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## Lodging

China & Italy hotels: RevPAR +46% (2yr: -22%) & +321% (2yr: -68%) for wk ending 6/5

2yr: China fell w/w due to new Covid outbreak. Italy very gradual improvement.

Quick take: Per STR for the week ending June 5th, hotel RevPAR in China in local currency was +45.9% y/y vs. +74.7% in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -46.1% comparable result in 2020 vs. -48.8% in the prior week. On a 2-year run-rate, which we believe is an equally if not more important KPI, RevPAR was down 21.7% vs. down 12.4% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate. We believe the week-over-week deceleration for the 2-year result was due to new a Covid outbreak.

**Italy** in local currency was up 320.9% y/y vs. +350.1% in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -93.5% comparable result in 2020 and -94.5% in the prior week. On a 2-year run-rate, RevPAR was down 68.2% vs. down 70.0% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate and slightly better than the -70% to -90% range we observed over the prior thirteen weeks in Italy.

**These weekly results compare to the US for the same week up 127.4% y/ y.** This latest US result is below the +147.5% in the prior week's result. *Last week's RevPAR was up against a -65.0% comparable result in 2020 vs. -62.1% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate. On a 2-year run-rate, RevPAR was -19.7%, a deceleration from the prior week's -5.7% 2-year run-rate. Helping results was a calendar shift as 2021 Memorial Day was one week later this year (5/31/21 vs. 5/25/20) combined with robust leisure demand given vaccinations vs. last year's holiday period, though the prior week benefited more from this shift.* 

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 June 5th vs. trailing 28 days (see charts at end of note for graphical representations):

China (local currency):

- RevPAR was +45.9% y/y for the week ending June 5th, **a step down** from +79.4% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +19.8% y/y for the week ending June 5th, **a step down** from the +26.2% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +21.7% y/y for the week ending June 5th, **a step back** from the +42.2% 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 +320.9% y/y for the week ending June 5th, **a step down** the +335.9% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +92.7% y/y for the week ending June 5th, better than the +85.3% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +118.4% y/y for the week ending June 5th, **lower than** the +135.3% 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 55.3%. By comparison, occupancy was 45.4% during the comparable week last year.
- Italy: Absolute occupancy levels for hotels that were still open in Italy for the week ending June 5th was 29.1%. So far it has been approx. 66 weeks after occupancy first started to see rapid deceleration in Italy. By comparison, occupancy was 13.3% during the comparable week last year.
- US: Absolute occupancy levels for hotels that were still open in the US for the week ending June 5th was 61.9%. So far it has been approx. 65 weeks after occupancy first started to see rapid deceleration in mid-March 2020 in the US. *By comparison, occupancy was 39.2% 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 sent; ergo this is our best approximation or hotel closures.

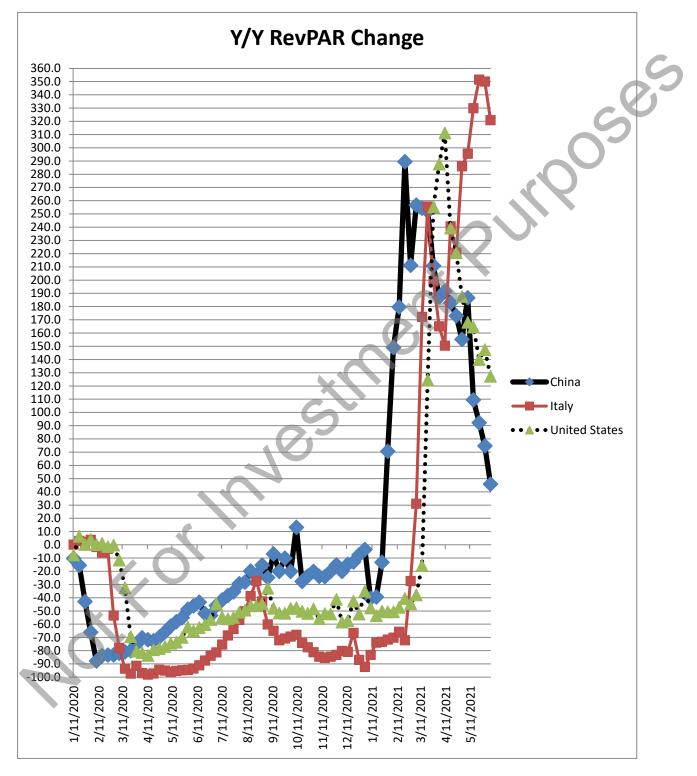
- China: Based on the STR sample, peak room count declines troughed at down 35% in mid-February 2020 from early January 2020 levels. Today, room count is down approx. 4% from mid-February 2020.
- Italy: Based on the STR sample as of June 5th, room count declines are running down approx. 25% from early January 2020 levels.
- US: Based on the STR sample as of June 5th, room count declines are running at down less than 1% from early January 2020 levels.

### About our data set:

- China: Currently 850k 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. 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. **850k is down from the prior week where 869k rooms were reporting data**.
- Italy: Currently 60k hotel rooms reporting data in the survey, or 16% 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. 60k is up from the prior week where 55k rooms were reporting data.

Exhibit 1:

**RevPAR for China, Italy, US** 





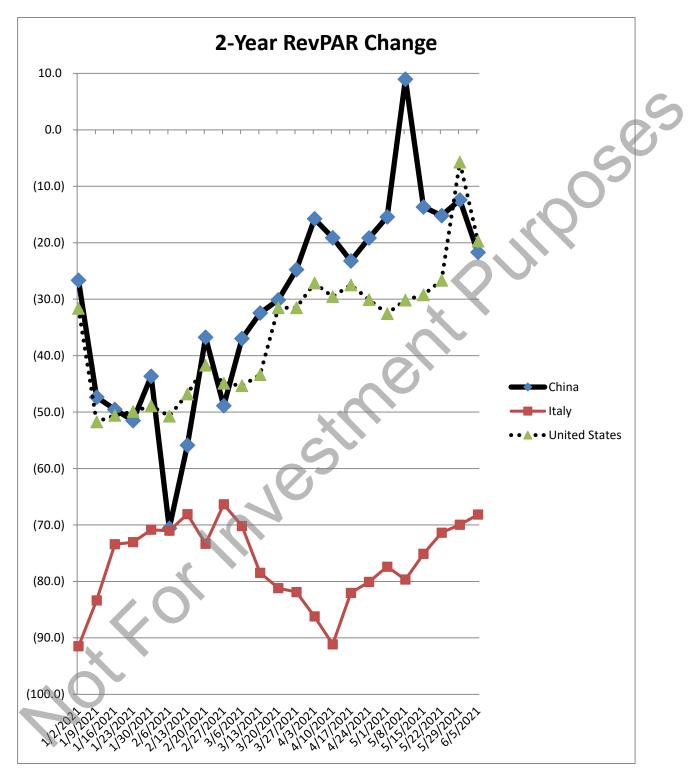
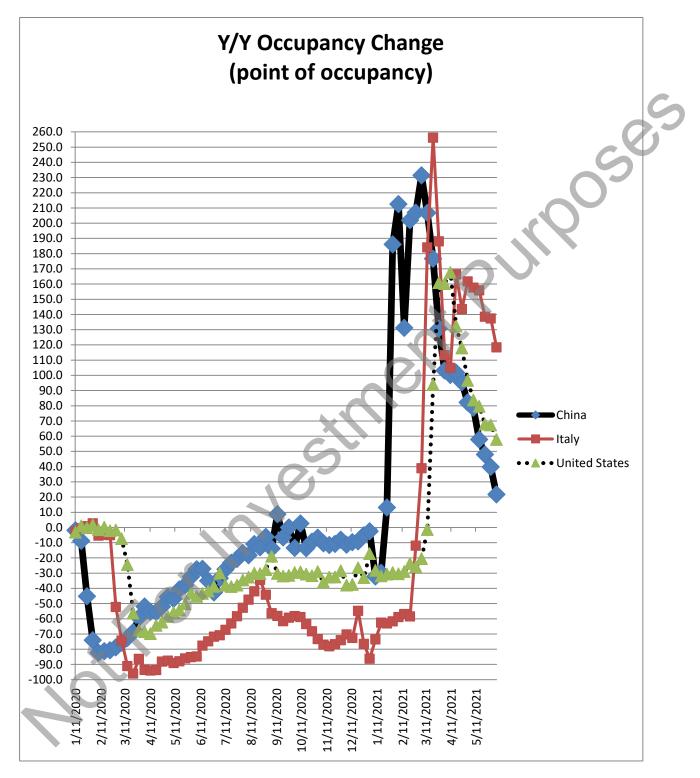
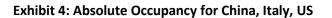


Exhibit 3: Occupancy for China, Italy, US





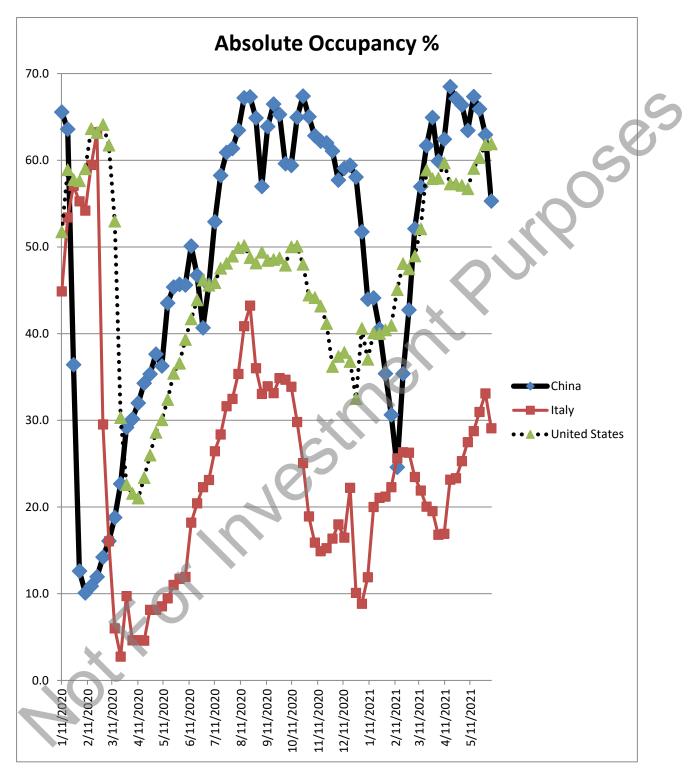
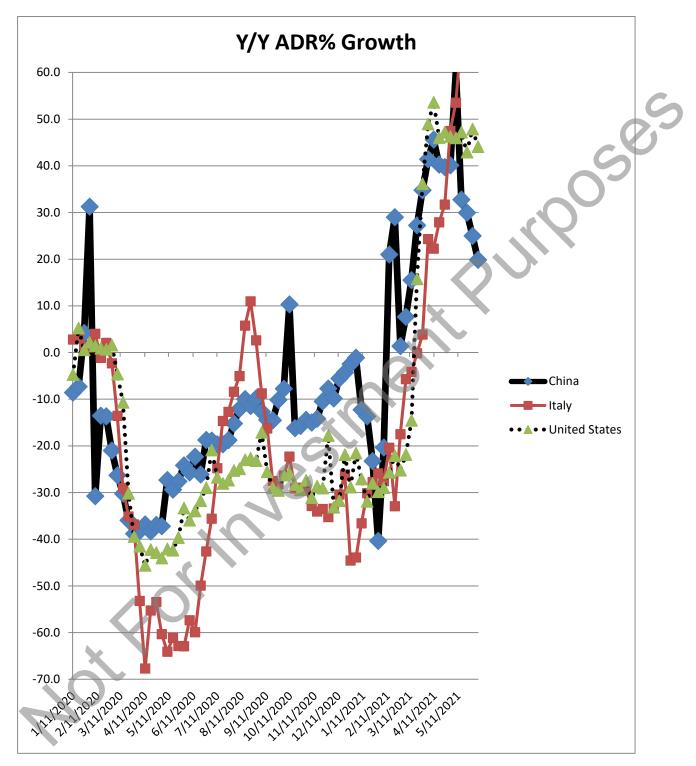


Exhibit 5: ADR for China, Italy, US





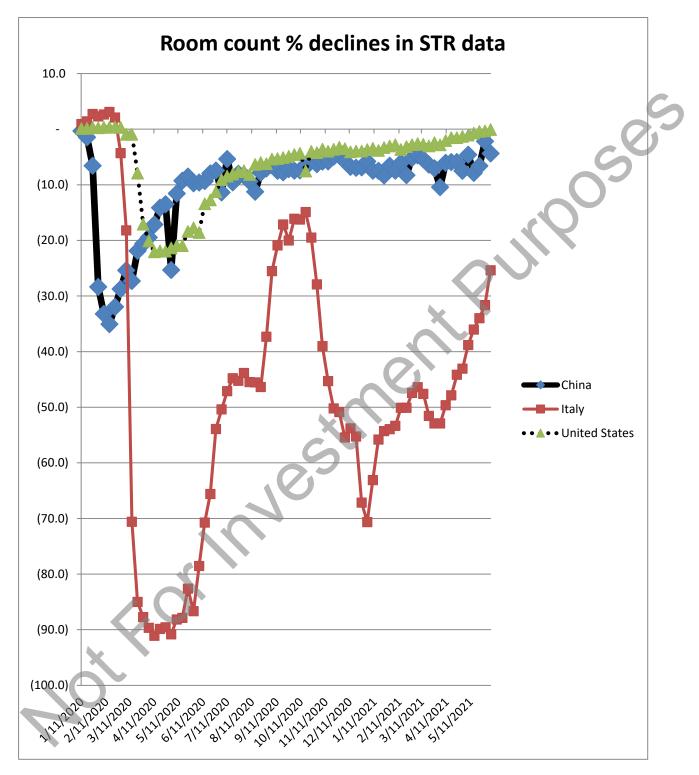


Exhibit 6: Room count in survey for China, Italy, US

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