3 Top Passive Income Stocks Hitting New 52-Week Highs

Description

Hello again, Fools. I'm back to call your attention to three stocks trading near their 52-week highs. Why? Because after a given stock rallies over a short period of time, one of two things tends to happen: the stock keeps climbing as traders look to ride the momentum or the stock quickly pulls back as value-oriented investors look to take profits off the table.

Buy-and-hold is still the most reliable way to build wealth. But knowing how to play short term swings can also help maximize your returns.

This week, we'll take a look at three reliable dividend stocks that have been on fire.

Let's get to it.

Renewed outlook

Leading off our list is renewable energy giant **Brookfield Renewable Partners** (TSX:BEP.UN)(NYSE:BEP), which is up 27% in 2019 and trading at its 52-week highs of $45.11 per share.

Brookfield continues to offer investors a rare combination of growth, stability, and high dividend. In the most recent quarter, revenue improved 4% while funds from operations (FFO) increased 18% to $227 million. Moreover, overall power generation exceeded its long-term average by 7%.

"We had a strong start to the year as we executed on key initiatives across our business, including delivering operational performance, investing in growth, and bolstering our liquidity position to over $2.3 billion," said CEO Sachin Shah.

Brookfield is up 13% over the past year and currently offers a juicy yield of 6.4%.

Open concept

Next up we have content software company **Open Text** (TSX:OTEX)(Nasdaq:OTEX), whose shares are up 24% in 2019 and trading near their 52-week highs of $41.57.

Open Text's price appreciation continues to be fueled by strong operating momentum. In the most recent quarter, revenue improved 5%, recurring revenue increased 5%, and operating cash flow clocked in at $286 million.

Thanks to that strength, management even boosted the quarterly dividend 15%.

"Our commitment to Total Growth leverages the OpenText Business System as a framework for both organic growth and future M&A opportunities," said CEO Mark Barrenechea. "With this framework, we are well positioned to scale OpenText to new levels in the coming years."

Open Text is up 17% over the past year and offers a yield of 1.5%.

Fortified position

Capping off our list is utility giant **Fortis** (TSX:FTS)(NYSE:FTS), which is up 15% in 2019 and trading near its 52-week high of $52.20 per share.

Fortis' rock-solid balance sheet, regulated environment, and heavy capital expenditures offer Fools a solid mix of safety and growth. In Q1, adjusted earnings improved 6% while the company invested $700 million in capex during the quarter.

Management plans to invest $17.3 billion in capex over the next five years. Moreover, Fortis continues to target average annual dividend growth of roughly 6% through 2023.

"Our businesses, now 99% regulated, delivered strong performance in the first quarter of 2019," said President and CEO Barry Perry.

Fortis shares are up 28% over the past year and currently boast a healthy dividend yield of 3.4%.

The bottom line

There you have it, Fools: three red-hot stocks worth checking out.

As always, they aren't formal recommendations. Instead, look at them as a starting point for further research. Momentum stocks are especially fickle, so plenty of your own due diligence is required.

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