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To Our Stockholders:

The table below summarizes the characterization of the 2017 dividends paid by CYS Investments, Inc. (the “**Company**”) to our preferred stockholders for federal income tax purposes. All 2017 dividends were paid in cash.

Dividend Description	Record Date	Payable Date	Distribution Rate per Share	Ordinary Dividends Rate
Preferred Series A 7.75%	1/1/2017	1/15/2017	\$ 0.484375	\$ 0.484375
Preferred Series A 7.75%	4/1/2017	4/15/2017	\$ 0.484375	\$ 0.484375
Preferred Series A 7.75%	7/1/2017	7/17/2017	\$ 0.484375	\$ 0.484375
Preferred Series A 7.75%	10/1/2017	10/16/2017	\$ 0.484375	\$ 0.484375

Dividend Description	Record Date	Payable Date	Distribution Rate per Share	Ordinary Dividends Rate
Preferred Series B 7.50%	1/1/2017	1/15/2017	\$ 0.468750	\$ 0.468750
Preferred Series B 7.50%	4/1/2017	4/15/2017	\$ 0.468750	\$ 0.468750
Preferred Series B 7.50%	7/1/2017	7/17/2017	\$ 0.468750	\$ 0.468750
Preferred Series B 7.50%	10/1/2017	10/16/2017	\$ 0.468750	\$ 0.468750

Please note that the above characterization of the Company’s 2017 distributions are not provided, nor should they be used for, tax reporting purposes or as tax advice. Accordingly, Stockholders are urged to seek their own tax experts, counsel, and advisors, and not rely on the information provided herein to compile any tax filings. Stockholders will receive Form 1099-DIV for the 2017 calendar year which will provide further details on distributions for federal income tax purposes.

Very truly yours,

Richard E. Cleary  
Chief Operating Officer

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