

Lodging

China & Italy hotels: RevPAR +173% (2yr: -19%) & +220.8% (2yr: -80%) for wk ending 4/24.

2yr results range-bound over past 5-6 weeks for China, Italy, US.

Quick take: Per STR for the week ending April 24th, China hotel RevPAR in local currency was +173.1% y/y vs. +182.8% in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -69.8% comparable result in 2020 vs. -72.6% in the prior week. On a 2-year run-rate, which we believe is an equally if not more important KPI, RevPAR was down 19.2% vs. down 23.2% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate.

Italy was up 220.8% y/y vs. +240.7% in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -94.5% comparable result in 2020 and -97.2% in the prior week. On a 2-year run-rate, RevPAR was down 80.1% vs. down 82.0% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate. *Despite the week-over-week improvement, we believe continued weakness in the 2-year run-rate is due to recent lock-down measures from Covid case increases combined with the lack of international tourism.*

These weekly results compare to the US for the same week up 220.7% y/y. This latest US result is below the +239.3% in the prior week's result. *Last week's RevPAR was up against a -78.4% comparable result in 2020 vs. -79.4% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate. On a 2-year run-rate, RevPAR was -30.1%, a deceleration from the prior week's -27.5% 2-year run-rate and consistent with the -27% to -32% range we have seen for the past six weeks.* Last week's trends suggest to us continued strength in leisure markets and weekend travel (related) with far weaker 2-year trends for major urban markets in non-leisure destinations.

Please note there are many hotels that suspended operations/closed and they are not included in the comparisons. Implications are that the headline statistics overstate the actual performance of the overall industry.

RevPAR detail for week ending April 24th vs. trailing 28 days (see charts at end of note for graphical representations):

China (local currency):

- RevPAR was +173.1% y/y for the week ending April 24th, **a deceleration** from +182.9% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +39.7% y/y for the week ending April 24th, **down from** the +41.7% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +95.4% y/y for the week ending April 24th, **worse than** the +99.7% for the trailing 28 days.

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What's Inside

China and Italy data and analysis following last week's results

Italy (local currency):

- RevPAR was +220.8% y/y for the week ending April 24th, **better than** the +202.6% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +31.7% y/y for the week ending April 24th, **better than** the +27.6% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +143.6% y/y for the week ending April 24th, **better than** the +137.1% for the trailing 28 days.

Additional thoughts and observations:**Hotel occupancy observations from the latest weekly STR results from China, Italy, and US:**

- **China: Absolute occupancy in China was 67.1%.** *By comparison, occupancy was 34.3% during the comparable week last year.*
- **Italy: Absolute occupancy levels for hotels that were still open in Italy for the week ending April 24th was 23.3%.** So far it has been approx. 60 weeks after occupancy first started to see rapid deceleration in Italy. *By comparison, occupancy was 9.6% during the comparable week last year.*
- **US: Absolute occupancy levels for hotels that were still open in the US for the week ending April 24th was 57.3%.** So far it has been approx. 59 weeks after occupancy first started to see rapid deceleration in mid-March 2020 in the US. *By comparison, occupancy was 26.3% during the comparable week last year.*

Hotel closure observations from the latest weekly STR results from China, Italy, and US:

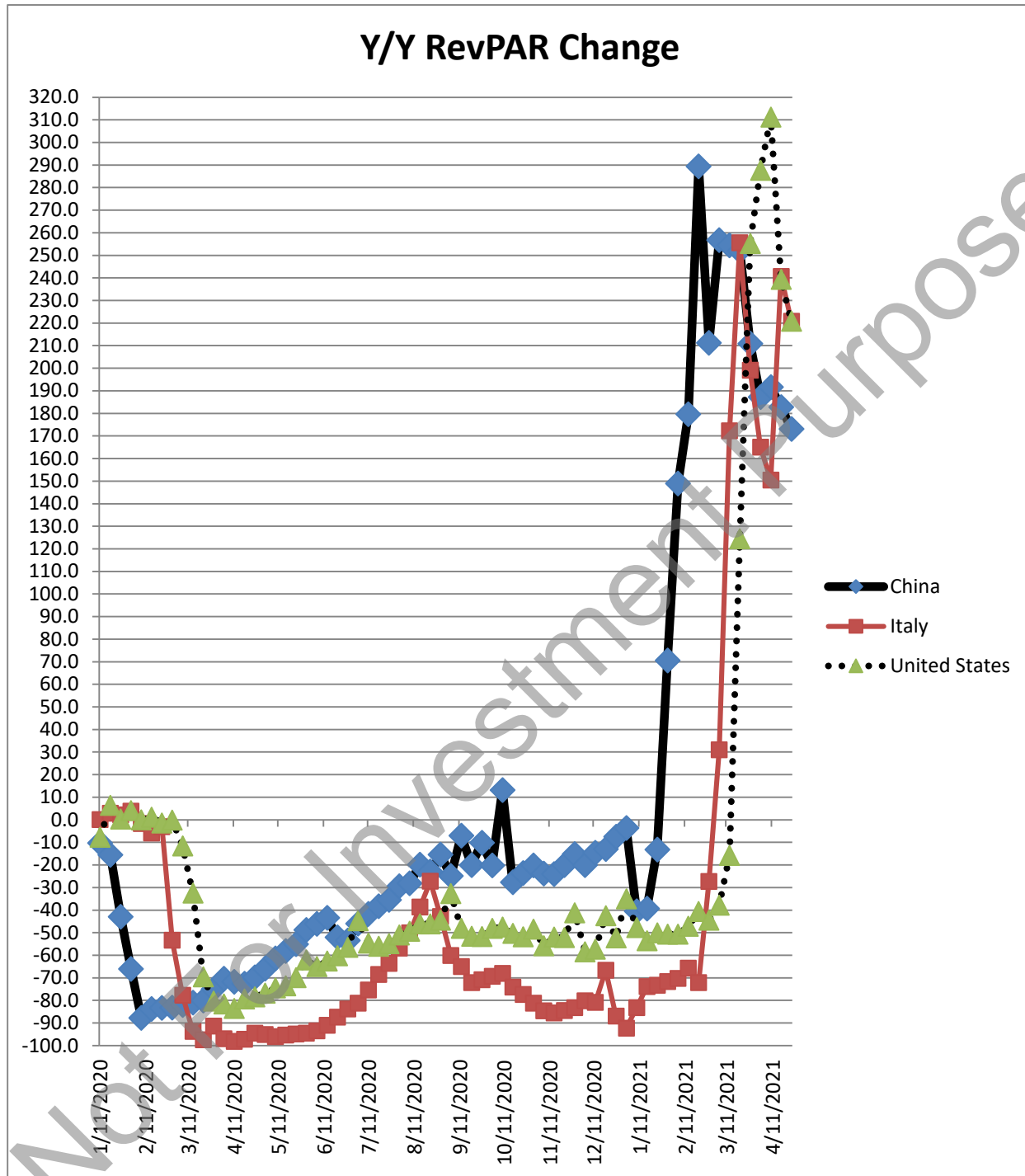
For this we look at the week-to-week changes in the sample size of hotel rooms in STR's data set. While we cannot say with certainty that material decreases in sample size are from hotels closing, we note that hotels that are closed no longer are included in the STR data set; ergo this is our best approximation of hotel closures.

- **China:** Based on the STR sample, peak room count declines troughed at down 35% in mid-February 2020 from early January 2020 levels. Today, room count is down approx. 6% from mid-February 2020.
- **Italy:** Based on the STR sample as of April 24th, room count declines are running down approx. 44% from early January 2020 levels.
- **US:** Based on the STR sample as of April 24th, room count declines are running at down 2% from early January 2020 levels.

About our data set:

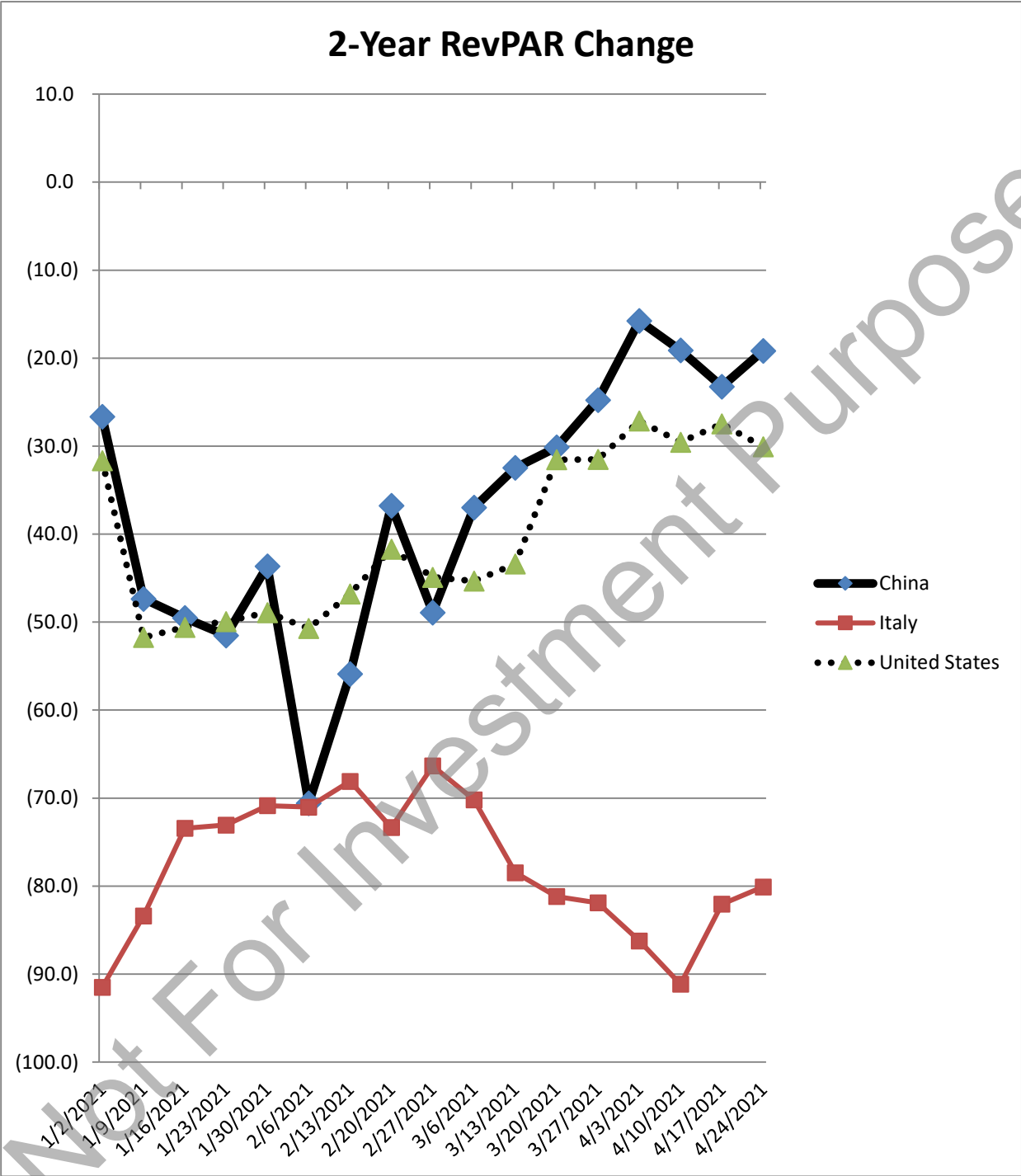
- **China:** Currently 836k hotel rooms reporting data in the survey, or 28% of the total number of rooms in China. Due to hotel closings, these figures are a decrease from the last week of December 2019 where 889k rooms were in the survey, or 32% of the total number of hotel rooms in China. **836k rooms is unchanged from the prior week where 836k were reporting data.** We note that the STR data set is primarily branded hotels, which see a larger number of international (meaning fly-to) guests than does the average hotel in China. Implications are that with international inbound flights to China severely curtailed, RevPAR results and hotel reopenings in the STR data set could be weaker than the average hotel in China.
- **Italy:** Currently 45k hotel rooms reporting data in the survey, or 13% of the total number of rooms in Italy. Due to hotel closings, these figures are a decrease from the last week of December where 80k rooms were in the survey, or 22% of the total number of hotel rooms in Italy. **45k is up from the prior week where 42k rooms were reporting data.**

Exhibit 1: RevPAR for China, Italy, US



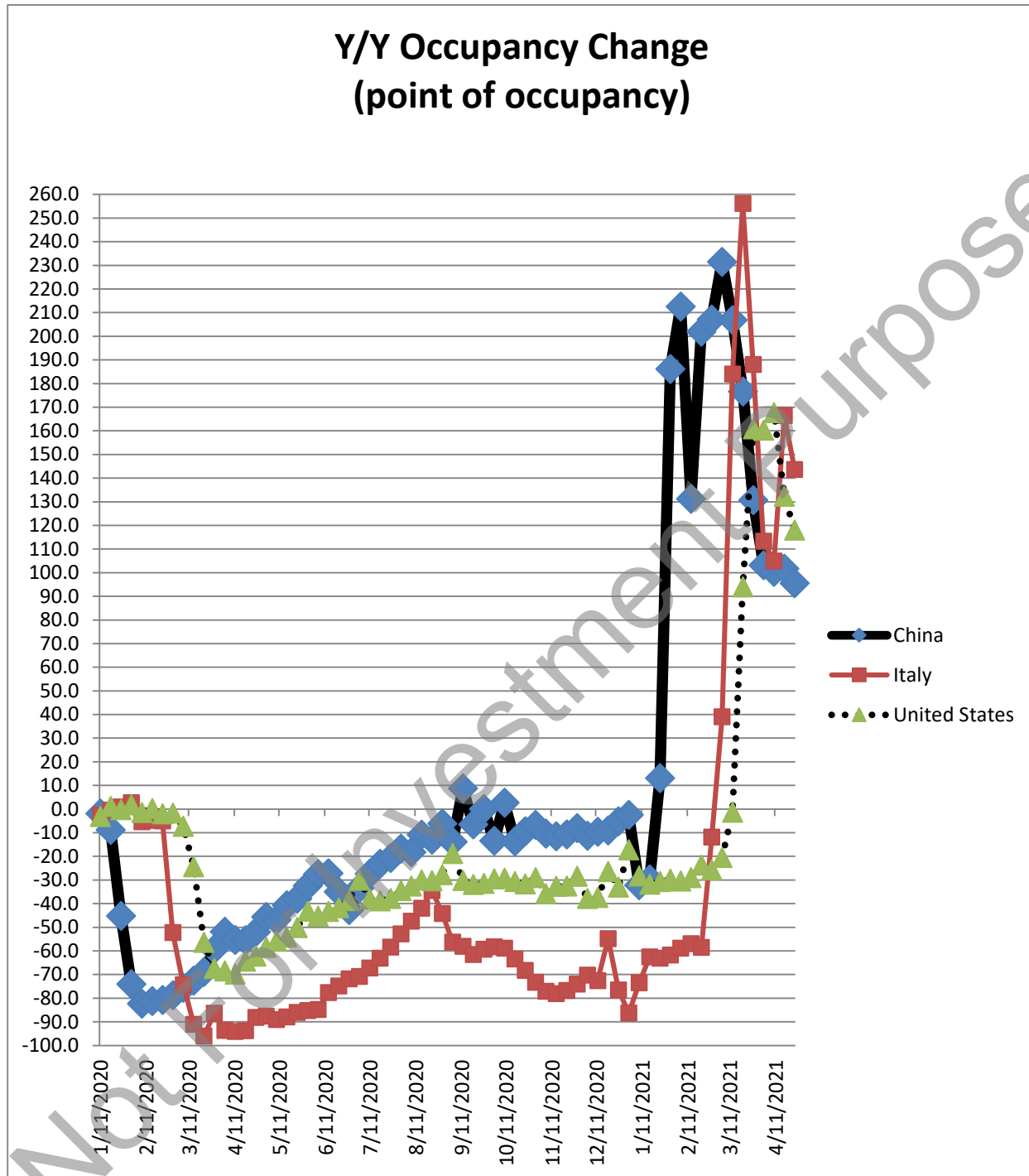
Source: STR, Truist Securities research

Exhibit 2: 2-Year RevPAR for China, Italy, US



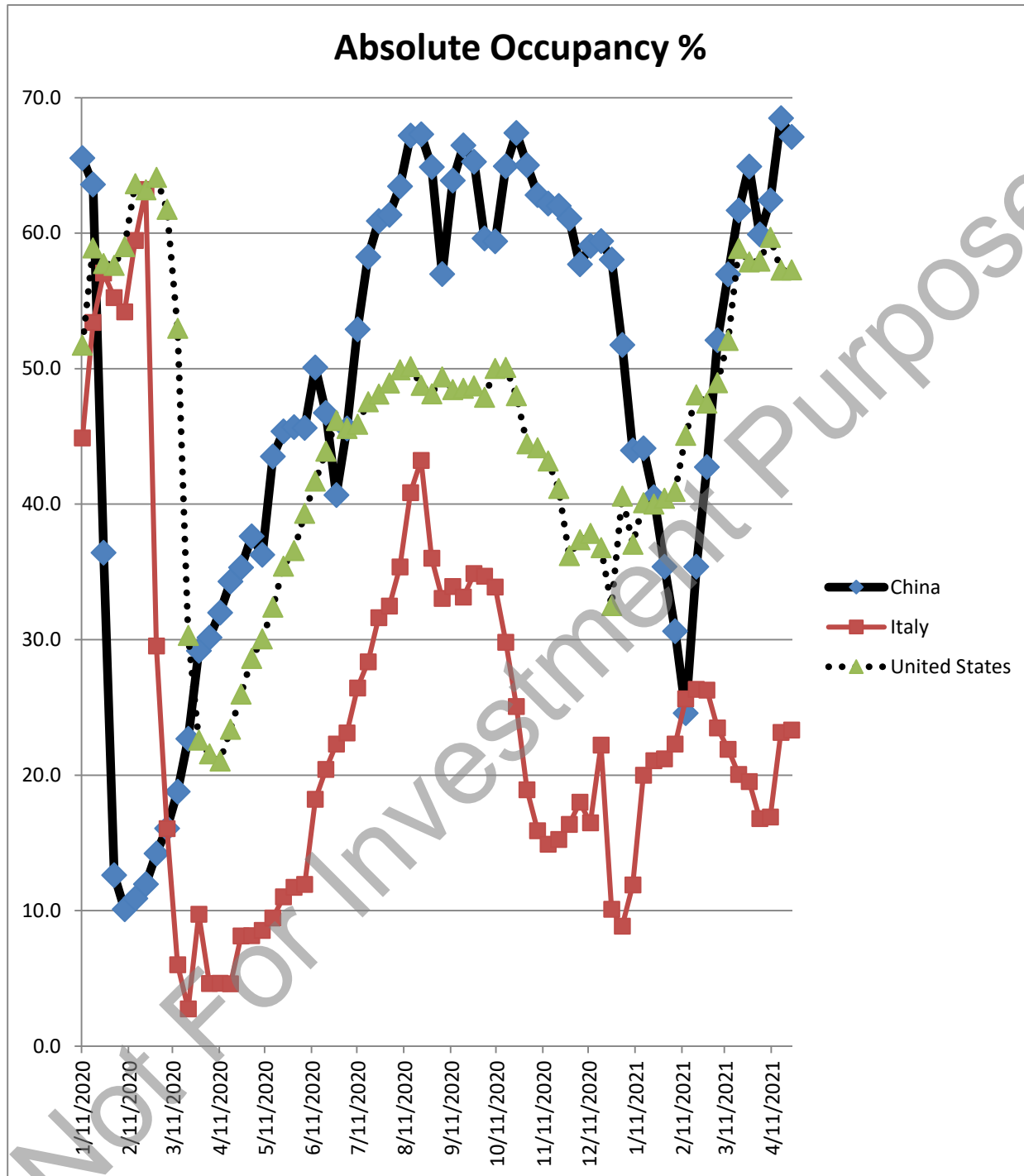
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Exhibit 3: Occupancy for China, Italy, US



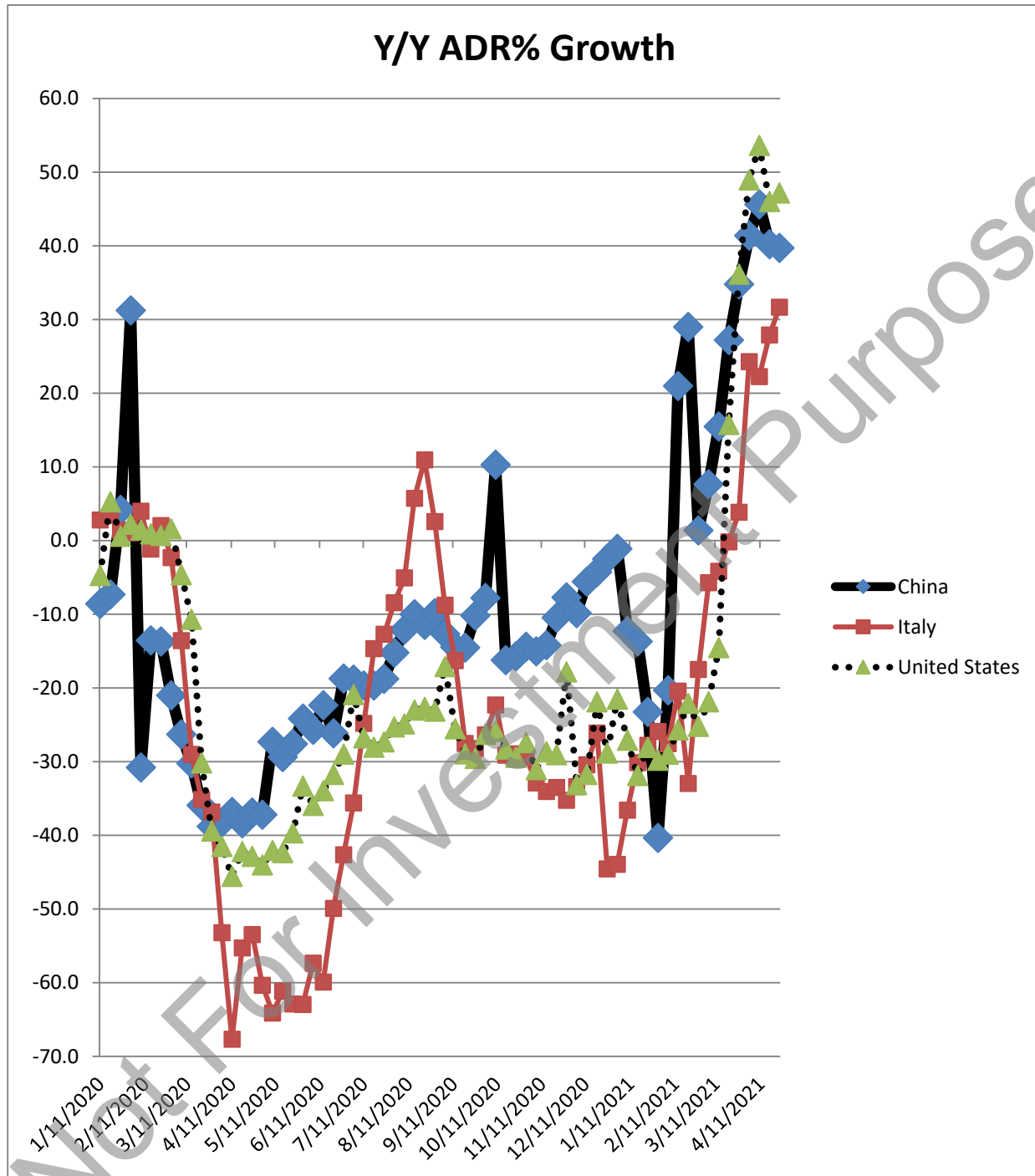
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Exhibit 4: Absolute Occupancy for China, Italy, US



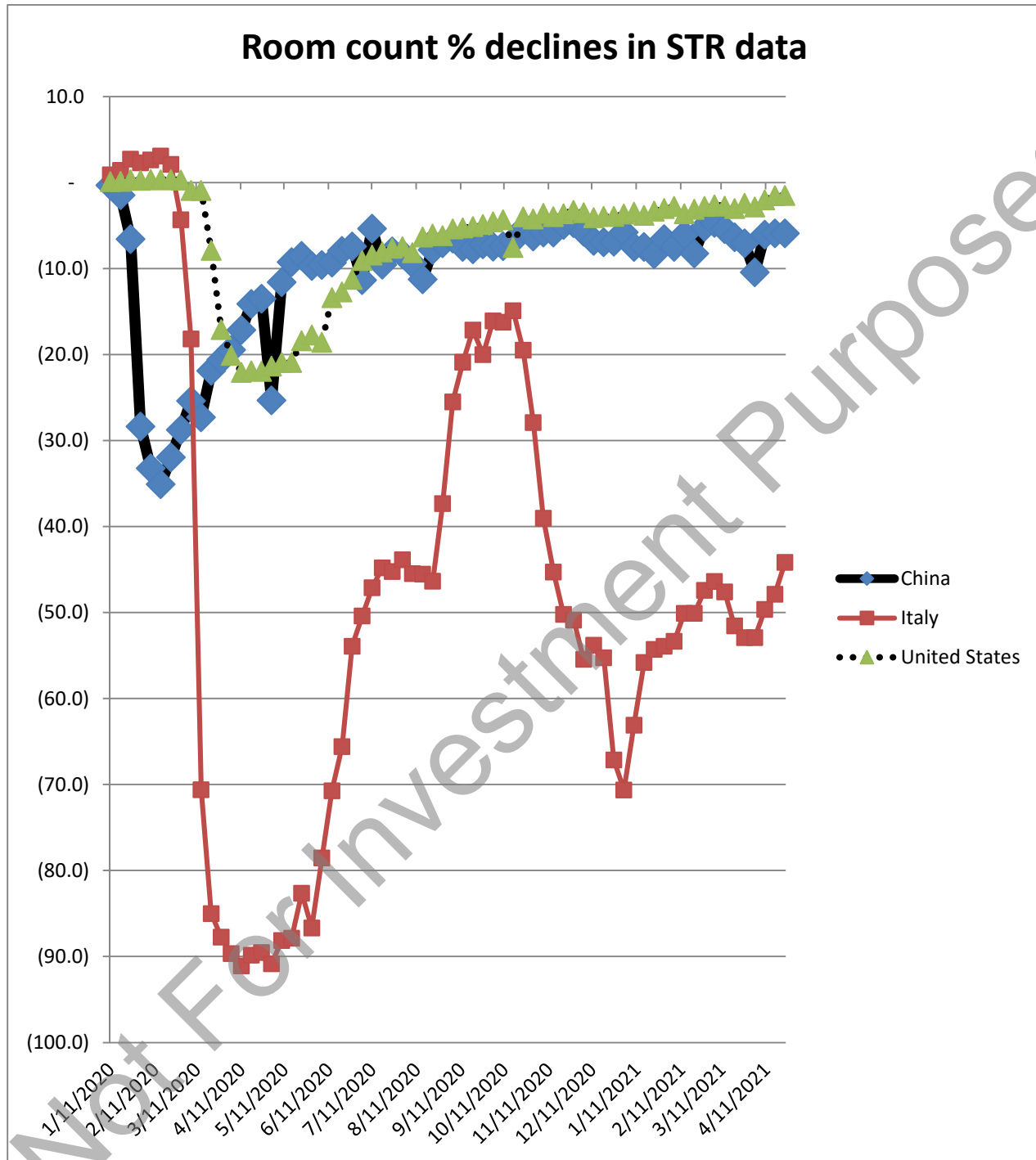
Source: STR, Truist Securities research

Exhibit 5: ADR for China, Italy, US



Source: STR, Truist Securities research

Exhibit 6: Room count in survey for China, Italy, US



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