Lodging - US RevPAR -0.9% Y/Y Last Week; Mostly an MLK holiday shift impact

DC was weak but not dissimilar to peers

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What's Inside

Weekly STR results and analysis

What's Incremental To Our View

Overall U.S. RevPAR was -0.9% Y/Y for the week ending 1/26/2019, per STR, softer than the prior week's result of +8.5%. (2-year stacked RevPAR was +3.7% vs +5.4% in the prior week.) Independent hotels (about 1/3rd of the data set) were +4.3% y/y. Economy (+1.8%) was the strongest chain scale for branded hotels; Upper Upscale was the weakest at -5.8%. Midscale (-0.5%) and Upper Midscale (-1.4%) performed similarly to the industry average. Within Upper Upscale & Luxury class hotels, Group (-4.1% vs. +15.2% prior week) was softer than Transient (-2.8% vs. +6.2% prior week) given the MLK holiday.

Last week's STR results were a continuation of the MLK holiday shift (the holiday showed up at the beginning of last week's data making for a very hard comp at the beginning of the week). This was as expected.

- RevPAR by day results were volatile given the holiday, with Sunday RevPAR of +16.4%, Monday at -14.9%, and a general RevPAR improvement over the course of the rest of the week.
- We are closely monitoring DC results. While DC had relatively poor RevPAR last week (-10.6%), results were not that different from other top markets (see below for detail).
- Group vs. Transient results were not particularly differentiated despite the holiday (we believe leisure demand benefited but corporate travel both transient and group were relatively weak). Group RevPAR was -4.1%; Transient -2.8%. Given that January is not a peak convention month for many markets we do not believe that investors should over-interpret last week's segmentation results.
    - Given the low corporate travel week, Upper Upscale and Upscale were the underperforming chain scales (-5.8% and -4.7%, respectively).

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 month of January, we estimate that full-service branded domestic hotels (the typical Hilton [HLT, Buy], Hyatt [H, Hold], or Marriott [MAR, Hold] hotel) will finish at approximately flattish to down 1%. We believe the travel cancellations due to the winter weather will add an additional headwind

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for January. We estimate that the overall industry will finish approximately +0.5-1.5%. Please note that reported monthly results include hotels that are not in the weekly data set.

Due to the hurricane comparisons from the 2017 storms, we anticipate continued choppiness of the data in some of the most impacted major markets (Miami, Orlando, and Houston) and a generally hard comp for these areas for the next several months.

RevPAR details:

- **Economy was the strongest chain scale.** Upscale and Upper Midscale underperformed by 650 bps and 320 bps, respectively: Luxury RevPAR (-0.3%), Upper Upscale (-5.8%), Upscale (-4.7%), Upper Midscale (-1.4%), Midscale (-0.5%), and Economy (+1.8%). Independent hotels (+4.3%) 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 -2.8% (vs. +6.2% last week) and Group segment RevPAR was -4.1% (vs. +15.2% last week).
- **LA (-6.4%) was the "strongest" of the top five markets but all were quite negative:** Boston (-11.3%), Chicago (-29.2%); NYC (-12.9%), and DC (-10.6%).
- **Other relevant markets:**
    - **San Francisco was positive (Moscone Convention Center expansion and renovation completed):** RevPAR was +4.6% vs. +26.6% last week.
    - **Texas results were down (y/y hurricane comps in Houston):** Dallas RevPAR was -10.3% (vs. +12.2% last week). Houston RevPAR was -20.0% (vs. -8.7% last week).
    - **Hurricane-impacted markets in FL were mixed:** Miami (+5.3% vs. -2.3% last week); Orlando (+0.6% vs. +7.5% last week).

The stocks: We continue to favor C-Corps over hotel REITs (we favored hotel REITs for the first half of 2018). In an environment of low RevPAR growth combined with gradually increasing wages/margin pressures, returns for hotel owners is a major headwind to EBITDA growth. Hotel stocks, but especially hotel REIT stocks, typically work best when there is a spark to RevPAR growth and at this moment we are not seeing such a spark like we did earlier in 2018. **We are more favorable on other sectors at the moment, namely cruise lines.**

- For the C-Corps, HLT (Buy) and Playa Hotels (PLYA, Buy) are among some of our favorites and for the hotel REITs, given its opportunities for self-help margin improvement, we prefer Buy-rated Park Hotels & Resorts (PK, Buy). For the rest of the hotel REITs, following the first half outperformance in 2018, we struggle to derive any material upside potential to the stocks even when assuming pro-forma targets with 5% higher EBITDA and giving valuation multiple expansion.
- The (relatively) good news for the hotel REITs is that historically 10 (or less) years into an economic cycle these were stocks that "crashed & burned". At this juncture in our RevPAR intelligence there is nothing to suggest a late cycle “crash & burn” scenario is on the horizon over the next year. Additionally for the hotel REITs, we do not see dividend cuts on the horizon and for 2019 many are heavily exposed to what will likely be the strongest market in the country (San Francisco).

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Weekly RevPAR Summary

YoY % change in RevPAR

	U.S.	Luxury	Upper Upscale	Upscale	Upper Midscale	Midscale	Economy	Inde-pendent	New York	Boston	LA	Chicago	DC
12/15/2018	**4.6%**	7.6%	5.1%	1.6%	2.3%	1.4%	2.1%	6.9%	8.3%	17.9%	8.4%	6.8%	29.2%
12/22/2018	**4.7%**	-4.6%	6.0%	5.6%	8.8%	3.9%	3.5%	3.0%	8.4%	24.5%	3.7%	12.8%	11.4%
12/29/2018	**-2.3%**	-4.7%	-4.0%	-3.7%	-2.0%	-2.0%	-1.3%	-0.8%	-5.3%	-7.0%	-5.2%	-0.3%	-4.2%
1/5/2019	**5.2%**	13.6%	0.0%	-3.2%	-2.2%	-0.6%	1.3%	15.9%	10.2%	-15.3%	-0.8%	3.5%	-9.1%
1/12/2019	**-8.0%**	-8.6%	-9.4%	-11.8%	-7.9%	-6.1%	-1.8%	-6.9%	-11.7%	-12.3%	-7.3%	-5.5%	-26.3%
1/19/2019	**8.5%**	7.3%	11.7%	6.7%	6.7%	4.5%	3.7%	9.6%	3.2%	4.1%	-1.6%	4.2%	30.7%
1/26/2019	**-0.9%**	-0.3%	-5.8%	-4.7%	-1.4%	-0.5%	1.8%	4.3%	-12.9%	-11.3%	-6.4%	-29.2%	-10.6%

Tough MLK Holiday calendar shift

Economy and Luxury led the industry

LA and DC "led" the Top 5 markets

	U.S.	Luxury	Upper Upscale	Upscale	Upper Midscale	Midscale	Economy	Inde-pendent	New York	Boston	LA	Chicago	DC
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%
4Q17	4.2%	4.5%	3.2%	3.8%	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%	0.8%	3.7%	4.2%	-2.5%	2.2%
1Q18	3.5%	6.6%	0.9%	2.2%	3.0%	3.8%	5.3%	3.8%	7.1%	2.6%	2.7%	5.8%	-11.0%
2Q18	4.0%	4.9%	3.4%	2.8%	3.0%	4.1%	3.1%	4.6%	4.2%	-1.2%	0.6%	4.0%	3.1%
3Q18	1.7%	3.3%	1.9%	0.8%	-0.5%	0.1%	1.8%	2.2%	0.7%	2.8%	1.3%	7.5%	-3.4%
4Q18	2.4%	3.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.5%	1.3%	2.9%	4.9%	3.5%	12.2%	3.0%	2.8%	-3.4%

YoY % change in ADR

	U.S.	Luxury	Upper Upscale	Upscale	Upper Midscale	Midscale	Economy	Inde-pendent	New York	Boston	LA	Chicago	DC
12/15/2018	**3.2%**	5.1%	3.2%	2.4%	1.4%	0.7%	0.5%	4.6%	9.1%	7.8%	3.1%	1.9%	12.6%
12/22/2018	**0.4%**	-5.2%	1.3%	1.8%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	7.3%	8.3%	0.1%	2.7%	6.1%
12/29/2018	**-0.5%**	0.1%	-0.8%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-3.9%	-1.2%	-4.3%	-0.7%	1.6%
1/5/2019	**5.6%**	14.3%	3.5%	2.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	9.9%	10.2%	-3.6%	0.5%	1.0%	-0.9%
1/12/2019	**-2.3%**	1.6%	0.5%	-2.5%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-1.2%	-3.2%	-3.0%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-1.1%	-7.9%
1/19/2019	**3.4%**	3.0%	3.9%	2.5%	2.3%	1.2%	0.8%	3.6%	2.4%	1.5%	0.1%	0.0%	11.0%
1/26/2019	**-0.3%**	5.1%	-0.9%	-1.4%	-0.3%	-0.6%	-0.5%	1.7%	-6.7%	-4.0%	-3.7%	-15.6%	-4.3%
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%
4Q17	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	2.5%	3.4%	2.1%	-0.2%	0.8%	4.6%	-2.0%	2.4%
1Q18	2.5%	4.5%	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%	3.0%	4.0%	3.1%	3.5%	-1.0%	4.0%	1.4%	-9.4%
2Q18	2.9%	3.5%	2.9%	2.4%	2.1%	2.6%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%	-0.1%	2.1%	3.3%	2.4%
3Q18	2.1%	3.3%	2.4%	1.8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.9%	1.2%	1.9%	1.1%	6.7%	-0.8%
4Q18	2.0%	3.7%	2.2%	1.6%	1.1%	0.9%	0.6%	2.9%	3.4%	5.6%	1.4%	2.2%	-2.1%

YoY % change in Occupancy

	U.S.	Luxury	Upper Upscale	Upscale	Upper Midscale	Midscale	Economy	Inde-pendent	New York	Boston	LA	Chicago	DC
12/15/2018	**1.3%**	2.4%	1.9%	-0.8%	0.9%	0.7%	1.7%	2.2%	-0.8%	9.4%	5.2%	4.8%	14.7%
12/22/2018	**4.3%**	0.6%	4.7%	3.7%	7.1%	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	1.1%	15.0%	3.6%	9.9%	5.0%
12/29/2018	**-1.8%**	-4.9%	-3.2%	-3.5%	-1.8%	-2.2%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-1.5%	-5.9%	-0.9%	0.4%	-5.7%
1/5/2019	**-0.4%**	-0.6%	-3.3%	-5.1%	-3.1%	-1.4%	0.6%	5.4%	0.0%	-12.1%	-1.3%	2.5%	-8.3%
1/12/2019	**-5.9%**	-10.0%	-9.9%	-9.5%	-6.3%	-4.5%	-0.6%	-3.9%	-9.0%	-10.7%	-6.1%	-4.4%	-20.0%
1/19/2019	**5.0%**	4.2%	7.6%	4.1%	4.4%	3.2%	2.8%	5.8%	0.8%	2.6%	-1.7%	4.1%	17.8%
1/26/2019	**-0.6%**	-5.1%	-4.9%	-3.3%	-1.2%	0.1%	2.3%	2.5%	-6.6%	-7.6%	-2.9%	-16.1%	-6.6%
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%
4Q16	0.6%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.0%	0.2%	1.7%	1.2%	1.2%	2.2%	-2.8%	1.0%	-0.5%	3.7%
1Q17	0.9%	-0.2%	0.6%	-0.3%	0.7%	1.6%	0.2%	1.6%	1.0%	-1.1%	-2.4%	-0.2%	2.2%
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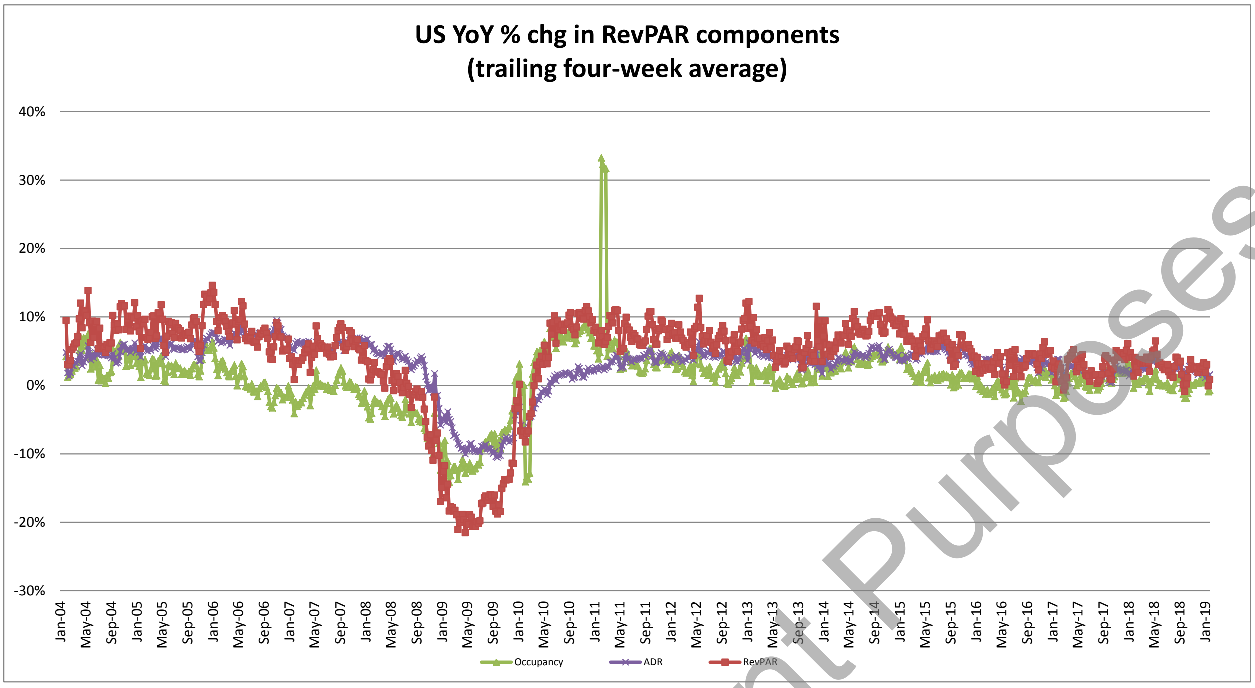
3Q17	0.5%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.1%	0.6%	1.6%	0.5%	0.9%	1.1%	-1.0%	-2.9%	-2.7%	-0.5%
4Q17	1.8%	2.2%	1.3%	2.0%	2.1%	1.2%	0.3%	2.0%	1.0%	2.8%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.2%
1Q18	0.9%	2.1%	0.0%	0.5%	1.1%	0.9%	1.3%	0.7%	3.5%	3.7%	-1.3%	4.4%	-1.8%
2Q18	1.1%	1.3%	0.5%	0.4%	0.9%	1.5%	0.4%	1.5%	0.5%	-1.1%	-1.4%	0.7%	0.7%
3Q18	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-1.7%	-1.1%	0.5%	0.3%	-0.5%	0.9%	0.2%	0.7%	-2.6%
4Q18	0.4%	-0.7%	-1.1%	-1.6%	-0.6%	0.4%	2.3%	1.9%	0.1%	6.3%	1.6%	0.6%	-1.3%

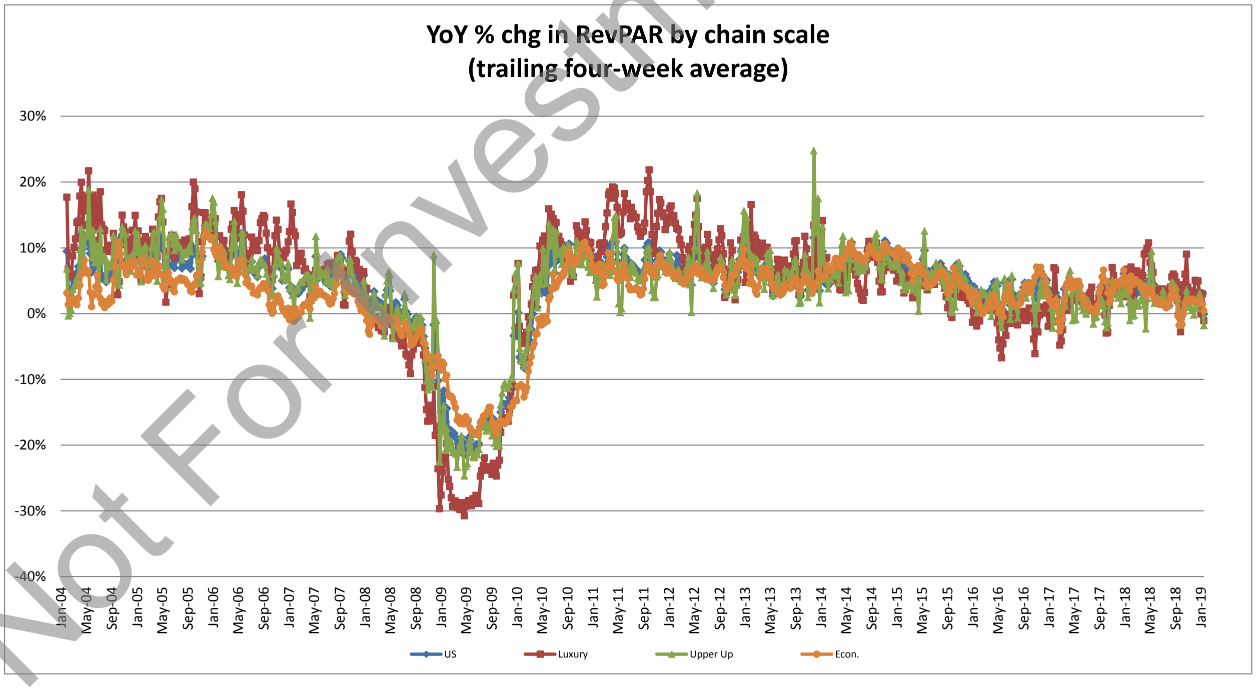
Source: STR data, STRH research

RevPAR Component Trends



Source: STR data, STRH research

RevPAR Trends by Chain Scale



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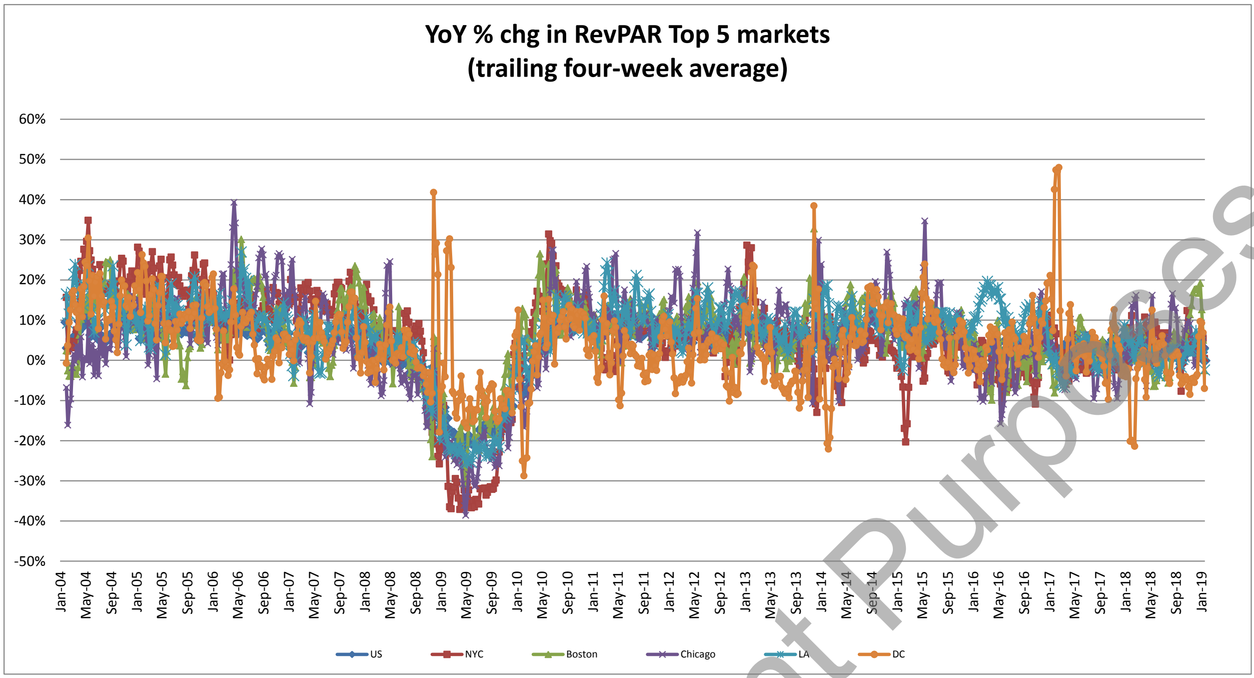
RevPAR Trends by Market



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Price Target/Risks Summary

Lodging	TKR	Price 1/29/19	Rating	PT*	% upside down-side	2019E EBITDA ($M)	Target EV/EBITDA Multiple	Risks
Chesapeake Lodging Trust	CHSP	$27.67	Hold	$27	-2%	$187	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	$77.58	Hold	$80	3%	$363	14.0X	Upside risk: conservative guidance. Downside risk: slowdown in development opportunities.
DiamondRock Hospitality	DRH	$9.99	Hold	$11	10%	$258	12.0X	Upside risk: specific markets (esp. NYC) perform better than expected. Downside risk: company unable to locate properties to buy.
Host Hotels & Resorts	HST	$17.89	Hold	$21	17%	$1,498	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	$68.69	Hold	$78	14%	$797	13.3X	Upside risk: Transient and group trends outperform expectations Downside risk: ongoing misexecution and volatility.
Bluegreen Vacations Corporation	BXG	$12.90	Hold	$18	40%	$161	8.1X	Upside risk: Accelerating tour flow, FCF generation and decliining consumer defaults. Downside risk: 3rd party induced defaults worsen. Middle market customers underperform.
Hilton Grand Vacations	HGV	$30.27	Buy	$44	45%	$462	11.4X	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	$73.15	Buy	$88	20%	$2,267	14.9X	Downside risk: slowing pipeline
Marriott International	MAR	$111.12	Hold	$125	12%	$3,292	14.9X	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: 2019 is a recession year in the US. Geopolitical and policy risks negatively impact lodging demand.
Marriott Vacations	VAC	$87.97	Buy	$130	47%	$741	11.2X	Downside risk: M&A story fades and multiples revert to historical levels
Park Hotels & Resorts	PK	$29.33	Buy	$34	16%	$779	12.5X	Downside risk: Significant supply growth and macroeconomic challenges/shocks.
Playa Hotels & Resorts	PLYA	$7.79	Buy	$14	80%	$175	11.5X	Downside risk: demand shock, hurricanes, inability to complete 2021 growth initiatives, country-specific risks (emerging market portfolio)
RLJ Lodging Trust	RLJ	$18.53	Hold	$21	13%	$518	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	$77.99	Hold	$76	-3%	$461	12.2X	Upside risk:recovering group demand better than expected, better margin recovery. Downside risk: booking issues stickier than expected.
Sunstone Hotel Investors	SHO	$14.20	Hold	$15	6%	$320	12.0X	Upside risk: Recovery of corporate demand in SHO's markets. Above average group bookings in Orlando and Boston Park Plaza post-meeting space expansions. Downside risk: Weaker than expected demand trends following capital investment projects.
Wyndham Destinations	WYND	$41.83	Buy	$62	48%	$1,003	9.3X	Downside risk: The timeshare business is especially vulnerable to economic softness. There are potential execution risks post the spin off.
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts	WH	$49.26	Buy	$63	28%	$639	13.0X	Downside risk: Slowdown in development opportunities. La Quinta synergies below expectations.

** All of our Lodging price targets (ex-RHP) are derived by applying a target EV/EBITDA multiple to our estimate for 2019 EBITDA*

Source: FactSet, STRH research

Companies Mentioned in This Note

Bluegreen Vacations Corporation (BXG, $12.90, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Choice Hotels International, Inc. (CHH, $77.58, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Chesapeake Lodging Trust (CHSP, $27.67, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
DiamondRock Hospitality Company (DRH, $9.99, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Hyatt Hotels Corporation (H, $68.69, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Hilton Grand Vacations Inc. (HGV, $30.27, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. (HLT, $73.15, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (HST, $17.89, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Marriott International, Inc. (MAR, $111.12, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
Park Hotels & Resorts Inc. (PK, $29.33, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Playa Hotels & Resorts N.V. (PLYA, $7.79, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)
Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (RHP, $77.99, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)
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Wyndham Destinations, Inc. (WYND, $41.83, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

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