

January 12, 2010

Dear Stockholder:

Despite one of the most challenging economic environments on record, we are pleased to report a successful year for Inland American in 2009.

- In April, we completed our follow-on offering.
- In December, we announced that we had addressed virtually all of our 2010 debt maturities, having retired, refinanced or secured new lending commitments for approximately \$684 million in maturing debt.
- Throughout the year we continued to selectively acquire high-quality commercial real estate assets, investing in approximately \$1 billion of income producing properties.
- We finished 2009 with over \$500 million of cash on hand.

These significant achievements provide a solid financial foundation for the company.

Cash Distribution

We have enclosed your cash distribution for the month of December, paid at a rate equal to \$0.50 per share on an annualized basis, which was determined by our board of directors in consultation with our business manager. This equates to a 5% annualized yield on a share purchase price of \$10.00 (the price at which we last offered shares of our common stock in the primary offering completed in April 2009). If you have invested through a trustee or participate in Direct Deposit or the Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRP"), a distribution statement is enclosed in lieu of a check.

1099s

Form 1099s will be mailed to stockholders on or before January 31, 2010 by Registrar and Transfer Company ("R&T"). Tax information, as well as other account information, may be accessed on R&T's website at www.rtco.com.

ERISA Valuation

Qualified plans are required to report account values on an annual basis under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Solely for this purpose, as of December 31, 2009, the ERISA value of shares of Inland American has been deemed to be \$10.00 per share based on the offering price of our shares in our most recent primary offering. As there is no established public trading market for our shares of common stock, this deemed value may not reflect the actual market value of your shares on any given date; and there can be no assurances that stockholders could receive \$10.00 per share if any such market did exist, or that stockholders will be able to receive such amount for their shares at any time in the future.

Future Valuation

Notwithstanding the above, under rules published by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), registered broker-dealers must disclose in a customer's account statement an estimated value for an unlisted REIT's securities if the annual report of that REIT discloses a per share estimated value. The FINRA rules prohibit broker-dealers from using a per share estimated value developed from data that is more than eighteen months old. To assist broker-dealers with this requirement, we intend to publish an estimated value that is not based on the offering price of our shares from our last primary offering, no later than October 2010. The board of directors will begin that process in the coming months.

Additional Information – Electronic Delivery

All company information can be found at www.inlandamerican.com. If you would like to receive Inland American's Securities and Exchange Commission filings electronically, please go to the R&T website at www.rtco.com/inlanddelivery to enroll. You will need your Inland American R&T account number, which is located in the upper right-hand corner of your account statement.

We appreciate your investment in Inland American Real Estate Trust, Inc. If you have any questions, please contact your financial advisor or Inland Customer Service at 800.826.8228.

Sincerely,

INLAND AMERICAN REAL ESTATE TRUST, INC.



Robert D. Parks
Chairman of the Board



Brenda Gail Gujral
President

Enclosure

cc: Trustee
Broker Dealer
Financial Advisor