



# Brookfield Renewable Partners (BEP)

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## Key Metrics

<b>Current Price:</b>	\$22	<b>5 Year CAGR Estimate:</b>	16.8%	<b>Market Cap:</b>	\$14.2 B
<b>Fair Value Price:</b>	\$30	<b>5 Year Growth Estimate:</b>	6.0%	<b>Ex-Dividend Date:</b>	2/28/2025
<b>% Fair Value:</b>	74%	<b>5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:</b>	6.1%	<b>Dividend Payment Date:</b>	3/31/2025
<b>Dividend Yield:</b>	6.8%	<b>5 Year Price Target</b>	\$40	<b>Years Of Dividend Growth:</b>	4
<b>Dividend Risk Score:</b>	F	<b>Retirement Suitability Score:</b>	C	<b>Rating:</b>	Buy

## Overview & Current Events

Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. operates one of the world's largest portfolios of publicly traded renewable power assets. Its portfolio consists of about 46,000 megawatts of capacity in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Brookfield Renewable Partners is one of four publicly traded listed partnerships that are operated by Brookfield Asset Management (BAM). The others are Brookfield Infrastructure Partners (BIP) and Brookfield Business Partners (BBU). Brookfield Renewable Partners trades with a market capitalization of US\$14.2 billion and is cross listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange, where it trades under the tickers 'BEP' and 'BEP.UN', respectively. Despite operating as a Canadian company, Brookfield Energy Partners reports financial results in U.S. dollars. All figures in this report refer to its NYSE stock listing and are denominated in U.S. dollars. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Brookfield Renewable Partners implemented a 3-for-2 stock split.

In late January, BEP reported (1/31/25) results for the fourth quarter of 2024. Its funds from operations (FFO) per unit grew 21%, from \$0.38 to \$0.46, thanks to development and acquisition of assets and strong pricing. BEP is resilient to high inflation, as about 70% of its contracts are indexed to inflation and most of its costs are fixed. However, due to hefty investments, which have caused interest expense to exceed operating income by a wide margin, BEP is likely to remain under pressure until interest rates moderate. Despite the negative stance of the new U.S. government towards clean energy projects, BEP stated that it remains confident in its long-term growth prospects thanks to its long pipeline.

## Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
<b>FFOPS<sup>1</sup></b>	\$1.13	\$0.97	\$1.27	\$1.44	\$1.24	\$1.52	\$1.45	\$1.56	\$1.67	\$1.83	<b>\$1.85</b>	<b>\$2.48</b>
<b>DPS</b>	\$0.89	\$0.95	\$1.00	\$1.31	\$1.03	\$1.30	\$1.22	\$1.28	\$1.35	\$1.42	<b>\$1.49</b>	<b>\$1.76</b>
<b>Shares<sup>2</sup></b>	275.6	288.7	311.8	312.2	311.3	473.3	473.5	473.8	486.9	663.0	<b>700.0</b>	<b>800.0</b>

We expect BEP to keep growing its FFO meaningfully via its heavy investing in new projects and the steadily decreasing production cost of solar and wind power. The company invested an almost record \$1.8 billion in all major decarbonization assets in 2024 and it is one of the largest publicly traded renewable power platforms. The objective of BEP as a publicly traded partnership is "to deliver long-term annualized total returns of 12%-15%, including annual distribution increases of 5%-9% from organic cash flow growth and project development." While the total return portion is based on the market price of the security, the distribution and business growth are under the company's control. We believe Brookfield Renewable Partners investors can expect organic growth of around 6% over the intermediate term.

## Valuation Analysis

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Now	2030
<b>Avg. P/FFO</b>	15.5	20.5	18.4	14.1	14.6	21.9	27.5	22.0	16.4	13.7	<b>11.9</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>Avg. Yld.</b>	6.3%	6.0%	5.4%	6.4%	5.7%	3.9%	3.1%	3.7%	4.9%	5.7%	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

<sup>1</sup> We use normalized funds from operations where applicable.

<sup>2</sup> In millions.

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Brookfield Renewable Partners is currently trading at a price-to-FFO ratio of 11.9. The stock has traded at an average price-to-FFO multiple of 17.5 over the last decade but we assume a fair earnings multiple of 16.0 due to the high debt load of BEP. If the stock trades at its fair valuation level in five years, it will enjoy a 6.1% annualized gain in its returns.

## Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Payout <sup>3</sup>	98.2%	123%	98.4%	90.7%	84.1%	85.5%	84.1%	82.1%	80.8%	77.6%	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>71.1%</b>

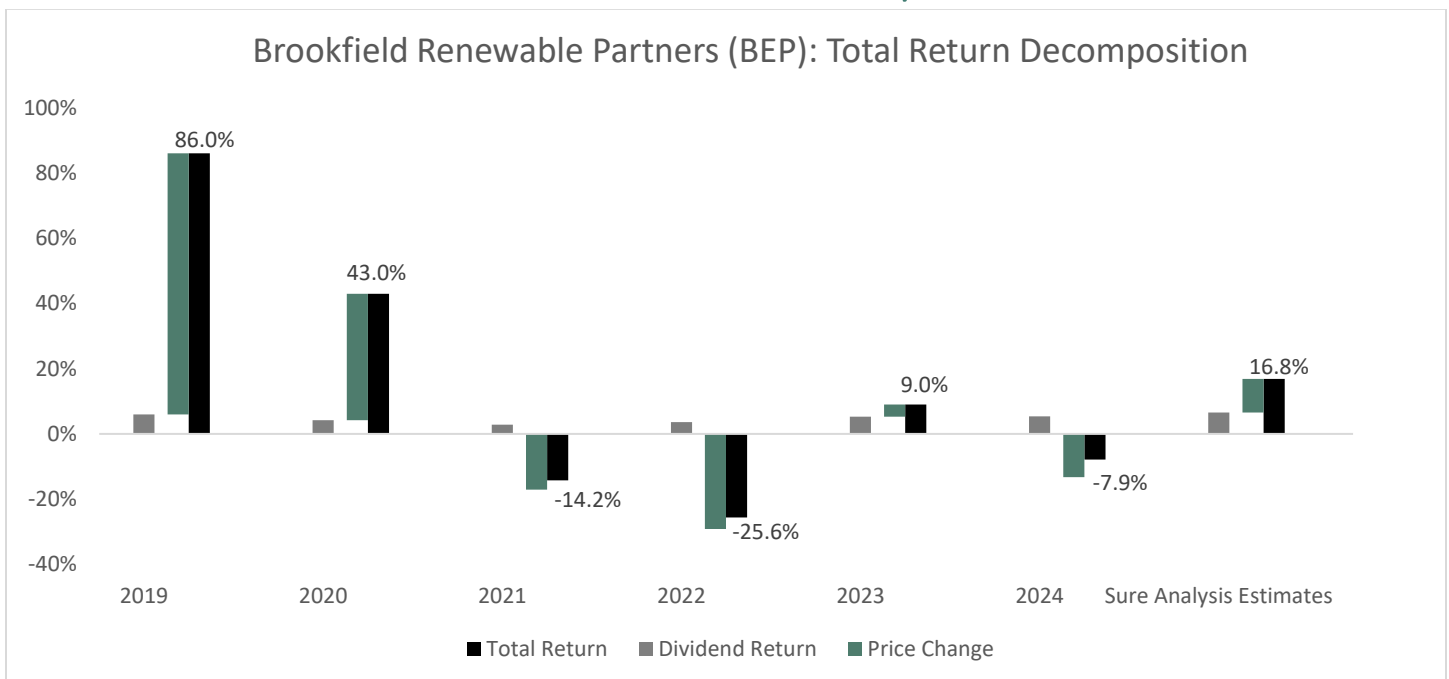
Brookfield Renewable Partners does not cover its interest expense, as the latter is currently nearly double the operating income. On the other hand, the company has no material debt maturities until 2027.

Moreover, the company benefits from Brookfield's various competitive advantages, which include a global operating presence, a long and successful track record of operating real assets, and a skilled management team. The company recently agreed to provide over 10.5 GW of renewable energy to Microsoft to enable the growth of its AI business. It is also critical to note that hydroelectric energy generates nearly half of the total funds from operations of the company. BEP has one of the largest hydroelectric businesses in the world, which has more than doubled in size in the last eight years. Hydroelectric assets benefit from long useful lives (often over 100 years) and low operating and capital costs.

## Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Brookfield Renewable Partners is one of the largest and most successful pure-play investment vehicles in the world of renewable energy. Due to its high debt load, the company is hurt by high interest rates, which increase the interest expense and reduce the present value of future earnings, thus exerting pressure on valuation. We view this headwind as temporary and consider the stock attractive from a long-term perspective. The stock could offer a 16.8% average annual return over the next five years thanks to 6.0% growth of earnings-per-share, its 6.8% dividend and a 6.1% valuation tailwind. It thus maintains its buy rating.

## Total Return Breakdown by Year



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## Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Revenue</b>	1,628	2,452	2,625	2,982	2,980	3,810	4,096	4,711	5,038	5,876
<b>Gross Profit</b>	1,076	1,414	1,647	1,946	1,968	2,536	2,731	3,277	3,105	3,296
<b>Gross Margin</b>	66.1%	57.7%	62.7%	65.3%	66.0%	66.6%	66.7%	69.6%	61.6%	56.1%
<b>SG&amp;A Exp.</b>	48	62	82	80	108	235	288	243	205	---
<b>D&amp;A Exp.</b>	616	781	782	819	798	1,367	1,501	1,583	1,852	2,010
<b>Operating Profit</b>	412	571	783	1,047	1,062	934	942	1,445	1,048	1,082
<b>Operating Margin</b>	25.3%	23.3%	29.8%	35.1%	35.6%	24.5%	23.0%	30.8%	20.8%	18.4%
<b>Net Profit</b>	4	(50)	(28)	80	(15)	(304)	(368)	(122)	(100)	(464)
<b>Net Margin</b>	0.2%	-2.0%	-1.1%	2.7%	-0.5%	-8.0%	-9.0%	-6.3%	-2.0%	-7.9%
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	303	263	573	868	1,017	849	(1,233)	(479)	(956)	(2,459)
<b>Income Tax</b>	(60)	(53)	88	(59)	51	(147)	14	(2)	(48)	(191)

## Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Total Assets</b>	19,507	27,737	30,904	34,103	46,196	49,722	55,867	64,111	76,326	94,809
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	63	223	799	173	352	431	764	730	1,141	3,135
<b>Acc. Receivable</b>	98	262	360	339	580	614	2,301	672	5,237	6,705
<b>Goodwill &amp; Int.</b>	23	910	914	839	1,190	1,202	966	1,735	1,959	---
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	10,744	15,065	16,622	16,897	25,716	27,955	31,871	37,825	46,347	58,353
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	43	87	117	76	152	127	4,127	276	9,414	15,524
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>	7,338	10,182	11,766	10,718	17,300	18,082	21,529	24,850	29,759	34,390
<b>Total Equity</b>	2,955	3,772	4,467	5,191	5,412	4,873	4,973	4,856	4,723	4,238

## Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Return on Assets</b>	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.5%
<b>Return on Equity</b>	0.1%	-0.6%	-0.1%	1.3%	-0.8%	-2.5%	-7.5%	-2.5%	-2.1%	-1.4%
<b>Shares Out.</b>	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	-0.2%	302	277	277	313	285
<b>Revenue/Share</b>	275.6	288.7	311.8	312.2	311.3	12.63	14.80	17.03	16.12	20.61
<b>FCF/Share</b>	7.58	9.80	9.70	17.33	17.60	2.81	-4.45	-1.73	-3.06	-8.62

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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