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**A.M. Best Affirms Credit Ratings of American Financial Group, Inc.  
and Most of Its Insurance Subsidiaries**

## **Ratings Supplement**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and the Long-Term ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Great American Insurance Company** and its following pooling affiliates:

- **Great American Contemporary Insurance Company**
- **Great American Alliance Insurance Company**
- **Great American Assurance Company**
- **Great American Casualty Insurance Company**
- **Great American E & S Insurance Company**
- **Great American Fidelity Insurance Company**
- **Great American Insurance Company of New York**
- **Great American Lloyd’s Insurance Company**
- **Great American Protection Insurance Company**
- **Great American Security Insurance Company**
- **Great American Spirit Insurance Company**

The Long-Term ICRs have been downgraded to “aa-” from “aa” and the FSR of A+ (Superior) has been affirmed for the following property/casualty members of **American Empire Surplus Lines Pool**. The outlook for the Long-Term ICR has been revised to stable from negative, while the FSR outlook is stable:

- **American Empire Insurance Company**
- **American Empire Surplus Lines Insurance Company**

The outlook for the Long-Term ICR has been revised to positive from stable and the FSR of A (Excellent)

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and the Long-Term ICRs of “a” affirmed for the following property/casualty members of **Republic and Summit Insurance Pool**. The outlook for the FSR remains stable:

- **Republic Indemnity Company of America**
- **Republic Indemnity Company of California**
- **Bridgefield Employers Insurance Company**
- **Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and the Long-Term ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following property/casualty members of **Mid-Continent Group**:

- **Mid-Continent Assurance Company**
- **Mid-Continent Casualty Company**
- **Oklahoma Surety Company**
- **Mid-Continent Excess & Surplus Insurance Company**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term ICRs of “a+” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following property/casualty members of **National Interstate Group**:

- **National Interstate Insurance Company**
- **National Interstate Insurance Company of Hawaii, Inc.**
- **Triumphe Casualty Company**
- **Vanliner Insurance Company**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term ICRs of “a+” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following annuity subsidiaries of **American Financial Group, Inc.**:

- **Great American Life Insurance Company**
- **Annuity Investors Life Insurance Company**

The FSR of B++ (Good) and the Long-Term ICRs of “bbb+” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following life subsidiary of **American Financial Group, Inc.**:

- **Manhattan National Life Insurance Company**

The Long-Term ICR of “a-” has been affirmed with a stable outlook for **American Financial Group, Inc.**

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The following Long-Term IRs have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

**American Financial Group, Inc. —**

- “a-” on \$350 million 9.875% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
- “a-” on \$300 million 3.50% senior unsecured notes, due 2026
- “a-” on \$125 million 5.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2042
- “a-” on \$350 million 4.50% senior unsecured notes, due 2047
- “bbb+” on \$150 million 6.25% subordinated debentures, due 2054
- “bbb+” on \$150 million 6% subordinated debentures, due 2055

The following indicative Long-Term IRs have been affirmed with a stable outlook under the shelf registration:

**American Financial Group, Inc.—**

- “a-” on senior unsecured debt
- “bbb+” on subordinated debt
- “bbb” on preferred stock

**American Financial Capital Trust II, III & IV—**

- “bbb” on preferred securities

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