

Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.

Announces 2020 Dividend Tax Information

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.](#) (NYSE: GPMT) (“GPMT,” “Granite Point” or the “Company”) announced today the tax treatment of common stock dividends declared in 2020. This information is provided to assist stockholders with tax reporting requirements related to dividend distribution of taxable income by Granite Point. Stockholders should review the 2020 tax statements received from their brokerage firms or other institutions to ensure that the statements agree with the information provided below. Additionally, as each stockholder’s tax situation may be different, stockholders are encouraged to consult with their own professional tax advisor with respect to their individual tax consequences.

Tax Treatment of the Distributions

The Federal income tax classification of Granite Point’s 2020 distributions as it is expected to be reported on Form 1099-DIV is set forth in the following table.

Granite Point is required to report the portion of its 2020 dividends that are treated as excess inclusion income for federal income tax purposes. No portion of Granite Point’s 2020 dividend distributions are expected to consist of excess inclusion income, which may be treated as unrelated business taxable income (UBTI) and subject to special tax reporting for certain tax-exempt investors.

2020 FORM 1099 – Common Stock						Box 1a Total	Box 1b Total	Box 2a Total	Box 3 Total	Bo
Distribution Type	Declaration Date	Record Date	Payable Date	2020 Total Distribution Per Share	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	2020 Ordinary Dividends	2020 Qualified Dividends ⁽²⁾	2020 Capital Gain Distributions	2020 Nondividend Distributions	S Div
Cash	12/18/2019	12/31/2019	1/17/2020	\$0.000000	\$0.090300	\$0.090300	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0
Cash	9/28/2020	10/8/2020	10/19/2020	\$0.200000	\$0.000000	\$0.200000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0
Cash	12/18/2020	12/31/2020	1/22/2021	\$0.200000	\$0.000000	\$0.200000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0
Special	12/18/2020	12/31/2020	1/22/2021	\$0.250000	\$0.000000	\$0.250000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0
Totals				\$0.650000	\$0.090300	\$0.740300	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0

(1) As Granite Point’s aggregate 2019 cash distributions exceeded its 2019 earnings and profits, a portion of the January 2020 cash distribution declared in the fourth quarter of 2019 was treated as a 2020 distribution for federal income tax purposes and not included on the 2019 Form 1099-DIV. If you were a stockholder of record as of December 31, 2019, \$0.3297 was reported on your 2019 Form 1099 and \$0.0903 is reported on 2020 Form 1099.

(2) Qualified Dividends shows the portion of the amount in Box 1a that may be eligible for capital gains tax rates.

(3) Section 199A Dividends shows the portion of the amount in Box 1a that may be eligible for the 20% qualified business income deduction under Section 199.

Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, dividends declared by a real estate investment trust (REIT) during the last three months of a calendar year that are payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such three-month period, but which are actually paid during January of the following calendar year, are considered paid on December 31st of the calendar year in which the dividends were declared, to the extent of the REIT’s distributable earnings and profits.

Consult Your Tax Advisor

Stockholders may have additional reporting obligations to the Internal Revenue Service and/or other tax authorities.

The U.S. federal income tax treatment of holding Granite Point common stock to any particular stockholder will depend on the stockholder's particular tax circumstances. You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax consequences to you, in light of your particular investment or tax circumstances, of acquiring, holding and disposing of Granite Point common stock.

Granite Point does not provide tax, accounting or legal advice. Any tax statements contained herein were not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used for the purpose of avoiding U.S., federal, state or local tax penalties. Please consult your advisor as to any tax, accounting or legal statements made herein.

About Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.

Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc. is a Maryland corporation focused on directly originating, investing in and managing senior floating rate commercial mortgage loans and other debt and debt-like commercial real estate investments. Granite Point is headquartered in New York, NY. Additional information is available at www.gpmtreit.com.

Additional Information

Stockholders of Granite Point and other interested persons may find additional information regarding the company at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov or by directing requests to: Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc., 3 Bryant Park, 24th floor, New York, NY 10036, telephone (646) 540-7940.

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