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#### **CONSUMER: Lodging**

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# Reasons for this report

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

# Int'l hotels' RevPAR last week: China +58% y/y (+10% vs 2019), Europe +4% y/y (+13% vs 2019).

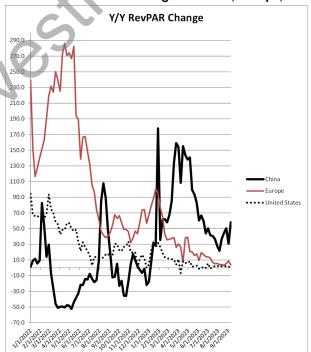
China: Per STR for the week ending September 9th, hotel RevPAR in China in local currency was +58.1% vs. +30.7% y/y in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -12.3% y/y comparable result in 2022 and vs. +19.3% in the prior week. Versus 2019, RevPAR was +10.3%, up from -6.8% in the prior week's result.

**Europe:** RevPAR in Europe in Euros was +3.8% y/y vs. +8.5% in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a +54.1% comparable result in 2022 and +45.2% in the prior week. *Versus 2019, RevPAR was +13.1%, down from +16.6% in the prior week* 

Overall U.S. RevPAR was -0.1% y/y for the week ending 9/9/2023, per STR, below the prior week's result of +2.0%, and below the trailing 10-week average of +1.4%. Versus 2019, due to the comparable timing of Labor Day, RevPAR was -2.0%, below the prior week's result of +26.8% and below the trailing 10-week average of +11.1%.

 Despite a tough y/y holiday weekend leisure comp, we found results last week relatively decent all things considered though marginally softer for the Economy/ Midscale chain scales. September MTD results at +5% for the U.S. and +5-6% for corporate-focused Upper Upscale/Upscale is a promising start to the month before business group travel heats up post-holiday.

Exhibit 1: Y/Y RevPAR Change for China, Europe, US



Source: STR, Truist Securities Research

## RevPAR detail for week ending September 9th vs. trailing 28 days (see charts at end of note for graphical representations):

#### China (local currency):

- RevPAR was +58.1% y/y for the week ending September 9th, higher than the +45.0% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +17.5% y/y for the week ending September 9th, slightly lower than the +17.9% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +34.6% y/y for the week ending September 9th, higher than the +23.0% for the trailing 28 days.

## Europe (in Euros):

- RevPAR was +3.8% y/y for the week ending September 9th, lower than the +5.4% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +3.6% y/y for the week ending September 9th, lower than the +4.4% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +0.3% y/y for the week ending September 9th, **lower than** the +0.9% for the trailing 28 days.

#### 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):
  - 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%Europe: 9%
  - Middle East/Africa: 3%Asia Pacific: 12%
  - Other hotels, likely to be converted to a brand, with no geography noted: 0.3%
- IHG:
  - Americas: 57%EMEAA: 25%Greater China: 18%
- MAR (ex-timeshare):
  - North America: 65%
  - o Europe: 9%
  - o Middle East/Africa: 4%
  - Asia Pacific: 18%
  - Caribbean/Latin America ("CALA"): 4%
- WH:
  - o US: 61%
  - o Canada: 5%
  - Greater China: 19% Rest of Asia: 4%
  - Europe/Middle East/Africa: 8%
  - Latin America: 4%

Exhibit 2: Vs. 2019 RevPAR change for China, Europe, US

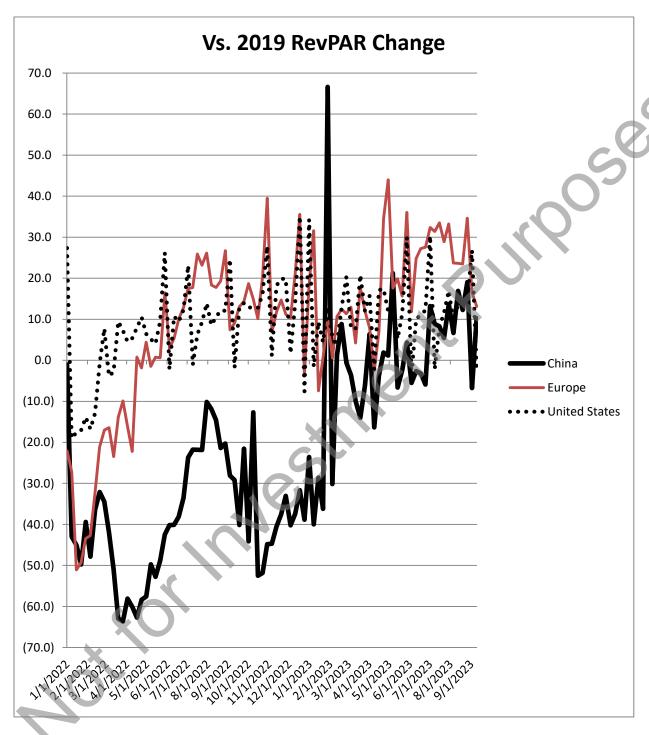


Exhibit 3: Y/Y Occupancy change for China, Europe, US

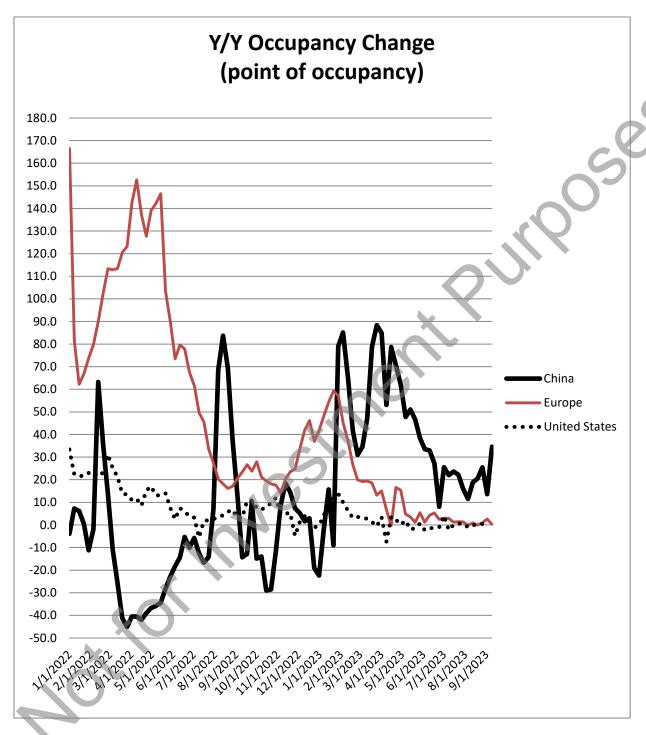


Exhibit 4: Absolute Occupancy % for China, Europe, US

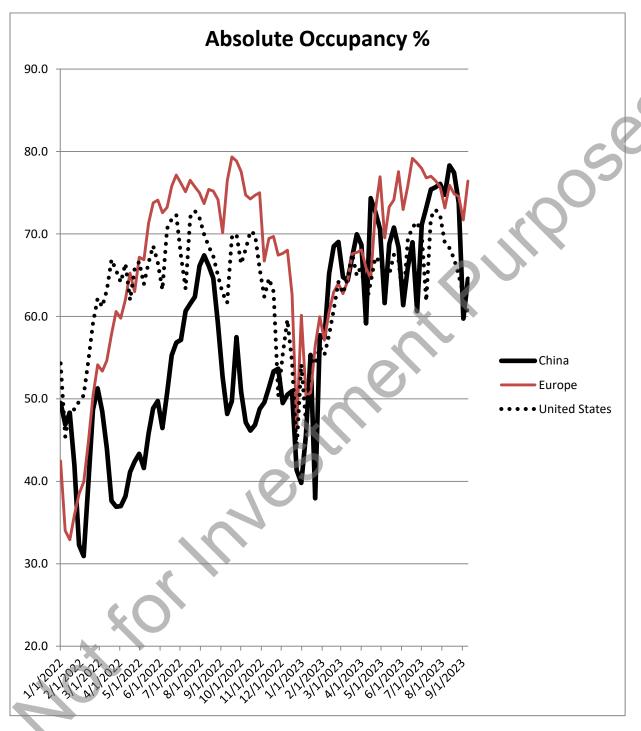
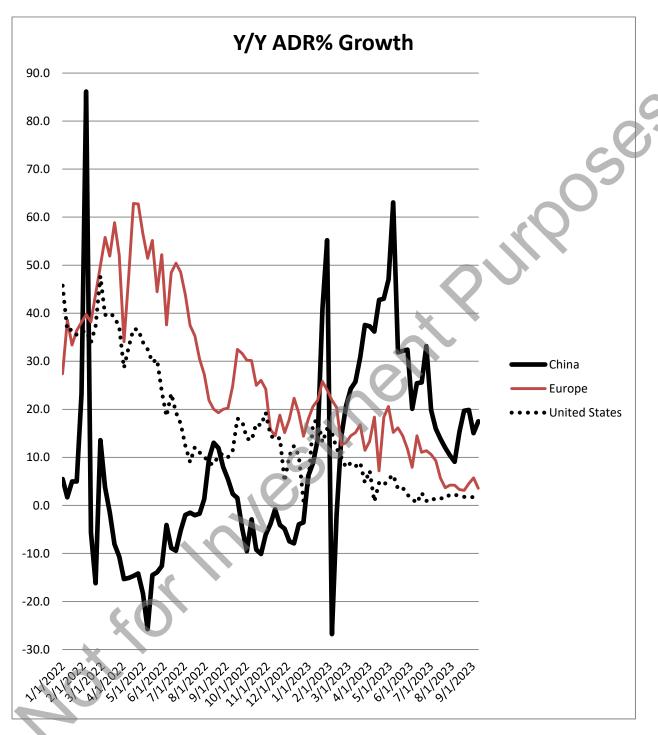


Exhibit 5: Y/Y ADR % change for China, Europe, US



#### H: Valuation and Risks

Our price target of \$149 is derived by applying a 14.1x target EV/EBITDA multiple (a blended average of the industry multiples for each business segment) to our estimate for 2024 EBITDA. Our sum-of-the-parts analysis on our 2024 segment multiple assumptions include (12.5x owned EBITDA u/c, 16x fees EBITDA u/c) and other segments/ALG (10-12x, u/c).

Risks to our rating and price target: 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.

#### MAR: Valuation and Risks

Our \$221 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 \$95 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.

## **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 \$172. 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.

#### Companies Mentioned in This Note

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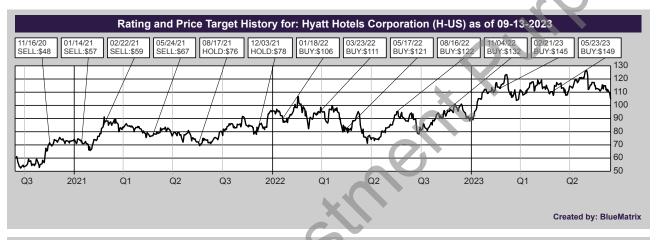
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