

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TROUBH RAYMOND S

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2005

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

STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS WORLDWIDE, 44 SOUTH BROADWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|------------------|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/10/2005 | ^ | J(1) | 289 | A | \$ 30.94 | 33,030 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2005 | ^ | J(1) | 1,753 | A | \$ 34.81 | 34,783 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2005 | ^ | J(1) | 68 | A | \$ 30.94 | 7,819 | I | By Limited Partnership |

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|--------------|------------|---|------------------|-----|---|----------|-------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/22/2005 | Â | J ⁽¹⁾ | 415 | A | \$ 34.81 | 8,234 | I | (2) By Limited Partnership (2) |
|--------------|------------|---|------------------|-----|---|----------|-------|---|--------------------------------------|

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. of |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TROUBH RAYMOND S
STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS WORLDWIDE
44 SOUTH BROADWAY
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601

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Signatures

/s/Raymond S.
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01/17/2006

**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) Shares received in payment of dividends.

(2) Held by family limited partnership in which I have a 45% interest and of which I am the general partner.

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