



Lodging - U.S. RevPAR +5.5%; A bit of a strange week (CES impact too)

RevPAR was strong only for Luxury and Independents

What's Incremental To Our View

Overall U.S. RevPAR was +5.5% Y/Y for the week ending 1/13/2018, per STR, down from the prior week's result of +9.8%. (2-year stacked RevPAR was +7.5% vs. +11.0% in the prior week.) Independent hotels (about 1/3rd of the data set) were unusually strong, +16.5% y/y. Luxury (+6.2%) was the strongest chain scale for branded hotels. Midscale and Economy trailed at +1.0% and 4.4%, respectively. Within Upper Upscale & Luxury class hotels, Group (+5.1% vs. -17.2% prior week) was softer than Transient (+7.7% vs. +19.9% prior week). There was continued strength in most hurricane-impacted markets.

As we noted in our title, our analysis of last week's results indicated some disparate performance that made for a strange week. To wit:

- Most of the "business-focused" chain scales had slight RevPAR growth (less than 1.0%) despite this being the first true "work week" for travel in the year. The only chain scale RevPAR strength was in Luxury and Economy and this was mostly rate driven. Economy's RevPAR strength was primarily weekday which suggests some pickup in transient corporate demand.
- Independents were the major RevPAR outperformer at +16.5%, again driven primarily by rate (+13.8% ADR). We believe the date change for the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas (see below) may have played a factor.
- The top 5 markets were all negative last week and many of the top 25 markets were negative.
- The major piece of "normal data" was that hurricane-impacted markets saw continued strength relative to the industry average.

A few factors may have contributed to the odd results:

1. There were very strong RevPAR results within the Mountain region, hotels over 1,000 rooms, and with contract demand. This may suggest the following:
 - a. Impact from the change in dates for the Consumer Electronics Show (the event ran January 9-12 in 2018 and from January 5-8 last year). Note that STR does not publish data on the Las Vegas market.
 - b. Some last-minute weather issues in certain markets (airline crew demand may have been higher than normal).

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2. Atlanta's strong RevPAR growth of +9.9%, was partly driven by the NCAA Football championship (Atlanta is a much larger hotel market than Tampa, which hosted last year's championship game.)

RevPAR details:

- **Luxury was the strongest chain scale. Midscale and Economy underperformed by 520 bps and 180 bps respectively:** Luxury RevPAR (+6.2%), Upper Upscale (+0.8%), Upscale (+0.2%), Upper Midscale (+0.8%), Midscale (+1.0%), and Economy (+4.4%). Independent hotels (+16.5%) significantly outperformed headline U.S. RevPAR.
- **Within Upper Upscale & Luxury class hotels, Group was softer than Transient:** Transient segment (individual business and leisure travelers) RevPAR was +7.7% (vs. +19.9% last week) and Group segment RevPAR was +5.1% (vs. -17.2% last week).
- **NYC (-1.6%) was the "strongest" of the top 5 markets:** Boston (-4.2%), Chicago (-10.6%), LA (-2.4%), and D.C. (-3.6%).
- **Other relevant markets:**
 - **San Francisco was up:** RevPAR was +7.9% vs. +10.0% last week. We anticipate weak y/y results in San Francisco for 1Q due to the renovations at the Moscone Center (comps get easier starting in 2Q).
 - **Texas results were mixed:** Dallas RevPAR was -6.0% (vs. +4.2% last week). Houston RevPAR was +24.5% (vs. +25.2% last week).
 - **Other hurricane-impacted markets continue to see strong performance:** Miami (+17.5% vs. +33.4% last week); Orlando (+13.5% vs. +36.7% last week).

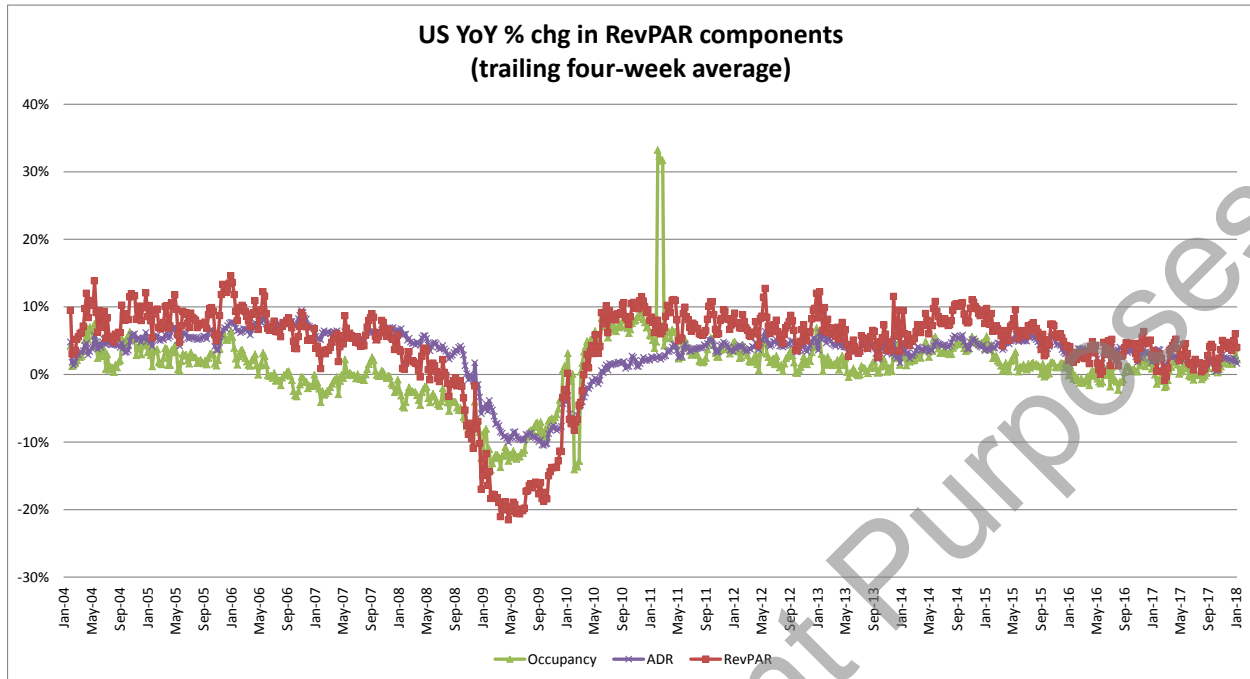
The lodging and leisure stocks: As we have written in our last several reports, while the RevPAR trends are uninspiring, the good news is we believe companies are likely not going to miss their uninspiring and intentionally conservative guided ranges. We believe as it relates especially to the C-corps, *"Stable" is the new "Good"*. That said, we think 2018 will likely still see a gradual deceleration in RevPAR growth rates from 2017's levels and this will likely be more negative for the hotel REITS as costs are rising faster than revenues. The good news for the hotel REITS is that their dividends are attractive, in our view, and should be sustainable over the next year. We believe an unwillingness to have to go against a 6%+ dividend yield has kept investors from being overly negative (potentially shorting) the hotel REITS.

Weekly RevPAR Summary

YoY % change in RevPAR													
	U.S.	Upper		Upper		Economy		Inde-	New	Boston	LA	Chicago	DC
		Luxury	Upscale	Upscale	Midscale	Midscale	Economy	pendent	York				
12/9/2017	6.8%	8.2%	3.8%	5.6%	6.0%	5.8%	6.7%	8.9%	-1.2%	-0.7%	13.2%	1.2%	-6.7%
12/16/2017	8.1%	7.9%	6.7%	7.9%	7.3%	6.3%	5.8%	9.4%	6.7%	3.5%	7.5%	-2.9%	-3.1%
12/23/2017	7.6%	-1.8%	10.2%	10.7%	13.4%	9.6%	8.8%	2.8%	3.3%	12.9%	3.2%	20.0%	7.9%
12/30/2017	-6.7%	-1.0%	-9.0%	-6.5%	-6.0%	-5.9%	-3.5%	-8.6%	-10.7%	-8.7%	-0.7%	-17.9%	-14.1%
1/6/2018	9.6%	25.0%	11.8%	11.7%	10.1%	9.9%	9.8%	2.5%	34.0%	24.4%	14.5%	13.8%	1.9%
1/13/2018	5.5%	6.2%	0.8%	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%	4.4%	16.5%	-1.6%	-4.2%	-2.4%	-10.6%	-3.6%
Strong rate gains Luxury and Economy led the industry NYC and LA led the Top 5 markets													
1Q15	8.0%	6.3%	6.0%	7.0%	8.5%	8.8%	9.2%	8.9%	-4.3%	13.8%	7.7%	11.4%	6.3%
2Q15	6.5%	5.5%	5.4%	5.9%	6.3%	6.6%	6.7%	7.1%	-1.8%	7.1%	7.4%	11.0%	11.7%
3Q15	5.9%	4.4%	4.0%	5.7%	5.7%	6.4%	6.1%	6.8%	0.6%	7.1%	11.1%	5.1%	0.3%
4Q15	4.8%	2.7%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%	3.7%	4.4%	5.9%	-2.0%	5.3%	8.3%	1.4%	2.1%
1Q16	2.7%	1.6%	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%	0.0%	1.8%	4.0%	-1.2%	-3.0%	16.6%	-4.8%	3.1%
2Q16	3.5%	0.8%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	4.2%	-4.5%	1.5%	11.1%	-1.0%	3.5%
3Q16	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%	2.0%	1.8%	2.5%	3.0%	5.1%	-2.5%	-0.5%	9.3%	1.2%	5.5%
4Q16	3.2%	1.9%	0.6%	1.2%	2.2%	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%	0.9%	-1.6%	6.9%	3.3%	8.0%
1Q17	3.4%	2.1%	3.0%	1.0%	2.4%	3.5%	2.6%	5.2%	-1.3%	-1.1%	-2.5%	1.5%	16.1%
2Q17	2.7%	2.3%	0.6%	0.6%	1.2%	2.4%	3.7%	5.1%	0.2%	4.4%	3.6%	0.8%	0.8%
3Q17	1.9%	0.5%	-0.7%	0.7%	1.8%	3.5%	2.9%	3.1%	-0.9%	-0.2%	-1.2%	-5.0%	-0.6%
YoY % change in ADR													
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12/9/2017	4.0%	7.2%	2.3%	2.8%	2.8%	3.4%	4.3%	5.8%	-0.8%	-0.6%	6.5%	0.4%	-1.3%
12/16/2017	3.5%	1.5%	2.7%	3.4%	2.8%	3.7%	3.8%	3.5%	5.3%	-0.5%	5.1%	-1.9%	-0.5%
12/23/2017	0.5%	-5.9%	1.0%	1.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.6%	-1.7%	-1.5%	1.3%	4.9%	4.1%	1.1%
12/30/2017	-1.4%	1.7%	-2.6%	-2.5%	-1.1%	0.0%	0.5%	-2.2%	-10.3%	-7.2%	2.0%	-11.5%	-7.2%
1/6/2018	5.8%	15.9%	6.9%	6.8%	4.8%	5.7%	5.9%	1.5%	23.8%	7.4%	10.6%	5.1%	-1.9%
1/13/2018	5.4%	7.0%	2.5%	1.5%	1.4%	2.2%	3.8%	13.8%	-2.1%	-2.7%	2.8%	-3.8%	-2.5%
1Q15	4.7%	5.8%	4.7%	5.2%	4.7%	4.7%	5.5%	4.7%	-4.1%	7.3%	6.5%	7.1%	1.7%
2Q15	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%	5.3%	4.6%	4.3%	5.4%	4.6%	-1.5%	6.8%	7.1%	9.2%	7.9%
3Q15	4.5%	3.7%	3.6%	5.2%	4.4%	4.6%	5.0%	4.6%	0.3%	7.4%	9.6%	5.3%	-0.1%
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1Q16	3.2%	1.9%	2.7%	3.2%	2.6%	1.7%	3.3%	3.7%	-3.1%	1.4%	11.3%	-1.9%	1.1%
2Q16	2.9%	1.5%	2.2%	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	3.4%	3.0%	-3.1%	3.3%	9.4%	0.3%	2.1%
3Q16	3.4%	1.5%	2.5%	2.7%	2.4%	3.1%	3.6%	4.4%	-2.7%	2.3%	7.5%	1.9%	3.5%
4Q16	2.6%	2.1%	1.4%	2.2%	2.0%	2.2%	3.2%	3.8%	-1.2%	1.3%	5.8%	3.9%	4.1%
1Q17	2.5%	2.3%	2.4%	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%	2.4%	3.5%	-2.2%	0.0%	-0.2%	1.7%	13.6%
2Q17	2.2%	2.2%	1.2%	1.7%	1.5%	2.1%	2.3%	3.5%	-1.5%	4.1%	2.8%	1.5%	2.0%
3Q17	1.4%	1.4%	0.2%	0.8%	1.2%	1.9%	2.4%	2.2%	-2.0%	0.8%	1.8%	-2.4%	0.0%
YoY % change in Occupancy													
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12/9/2017	2.7%	1.0%	1.5%	2.7%	3.2%	2.3%	2.2%	3.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%	6.2%	0.8%	-5.5%
12/16/2017	4.5%	6.3%	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	2.5%	2.0%	5.7%	1.3%	4.1%	2.3%	-1.0%	-2.7%
12/23/2017	7.1%	4.4%	9.2%	8.7%	10.3%	6.6%	5.0%	4.6%	4.8%	11.4%	-1.6%	15.3%	6.8%
12/30/2017	-5.4%	-2.7%	-6.7%	-4.1%	-5.0%	-5.9%	-4.0%	-6.6%	-0.5%	-1.6%	-2.6%	-7.3%	-7.4%
1/6/2018	3.6%	7.8%	4.6%	4.6%	5.0%	4.0%	3.7%	1.0%	8.2%	15.8%	3.6%	8.3%	3.9%
1/13/2018	0.2%	-0.7%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-0.6%	-1.2%	0.6%	2.3%	0.5%	-1.5%	-5.0%	-7.1%	-1.1%
1Q15	3.1%	0.5%	1.3%	1.7%	3.6%	3.9%	3.5%	4.0%	-0.2%	6.1%	1.1%	4.0%	4.6%
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1Q16	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-1.7%	-1.5%	0.3%	2.0%	-4.3%	4.7%	-3.0%	2.0%
2Q16	0.6%	-0.7%	0.7%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	-0.4%	1.2%	-1.4%	-1.7%	1.5%	-1.4%	1.3%
3Q16	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	0.7%	0.3%	-2.8%	1.7%	-0.7%	1.9%
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3Q17	0.5%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.1%	0.6%	1.6%	0.5%	0.9%	1.1%	-1.0%	-2.9%	-2.7%	-0.5%

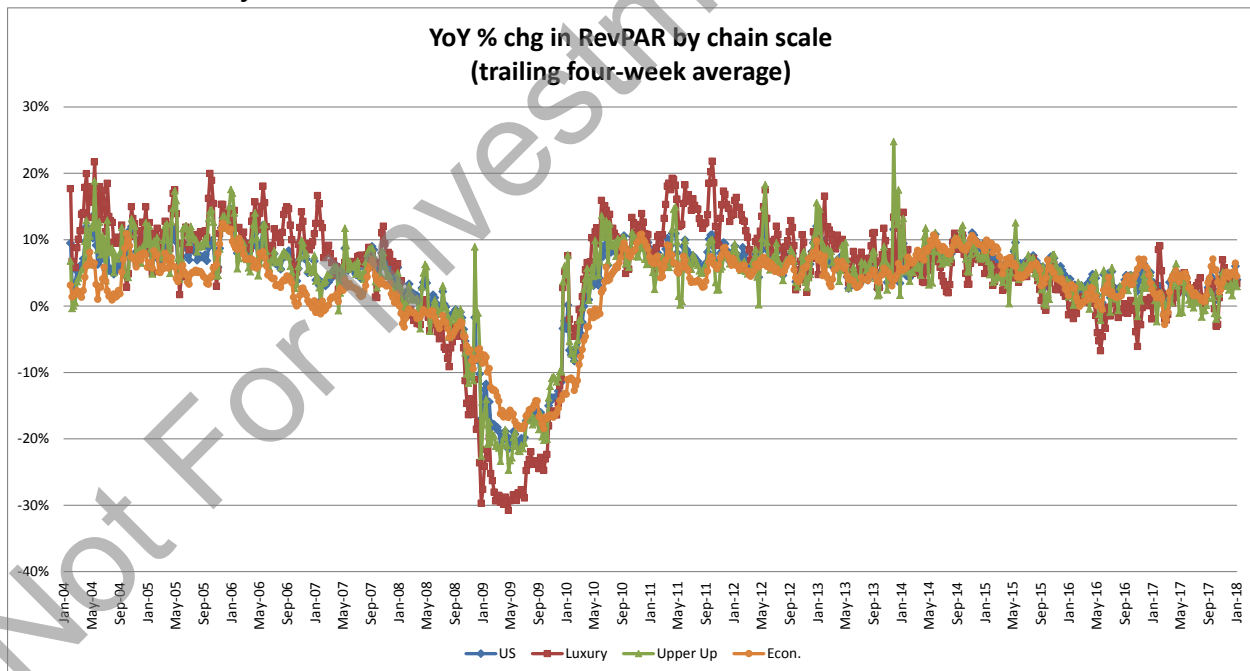
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RevPAR Component Trends



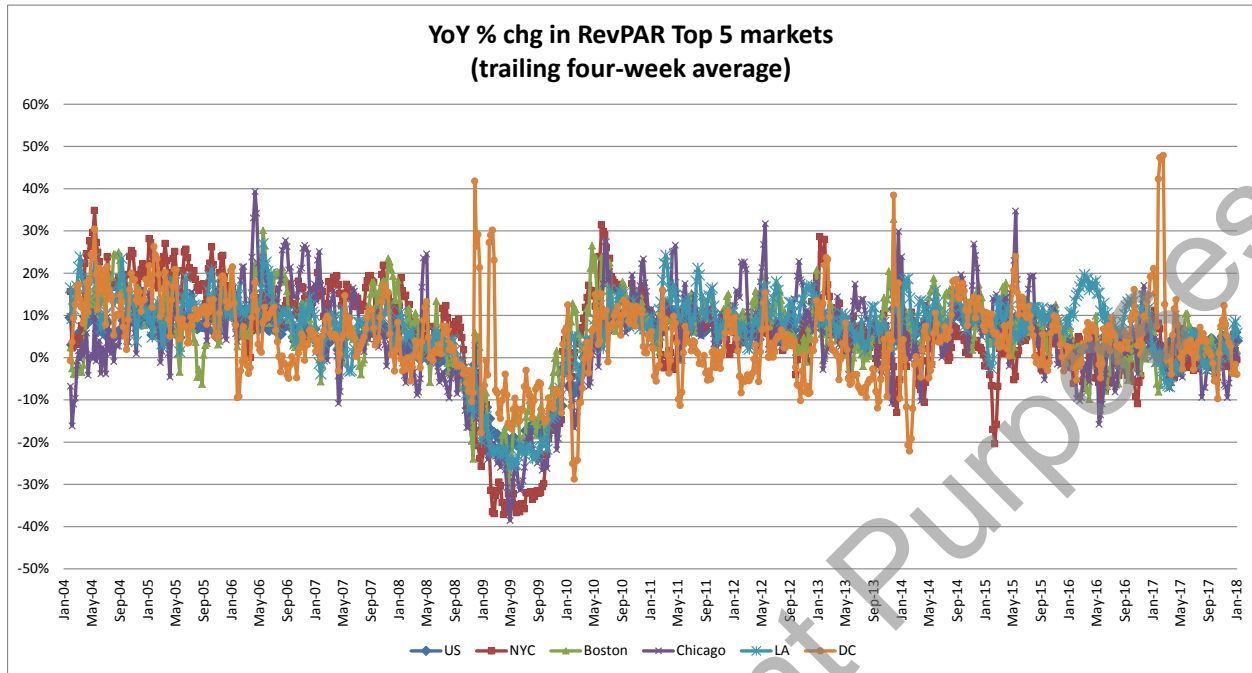
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RevPAR Trends by Chain Scale



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RevPAR Trends by Market



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Price Target/Risks Summary

Lodging	TKR	Price 1/16/18	Rating	PT*	% upside down- side	2018E EBITDA (\$M)	Target EV/EBITDA Multiple	Risks
Chesapeake Lodging Trust	CHSP	\$27.47	Hold	\$24	-13%	\$180	12.0X	Upside risk: improvement in NY and Chicago markets Downside risk: softening of RevPAR trends in Boston or SF. Slowdown in real estate lending.
Choice Hotels	CHH	\$79.95	Hold	\$71	-11%	\$323	14.0X	Upside risk: conservative guidance. Downside risk: big catalyst of special dividend already baked into the stock.
DiamondRock Hospitality	DRH	\$11.66	Hold	\$11	-6%	\$249	11.5X	Upside risk: specific markets (esp. NYC) perform better than expected. Downside risk: company unable to locate properties to buy.
Host Hotels & Resorts	HST	\$20.32	Hold	\$19	-6%	\$1,432	12.5X	Upside risk: the company increases dividends by more than expected; NYC outperforms or is sold down at attractive multiples Downside risk: Group underperforms. NYC hotels underperform and asset sales do not happen.
Hyatt Hotels	H	\$77.03	Hold	\$68	-12%	\$773	13.0X	Upside risk: Transient and group trends outperform expectations Downside risk: ongoing misexecution and volatility.
Bluegreen Vacations Corporation	BXG	\$17.77	Buy	\$19	7%	\$167	7.9X	Downside risk: 3rd party induced defaults, worsen. Middle market customers underperform.
Hilton Grand Vacations	HGV	\$40.89	Buy	\$45	10%	\$413	11.5X	Downside risk: Disruption in a major market (HGV more concentrated than peers), issues with Japanese customer (HGV more exposed than peers), difficulty sourcing additional fee-for-service inventory deals
Hilton	HLT	\$83.40	Buy	\$77	-8%	\$2,070	14.7X	Downside risk: overhang from remaining big sponsor ownership, slowing pipeline
InterContinental Hotels	IHG	\$66.17	Hold	\$51	-23%	\$899	13.5X	Upside risk: further acceleration in returning capital to shareholders. Downside risk: trends continue to worsen in Greater China
ILG	ILG	\$29.00	Buy	\$30	3%	\$372	11.1X	Downside risk: membership base erosion as churn outstrips new timeshare sales
LaSalle Hotel Properties	LHO	\$28.92	Hold	\$26	-10%	\$319	12.5X	Upside risk: ability to increase dividend. Downside risk: heavy D.C. exposure.
Marriott International	MAR	\$139.12	Hold	\$108	-22%	\$3,149	14.8X	Upside Risk: Significant U.S macroeconomic improvement results in large recovery in transient corporate demand (and consequential >400 bps RevPAR improvement). Owned assets sell for premium prices relative to MAR expectations. Downside Risk: 2017 or 2018 is a recession year in the US. Geopolitical and policy risks negatively impact lodging demand.
Marriott Vacations	VAC	\$135.81	Hold	\$128	-6%	\$305	11.1X	Upside risk: Mix shift not an issue for margins, quicker execution/upside of buyback program; Downside risk: inability to achieve development margin targets, inability to close asset sales or asset sales are done at lesser values than expected
Park Hotels & Resorts	PK	\$29.05	Buy	\$32	10%	\$746	12.5X	Downside risk: Significant supply growth and macroeconomic challenges/shocks.
RLJ Lodging Trust	RLJ	\$22.14	Hold	\$22	-1%	\$581	11.5X	Upside risk: RevPAR reaccelerates due to macroeconomic improvements, leading to estimate revisions and multiple expansion. Downside risk: Significant supply growth, struggle to source deals/lower leverage, macroeconomic challenges/demand shocks.
Ryman Hospitality Properties	RHP	\$74.59	Hold	\$60	-20%	\$389	12.3X	Upside risk: recovering group demand better than expected, better margin recovery. Downside risk: booking issues stickier than expected.
Sunstone Hotel Investors	SHO	\$16.70	Hold	\$15	-10%	\$340	12.0X	Upside risk: valuation discount to peers. Downside risk: San Diego, Boston, LA exposure. Insufficient ADR lift from Boston Park Plaza/Marriott Wailea Beach renovations.
Wyndham Worldwide Corp	WYN	\$117.08	Buy	\$112	-4%	\$1,485	10.0X	Downside risk: the timeshare business is especially vulnerable to economic softness.

* All of our Lodging price targets (ex-PK) are derived by applying a target EV/EBITDA multiple to our estimate for 2018 EBITDA

Source: FactSet, STRH research

Companies Mentioned in This Note

Bluegreen Vacations Corp. (BXG, \$17.77, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Choice Hotels International, Inc. (CHH, \$79.95, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Chesapeake Lodging Trust (CHSP, \$27.47, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
DiamondRock Hospitality Company (DRH, \$11.66, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Hyatt Hotels Corporation (H, \$77.03, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Hilton Grand Vacations Inc. (HGV, \$40.89, Buy, Bradford Dalinka)
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. (HLT, \$83.40, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (HST, \$20.32, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
InterContinental Hotels Group, PLC (IHG, \$66.17, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
ILG, Inc. (ILG, \$29.00, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
LaSalle Hotel Properties (LHO, \$28.92, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Marriott International, Inc. (MAR, \$139.12, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Park Hotels & Resorts Inc. (PK, \$29.05, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (RHP, \$74.59, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
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