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**CONSUMER: Lodging** 

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## Reasons for this report

✓ Our analysis of the most recent weekly US lodging results

# Lodging: US RevPAR +9% y/y last week, +17% vs. 2019. Easter Holiday shift helps Group demand y/y and vs. 2019

Overall U.S. RevPAR was +8.6% y/y for the week ending 4/15/2023, per STR, up from the prior week's result of -6.7% but moderately below the trailing 10-week average of +9.5%. Versus 2019, RevPAR was +17.1%, up from the prior week's result of -2.2%, and above the trailing 10-week average of +11.6%.

Last week's results reflected easier comps due to April holiday shifts in 2019/2022/2023. As Good Friday/Easter weekend/Passover negatively impacted business travel in the week ending 4/8/23, said demand rebounded (particularly Group) in the week ending 4/15/23. There were holidays in the comparable 2019 and 2022 weeks adding to the easy comps.

As a reminder on the impact of holiday calendar shifts to weekly lodging results, the timing of the Spring holidays significantly impact travel patterns where business travel is light during holiday weeks and more robust in the weeks prior to and after the holidays. We strongly discourage looking at the last few weeks' data versus prior weeks as an indicator of softening or strengthening travel trends.

As a rule of thumb when analyzing the weekly data, if Group results are abnormally strong or weak, which they were last week, there is a holiday shift going on.

For the comparable 2019 and 2022 weeks, Good Friday, Passover, and the start of Easter weekend were towards the end of the week. Given lower business travel during holiday weeks, we are not surprised by the stronger y/y and 4-year results. Group RevPAR was +26.7% y/y last week versus the Running 28 day average of +1.9%; versus 2019, Group RevPAR was +16.6% last week versus the Running 28 day average of -15.8%. Because of the impact of the holidays, we recommend evaluating macro trends on running 28 day results starting in the week ending 4/23/23. Comps should renormalize in a few weeks.

## Major RevPAR statistics presented below:

- Luxury RevPAR: -3.4% y/y and +10.4% versus 2019;
- Upper Upscale RevPAR: +10.4% y/y and +9.6% versus 2019;
- Upscale RevPAR: +14.1% y/y and +12.4% versus 2019;
- Upper Midscale RevPAR: +15.5% y/y and +21.6% versus 2019;
- Midscale RevPAR: +10.0% y/y and +21.8% versus 2019;
- Economy RevPAR: +3.6% y/y and +17.2% versus 2019;
- Independent hotels (~ 1/3rd of the data set) RevPAR: +2.1% y/y and +18.8% versus 2019; and
- Within Upper Upscale & Luxury class hotels:
  - Group: +26.7% y/y vs. -43.2% prior week; versus 2019: +16.6% vs -55.7% prior
  - Transient: -2.3% y/y vs. +5.7% prior week; versus 2019: +12.7% vs +25.4% prior week
- Las Vegas RevPAR: -2.4% y/y and +39.7% versus 2019.
  - As a caveat, we note that many large Strip casino hotel operators do not participate in STR's survey.

# Last week's RevPAR details and sequential trends (all comparable information on new STR methodology):

- Headline RevPAR was +8.6% y/y vs. the running 28-day average of +4.0% y/y.
- Occupancy: Absolute occupancy was 64.2% vs. 64.1% for the running 28-day average.
- Absolute Group occupancy: 18.6% last week vs. 18.6% for the running 28 days.

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The Lodging stocks: Similar to the past year in lodging (and many other) stocks, we see "macro over micro" at the moment. We see the main driver/wildcard coming from the economic impact from interest rates and inflation (and perhaps more importantly investor sentiment around these). While the risks from COVID are not zero (e.g. China reopening impact to the worldwide economy and outbound Chinese travel), we believe COVID issues are now secondary to macroeconomic considerations for most investors and for public company executives. We see Hyatt (Buy) as the relative outperformer in our lodging coverage universe for a host of reasons, including continued Caribbean/leisure outperformance and upcoming accretive asset sales. Leisure travel demand and pricing continues to show significant strength in 2023, a positive read-through for all-inclusive resorts (Buy-rated PLYA, H) and Vacation Ownership (Buy-rated BVH, HGV, TNL, VAC), and Wellness (OSW, Buy, Miller). While we have three Buy-rated Lodging REITS, (PK, RLJ [Miller], RHP), we have a neutral to cautious view on our broader Lodging REIT sector coverage, with Hold-rated DRH, HST, PEB (Miller), and SHO, a view driven by potential downside pressures on revenues and particularly on operating profit margins.

## **Weekly RevPAR Summary**

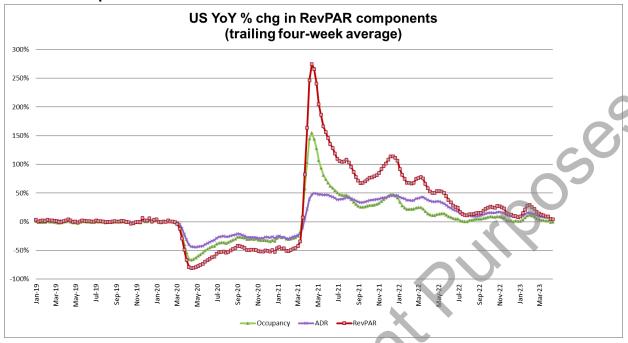
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12/31/2022	4.2%	2.8%	5.5%	7.4%	5.3%	-0.1%	-1.9%	3.1%	65.3%	17.7%	-6.6%	12.2%	20.2%
1/7/2023	21.8%	42.8%	33.4%	16.2%	7.4%	0.7%	0.2%	33.0%	80.5%	31.4%	32.1%	24.3%	19.3%
1/14/2023	33.1%	68.5%	67.7%	33.3%	18.6%	8.1%	2.2%	27.4%	103.9%	48.7%	51.6%	45.3%	84.7%
1/21/2023	26.2%	34.2%	52.1%	30.5%	18.0%	9.2%	2.3%	21.4%	100.7%	57.4%	24.0%	37.0%	55.4%
1/28/2023	31.9%	44.4%	65.5%	36.4%	22.2%	10.2%	3.2%	23.6%	87.4%	64.4%	32.5%	43.3%	99.9%
2/4/2023	26.6%	35.3%	49.8%	27.9%	17.2%	6.8%	2.0%	25.2%	63.0%	42.6%	28.6%	32.4%	71.2%
2/11/2023	18.9%	16.9%	35.7%	23.3%	14.4%	5.3%	0.9%	14.1%	41.7%	36.1%	-28.4%	24.0%	73.4%
2/18/2023	13.5%	10.1%	24.1%	16.6%	11.4%	4.2%	1.4%	10.2%	49.5%	20.1%	-4.3%	22.4%	48.8%
2/25/2023	11.8%	6.2%	21.6%	15.9%	11.0%	4.5%	0.9%	7.5%	39.1%	21.9%	14.2%	28.8%	46.3%
3/4/2023	12.1%	7.7%	23.3%	15.9%	9.5%	3.0%	-0.6%	8.5%	30.3%	38.0%	18.2%	20.7%	52.2%
3/11/2023	11.1%	8.5%	19.0%	16.6%	10.1%	3.3%	-0.3%	6.3%	32.7%	39.0%	22.4%	22.2%	50.2%
3/18/2023	10.4%	2.1%	14.4%	13.2%	8.1%	2.3%	-1.6%	12.5%	36.4%	40.4%	8.2%	11.8%	47.3%
3/25/2023	4.1%	-3.8%	10.1%	10.0%	6.4%	0.9%	-3.6%	-2.3%	27.8%	14.9%	-8.3%	31.4%	33.4%
4/1/2023	10.9%	8.0%	15.9%	14.7%	10.9%	4.2%	-0.2%	7.7%	16.1%	21.5%	12.1%	11.8%	44.1%
4/8/2023	-6.7%	-9.9%	-7.0%	-4.5%	-7.1%	-9.4%	-8.7%	-7.0%	19.4%	2.0%	-4.4%	-7.9%	5.6%
4/15/2023	8.6%	-3.4%	10.4%	14.1%	15.5%	10.0%	3.6%	2.1%	3.3%	6.6%	5.3%	24.1%	38.1%
	Easter	Holiday Shift In	npact		Upper Mic	Iscale and Up	scale led the	industry		DC and Chi	cago led the	e Top 5 mark	ets
1Q19	1.5%	-0.7%	1.2%	-0.5%	0.4%	-0.1%	1.9%	3.1%	-7.1%	-2.1%	-1.7%	-4.5%	-2.4%
2Q19	1.1%	1.1%	0.5%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.7%	1.7%	2.4%	-1.8%	4.5%	1.6%	-0.1%	-1.5%
3Q19	0.7%	1.3%	1.1%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-1.0%	-0.9%	1.6%	-2.2%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-2.2%	4.5%
4Q19	0.7%	3.6%	1.0%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-2.7%	-1.5%	2.3%	-4.1%	-11.6%	1.1%	-0.7%	5.2%
1Q22	67.2%	112.3%	127.2%	69.7%	51.0%	38.2%	24.3%	58.3%	97.1%	137.1%	115.2%	85.1%	58.1%
2Q22	38.8%	70.2%	82.9%	46.8%	26.2%	15.4%		27.7%	141.2%	172.1%	51.0%	109.5%	145.7%
3Q22	16.6%	27.7%	36.6%	22.5%	10.8%	3.5%	0.0%	11.3%	67.4%	59.9%	21.4%	48.1%	54.6%

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12/31/2022	4.4%	0.1%	1.9%	7.0%	4.2%	3.4%	2.1%	3.8%	26.5%	11.0%	-1.8%	5.0%	10.4%
1/7/2023	17.2%	8.9%	12.2%	11.5%	7.0%	5.8%	4.3%	25.2%	22.7%	17.0%	21.6%	11.8%	16.1%
1/14/2023	17.9%	8.3%	17.1%	12.2%	8.1%	6.6%	4.1%	18.1%	23.1%	18.9%	29.9%	15.7%	26.8%
1/21/2023	13.1%	-2.8%	11.2%	11.7%	7.7%	6.2%	4.0%	13.1%	22.7%	20.3%	11.4%	13.1%	22.2%
1/28/2023	15.9%	-1.0%	14.9%	14.3%	9.8%	7.2%	4.6%	14.3%	18.2%	25.3%	12.7%	15.6%	30.7%
2/4/2023	15.1%	-1.4%	12.7%	13.0%	9.0%	5.7%	4.7%	16.7%	12.6%	18.8%	14.0%	13.0%	27.1%
2/11/2023	11.9%	-3.4%	9.6%	13.0%	9.6%	5.9%	4.3%	10.7%	8.5%	15.3%	-28.2%	10.9%	28.3%
2/18/2023	10.0%	-2.4%	9.2%	12.1%	9.3%	5.3%	4.3%	8.3%	14.1%	10.7%	-7.0%	10.3%	22.7%
2/25/2023	7.9%	-2.1%	7.4%	10.1%	7.5%	4.1%	3.4%	6.3%	10.3%	12.2%	7.3%	10.8%	19.1%
3/4/2023	8.9%	0.0%	7.6%	9.9%	7.1%	3.9%	3.7%	8.3%	10.5%	15.9%	8.1%	10.7%	23.2%
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3/18/2023	8.9%	-2.6%	7.2%	9.4%	6.4%	3.3%	3.1%	12.8%	20.0%	19.2%	5.2%	7.5%	25.5%
3/25/2023	4.7%	-3.3%	4.8%	7.6%	5.9%	2.7%	2.1%	1.9%	15.3%	6.3%	-2.2%	17.1%	20.9%
4/1/2023	7.3%	0.7%	6.0%	8.4%	6.8%	3.7%	2.8%	6.2%	8.0%	8.4%	5.1%	6.9%	21.9%
4/8/2023	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	3.1%	0.6%	-1.4%	-0.9%	-0.4%	12.3%	2.6%	-1.4%	-0.6%	5.5%
4/15/2023	4.7%	-2.4%	4.7%	7.8%	7.9%	5.4%	4.2%	1.7%	4.5%	4.0%	5.3%	14.1%	22.5%
1Q19	1.1%	2.2%	2.5%	1.0%	0.8%	-0.2%		1.0%	-3.8%	0.7%	-1.0%	-2.4%	1.5%
2Q19	1.2%	2.5%	1.4%	0.6%	0.7%	-0.2%		1.7%	-1.0%	3.2%	0.8%	-1.7%	0.2%
3Q19	0.8%	1.5%	1.3%	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.5%	1.6%	-1.9%	0.9%	-0.2%	-2.8%	4.0%
4Q19	0.7%	2.4%	0.6%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.0%	1.9%	-3.7%	-5.5%	0.3%	-2.2%	3.9%
1Q22	37.5%	21.0%	39.7%	34.1%	27.3%	20.8%	17.3%	34.0%	52.2%	50.5%	61.8%	41.1%	31.7%
2Q22	26.2%	14.3%	29.0%	27.1%	18.9%	14.8%		20.5%	69.0%	73.6%	32.9%	53.6%	60.6%
3Q22	11.6%	6.7%	12.6%		7.6%	5.9%		8.9%	32.6%	30.0%	14.6%	25.4%	25.5%
4Q22	12.0%	6.5%	12.6%	13.7%	8.7%	6.2%	4.5%	10.2%	28.0%	20.5%	8.4%	20.2%	27.9%

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12/	31/2022	-0.2%	2.7%	3.5%	0.4%	1.0%	-3.5%	-3.9%	-0.7%	30.6%	6.0%	-4.8%	6.8%	8.9%
1	1/7/2023	3.9%	31.2%	18.9%	4.1%	0.4%	-4.8%	-4.0%	6.2%	47.1%	12.3%	8.6%	11.2%	2.7%
1/	14/2023	12.9%	55.5%	43.2%	18.8%	9.7%	1.5%	-1.9%	7.9%	65.7%	25.1%	16.7%	25.6%	45.6%
1/	21/2023	11.6%	38.1%	36.7%	16.9%	9.5%	2.8%	-1.6%	7.3%	63.5%	30.8%	11.3%	21.2%	27.2%
1/	28/2023	13.7%	45.8%	44.0%	19.3%	11.3%	2.7%	-1.3%	8.1%	58.6%	31.2%	17.6%	23.9%	52.9%
2	2/4/2023	10.0%	37.1%	32.9%	13.2%	7.5%	1.0%	-2.5%	7.2%	44.8%	20.0%	12.8%	17.1%	34.8%
2/	11/2023	6.2%	21.1%	23.9%	9.0%	4.4%	-0.6%	-3.3%	3.1%	30.5%	18.1%	-0.3%	11.8%	35.2%
2/	18/2023	3.2%	12.9%	13.6%	4.0%	1.9%	-1.0%	-2.8%	1.7%	31.0%	8.4%	2.9%	11.0%	21.3%
2/	25/2023	3.6%	8.4%	13.2%	5.3%	3.2%	0.3%	-2.4%	1.1%	26.1%	8.7%	6.4%	16.2%	22.9%
3	3/4/2023	3.0%	7.7%	14.6%	5.5%	2.3%	-0.8%	-4.1%	0.2%	17.9%	19.0%	9.3%	9.0%	23.6%
3/	11/2023	2.8%	8.2%	11.0%	5.4%	2.8%	-0.1%	-3.8%	0.1%	16.2%	17.2%	7.9%	9.9%	21.8%
3/	18/2023	1.3%	4.8%	6.8%	3.4%	1.6%	-0.9%	-4.5%	-0.3%	13.6%	17.8%	2.8%	4.0%	17.3%
3/	25/2023	-0.6%	-0.5%	5.1%	2.2%	0.5%	-1.8%	-5.5%	-4.1%	10.8%	8.1%	-6.2%	12.2%	10.4%
4	1/1/2023	3.4%	7.3%	9.4%	5.8%	3.9%	0.5%	-2.9%	1.4%	7.6%	12.1%	6.6%	4.6%	18.2%
7	1/8/2023	-7.4%	-10.9%	-7.7%	-7.4%	-7.7%	-8.2%	-7.8%	-6.6%	6.3%	-0.6%	-3.1%	-7.3%	0.0%
4/	15/2023	3.7%	-1.0%	5.4%	5.8%	7.0%	4.4%	-0.6%	0.5%	-1.1%	2.6%	0.0%	8.8%	12.7%
	1Q19	0.4%	-2.8%	-1.3%	-1.4%	-0.5%	0.0%	2.3%	2.1%	-3.5%	-2.8%	-0.7%	-2.2%	-3.8%
	2Q19	-0.1%	-1.4%	-0.9%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.6%	1.1%	0.7%	-0.7%	1.3%	0.8%	1.7%	-1.7%
	3Q19	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.7%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.3%	-1.4%	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%
	4Q19	-0.1%	1.2%	0.4%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.7%	-0.4%	0.4%	-0.4%	-6.5%	0.8%	1.5%	1.3%
	1Q22	56.2%	54.0%	53.2%	60.3%	59.4%	52.3%	55.5%	54.2%	29.5%	57.6%	33.0%	31.2%	20.1%
	2Q22	10.0%	48.8%	41.8%	15.5%	6.2%	0.5%	-2.6%	5.9%	42.7%	56.7%	13.7%	36.3%	53.0%
	3Q22	4.5%	19.7%	21.3%	8.1%	2.9%	-2.3%	-4.0%	2.2%	26.3%	23.0%	5.9%	18.1%	23.2%
	4Q22	3.8%	12.4%	15.5%	6.0%	2.7%	-1.1%	-2.9%	1.9%	17.8%	12.7%	7.6%	14.2%	19.8%

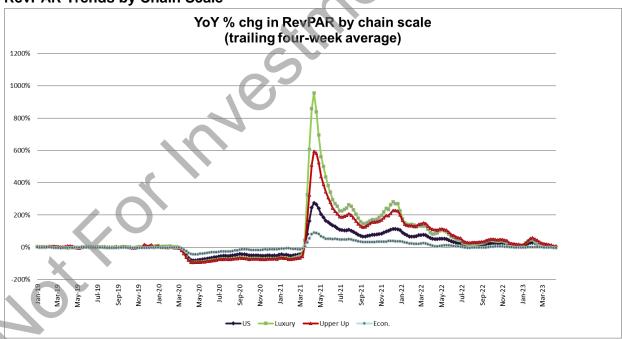
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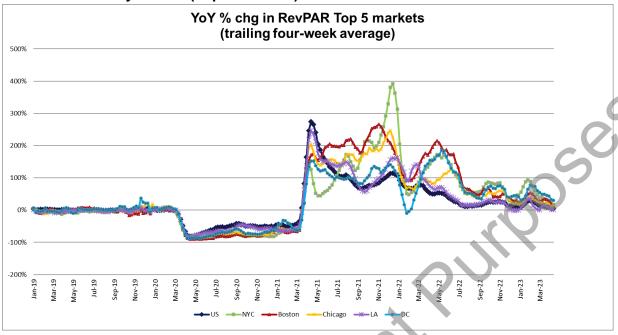
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## **RevPAR Trends by Chain Scale**



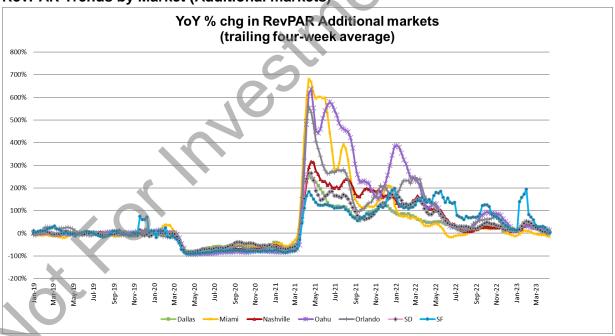
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# **RevPAR Trends by Market (Top 5 markets)**



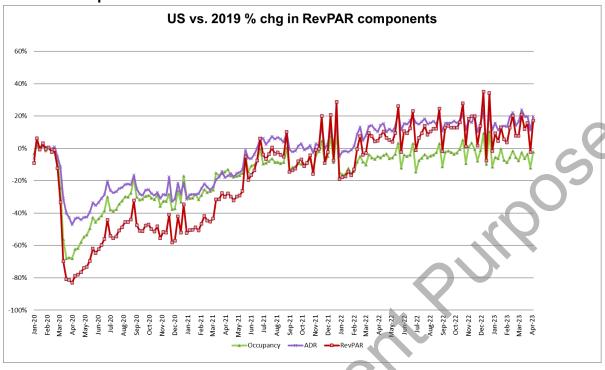
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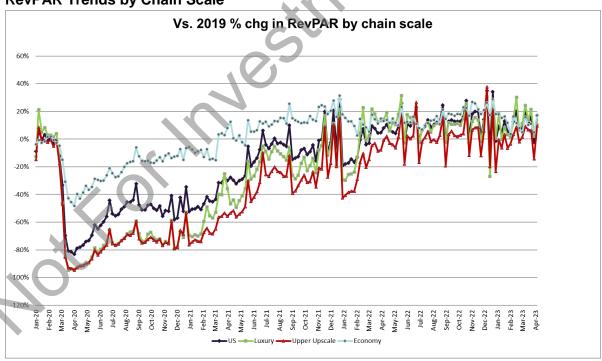
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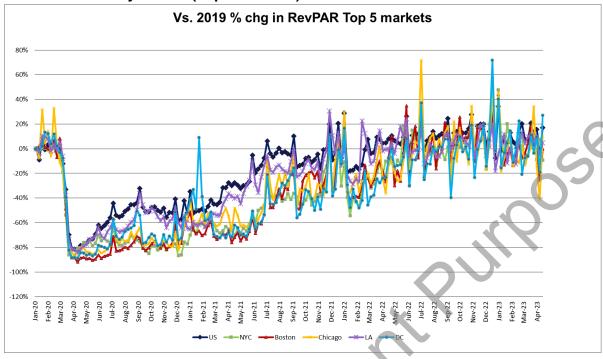
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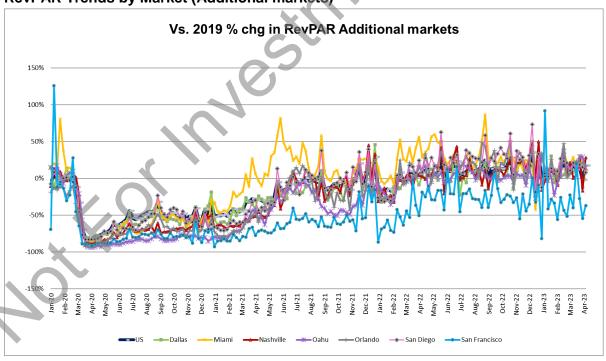
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## **Companies Mentioned in This Note**

Bluegreen Vacations Holding Corporation (BVH, \$29.15, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

DiamondRock Hospitality Company (DRH, \$8.34, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)

Hyatt Hotels Corporation (H, \$116.93, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

Hilton Grand Vacations Inc. (HGV, \$46.41, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (HST, \$16.63, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)

OneSpaWorld Holdings Limited (OSW, \$11.74, Buy, Gregory Miller)

Pebblebrook Hotel Trust (PEB, \$14.71, Hold, Gregory Miller)

Park Hotels & Resorts Inc. (PK, \$12.24, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

Playa Hotels & Resorts N.V. (PLYA, \$9.58, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (RHP, \$92.79, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

RLJ Lodging Trust (RLJ, \$10.53, Buy, Gregory Miller)

Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. (SHO, \$9.88, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)

Travel + Leisure Co. (TNL, \$39.81, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation (VAC, \$139.28, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

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