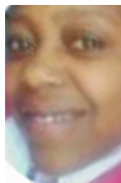




What We Learned From Brookfield's Asset Management Second Quarter Performance

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Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM) released strong quarterly earnings early this month and while the focus was indeed on the earnings and the

progress made so far, there are a few other things we managed to pick up that indicate the company could be a good buy at the moment.

Improvement in Assets under Management

The total asset value under management at Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM) was at US \$ 257.5 Billion as of June 30th this year. This was a 5.8% jump compared

to the same time last year. However, the growth was relatively lower compared to its compound annual asset growth rate for the past five years that stands at 9%. Despite this, the 5.8% jump was a solid showing considering the prevailing market conditions.

Improved Performance in Funds from Operations

Brookfield Asset Management

◀ (NYSE:BAM) also saw a significant increase in Funds from operations. It was the first time since 2013 the asset management company managed to hover above the US \$1 billion mark. A big portion of this amount came as a result of a grand sale of a US \$2.1 Billion office building in New York City. Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM) had a stake worth US \$464 Million. Funds from operations saw a jump of 9% without including this sale to hit US \$ 562 Million.

Deployment of Capital

The second quarter was also favorable as far as deployment of capital goes. Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM) managed acquisitions during this period totaling US\$ 9 Billion. The biggest share of this investment went to energy interests in Brazil. The asset management company has diversified with investments into Casinos and utilities in the second quarter too.

Spin-Offs Have Picked Up

Issuers listed with Brookfield Asset

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Management (NYSE:BAM) have also helped to increase success for the asset management company. For the last 12 months, market capitalization for this issuers rose by US \$ 11 Billion. Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM) also received dividend from the issuers totaling US \$ 1.2 Billion. But that is not all, the asset management company was able to secure US \$ 515 Million in annualized fees from these spin off businesses. This represented a year on year increase of 12%. The listed issuers were also responsible for a sum of US \$203 Million in performance fees over the last quarter.

Residential Real Estate in North America

Real estate has been an important part of Brookfield Asset Management

(NYSE:BAM) and its investment strategy. The asset management company operates Flatt, a North American lot business that owns about 100,000 residential lots in 12 markets that are considered supply-constrained. Flatt has been valued at \$1.5 Billion on the books but the value is believed to be nearly \$8 Billion. The residential real estate company has so far generated US \$ 2 billion in revenues as well as US \$ 400 Million in cash flow per year. Despite this enormous value, many feel that the lot business is one of the most underrated assets within Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM).

Investing With Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM)

Looking at some of these figures you will agree that Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE:BAM) appears to have all the tenets of a healthy company. Investing is easy. You can buy shares on the NYSE under the ticker symbol BAM. For little under \$40 per share, it's one of the best bargains at the moment.