

Lodging

Lodging: US RevPAR +126.7% Y/Y Last Week; 2yr -2.7% vs. Prior -9.2%; Chanukah calendar shift benefit

Unclear Omicron impact in last week's results but impact more definitive already for 1Q22 groups

What's Incremental To Our View

Overall U.S. RevPAR was +126.7% y/y for the week ending 12/11/2021, per STR, stronger than the prior week's result of +117.1%. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -57.3% comparable result in 2020 vs. -58.4% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate. *On a 2-year run-rate, RevPAR was -2.7% vs. -9.2% in the prior week's 2-year run-rate.*

The calendar shift of Chanukah (started Sunday 11/28/21 vs. prior years Thursday 12/10/20 and Sunday 12/22/19) resulted in a somewhat easier y/y comp. We suspect there was Omicron impact in last week's results but impossible to tell the degree due to the holiday shift.

While the Omicron impact to last week's results is difficult to quantify, we are of the belief that the variant will negatively impact corporate, group, and international travel in future weeks. The most recent evidence is [a major healthcare conference for San Francisco](#) shifting to virtual in January (CNBC). Industry chatter several months ago was this live conference was to be seen as ushering in the "return to normalcy" for large group events (though chatter today around the cancellation is that attendees were not thrilled about going to San Francisco anyway given recent crime headlines). We would strongly assume some other 1Q22 events will also shift to virtual and/or have lower live attendance due to the variant. Public company executives at our conference last week [did not point to any major U.S. cancellations for 1Q22 but anticipated a challenged 1H22 for business travel](#) -- the virus situation is obviously fluid and expectations were not particularly bullish. Events that maintain live attendance in early 1Q22 may risk considerable media blowback if there is an outbreak and corporations are also receiving negative media coverage for recent outbreaks at live offices including in NYC.

- We encourage investors keep attentive to attendance stats at two upcoming January events.
 - [Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas](#) (virtual in 2021)
 - The hospitality industry's own ALIS Conference in Los Angeles (live event last summer, pushed from traditional January spot, but [attendance was reportedly very light](#)) (Reuters; CoStar).
- We also remind readers that **official reported attendance statistics at conventions/trade shows/exhibitions and conferences may not reflect no-shows**, a topic we analyzed in our [deep dive on large business events](#) and was proven through bookings data from STR, Kalibri Labs, and other hotel data vendors. Official promoted statistics on robust attendance (arguably fuzzy math) is also a factor for live investor and financial services

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conferences in 2021, especially when we read about live attendance being far above 2019 levels with the same number of companies in attendance.

One other aside from last week's STR results worth discussing is 2021 absolute occupancy trends and comparisons vs. 2019.

- NYC maintained occupancy north of 70% all week (mid 80s starting Wednesday night). Occupancy was down 15-21% vs. 2019 from Monday-Wednesday and down 6% on Friday/Saturday. Comparatively, ADR was down double digits vs. 2019 from Monday-Wednesday and up double digits on Friday/Saturday.
- For domestic business travel, we note that early workweek occupancy was generally in the 50s-60s%, down double-digits percent to 2019 for Upscale, Upper Upscale, and Luxury chain scales. ADR trends were mixed on the weekdays but up double digits vs. 2019 on the weekends.

Major RevPAR statistics presented below:

- Luxury RevPAR: +324.4% y/y and -7.6% over 2 years
- Upper Upscale RevPAR: +279.2% y/y and -17.5% over 2 years;
- Upscale RevPAR: +129.4% y/y and -12.5% over 2 years;
- Upper Midscale RevPAR: +87.2% y/y and +1.9% over 2 years;
- Midscale RevPAR: +57.5% y/y and +14.2% over 2 years;
- Economy RevPAR: +37.2% y/y and +20.7% over 2 years;
- Independent hotels (~ 1/3rd of the data set) RevPAR: +120.1% y/y and +5.6% over 2 years; and
- Within Upper Upscale & Luxury class hotels:
 - Group: +606.8% y/y vs. +483.3% prior week; over 2 years: -21.1% vs -38.1% prior week.
 - Transient: +213.7% y/y vs. +205.8% prior week; over 2 years: -5.5% vs -10.2% prior week.

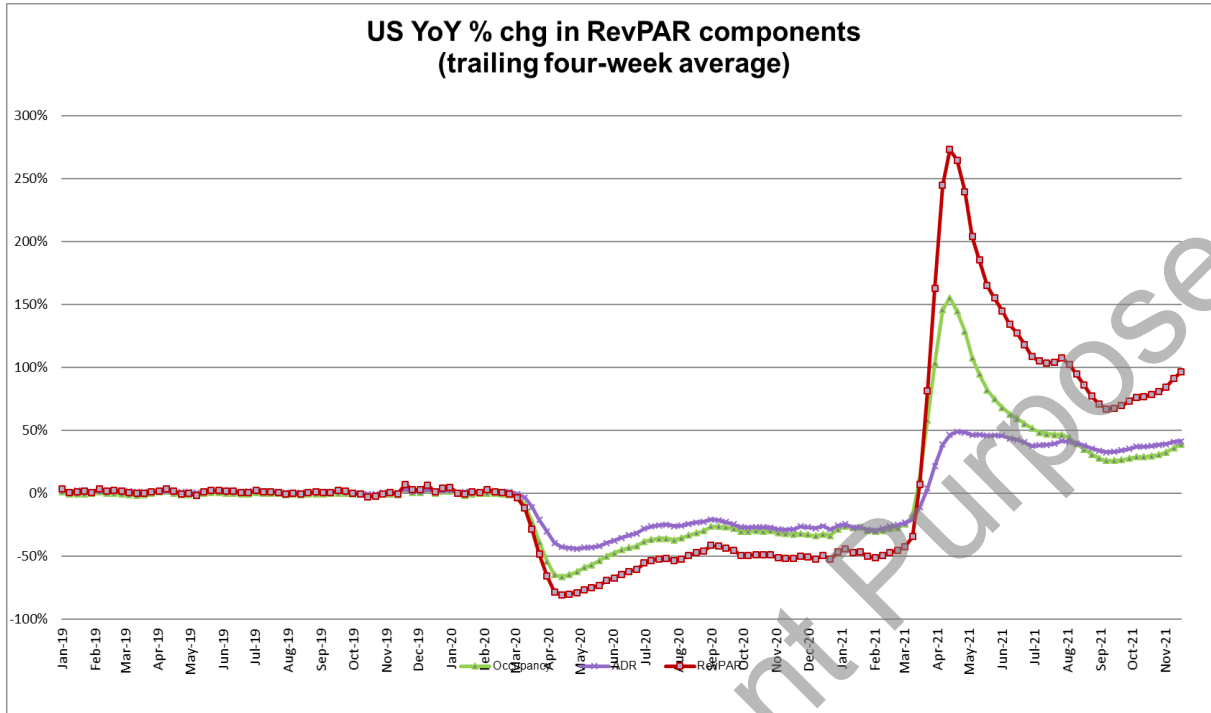
Last week's RevPAR details and sequential trends:

- **Headline RevPAR** was +126.7% y/y vs. the running 28-day average of +113.1% y/y.
- **Occupancy:** Absolute occupancy was 57.4% y/y vs. the running 28-day average of 56.2% y/y.
- **Open/closed hotels:** Per STR, 0.6% of the hotel supply was closed (vs. 0.7% last week).
 - Please note there are many hotels that suspended operations/closed and they are not included in the comparisons. Implications are that the headline statistics likely overstate the actual performance of the overall industry.
- **Absolute Group occupancy remains relatively light** and driven in our view partly from leisure group such as wedding demand and moderate attendance from late year business events: 16.1% last week vs. 13.0% for the running 28 days.

As far as stocks, we reiterate our view the companies relatively best positioned here in our coverage universe are the drive-to leisure-centric C-Corps CHH, WH, and RLJ for the value-play business traveler in the early corporate demand recovery, and the timeshare companies, HGV, VAC, and TNL (formerly WYND). WH, RLJ, HGV, VAC, and TNL are the only names we believe we can still get material upside based on our 2023 estimates, hence our Buy ratings. CHH is rated Hold.

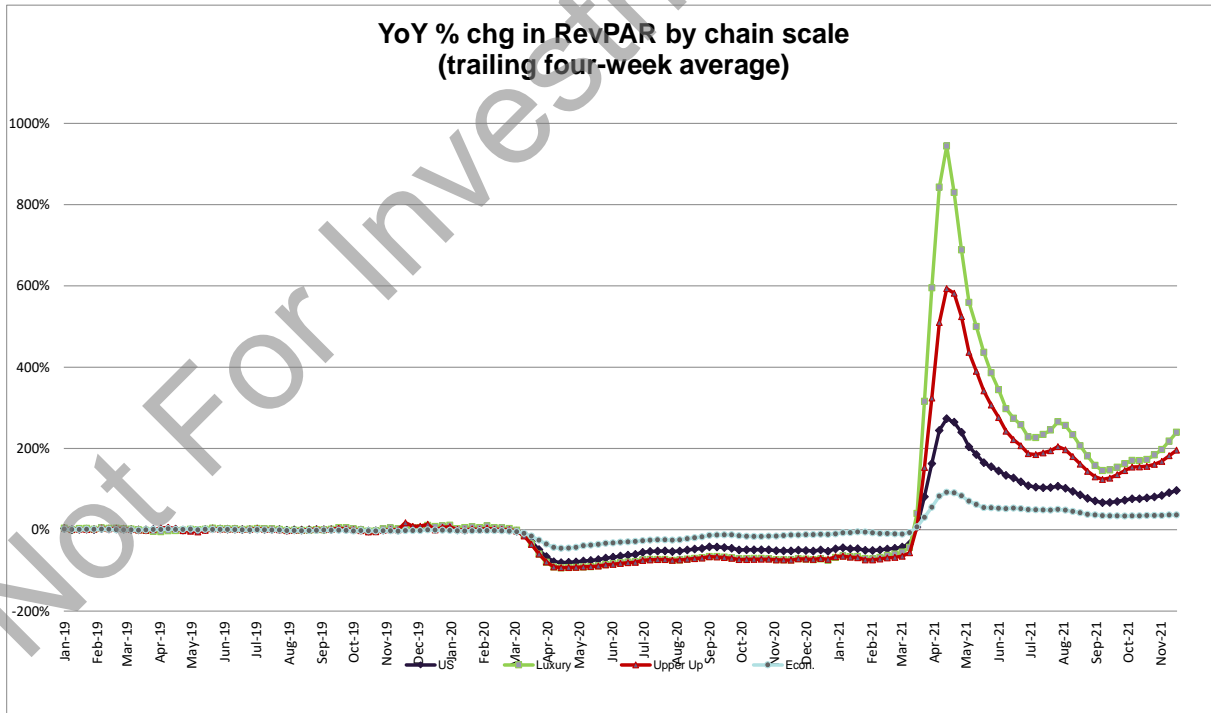
While the broader economy may have a U-shaped recovery, we believe hotel operating performance will take substantially longer to recover and be much choppier and vary by segmentation and geography. Additionally, we believe work from home will have a short-to-medium impact on hotel demand, though the longer-term impact is still unknown. While some travel industry leaders, news reporters, and businesspeople have predicted that **35-50% of business travel will be permanently lost**, our view is that it will be far less than 35-50% though it will not be zero either (Hospitality Net).

RevPAR Component Trends



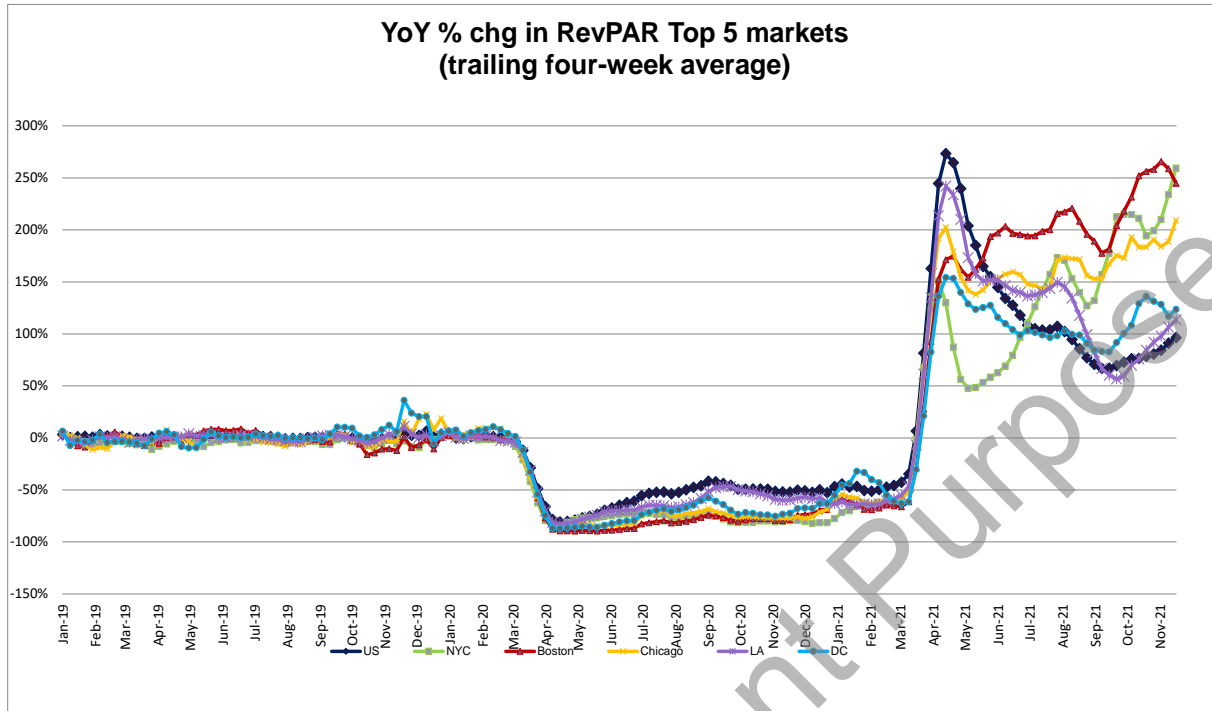
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RevPAR Trends by Chain Scale



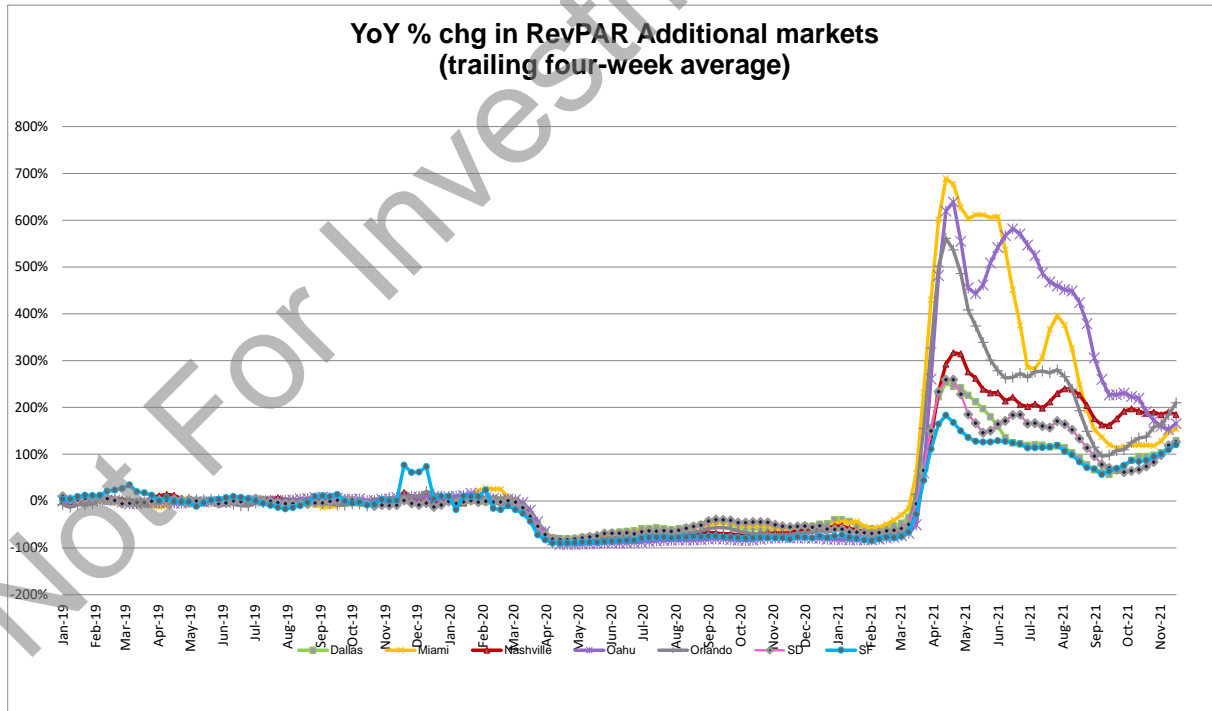
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RevPAR Trends by Market (Top 5 markets)



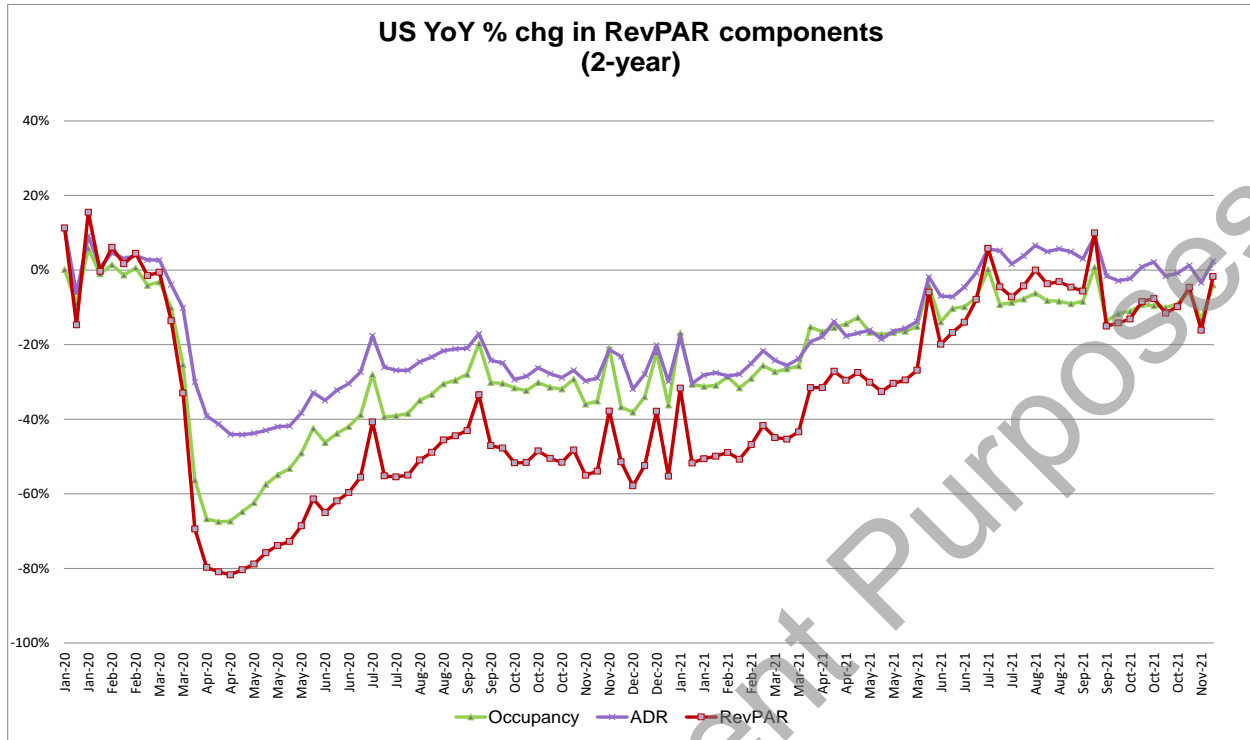
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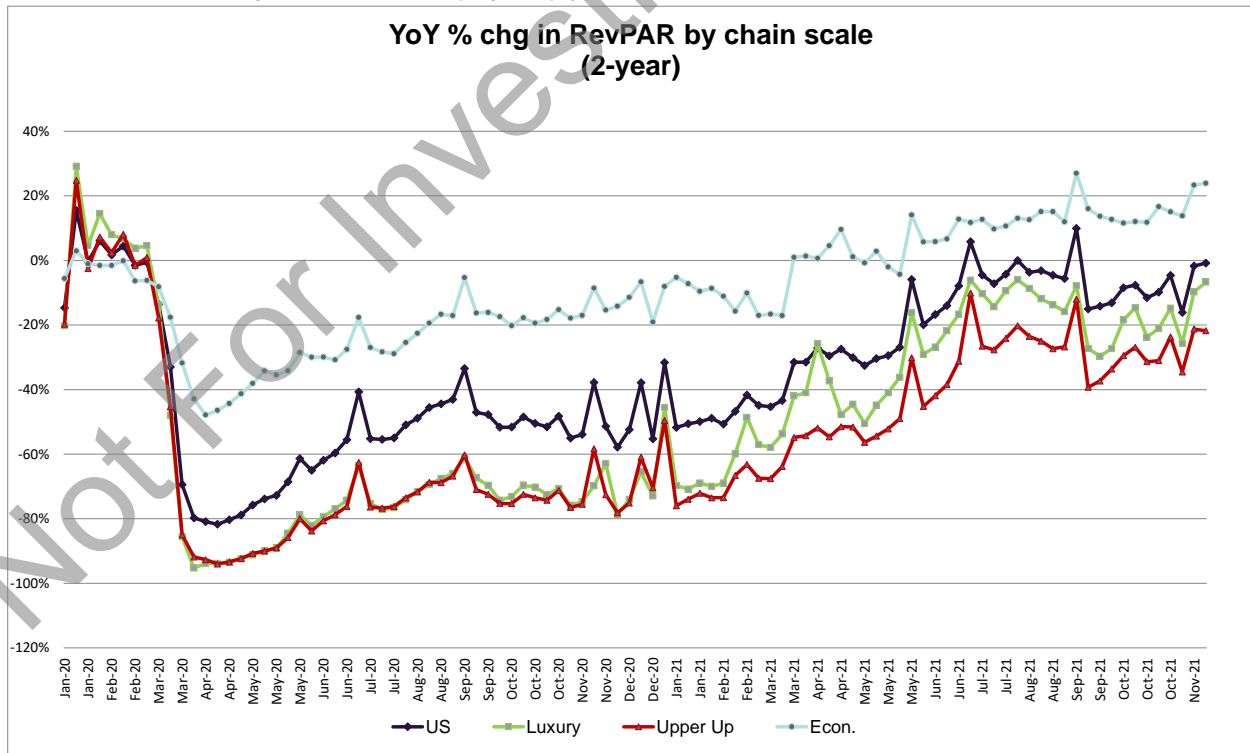
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RevPAR Component Trends (2-year)



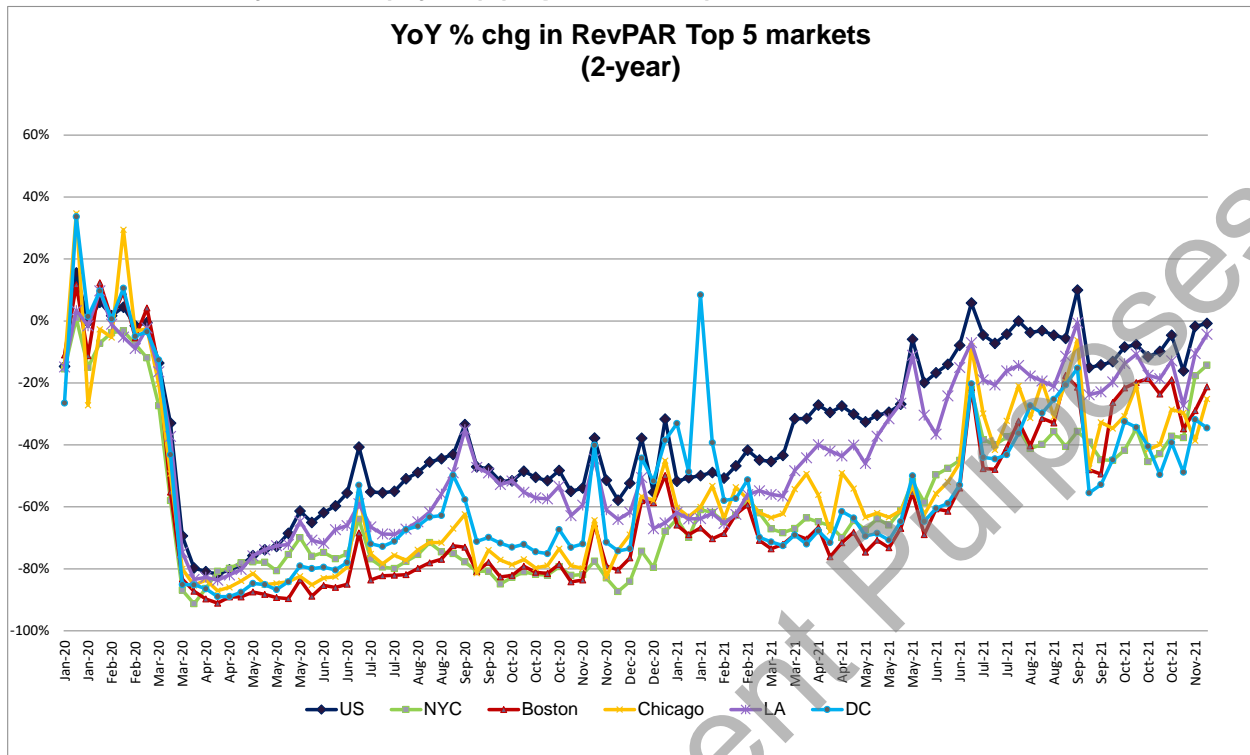
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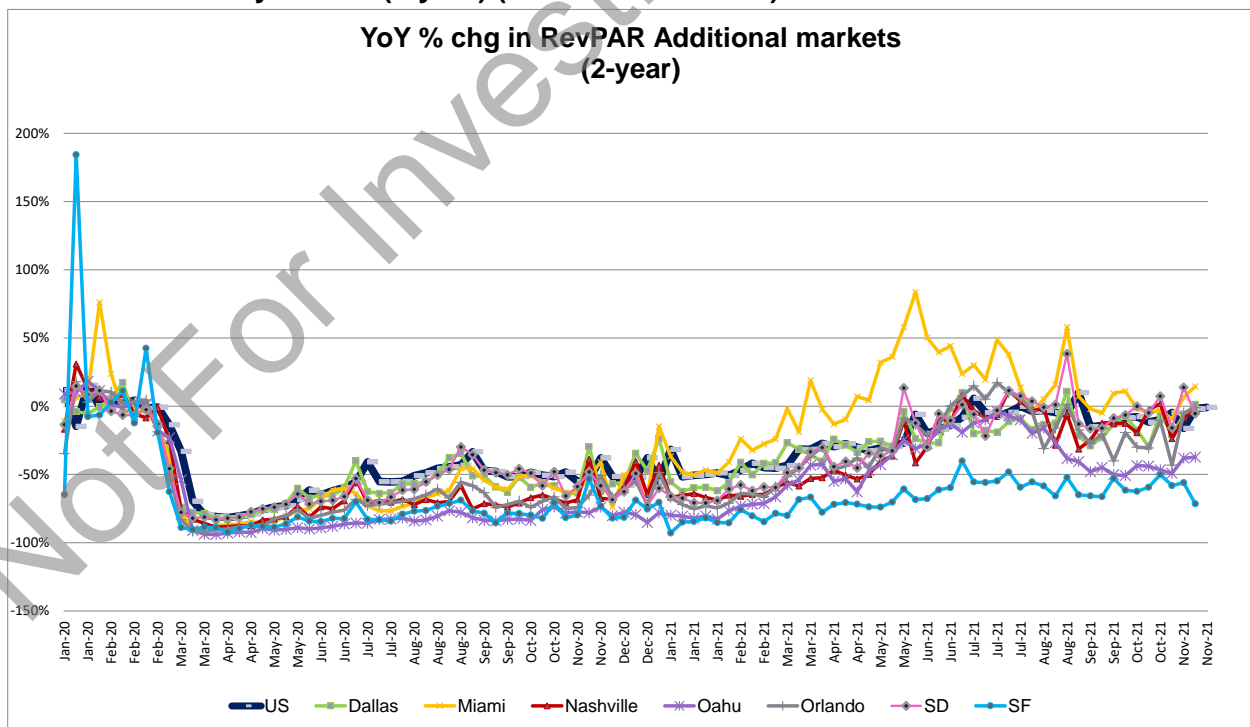
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RevPAR Trends by Market (2-year) (Top 5 markets)



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Price Target/Risks Summary

Lodging	TKR	Price 12/14/21	Rating	PT*	% upside/downside	2021E	2022E	2023E	2021E	2022E	2023E	Target EV/EBITDA Multiple	Risks Note: COVID-19 represents a material risk to our entire coverage especially related to the length/severity of the demand shock.
						Valuation EBITDA (\$M)**	Valuation EBITDA (\$M)**	Valuation EBITDA (\$M)**	As Reported/Consensus EBITDA (\$M)*	As Reported/Consensus EBITDA (\$M)*	As Reported/Consensus EBITDA (\$M)*		
Bluegreen Vacations	BVH	\$32.97	Buy	\$44	33%	\$115	\$133	\$141	\$17	\$16	\$16	7.6X	Downside risk: controlled company issues, limited cap/float, loan defaults, and macroeconomic risk. Upside risk: conservative growth of new brands.
Choice Hotels	CHH	\$142.77	Hold	\$125	-12%	\$379	\$455	\$499	\$391	\$467	\$515	15.0X	Upside risk: faster demand improvement in corporate travel than expected. Brand changes (e.g. Vail) lead to material EBITDA improvement. Leisure hotels hold/improve on RevPAR and margins despite the challenging macro. Downside risk: lodging recovery takes longer than expected, weaker results from ROI projects than forecasted, poor performance of recently acquired assets.
DiamondRock Hospitality	DRH	\$8.69	Hold	\$8	-8%	\$83	\$175	\$226	\$84	\$175	\$226	12.0X	Upside risk: Macro lodging trends improve beyond expectations. Faster than expected net unit growth. Downside risk: slowing pipeline. Deep 2022 recession.
Hilton	HLT	\$141.98	Hold	\$139	-2%	\$1,528	\$2,491	\$2,935	\$1,669	\$2,629	\$3,069	15.9X	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 globally.
Hilton Grand Vacations	HGV	\$47.19	Buy	\$54	14%	\$730	\$1,185	\$1,738	\$339	\$339	\$339	9.8X	Upside risk: faster demand improvement in corporate travel than expected. Dispositions at higher multiples than expected (incl. NYC), stronger than expected performance by luxury leisure resorts on both top-line and margins through the valuation year. Downside risk: extended industry downturn with particular impact to large big box hotels, weak recovery of international travel during the valuation period, macro demand shock to acquired resort assets, labor issues.
Host Hotels & Resorts	HST	\$16.07	Hold	\$18	12%	\$498	\$1,127	\$1,397	\$498	\$1,127	\$1,397	12.5X	Upside risk: Transient and group trends outperform expectations, particularly for owned hotels. Material disposition of owned hotels. Faster than expected improvement in net rooms growth. Downside risk: lodging recovery takes longer than expected. Planned dispositions take longer than expected. Material labor issues to owned hotels. Pipeline growth slower than expected.
Hyatt Hotels	H	\$83.43	Hold	\$78	-7%	\$235	\$553	\$694	\$284	\$606	\$752	14.2X	Upside risk: Macro lodging trends improve beyond expectations. Faster than expected net unit growth. Downside risk: slowing pipeline. Deep 2022 recession.
Marriott International	MAR	\$154.01	Hold	\$156	1%	\$1,924	\$3,094	\$3,728	\$2,227	\$3,398	\$4,044	15.9X	Downside risk: M&A story fades and multiples revert to historical levels.
Marriott Vacations	VAC	\$155.26	Buy	\$201	30%	\$603	\$874	\$951	\$647	\$922	\$1,003	10.5X	Upside risk: faster demand improvement in corporate travel than expected. Dispositions at higher multiple than expected. CHSP revenue and asset management strategies lead to faster than expected EBITDA gains. Downside risk: extended industry downturn with particular impact to large big box hotels, weak recovery of international travel during the valuation period especially Q4ru, macro demand shock impact to major resort assets, labor issues.
Park Hotels & Resorts	PK	\$17.65	Hold	\$22	25%	\$129	\$549	\$782	\$149	\$569	\$906	12.0X	Upside Risks: Material near-term incremental EBITDA from Legacy LHO assets. Downside Risks: Incremental EBITDA from major CapEx investments take longer than anticipated, contributing to multiple contraction. Very slow recovery in San Francisco.
Pebblebrook Hotel Trust***	PEB	\$20.98	Hold	\$24	14%	\$94	\$343	\$453	\$94	\$343	\$453	14.5X	Upside risk: quicker recovery post-COVID, Cap Cana group strength/rate growth in the D.R. Downside risk: demand shock, hurricanes, slow ramp up of Cap Cana, country-specific risks (emerging market portfolio).
Playa Hotels & Resorts	PLYA	\$7.22	Hold	\$8	11%	\$77	\$204	\$219	\$90	\$217	\$232	10.0X	Downside risk: Slower than expected recovery of corporate business travel post-COVID, scope/timing and/or upside from repositionings underwhelms investor expectations; labor costs are not reduced either due to increased wages/benefits or inability to cut costs post-tech improvements.
RLJ Lodging Trust***	RLJ	\$12.61	Buy	\$19	51%	\$141	\$273	\$431	\$159	\$293	\$452	12.5X	Upside risk: recovering group and Entertainment demand faster than expected, better margin recovery. Downside risk: Group demand returns slower than expected. Property-specific risks given a small portfolio.
Ryman Hospitality Properties	RHP	\$79.53	Hold	\$75	-6%	\$160	\$430	\$497	\$180	\$457	\$525	13.0X	Upside risk: faster demand improvement in corporate travel than expected. Renovations lead to faster than expected EBITDA improvements. SHO buys hotels at accretive terms and quickly adds incremental EBITDA during the valuation period. Downside risk: Lodging recovery takes longer than expected, labor issues, weak recovery of international travel to gateway markets, natural disaster risk. Montage EBITDA stabilizes well lower than expected.
Sunstone Hotel Investors	SHO	\$10.88	Hold	\$12	10%	\$62	\$224	\$277	\$75	\$234	\$285	12.5X	Downside risks: MTN is subject to prolonged weakness in general economic conditions, including adverse effects on the overall travel and leisure related industries.
Vail Resorts, Inc.	MTN	\$325.42	Hold	\$322	-1%	\$540	\$810	\$928	\$540	\$810	\$928	16.0X	Upside risks include a faster economic recovery and investors continuing to apply higher target valuation multiples.
Travel + Leisure Co.	TNL	\$48.92	Buy	\$77	57%	\$747	\$928	\$1,008	\$747	\$928	\$1,008	8.6X	Downside risk: The timeshare business is especially vulnerable to economic softness. There are potential execution risks post the spin off.
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts	WH	\$79.85	Buy	\$83	4%	\$503	\$592	\$692	\$532	\$622	\$724	14.0X	Downside risk: Slowdown in development opportunities.

* All of our Lodging price targets are derived by applying a target EV/EBITDA multiple to our estimate for 2023 EBITDA
 ** Valuation EBITDA excludes select items for specific companies including stock-based compensation.
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Source: FactSet, Truist Securities research

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Companies Mentioned in This Note

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