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## U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM F-10

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** 

BROOKFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ONTARIO

(Province or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

6512

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number, if applicable)

> **NOT APPLICABLE** (I.R.S. Employer Identification

Number, if applicable)

**BROOKFIELD PLACE, 181 BAY STREET** 

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(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**BROOKFIELD FINANCE INC.** 

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

Province of Ontario, Canada

(Principal jurisdiction regulating this offering)

It is proposed that this filing shall become effective (check appropriate box below):

- A. o upon filing with the Commission, pursuant to Rule 467(a) (if in connection with an offering being made contemporaneously in the United States and Canada).
- B. ý at some future date (check appropriate box below)

1. o pursuant to Rule 467(b) on ( ) at ( ) (designate a time not sooner than seven calendar days after filing).

2. o pursuant to Rule 467(b) on ( ) at ( ) (designate a time seven calendar days or sooner after filing) because the securities regulatory authority in the review jurisdiction has issued a receipt or notification of clearance on ( ).

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ý pursuant to Rule 467(b) as soon as practicable after notification of the Commission by the Registrant or the Canadian securities regulatory

authority of the review jurisdiction that a receipt or notification of clearance has been issued with respect hereto.

4. o after the filing of the next amendment to this Form (if preliminary material is being filed).

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to the home jurisdiction's shelf prospectus offering procedures, check the following box. ý

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

|   | Title of Each Class of<br>Securities to be Registered   | Amount to<br>be Registered <sup>(2)</sup> | Proposed Maximum<br>Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(3)(4)</sup> | Amount of<br>Registration Fee |  |
|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Debt Securities of Brookfield Asset Management Inc.   |   |   |  |                               |  |
| Guarantees by Brookfield Asset Management Inc. of Debt<br>Securities of Brookfield Finance Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>  |   |   |  |                               |  |
| Class A Preference Shares   |   |   |  |                               |  |
| Class A Limited Voting Shares   |   |   |  |                               |  |
| Debt Securities of Brookfield Finance Inc.  |   |   |  |                               |  |
| Total   |   | US\$1,000,000,000                         | US\$1,000,000,000  | US\$100,700                   |  |
| (1)   | The guarantees issued by Brookfield Asset Management Inc. being registered hereon is being sold without separate consideration. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act, no separate fee for the guarantees is payable.  |   |  |                               |  |
| (2)   | There are being registered under this Registration Statement such indeterminate number of securities of the Registrants as shall have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed US\$1,000,000,000. Any securities registered by this Registration Statement may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered under this Registration Statement. The proposed maximum initial offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by the Registrant in connection with the sale of the securities under this Registration Statement. |   |  |                               |  |
| (3)   | In United States dollars or the equivalent thereof in Canad   | ian dollars.                              |  |                               |  |
| (4)   | Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount (the "Securities Act").  | t of the registration fee pur             | suant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities A                    | ct of 1933, as amended        |  |
| Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act of 1933, the prospectus contained in this Registration Statement relates to the Registrant's Registration |   |   |  |                               |  |

Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act of 1933, the prospectus contained in this Registration Statement relates to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-10 (File No. 333-204611). This Registration Statement constitutes a post-effective amendment to such Registration Statement, and such post-effective amendment shall become effective concurrently with the effectiveness of this Registration Statement and in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Securities Act of 1933.

The Registrants hereby amend the Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registration statement shall become effective as provided in Rule 467 under the Securities Act of 1933 or on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Act, may determine.

### PART I

#### Amendment No. 1 dated September 28, 2016 to the Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus dated June 5, 2015

This amendment, together with the short form base shelf prospectus dated June 5, 2015, constitutes a public offering of these securities only in those jurisdictions where they may be lawfully offered for sale and therein only by persons permitted to sell such securities. No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offence to claim otherwise.

# US\$3,500,000,000

# BROOKFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT INC. Debt Securities Class A Preference Shares Class A Limited Voting Shares

## **BROOKFIELD FINANCE INC.**

# **Debt Securities**

Unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest by Brookfield Asset Management Inc.

The short form base shelf prospectus of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. and Brookfield Finance Inc. dated June 5, 2015 (the "**Prospectus**") is amended by providing that the maximum aggregate offering amount of securities that may be offered and issued from time to time under the Prospectus is increased from US\$2,500,000,000 to US\$3,500,000,000 and, in particular, deleting the references to US\$2,500,000,000 contained on the face page of the Prospectus and substituting therefor "US\$3,500,000,000". The first paragraph of the text on the face page of the Prospectus, as so amended, reads as follows:

"During the 25-month period that this short form base shelf prospectus, including any amendments hereto (this "Prospectus"), remains effective, (i) each of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (the "Company") and Brookfield Finance Inc. ("BFI", and together with the Company, the "Issuers" and each an "Issuer") may from time to time offer and issue (i) unsecured debt securities (the "BAM Debt Securities" and "BFI Debt Securities", respectively, and collectively the "Debt Securities") and (ii) the Company may from time to time offer and issue Class A Preference Shares ("Preference Shares") and Class A Limited Voting Shares ("Class A Shares", and together with the Preference Shares and Debt Securities, the "Securities"). The BFI Debt Securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal, premium (if any) and interest and certain other amounts by the Company. Collectively, the Issuers may offer and issue Securities either separately or together, in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of up to US\$3,500,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies or currency units) or, if any Debt Securities are offered at an original issue discount, such greater amount as shall result in an aggregate offering price of US\$3,500,000,000. Securities of any series may be offered in such amount and with such terms as may be determined in light of market conditions. The specific terms of the Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered will be set forth in one or more prospectus supplements (each a "Prospectus Supplement") to be delivered to purchasers together with this Prospectus, and may include, where applicable (i) in the case of Debt Securities, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, denomination (which may be in United States dollars, in any other currency or in units based on or relating to foreign currencies), maturity, interest rate (which may be fixed or variable) and time of payment of interest, if any, any terms for redemption at the option of the Issuer or the holders, any terms for sinking fund payments, any listing on a securities exchange, the initial public offering price (or the manner of determination thereof if offered on a non-fixed price basis) and any other specific terms, (ii) in the case of the Preference Shares, the designation of the particular class, series, aggregate principal amount, the number of shares offered, the issue price, the dividend rate, the dividend payment dates, any terms for redemption at the option of the Company or the holder, any exchange or conversion terms and any other specific terms, and (iii) in the case of Class A Shares, the number of shares offered, the issue price and any other specific terms. Each such Prospectus Supplement will be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus for the purposes of securities legislation as of the date of each such Prospectus Supplement and only for the purposes of the distribution of the Securities to which such Prospectus Supplement pertains. The Issuers have filed an undertaking with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces of Canada that they will not distribute, under this Prospectus, Securities that, at the time of distribution, are novel without pre-clearing the disclosure to be contained in the Prospectus Supplement, pertaining to the distribution of such securities, with the applicable regulator."

## THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "COMMISSION"), ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, OR ANY CANADIAN REGULATORY AUTHORITY, NOR HAS THE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY CANADIAN SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

This offering is made by Canadian issuers that are permitted, under a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and Canada, to prepare this Prospectus in accordance with the Canadian disclosure requirements. Prospective investors should be aware that such requirements are different from those of the United States. The financial statements included or incorporated herein have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and thus may not be comparable to financial statements of U.S. companies.

Prospective investors should be aware that the acquisition of the Securities may have tax consequences both in the United States and in Canada. Such consequences for investors who are residents in, or citizens of, the United States may not be described fully herein or in a Prospectus Supplement. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances.

The enforcement by investors of civil liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Issuers are incorporated or organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario, that some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of Canada, that some or all of the underwriters or experts named in the registration statement may be residents of Canada and that all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Issuers and such persons may be located outside the United States.

## STATUTORY AND CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS OF WITHDRAWAL AND RESCISSION

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase securities. This right may be exercised within two business days after receipt or deemed receipt of a prospectus and any amendment. In several of the provinces, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, revisions of the price or damages if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation or is not delivered to the purchaser, provided that the remedies for rescission, revisions of the price or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province for the particulars of these rights or consult with a legal adviser.

Original Canadian purchasers of Preference Shares or Debt Securities that are convertible, exchangeable or exercisable securities will have a contractual right of rescission against BAM or BFI, as applicable, in respect of the conversion, exchange or exercise of such Securities. The contractual right of rescission will entitle such original Canadian purchasers to receive from BAM or BFI, as applicable, upon surrender of the applicable underlying securities issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise of such Preference Shares or Debt Securities, the amount paid for the Preference Shares or Debt Securities, in the event that the Prospectus (as supplemented or amended) contains a misrepresentation, provided that both the conversion, exchange or exercise occurs, and the right of rescission is exercised, within 180 days of the date of the purchase of the Preference Shares or Debt Securities under the Prospectus (as supplemented or amended). This contractual right of rescission will be consistent with the statutory right of rescission described under section 130 of the Securities Act (Ontario), and is in addition to any other right or remedy available to original Canadian purchasers under section 130 of the Securities Act (Ontario) or otherwise at law.

In an offering of Preference Shares or Debt Securities that are convertible, exchangeable or exercisable securities, investors are cautioned that the statutory right of action for damages for a misrepresentation contained in the prospectus is limited, in certain provincial securities legislation, to the price at which the Preference Shares or Debt Securities, as applicable, are offered to the public under the prospectus offering. This means that, under the securities legislation of certain provinces, if the purchaser pays additional amounts upon conversion, exchange or exercise, as applicable, of the security, those amounts may not be recoverable under the statutory right of action for damages that applies in those provinces. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province for the particulars of this right of action for damages or consult with a legal adviser.

## CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPANY (AS ISSUER)

Dated: September 28, 2016

The short form prospectus dated June 5, 2015, as amended by this amendment, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, will, as of the date of the last supplement to the prospectus relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by this amendment, and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of all of the provinces of Canada.

(Signed) J. BRUCE FLATT Chief Executive Officer (Signed) BRIAN D. LAWSON Chief Financial Officer

(Signed) THE HONOURABLE FRANK J. MCKENNA Director (Signed) GEORGE S. TAYLOR Director

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

## **CERTIFICATE OF BFI (AS ISSUER)**

Dated: September 28, 2016

The short form prospectus dated June 5, 2015, as amended by this amendment, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, will, as of the date of the last supplement to the prospectus relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by this amendment, and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of all of the provinces of Canada.

(Signed) J. BRUCE FLATT Chief Executive Officer (Signed) BRIAN D. LAWSON Chief Financial Officer

(Signed) MARCEL R. COUTU Director (Signed) GEORGE S. TAYLOR Director

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

## CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPANY (AS CREDIT SUPPORTER)

Dated: September 28, 2016

The short form prospectus dated June 5, 2015, as amended by this amendment, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, will, as of the date of the last supplement to the prospectus relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by this amendment, and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the securities offered by the prospectus, as amended by the prospectus, as amended by the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of all of the provinces of Canada.

(Signed) J. BRUCE FLATT Chief Executive Officer (Signed) BRIAN D. LAWSON Chief Financial Officer

(Signed) THE HONOURABLE FRANK J. MCKENNA Director (Signed) GEORGE S. TAYLOR Director

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

#### **Base Shelf Prospectus**

This short form base shelf prospectus has been filed under legislation in each of the provinces of Canada that permits certain information about these securities to be determined after this prospectus has become final and that permits the omission from this prospectus of that information. The legislation requires the delivery to purchasers of a prospectus supplement containing the omitted information within a specified period of time after agreeing to purchase any of these securities.

No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offence to claim otherwise. This short form base shelf prospectus constitutes a public offering of these securities only in those jurisdictions where they may be lawfully offered for sale and therein only by persons permitted to sell

such securities. Information has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus from documents filed with securities commissions or similar authorities in *Canada.* Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the office of the Corporate Secretary of the Company at Suite 300, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2T3, Telephone: (416) 363-9491, and are also available electronically at the Canadian Securities Administrators' Website at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

June 5, 2015

#### SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS

# US\$2,500,000,000

# BROOKFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT INC. Debt Securities Class A Preference Shares Class A Limited Voting Shares

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The Issuers' head and registered offices are at Suite 300, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, P.O. Box 762, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2T3.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "COMMISSION"), ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, OR ANY CANADIAN REGULATORY AUTHORITY, NOR HAS THE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY CANADIAN SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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Prospective investors should be aware that the acquisition of the Securities may have tax consequences both in the United States and in Canada. Such consequences for investors who are residents in, or citizens of, the United States may not be described fully herein or in a Prospectus Supplement. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances.

The enforcement by investors of civil liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Issuers are incorporated or organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario, that some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of Canada, that some or all of the underwriters or experts named in the registration statement may be residents of Canada and that all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Issuers and such persons may be located outside the United States.

The Issuers may sell the Securities to or through underwriters or dealers or directly to investors or through agents. The Prospectus Supplement relating to each series of offered Securities will identify each person who may be deemed to be an underwriter with respect to such series and will set forth the terms of the offering of such series, including, to the extent applicable, the initial public offering price, the proceeds to the applicable Issuer, the underwriting commissions and any other concessions to be allowed or reallowed to dealers. The managing underwriter or underwriters with respect to each series sold to or through underwriters will be named in the related Prospectus Supplement.

In connection with any underwritten offering of Securities, the underwriters or agents may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Securities offered at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. See "Plan of Distribution".

The outstanding Class A Preference Shares, Series 2, Series 4, Series 8, Series 9, Series 12, Series 13, Series 14, Series 17, Series 18, Series 21, Series 24, Series 26, Series 28, Series 30, Series 32, Series 34, Series 36, Series 37, Series 38, Series 40 and Series 42 are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The outstanding Class A Shares are listed for trading on the New York, Toronto and NYSE Euronext stock exchanges.

Certain directors of the Company reside outside of Canada. Although each such director has appointed the Company, Suite 300, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2T3, as its agent for service of process in Ontario, it may not be possible for investors to enforce judgments obtained in Canada against such directors, even if such directors have appointed an agent for service of process. See "Agent for Service of Process"

There is no market through which the Debt Securities or the Preference Shares may be sold and purchasers may not be able to resell Debt Securities or Preference Shares purchased under this Prospectus. This may affect the pricing of the Debt Securities or the Preference Shares in the secondary market, the transparency and availability of trading prices, the liquidity of the Debt Securities or the Preference Shares, and the extent of issuer regulation. See "Risk Factors".

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In this Prospectus, unless the context otherwise indicates, references to the "**Company**" refer to Brookfield Asset Management Inc. and references to "**we**", "**us**", "**our**" and "**Brookfield**" refer to the Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries including BFI. All dollar amounts set forth in this Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement are in U.S. dollars, except where otherwise indicated.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents, filed with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada, and filed with, or furnished to, the Commission, are specifically incorporated by reference in this Prospectus:

(a)

the Company's annual information form for the financial year ended December 31, 2014, dated March 31, 2015 (the "AIF");

(b)

the Company's audited comparative consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, together with the accompanying auditor's report thereon;

(c)

the management's discussion and analysis for the audited comparative consolidated financial statements referred to in paragraph (b) above (the "**MD&A**");

(d)

the Company's unaudited comparative interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014;

(e)

the management's discussion and analysis for the unaudited comparative interim consolidated financial statements referred to in (d) above; and

(f)

the Company's management information circular dated March 24, 2015.

Any documents of the Company, and if applicable, BFI, of the type described in item 11.1 of Form 44-101F1 Short Form Prospectus, and any "template version" of "marketing materials" (each as defined in National Instrument 41-101 Distribution Requirements ("NI 41-101")), that are required to be filed by the Company, and if applicable, BFI, with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada, after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. In addition, any report on Form 6-K or Form 40-F filed by the Company with the Commission after the date of this Prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus if and to the extent expressly provided in such report. The Company's reports on Form 6-K and its annual report on Form 40-F are available at the Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

Any statement contained in this Prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this Prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or includes any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement shall not be deemed an admission for any purposes that the modified or superseded statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

Upon a new annual information form and new interim or annual financial statements being filed with and, where required, accepted by the applicable securities regulatory authorities during the currency of this Prospectus, the previous annual information form, the previous interim or annual financial statements and all material change reports and information circulars filed prior to the commencement of the then current fiscal year will be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this Prospectus for purposes of future offers and sales of Securities hereunder.

A Prospectus Supplement containing the specific terms of an offering of Securities will be delivered to purchasers of such Securities together with this Prospectus and will be deemed to be incorporated into this Prospectus as of the date of such Prospectus Supplement but only for purposes of the offering of Securities covered by that Prospectus Supplement.

Prospective investors should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or contained in this Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement and on the other information included in the Registration Statement on Form F-10 relating to the Securities and of which this Prospectus is a part. The Company has not authorized anyone to provide different or additional information.

Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the office of the Corporate Secretary of the Company at Suite 300, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2T3 telephone: (416) 363-9491, and are also available electronically on System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("**SEDAR**") at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

The Issuers have filed with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), a Registration Statement on Form F-10 relating to the Securities and of which this Prospectus is a part. This Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in such Registration Statement, to which reference is made for further information.

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and, in accordance therewith, files reports and other information with the

Commission. Under a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and Canada, such reports and other information may be prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canada, which requirements are different from those of the United States. Such reports and other information concerning the Company can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission at: 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of these materials can be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Please call the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Certain of the Company's filings are also electronically available from the Commission's Electronic Document Gathering and Retrieval System, which is commonly known by the acronym EDGAR, and which may be accessed at <u>www.sec.gov</u>, as well as from commercial document retrieval services.

## SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking information and other "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Canadian and United States securities laws. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, include statements regarding the operations, business, financial condition, expected financial results, performance, prospects, opportunities, priorities, targets, goals, ongoing objectives, strategies and outlook of the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as the outlook for North American and international economies for the current fiscal year and subsequent periods.

The words "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "seeks," "intends," "targets," "projects," "forecasts" or negative versions thereof and other similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as "may," "will," "should," "would" and "could", which are predictions of or indicate future events, trends or prospects, and which do not relate to historical matters identify forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements and information are based upon reasonable assumptions and expectations, the reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and information because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our control, which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements and information.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated or implied by forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: the impact or unanticipated impact of general economic, political and market factors in the countries in which we do business; the behaviour of financial markets, including fluctuations in interest and foreign exchange rates; global equity and capital markets and the availability of equity and debt financing and refinancing within these markets; strategic actions including dispositions; the ability to complete and effectively integrate acquisitions into existing operations and the ability to attain expected benefits; changes in accounting policies and methods used to report financial condition (including uncertainties associated with critical accounting assumptions and estimates); the ability to appropriately manage human capital; the effect of applying future accounting changes; business competition; operational and reputational risks; technological change; changes in government regulation and legislation within the countries in which we operate; governmental investigations; litigation; changes in tax laws; ability to collect amounts owed; catastrophic events, such as earthquakes and hurricanes; the possible impact of international conflicts and other developments including terrorist acts and cyberterrorism; and other risks and factors detailed in this Prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors" as well as in the AIF under the heading "Business Environment and Risks" and management's discussion and analysis under the heading "Business Environment and Risks", each incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, as well as in other documents filed by the Issuers from time to time with the securities regulators in Canada and the United States.

We caution that the foregoing list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. When relying on our forward-looking statements, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and potential events. Except as required by law, the Issuers undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether written or oral, that may need to be updated as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



## THE COMPANY

The Company is a global alternative asset manager with over US\$200 billion in assets under management. For more than 100 years Brookfield has owned and operated assets on behalf of shareholders and clients with a focus on property, renewable energy, infrastructure and private equity. Brookfield has a range of public and private investment products and services, which leverage its expertise and experience. The Company's Class A Shares are co-listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BAM", the TSX under the symbol "BAM.A" and the NYSE Euronext under the symbol "BAMA".

## **BROOKFIELD FINANCE INC.**

BFI was incorporated on March 31, 2015 under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). BFI has no significant assets or liabilities, no subsidiaries and no ongoing business operations of its own.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in a Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of Securities will be used for general corporate purposes including the repayment of corporate debt.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE ISSUERS

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of preference shares designated as Class A Preference Shares, issuable in series, an unlimited number of preference shares designated as Class AA Preference Shares, issuable in series, an unlimited number of Class A Shares, and 85,120 Class B Limited Voting Shares ("**Class B Shares**"). As of the date of this Prospectus, the Company had 10,465,100 Class A Preference Shares, Series 2; 4,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 4; 2,600,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 5; 4,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 7; 1,652,384 Class A Preference Shares, Series 8; 6,347,606 Class A Preference Shares, Series 9; 9,999,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 13; 665,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 14; 4,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 15; 7,810,200 Class A Preference Shares, Series 19; 13,513,510 Class A Preference Shares, Series 20; 11,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 24; 10,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 26; 9,400,000 Class A Preference Shares Series 28; 10,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 30; 12,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 32; 10,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 34; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 36; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 37; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 34; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 36; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 37; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 36; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 37; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 36; 12,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 37; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 36; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 37; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 36; 8,000,000 Class A Preference Shares, Series 42; 981,206,130 Class A Shares; and 85,120 Class B Shares issued and outstanding.

BFI is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares. As of the date of this Prospectus, one common share of BFI held directly by Brookfield US Holdings Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is issued and outstanding.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES

The following description sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Preference Shares. The particular terms and provisions of a series of Preference Shares offered by a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply thereto, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

#### Series

The Preference Shares may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The board of directors of the Company will fix the number of shares in each series and the provisions attached to each series before issue.

## Priority

The Preference Shares rank senior to the Class AA Preference Shares, the Class A Shares, the Class B Shares and other shares ranking junior to the Preference Shares with respect to priority in the payment of dividends and in the distribution of assets in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, or in the event of any other distribution of assets of the Company among its shareholders for the purpose of winding-up its affairs. Each series of Preference Shares ranks on a parity with every other series of Preference Shares with respect to priority in the payment of dividends and in the distribution of assets in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, whether voluntary, or in the event of any other distribution of assets of the Company among its shareholders for the purpose of winding-up involuntary, or in the event of any other distribution of assets of the Company among its shareholders for the purpose of winding-up its affairs.

#### **Shareholder Approvals**

The Company shall not delete or vary any preference, right, condition, restriction, limitation or prohibition attaching to the Preference Shares as a class or create preference shares ranking in priority to or on parity with the Preference Shares except by special resolution passed by at least  $66^{2}/_{3}\%$  of the votes cast at a meeting of the holders of the Preference Shares duly called for that purpose, in accordance with the provisions of the articles of the Company. Each holder of Preference Shares entitled to vote at a class meeting of holders of Preference Shares, or at a joint meeting of the holders of two or more series of Preference Shares, has one vote in respect of each C\$25.00 of the issue price of each Preference Share held by such holder.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASS A SHARES

The following description sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Class A Shares. The particular terms and provisions of Class A Shares offered by a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply thereto, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

#### Dividend Rights and Rights Upon Dissolution or Winding-Up

The Class A Shares rank on parity with the Class B Shares and rank after the Class A Preference Shares, the Class AA Preference Shares and any other senior-ranking shares outstanding from time to time with respect to the payment of dividends (if, as and when declared by the board of directors of the Company) and return of capital on the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company or any other distribution of the assets of the Company among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs.

## **Voting Rights**

Except as set out below under "Election of Directors", each holder of a Class A Share and Class B Shares is entitled to notice of, and to attend and vote at, all meetings of the Company's shareholders (except meetings at which only holders of another specified class or series of shares are entitled to vote) and is entitled to cast one vote per share held, which results in the Class A Shares and Class B Shares each controlling 50% of the aggregate voting rights of the Company. Subject to applicable law and in addition to any other required shareholder approvals, all matters approved by shareholders (other than the election of directors), must be approved by: (i) a majority or, in the case of matters that require approval by a special resolution of shareholders, at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%, of the votes cast by holders of Class A Shares who vote in respect of the resolution or special resolution, as the case may be, and (ii) a majority or, in the case of matters that require approval by a special resolution, as the case may be, and Class B Shares who vote in respect of the resolution or special resolution, as the case may be, and elex be class B Shares who vote in respect of the resolution or special resolution, as the case may be, and elex be class B Shares who vote in respect of the resolution or special resolution, as the case may be.

### **Election of Directors**

In the election of directors, holders of Class A Shares, together, in certain circumstances, with the holders of certain series of Class A Preference Shares, are entitled to elect one-half of the board of directors of the Company, provided that if the holders of Class A Preference Shares, Series 1, Series 2 or Series 3 become entitled to elect two or three directors, as the case may be, the numbers of directors to be elected by holders of Class A Shares, together, in certain circumstances with the holders of Class A Preference Shares, shall be reduced by the number of directors to be elected by holders of Class A Preference Shares, Series 1, Series 2 and Series 3. Holders of Class B Shares are entitled to elect the other one-half of the board of directors of the Company.

Each holder of Class A Shares has the right to cast a number of votes equal to the number of Class A Shares held by the holder multiplied by the number of directors to be elected by the holder and the holders of shares of the classes or series of shares entitled to vote with the holder of Class A Shares in the election of directors. A holder of Class A Shares may cast all such votes in favour of one candidate or distribute such votes among its candidates in any manner the holder of Class A Shares sees fit. Where a holder of Class A Shares has voted for more than one candidate without specifying the distribution of votes among such candidates, the holder of Class A Shares will be deemed to have divided the holder's votes equally among the candidates for whom the holder of Class A Shares voted.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

The following description sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities. The particular terms and provisions of the series of Debt Securities offered by a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply thereto, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

The BAM Debt Securities will be issued under an indenture dated as of September 20, 1995, as amended, restated, supplemented or replaced from time to time, (the "**BAM Indenture**") between the Company, as issuer, and Computershare Trust Company of Canada (formerly, Montreal Trust Company of Canada) ("**Computershare**"), as trustee (the "**BAM Trustee**"). The BFI Debt Securities will be issued under an indenture (the "**BFI Indenture**") to be entered into between BFI, as issuer, the Company, as guarantor, and Computershare, as trustee (the "**BFI Trustee**"). The BAM Indenture and the BFI Indenture (each an "**Indenture**") are subject to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and, consequently, are exempt from the operation of certain provisions of the *Trust Indenture Act of 1939* pursuant to Rule 4d-9 thereunder. A copy of the BAM Indenture and a copy of the form of the BFI Indenture has been filed with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form F-10 of which this Prospectus is a part. The BAM Indenture is also available on the Company's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

The following statements with respect to the Indentures and the Debt Securities issued thereunder are brief summaries of certain provisions of the Indentures and do not purport to be complete; such statements are subject to the detailed referenced provisions of the applicable Indenture, including the definition of capitalized terms used under this caption. Wherever a particular section or defined term of an Indenture is referred to, the statement is qualified in its entirety by such section or term. References in this caption to the "Issuer" and "Indenture Securities" refer to the Company or BFI, as issuer, and the Debt Securities issued by it under the BAM Indenture or the BFI Indenture, respectively. References in this caption to the "Trustee" and any particular Indenture or Debt Securities refer to the BAM Trustee or the BFI Trustee, as trustee under the applicable Indenture.

#### General

The Indentures do not limit the aggregate principal amount of Indenture Securities (which may include debentures, notes and other unsecured evidences of indebtedness) which may be issued thereunder, and Indenture Securities may be issued under each Indenture from time to time in one or more series and may be denominated and payable in foreign currencies or units based on or relating to foreign currencies, including European currency units. Special Canadian and United States federal income tax considerations applicable to any Indenture Securities so denominated will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, each Indenture permits the Company or BFI, as applicable, to increase the principal amount of any series of Indenture Securities previously issued by it and to issue such increased principal amount. (Section 301 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.1 of the BFI Indenture)

All Debt Securities issued by BFI will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company.

The applicable Prospectus Supplement will set forth the following terms relating to the particular offered Debt Securities: (1) the specific designation of the offered Debt Securities and the Indenture under which they are issued; (2) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the offered Debt Securities; (3) the date or dates, if any, on which the offered Debt Securities will mature and the portion (if less than all of the principal amount) of the offered Debt Securities to be payable upon declaration of acceleration of maturity; (4) the rate or rates per annum (which may be fixed or variable) at which the offered Debt Securities will bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue and on which any such interest will be payable and the Regular Record Dates for any interest payable on the offered Debt Securities which are in registered form ("**Registered Debt Securities**"); (5) any mandatory or optional redemption or sinking fund provisions, including the period or periods within which the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the offered Debt Securities may be redeemed or purchased at the option of the Issuer or otherwise; (6) whether the offered Debt Securities will be issuable in registered form or bearer form or both and, if issuable in bearer form, the restrictions as to the offer, sale and delivery of the offered Debt Securities in bearer form and as to

exchanges between registered and bearer form; (7) whether the offered Debt Securities will be issuable in the form of one or more registered global securities ("**Registered Global Securities**") and, if so, the identity of the Depositary for such Registered Global Securities; (8) the denominations in which any of the offered Debt Securities will be issuable if in other than denominations of \$1,000 and any multiple thereof; (9) each office or agency where the principal of, and any premium and interest on, the offered Debt Securities will be payable and each office or agency where the offered Debt Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange; (10) if other than U.S. dollars, the foreign currency or the units based on or relating to foreign currencies in which the offered Debt Securities are denominated and/or in which the payment of the principal of, and any premium and interest on, the offered Debt Securities are denominated and/or in which the offered Debt Securities, including covenants and additional Events of Default. Special Canadian and United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the offered Debt Securities, the amount of principal thereof and any premium and interest thereon will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, neither Indenture affords the Holders the right to tender Indenture Securities to the Issuer for repurchase, or provides for any increase in the rate or rates of interest per annum at which the Indenture Securities will bear interest, in the event the Company or BFI should become involved in a highly leveraged transaction or in the event of a change in control of the Company or BFI. (Section 301 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.1 of the BFI Indenture)

Indenture Securities may be issued bearing no interest or interest at a rate below the prevailing market rate at the time of issuance, to be offered and sold at a discount below their stated principal amount. The Canadian and United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any such discounted Indenture Securities or other Indenture Securities offered and sold at par which are treated as having been issued at a discount for Canadian and/or United States federal income tax purposes will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. (Section 301 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.1 of the BFI Indenture)

The Indenture Securities issued pursuant to either Indenture and any coupons appertaining thereto will be unsecured and will rank *pari passu* with each other and with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness for borrowed money of the Issuer and the Company. (Section 301 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.1 of the BFI Indenture)

The Company's guarantee of the Indenture Securities issued by BFI will be unsecured and will rank *pari passu* with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company, including the Company's obligations under the Indenture Securities issued under the BAM Indenture.

## Form, Denomination, Exchange and Transfer

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, Indenture Securities will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. (Section 302 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.2 of the BFI Indenture) Indenture Securities may be presented for exchange and Registered Debt Securities may be presented for registration of transfer in the manner, at the places and, subject to the restrictions set forth in the applicable Indenture and in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, without service charge, but upon payment of any taxes or the governmental charges due in connection therewith. The Company has appointed the BAM Trustee as Security Registrar and BFI has appointed the BFI Trustee as Security Registrar. (Section 305 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.5 of the BFI Indenture)

## Payment

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of the principal of, and any premium and interest on, Registered Debt Securities (other than a Registered Global Security) will be made at the office or agency of the applicable Trustee in Toronto, Canada, except that, at the option of the particular Issuer, payment of any interest may be made (i) by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto at such address as shall appear in the applicable Security Register or (ii) by wire transfer to an account maintained by the Person entitled thereto as specified in the applicable Security Register. (Sections 305, 307 and 1002 of the BAM Indenture and Sections 3.5, 3.7 and 11.2 of the BFI Indenture) Unless otherwise indicated in the

applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of any interest due on Registered Debt Securities will be made to the Persons in whose name such Registered Debt Securities are registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest payment. (Section 307 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.7 of the BFI Indenture)

### **Registered Global Securities**

The Registered Debt Securities of a particular series may be issued in the form of one or more Registered Global Securities which will be registered in the name of, and deposited with, one or more Depositories or nominees, each of which will be identified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Unless and until exchanged, in whole or in part, for Indenture Securities in definitive registered form, a Registered Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such Registered Global Security to a nominee of such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor of such Depositary or a nominee of such successor. (Section 305 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.5 of the BFI Indenture)

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any portion of a particular series of Indenture Securities to be represented by a Registered Global Security will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. The Company and BFI anticipate that the following provisions will apply to all depositary arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a Registered Global Security, the Depositary therefor or its nominee will credit, on its book entry and registration system, the respective principal amounts of the Indenture Securities represented by such Registered Global Security to the accounts of such persons having accounts with such Depositary or its nominee ("**participants**") as shall be designated by the underwriters, investment dealers or agents participating in the distribution of such Indenture Securities or by the particular Issuer if such Indenture Securities are offered and sold directly by the Issuer. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depositary therefor or its nominee (with respect to beneficial interests of participants) or by participants or persons that hold through participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants). The laws of some states in the United States require certain purchasers of securities to take physical delivery thereof in definitive form. Such depositary arrangements and such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security.

So long as the Depositary for a Registered Global Security or its nominee is the registered owner thereof, such Depositary or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or Holder of the Indenture Securities represented by such Registered Global Security for all purposes under the applicable Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security will not be entitled to have Indenture Securities of the series represented by such Registered Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of Indenture Securities of such series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or Holders thereof under the applicable Indenture.

Principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on a Registered Global Security registered in the name of a Depositary or its nominee will be made to such Depositary or nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of such Registered Global Security. None of the particular Issuer or Trustee or any paying agent for Indenture Securities of the series represented by such Registered Global Security will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial interests in such Registered Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

The Company and BFI expect that the Depositary for a Registered Global Security or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Registered Global Security as shown on the records of such Depositary or its nominee. The Company and BFI also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case

with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such participants.

No Registered Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Securities registered, and no transfer of a Registered Global Security or a nominee thereof unless (A) such Depositary (i) has notified the particular Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Registered Global Security or (ii) has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor securities Depositary is not obtained, (B) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to such Registered Global Security, (C) the particular Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that the Securities of such series shall no longer be represented by such Registered Global Security and executes and delivers to the applicable Trustee an Issuer order that such Registered Global Security shall be so exchangeable and the transfer thereof so registerable or (D) there shall exist such circumstances, if any, in addition to or in lieu of the foregoing as have been specified for this purpose as contemplated in the applicable Indenture. (Section 305 of the BAM Indenture and Section 3.5.2 of the BFI Indenture)

#### Consolidation, Merger, Amalgamation and Sale of Assets

The Company shall not enter into any transaction (whether by way of reorganization, reconstruction, consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer, sale or otherwise) whereby all or substantially all of its undertaking, property and assets would become the property of any other Person (the "**Successor Corporation**") unless: (a) the Company and the Successor Corporation shall execute, prior to or contemporaneously with the consummation of such transaction, such instruments and do such things as, in the opinion of counsel, shall be necessary or advisable to establish that, upon the consummation of such transaction, (i) the Successor Corporation will have assumed all the covenants and obligations of the Company under each Indenture in respect of the Indenture Securities of every series issued thereunder, and (ii) the obligations of the Company under and in respect of the Indenture Securities of every series issued thereunder, and (ii) the Successor Corporation entitling the Holders thereof, as against the Successor Corporation, to all the rights of Holders of Indenture Securities under the Indenture; and (b) such transaction shall be on such terms and shall be carried out at such times and otherwise in such manner as shall not be prejudicial to the interests of the Indenture Securities of each and every series or to the rights and powers of the Trustees under the Indentures. (Section 801 of the BAM Indenture and Section 9.1 of the BFI Indenture)

Pursuant to the BFI Indenture, BFI shall not enter into any transaction (whether by way of reorganization, reconstruction, consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer, sale or otherwise) whereby all or substantially all of its undertaking, property and assets would become the property of any other Person (the "**BFI Successor**") unless: (a) BFI, the BFI Successor and the Company shall execute, prior to or contemporaneously with the consummation of such transaction, such instruments and do such things as, in the opinion of counsel, shall be necessary or advisable to establish that, upon the consummation of such transaction, (i) the BFI Successor will have assumed all the covenants and obligations of BFI under the BFI Indenture in respect of the Indenture Securities of every series issued thereunder, (ii) the Indenture Securities of every series issued by BFI will be valid and binding obligations of the BFI Successor, entitling the Holders thereof, as against the BFI Successor, to all the rights of Holders of Indenture Securities under the BFI Indenture, and (iii) the guarantee obligations of the Company in respect of the Indenture Securities of every series issued by BFI of each and otherwise in such manner as shall not be prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of the Indenture; provided, however, that such restrictions are not applicable to any sale or transfer by BFI or the Company to any one or more of their subsidiaries. (Section 9.1 of the BFI Indenture)

## **Events of Default**

Unless otherwise indicated in any Prospectus Supplement, each of the following will constitute an Event of Default under the BAM Indenture with respect to Indenture Securities of any series issued by the Company thereunder: (a) failure to pay principal of, or any premium on, any Indenture Security of that series when due; (b) failure to pay any interest on any Indenture Securities of that series when due, which failure continues for

30 days; (c) default in the payment of principal and interest on a