

3 High-Yielding Stocks for Today's Highly Volatile Times

Description

In times of uncertainty in the market, dividend-paying stocks are sought after as safe havens, because they are less volatile than non-dividend-paying stocks and because they provide consistent streams of income regardless of which way the market goes. With this in mind, I've compiled a list of three great dividend stocks from different industries, so let's take a quick look at each to determine if you should buy one or more of them today.

1. A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund

A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund ([TSX:AW.UN](#)) owns the trademarks and other intellectual property associated with the A&W brand in Canada, and it licenses these properties for use in operating and franchising quick-serve restaurants in exchange for a royalty of 3% of sales. It pays a monthly distribution of \$0.13 per share, or \$1.56 per share annually, which gives its stock a yield of approximately 4.8% at today's levels.

It's also very important to make two notes regarding its distribution.

First, the company's two distribution hikes since the start of 2015, including its 4% hike last month, has it on pace for 2016 to mark the second consecutive year in which it has raised its annual distribution.

Second, it has a target payout of at or below 100% of its distributable cash.

2. Bank of Nova Scotia

Bank of Nova Scotia ([TSX:BNS](#))([NYSE:BNS](#)) is Canada's third-largest bank with approximately \$895 billion in assets as of April 30, 2016. It pays a quarterly dividend of \$0.72 per share, or \$2.88 per share annually, which gives its stock a yield of approximately 4.6% at today's levels.

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First, the company's three dividend hikes since the start of 2015, including its 2.9% hike in March of this year, have it on pace for 2016 to mark the sixth consecutive year in which it has raised its annual dividend payment.

Second, it has a target payout range of 40-50% of its net earnings.

3. Hydro One Ltd.

Hydro One Ltd. ([TSX:H](#)) is the largest electric transmission and distribution utility in Ontario. It pays a quarterly dividend of \$0.21 per share, or \$0.84 per share annually, which gives its stock a yield of approximately 3.3% at today's levels.

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First, the company went public in November 2015, and it paid its first quarterly dividend in March of this year.

Second, it has a target payout range of 70-80% of its net earnings.

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