

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DAVIDSON SPENCER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/16/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman

NEW YORK, NY 10017  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	09/16/2016		S	D	1,900	\$ 32.3	I <sup>(1)</sup> By Trusts
Common Stock					961,643		D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					2,651		D <sup>(3)</sup>
5.95% Preferred Stock					93,600		I <sup>(1)</sup> By Trusts

5.95%			
Preferred	82,155	D	(2)
Stock			
5.95%			
Preferred	1,000	D	(3)
Stock			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIDSON SPENCER GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X			Chairman

## Signatures

/s/ Spencer Davidson 09/20/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) By various Trusts in which the undersigned is Trustee. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (2) Share held by Hudson Partnership in which Spencer Davidson is the General Partner.
- (3) Shares held in an IRA account.

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