plans that are available to its employees. The aggregate cost of such plans for 2018 was \$541,301. The qualified thrift plan acquired 24,699 shares in the open market, sold 17,727 shares in the open market, of the Company's Common Stock during the year ended December 31, 2018. It held 635,664 shares of the Company's Common Stock at December 31, 2018.

The Company also has both funded (qualified) and unfunded (supplemental) noncontributory defined benefit pension plans that cover its employees. The pension plans provide a defined benefit based on years of service and final average salary with an offset for a portion of Social Security covered compensation. The investment policy of the pension plan is to invest not less than 80% of its assets, under ordinary conditions, in equity securities and the balance in fixed income securities. The investment strategy is to invest in a portfolio of diversified registered investment funds (open-end and exchange traded) and an unregistered partnership focused upon capital appreciation. Open-end funds and the unregistered partnership are valued at net asset value based upon the fair market value of the underlying investment portfolios. Exchange traded funds are valued based upon their closing market price.

7. BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued from previous page.)

The Company recognizes the overfunded or underfunded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan as an asset or liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and recognizes changes in funded status in the year in which the changes occur through other comprehensive income.

OBLIGATIONS AND FUNDED STATUS OF DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS:	DECEMBER 31, 2018 (MEASUREMENT DATE)		
	OUALIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL		
	PLAN	PLAN	TOTAL
CHANGE IN BENEFIT OBLIGATION:			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$18,297,585	\$5,851,558	\$24,149,143
Service Cost	374,634	141,257	515,891
Interest cost	662,547	205,715	868,262
Benefits paid	(877,707)	(321,696)	(1,199,403)
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(1,036,603)	(500,252)	(1,536,855)
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	17,420,456	5,376,582	22,797,038
CHANGE IN PLAN ASSETS:			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	23,058,949	-	23,058,949
Actual return on plan assets	(1,871,397)	-	(1,871,397)
Employer contributions	-	321,696	321,696
Benefits paid	(877,707)	(321,696)	(1,199,403)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	20,309,845_		20,309,845
FUNDED STATUS AT END OF YEAR	\$2,889,389	(\$5,376,582)	(\$2,487,193)
Accumulated benefit obligation at end of year	\$16,755,697	\$5,285,506	\$22,041,203

WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE OBLIGATION AT YEAR END:

Discount rate: 4.20%

Salary scale assumption: 4.50% for NHCE* and 2.75% for HCE*

Mortality: RP-2014 Mortality Table scaled back through 2006/MP-2018 Projection Scale without collar adjustment

CHANGE IN FUNDED STATUS:	BEFORE	ADJUSTMENTS	AFTER
Noncurrent benefit asset - qualified plan	\$4,761,364	(\$1,871,975)	\$2,889,389
LIABILITIES:			
Current benefit liability - supplemental plan	(\$311,112)	(\$3,561)	(\$314,673)
Noncurrent benefit liability - supplemental plan	(5,540,446)	478,537	(5,061,909)
AMOUNTS RECOGNIZED IN ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE IN	ICOME CONSI	ST OF:	
Net actuarial (gain)/loss	\$2,635,030	\$1,328,713	\$3,963,743
Prior service cost	866	(585)	281
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$2,635,896	\$1,328,128	\$3,964,024

WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS TO DETERMINE NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COST DURING YEAR:

Discount rate: 3.55%

Expected return on plan assets**: 7.25 for Qualified Plan; N/A for Supplemental Plan

Salary scale assumption: 4.50% for NHCE* and 2.75% for HCE*

Mortality: RP-2014 Mortality Table scaled back through 2006/MP-2017 Projection Scale without collar adjustment

^{**}Determined based upon a discount to the long-term average historical performance of the plan.

	QUALIFIED	SUPPLEMENTAL	
	PLAN	PLAN	TOTAL
COMPONENTS OF NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COST:			
Service cost	\$374,634	\$141,257	\$515,891
Interest cost	662,547	205,715	868,262
Expected return on plan assets	(1,502,844)	-	(1,502,844)
Amortization of:			
Prior service cost	=	585	585
Recognized net actuarial loss	203,449	76,370	279,819
Net periodic benefit cost	(\$262,214)	\$423,927	\$161,713

The Company's qualified pension plan owns assets as of December 31, 2018 comprised of \$14,387,812 of equity securities and \$2,603,360 of money market fund assets classified as Level 1 and \$3,318,673 of limited partnership interest which are not classified by level.

^{*}NHCE-Non-Highly Compensated Employee; HCE-Highly Compensated Employee.

7. BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued from previous page.)

EXPECTED CASH FLOWS	QUALIFIED PLAN	SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN	TOTAL
Expected Company contributions for 2018	_	\$314,673	\$314,673
Expected benefit payments:			
2019	\$960,992	\$314,673	\$1,275,665
2020	991,681	302,040	1,293,721
2021	1,007,168	288,712	1,295,880
2022	1,020,393	275,226	1,295,619
2023	1,045,469	271,447	1,316,916
2024-2027	5,608,896	1,763,142	7,372,038

The estimated amount that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost in 2019 is \$42,981 which is comprised of \$42,700 of actuarial loss and \$281 of service cost.

8. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENT

In 2007, the Company entered into an operating lease agreement for office space which expired in January 2018 and provided for aggregate rental payments of approximately \$10,755,000, net of construction credits. The lease agreement contained clauses whereby the Company received free rent for a specified number of months and credit towards construction of office improvements, and incurred escalations annually relating to operating costs and real property taxes and to annual rent charges beginning in 2013. The Company extended the lease for two months through March 2018. Rental expense approximated \$192,200 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-02, Leases, which requires lessees to reassess if a contract is or contains lease agreements and assess the lease classification to determine if they should recognize a right-of-use asset and offsetting liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities that arises from entering into a lease, including an operating lease. Existing U.S. GAAP did not require the lessee to record an asset and offsetting liability associated with an operating lease. Generally consistent with existing U.S. GAAP, the annual cost of an operating lease will continue to be reflected as an expense in the Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets and disclosure of the terms of a lease will continue to be reported in the footnotes to the financial statements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted and, the Company, in conjunction with its new operating lease adopted this accounting standard at the beginning of 2018. The above referenced right-of-use asset and offsetting liability is reported on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Company in line items entitled, "Present value of future office lease payments." Since the operating lease does not specify an implicit rate, the right-of-use asset and liability have been calculated using a discount rate of 3.0%, which is based upon high quality corporate interest rates for a term equivalent to the lease period as of January 1, 2018.

The Company entered into a new operating lease agreement in 2017 for office space which will expire in 2028 and provide for aggregate rental payments of approximately \$6,437,500. The lease agreement contains clauses whereby the Company will receive free rent for a specified number of months and credit towards construction of office improvements and incurs escalations annually relating to operating costs and real property taxes and to annual rent charges beginning in 2023. Rental expense approximated \$594,200 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Company has the option to extend the lease for an additional five years at market rates. As of December 31, 2018, no consideration has been given to extending this lease. Minimum rental commitments under this operating lease are approximately:

2019:	\$624,000
2020:	624,000
2021:	624,000
2022:	624,000
2023	631,000
Thereafter:	<u>3,206,000</u>
Total Remaining Lease Payments	6,333,000
Effect of Present Value Discounting	<u>(855,698)</u>
Present Value of Future Office Lease Payments	\$5,477,302

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

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of General American Investors Company, Inc. (the "Company"), including the statement of investments, as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2018, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1949. New York, NY February 15, 2019

NAME (AGE) EMPLOYEE SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS	Name (age) Employee Since	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Jeffrey W. Priest (56) 2010	President of the Company since 2012 and Chief Executive Officer since 2013	Liron Kronzon (49) 2016	Vice-President of the Company effective 2019, securities analyst (general industries)
Anang K. Majmudar (44) 2012	Senior Vice-President of the Company effective 2019, Vice-President 2015-2018, securities analyst (general industries)	Sally A. Lynch, Ph.D. (59) 1997	Vice-President of the Company since 2006, securities analyst (biotechnology industry)
Andrew V. Vindigni (59) 1988	Company since 2006, securities analyst (financial services and consumer	Diane G. Radosti (66) 1980	Treasurer of the Company 1990-2018 and Principal Accounting Officer 2003-2018
Eugene S. Stark (60) 2005	non-durables) Vice-President, Administration of the Company and Principal Financial Officer since 2005, Chief Compliance Officer since 2006	Samantha X. Jin (44) 2018	Treasurer of the Company and Principal Accounting Officer effective 2019
		Linda J. Genid (60) 1983	Corporate Secretary of the Company since 2016, Assistant Corporate
Craig A. Grassi (50) 1991	Vice-President of the Company since 2013, securities analyst and information technology		Secretary 2014-2015, network administrator
		Connie A. Santa Maria (45) 2015	Assistant Corporate Secretary of the Company effective 2019, Human Resources/ Benefits Manager

All information is as of December 31, 2018, unless otherwise noted. All Officers serve for a term of one year and are elected by the Board of Directors at the time of its annual meeting in April. The address for each officer is the Company's office.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

	COUNSEL Sullivan & Cromwell LLP	transfer agent and registrar American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC		
	INDEPENDENT AUDITORS Ernst & Young LLP	6201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11219 1-800-413-5499		
CUSTODIAN State Street Bank and Trust Company	State Street Bank and	www.amstock.com		

Previous purchases of the Company's Common and Preferred Stock are set forth in Note 5, on pages 15 and 16. Prospective purchases of Common and Preferred 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 policies and procedures used by the Company to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and the Company's proxy voting record for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2018 are available: (1) without charge, upon request, by calling us at our toll-free telephone number (1-800-436-8401), (2) on the Company's website at www.generalamericaninvestors.com and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

In addition to distributing financial statements as of the end of each quarter, General American Investors filed a Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings (Form N-Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as of the end of the first and third calendar quarters. The Company's Forms N-Q are available at www.generalamerican-investors.com and on the SEC's website: www.sec.gov. Copies of Forms N-Q may also be obtained and reviewed at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. or through the Company by calling us at 1-800-436-8401. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

On April 26, 2018, the Company submitted a CEO annual certification to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on which the Company's principal executive officer certified that he was not aware, as of that date, of any violation by the Company of the NYSE's Corporate Governance listing standards. In addition, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related SEC rules, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officer made quarterly certifications, included in filings with the SEC on Forms N-CSR and N-Q relating to, among other things, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, as applicable.

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NAME (AGE) DIRECTOR SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST 5 YEARS	CURRENT DIRECTORSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS Arthur G. Altschul, Jr. (54) 1995	Founder and Managing Member Diaz & Altschul Capital Management, LLC (investment advisory) Chairman Overbrook Management Corporation (investment advisory) Co-Founder and Chairman Kolltan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (pharmaceuticals) (until 2016)	Child Mind Institute, <i>Director</i> Delta Opportunity Fund, Ltd., <i>Director</i> Neurosciences Research Foundation, <i>Trustee</i> Overbrook Foundation, <i>Chairman</i>
Rodney B. Berens (73) 2007	Partner and Co-Chief Investment Officer, Berens Global Value Fund, Alternative Investment Group (since 2018; investment advisory) Founder, Chairman and Senior Investment Strategist Berens Capital Management, LLC (2000-2018; investment advisory)	The Morgan Library and Museum, Life Trustee, Chairman of Investment Sub-Committee and Member of Finance, Compensation and Nomination Committees The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Trustee and Member of Investment Committee
Lewis B. Cullman (100) 1961	Philanthropist	Chess-in-the-Schools, <i>Chairman Emeritus</i> Metropolitan Museum of Art, <i>Honorary Trustee</i> Museum of Modern Art, <i>Honorary Trustee</i> The New York Botanical Garden, <i>Life Trustee</i> The New York Public Library, <i>Trustee</i>
Spencer Davidson (76) 1995	Chairman of the Board of Company	Neurosciences Research Foundation, Trustee
Clara E. Del Villar (60) 2017	Strategic Consultant Advisor, Strategic Partnerships, Trialogies, Inc. (until 2016; information technology) Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Editor-in-Chief, Hispanic Post (2011-2016; digital media)	Tribecca Innovation Awards Foundation, <i>Fellow</i> Women's Health Symposium, Weill Cornell Medicine, <i>Member of Executive Steering Committee</i>
John D. Gordan, III (73) 1986	Attorney Beazley USA Services, Inc. (insurance)	
Betsy F. Gotbaum (80) 2010	Executive Director Citizens Union (since 2017) (nonprofit democratic reform) Consultant	Center for Community Alternatives, <i>Director</i> Community Service Society, <i>Trustee</i> Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, <i>Trustee</i> Visiting Nurse Service of New York, <i>Director</i>
Sidney R. Knafel (88) 1994	Managing Partner SRK Management Company (investment company)	Addison Gallery of American Art, <i>Board of Governors</i> The Frick Collection, <i>Trustee</i> Phillips Academy, <i>Charter Trustee Emeritus</i> Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, <i>Dean's Council</i> The Rogosin Institute, <i>Director</i> Wellesley College, <i>Trustee Emeritus</i>
Rose P. Lynch (68) Director since May 2017	Founder and President Marketing Strategies, LLC (consulting firm)	Steven Madden, Ltd., <i>Director</i> Concord Academy, <i>Trustee</i> Princeton University Varsity Club, <i>Director</i> Women and Foreign Policy Advisory Council, Council of Foreign Relations, <i>Member</i>
Henry R. Schirmer (54) 2015	Chief Financial Officer and Member of Executive Board Randstad (since 2018; human resources) Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice-President Unilever Europe (2016-2018) Chief Financial Officer/Senior Vice-President Finance Unilever North America (2012-2016; consumer products)	Results for Development Institute, <i>Director</i>)
Raymond S. Troubh (92) 1989	Financial Consultant	
Interested Director		
Jeffrey W. Priest (56) 2013	President and Chief Executive Officer of Company	
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