

#### Equity Research Report

#### **CONSUMER: Lodging**

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## **Reasons for this report**

✓ Our analysis of the most recent weekly China and Europe lodging results

# Intl hotels' RevPAR last week: China +138% y/y (+1% vs 2019), Europe +39% y/y (+44% vs 2019).

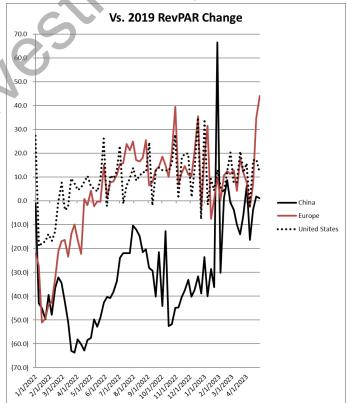
China: Per STR for the week ending April 29th, hotel RevPAR in China in local currency was +138.2% vs. +143.8% y/y in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -48.4% y/y comparable result in 2022 and vs. -47.7% in the prior week. *Versus 2019, RevPAR was +1.1%, slightly down from +1.9% in the prior week's result.* 

**Europe: RevPAR in Europe in Euros was +39.2% y/y vs. +38.0% in the prior week.** Last week's RevPAR was up against a +274.3% comparable result in 2022 and +270.6% in the prior week. *Versus 2019, RevPAR was* +44.0%, up from the +34.6% in the prior week.

Overall U.S. RevPAR was +5.6% y/y for the week ending 4/29/2023, per STR, down from the prior week's result of +6.6%, and below the trailing 10-week average of +7.4%. Versus 2019, RevPAR was +12.0%, down from the prior week's result of +17.4%, and below the trailing 10-week average of +12.9%.

• We note that comps have re-normalized following the Easter Holiday shift, as last week was a clean comp. Y/y RevPAR gains last week were driven by strong Group customer performance, up 10.9% y/y, which subsequently drove Upper Upscale segment outperformance (+10.9% y/y). Despite the y/y strong performance, we believe there is still continued opportunity for Group strength going forward as Group occupancy vs. 2019 was still down 9.1%.

#### Exhibit 1: Vs. 2019 RevPAR Change for China, Europe, US





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#### RevPAR detail for week ending April 29th vs. trailing 28 days (see charts at end of note for graphical representations):

China (local currency):

- RevPAR was +138.2% y/y for the week ending April 29th, higher than the +135.8% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +47.0% y/y for the week ending April 29th, higher than the +42.1% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +62.0% y/y for the week ending April 29th, lower than the +65.9% for the trailing 28 days.

#### Europe (in Euros):

- RevPAR was +39.2% y/y for the week ending April 29th, higher than the +27.3% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +20.6% y/y for the week ending April 29th, higher than the +16.3% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +15.4% y/y for the week ending April 29th, higher than the +9.4% for the trailing 28 days.

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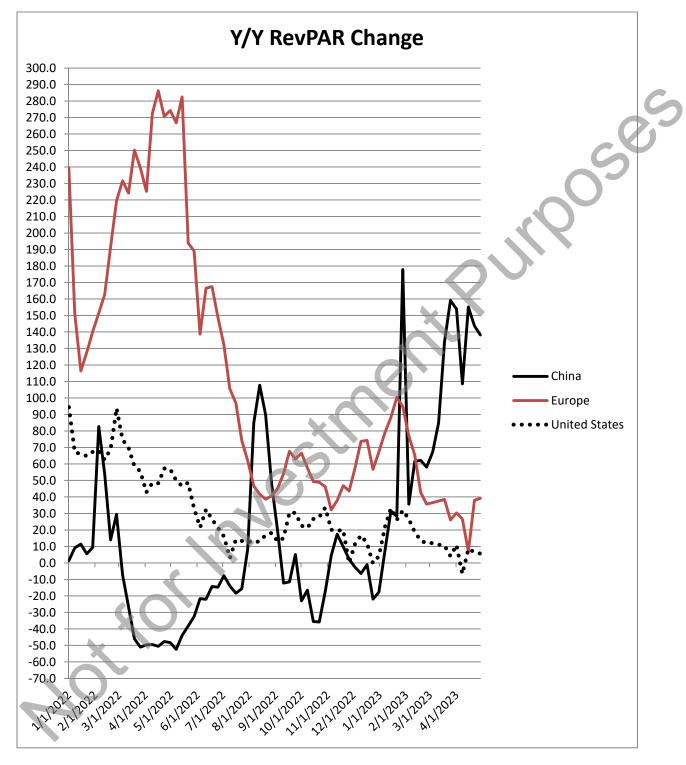
#### EBITDA and rooms exposure by region:

EBITDA: Hyatt (H, Buy), InterContinental (IHG, NR), and Marriott (MAR, Hold) are among the Lodging C-corps that have the greatest exposure to Europe and Asia. From Europe, MAR generates approximately 15% of EBITDA, IHG 15%, Wyndham (WH, Buy) less than 5%, H roughly 5%, and Hilton (HLT, Hold) 10% each. Of these companies, H and MAR have the greatest exposure to Asia (~10-20% of EBITDA). HLT is approximately 10%. Each of the other companies generates 5% to 10% of EBITDA from the Asia-Pacific region. Following the Apple Leisure Group acquisition, H has a relatively high ~25% exposure to the Americas ex-US/Canada.

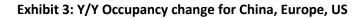
• In a normalized environment, Greater China inclusive of Macau and Hong Kong generally represents half of the Asia-Pacific EBITDA from the C-corps.

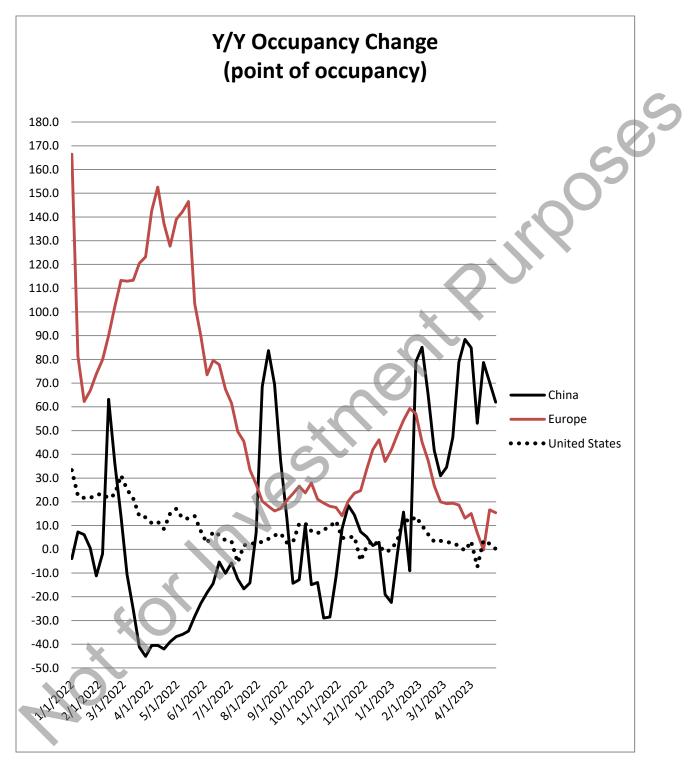
#### Rooms (as of 4Q21; figures may not round to 100%):

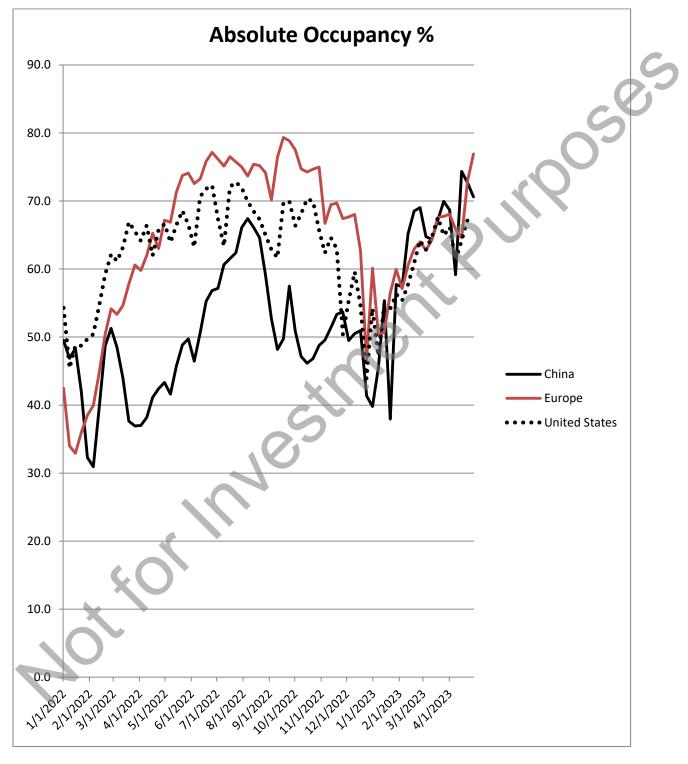
- CHH:
  - Domestic: 79%
  - Asia-Pacific: 4%
  - Europe/Middle East: 9%
  - Latin America & Canada: 8%
- H (includes owned/leased hotels):
  - $_{\odot}~$  Americas ex-all inclusives: 57%
  - Asia-Pacific: 18%
  - Europe/Africa/Mid East/SW Asia ex-all inclusives: 12%
  - Americas ALG + Ziva/Zilara: 9%
  - o Europe ALG: 4%
- HLT:
  - US: 70%
  - Americas: 6%
  - o Europe: 9%
  - Middle East/Africa: 3%
  - o Asia Pacific: 12%
  - $\,\circ\,$  Other hotels, likely to be converted to a brand, with no geography noted: 0.3%
- IHG:
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Americas: 57%
  - EMEAA: 25%
  - o Greater China: 18%
- MAR (ex-timeshare):
  - North America: 65%
  - Europe: 9%
  - Middle East/Africa: 4%
  - Asia Pacific: 18%<sup>4</sup>
  - Caribbean/Latin America ("CALA"): 4%
- WH:
  - o US: 61%
  - Canada: 5%
  - Greater China: 19%
  - Rest of Asia: 4%
  - Europe/Middle East/Africa: 8%
  - Latin America: 4%











#### Exhibit 4: Absolute Occupancy % for China, Europe, US

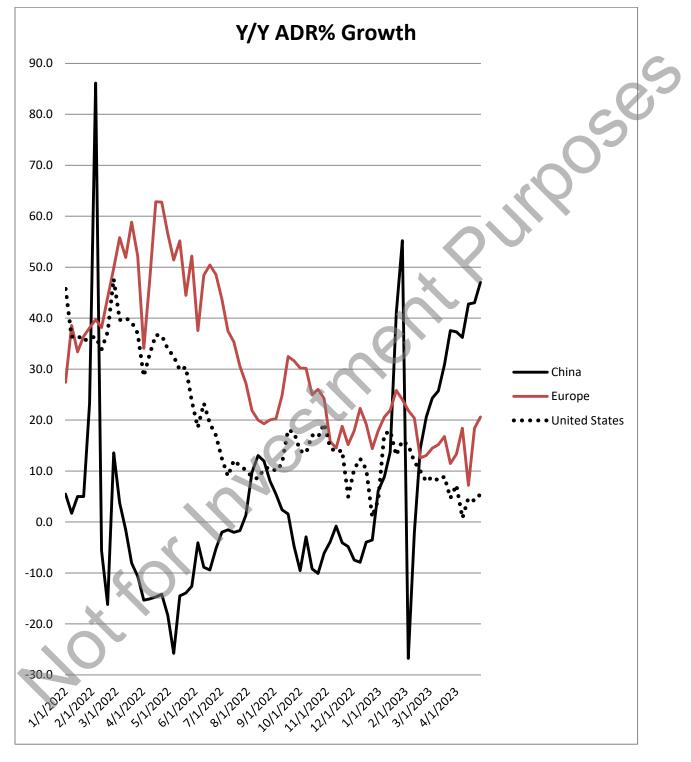


Exhibit 5: Y/Y ADR % change for China, Europe, US

# **H: Valuation and Risks**

Our price target of \$145 for H is derived by applying a 13.8x target EV/EBITDA multiple (a blended average of the industry multiples for each business segment) to our estimate for 2024 EBITDA.

Downside risk: lodging recovery takes longer than expected. Planned dispositions take longer than expected. Material labor issues to owned hotels. Regional risks to the Caribbean including material new competitive supply growth. H pipeline growth slower than expected. Apple Leisure Group underperforms Hyatt's guidance.

# **HLT: Valuation and Risks**

We apply a blended multiple of 16.6x (11.5x for Owned/leased and 17.0x for Managed/franchised) to our 2024 adjusted EBITDA estimate to derive a price target of \$165. This multiple is above the high end of the historical range of 10x-16x.

Risks to our rating and price target:

Upside risks include: Higher than expected pipeline growth, material RevPAR growth (macroeconomic improvement beyond expectations), material market share gains.

Downside risks include: Growth trajectory could disappoint. Pipeline growth could either slow down or projects scheduled for construction could be canceled, which would diminish system growth for the firm and disappoint investors.

# **MAR: Valuation and Risks**

Our \$213 price target is based on a 16.7x blended multiple on our 2024E EBITDA. In the parts, we assign a 13.0x multiple of EBITDA to the Owned segment and 17.0x fees EBITDA (the fees EBITDA also includes credit card branding fees, a 10x multiple business) to the managed/franchised business. The multiple is towards the higher end of the historical range of 9-18x.

Risks to our rating and price target:

Upside Risks: Significant U.S macroeconomic improvement results in large recovery in transient corporate and group/convention demand. Owned assets sell for premium prices relative to MAR expectations. Supply growth is stronger than expectations. Consolidation in the lodging industry benefits MAR.

Downside Risks: Deep macroeconomic recession. Geopolitical, inflation, and policy risks negatively impact lodging demand. Inability to grow pipeline in line with Street expectations.

## WH: Valuation and Risks

Our price target of \$96 for WH is based on a 15.0x multiple (in line with portfolio quality/RevPAR relative to peers) of our 2024 EBITDA estimate.

Risks to our rating and price target: Slowdown in development opportunities. Macro demand/pipeline headwinds.

# **RHP: Valuation and Risks**

Our price target of \$115 for RHP is derived by applying a 13.0x target EV/EBITDA multiple to our estimate for 2024 lodging EBITDA and a 16.0x multiple to our Opry/attractions estimate. We view the multiple assignments as appropriate for the quality and unique nature of the portfolios (slight premium to REIT peer average of ~12.0-12.5x on Hospitality).

Risks to our rating and price target include: Group demand returns slower than expected. Property-specific risks given a small portfolio.

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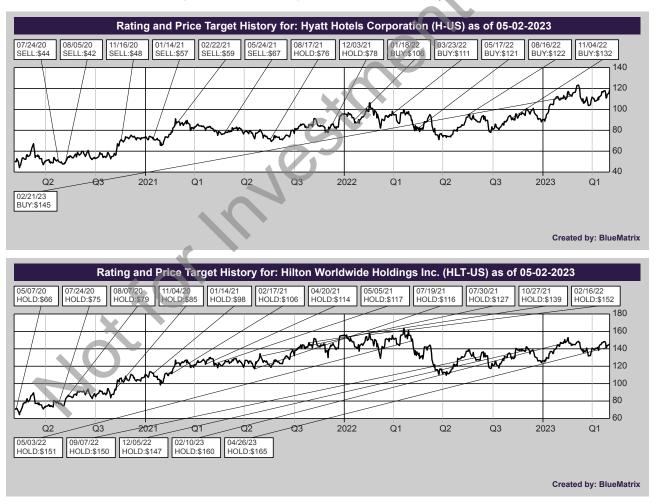
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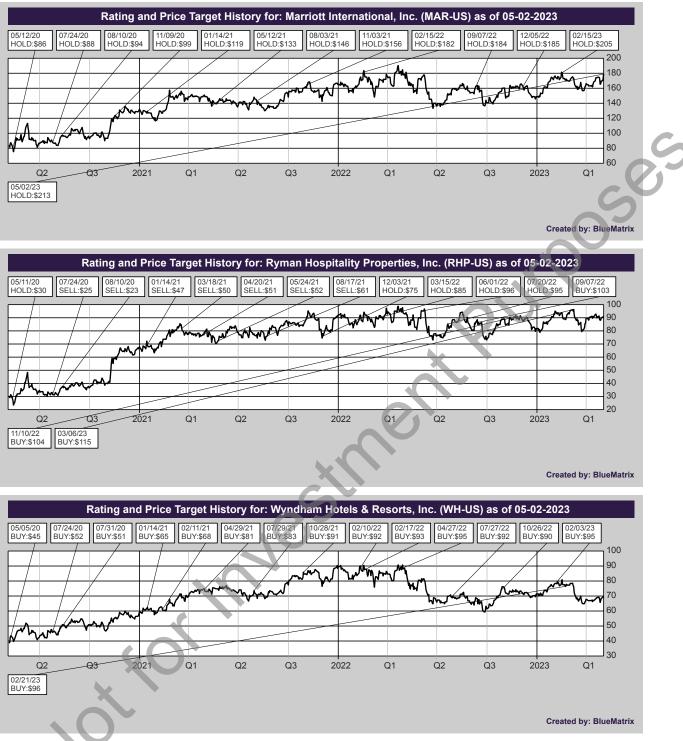
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