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### **Reasons for this report**

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



# China & Europe hotels: RevPAR +4% y/y (vs. '19: -45%) & +32% y/y (vs. '19: +11%) for wk ending 10/5.

China: Per STR for the week ending November 5th, hotel RevPAR in China in local currency was +4.4% vs. -17.1% y/y in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a -26.6% y/y comparable result in 2021 and vs. -12.9% in the prior week. *Versus 2019, which we believe is an equally if not more important KPI, RevPAR was -44.7%, a similar result to the -44.8% in the prior week's result.* 

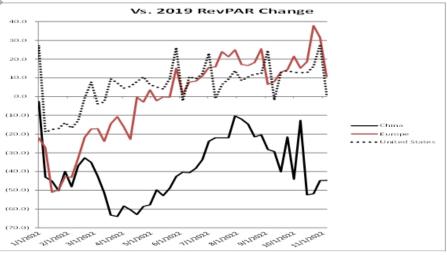
• We see very weak results over the past several weeks due to new Covid-19 lockdowns.

Europe: RevPAR in Europe in Euros was +32.1% y/y vs. +46.1% in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against an +311.5% comparable result in 2021 and +227.0% in the prior week. Versus 2019, RevPAR was +10.7%, not as strong as the +31.2% in the prior week's result.

U.S.: Overall U.S. RevPAR was +20.1% y/y, weaker than the prior week's result of +33.5% y/y. Last week's RevPAR was against +89.7% comparable result in 2021 vs. +84.5% in the prior week. On a 3-year run-rate (vs. 2019), RevPAR was +1.1% vs. +27.8% in the prior week's 3-year run-rate.

- The calendar shift of Halloween was a small negative to the y/y results and more negatively impactful versus the 2019 comp, especially on group (holiday moved by a week). This RevPAR impact from the holiday was as expected.
- If one takes the average for the past two weeks (vs. 2019 and vs. 2021), which
  nets-out the Halloween comp and compares to the several weeks prior, we see very
  similar and healthy results. Trends reflect the returning of business and group travel
  and steady leisure.

#### Exhibit 1: 3-Year (vs. 2019) RevPAR for China, Europe, US



Source: STR, Truist Securities research

RevPAR detail for week ending November 5th vs. trailing 28 days (see charts at end of note for graphical representations): China (local currency):

- RevPAR was +4.4% y/y for the week ending November 5th, better than the -23.8% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was -3.9% y/y for the week ending November 5th, better than the -7.8% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +8.6% y/y for the week ending November 5th, better than the -17.3% for the trailing 28 days.

#### Europe (in Euros):

- RevPAR was +32.1% y/y for the week ending November 5th, below the +44.1% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +15.8% y/y for the week ending November 5th, below the +22.8% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +14.1% y/y for the week ending November 5th, below the +17.3% for the trailing 28 days.

#### Additional thoughts and observations:

Hotel occupancy observations from the latest weekly STR results from China, Europe, and US:

- China: Absolute occupancy was 49.6%. By comparison, occupancy was 45.6% during the comparable week last year.
- Europe: Absolute occupancy was 66.7%. By comparison, occupancy was 58.4% during the comparable week last year.
- US: Absolute occupancy was 62.4%. By comparison, occupancy was 59.6% during the comparable week last year.

#### EBITDA and rooms exposure by region:

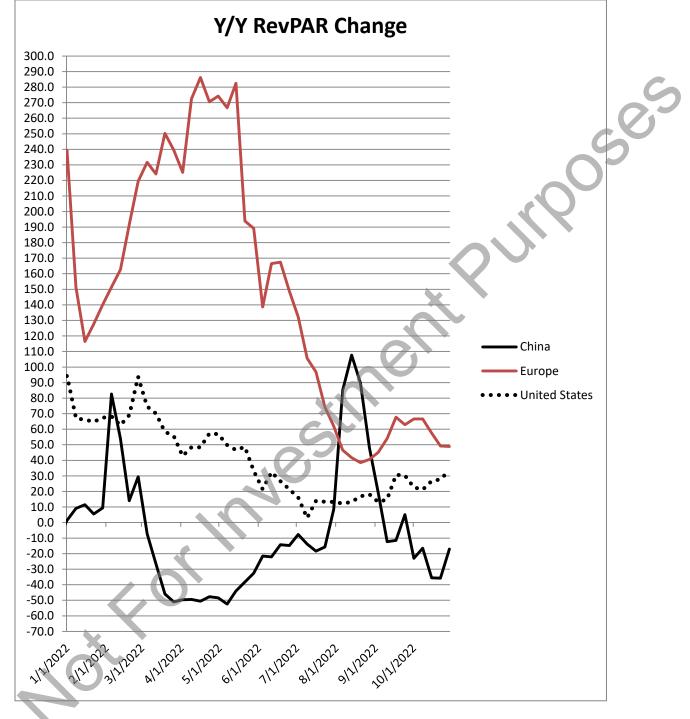
EBITDA: Hyatt (H, Buy), InterContinental (IHG, NR), and Marriott (MAR, Hold) are among the Lodging C-corps that have the greatest exposure to Europe and Asia. From Europe, MAR generates approximately 15% of EBITDA, IHG 15%, Wyndham (WH, Buy) less than 5%, H roughly 5%, and Hilton (HLT, Hold) 10% each. 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.

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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%
  - o Americas ALG + Ziva/Zilara: 9%
  - o Europe ALG: 4%
- HLT:
  - o US: 70%
  - Americas: 6%
  - o Europe: 9%
  - o Middle East/Africa: 3%
  - Asia Pacific: 12%
  - o Other hotels, likely to be converted to a brand, with no geography noted: 0.3%
- IHG:
  - o Americas: 57%
  - EMEAA: 25%
  - o Greater China: 18%
- MAR (ex-timeshare):
  - North America: 65%
  - o Europe: 9%
  - o Middle East/Africa: 4%
  - o Asia Pacific: 18%
  - o Caribbean/Latin America ("CALA"): 49
- WH:
  - o US: 61%
  - Canada: 5%
  - o Greater China: 19%
  - Rest of Asia: 4%
  - Europe/Middle East/Africa: 8%
  - o Latin America: 4%





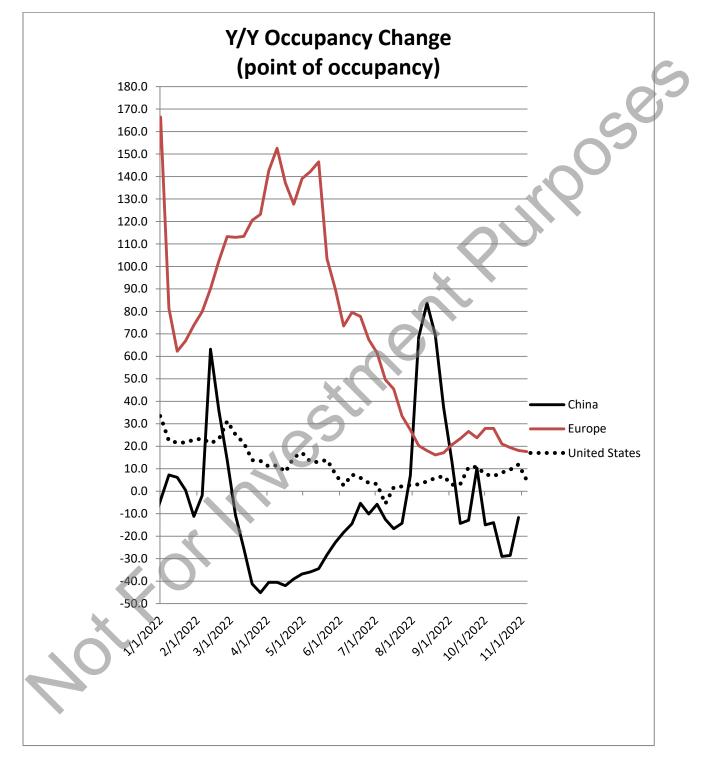
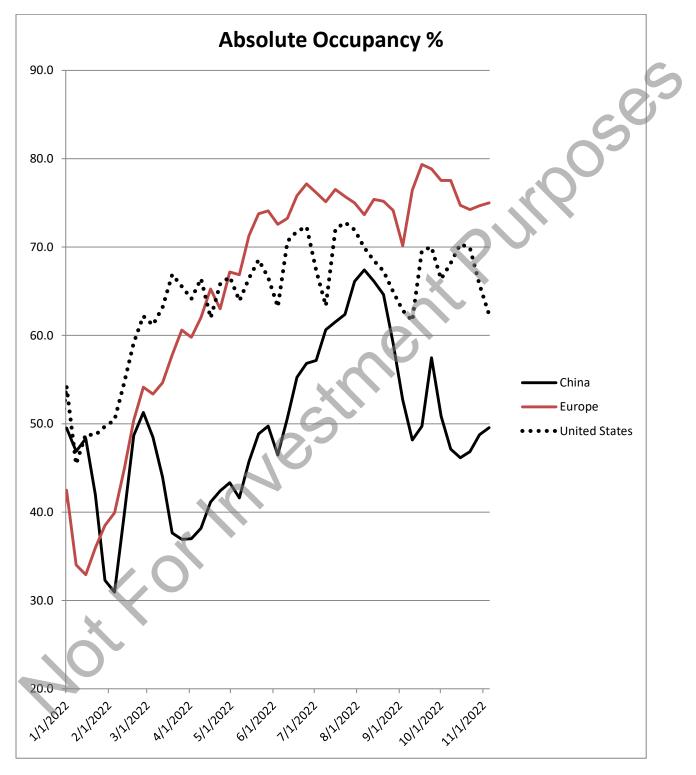
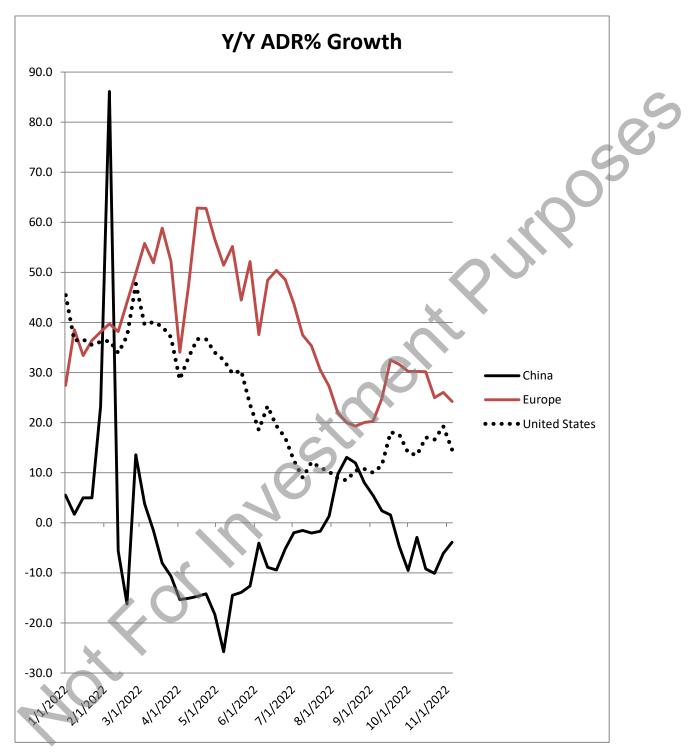


Exhibit 3: Y/Y Occupancy change for China, Europe, US



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





### **H: Valuation and Risks**

Our price target of \$132 for H is derived by applying a 13.8x target EV/EBITDA multiple (a blended average of the industry multiples for each business segment) to our estimate for 2024 EBITDA. Our valuation model for Hyatt assumes an owned-hotel 2024 EBITDA multiple of 12.5x and a franchise/management fee EBITDA multiple of 16.0x plus a 5% discount for time of money.

Downside risk: 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.

## **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 2023 adjusted EBITDA estimate to derive a price target of \$150. 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.

## MAR: Valuation and Risks

Our \$184 price target is based on a 16.8x blended multiple on our 2023E 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 \$90 for WH is based on a 15.0x multiple (in line with portfolio quality/RevPAR relative to peers) of our 2023 EBITDA estimate.

Risks to our rating and price target: Slowdown in development opportunities. Macro demand/pipeline headwinds.

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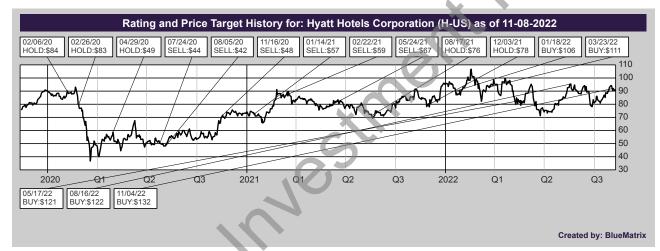
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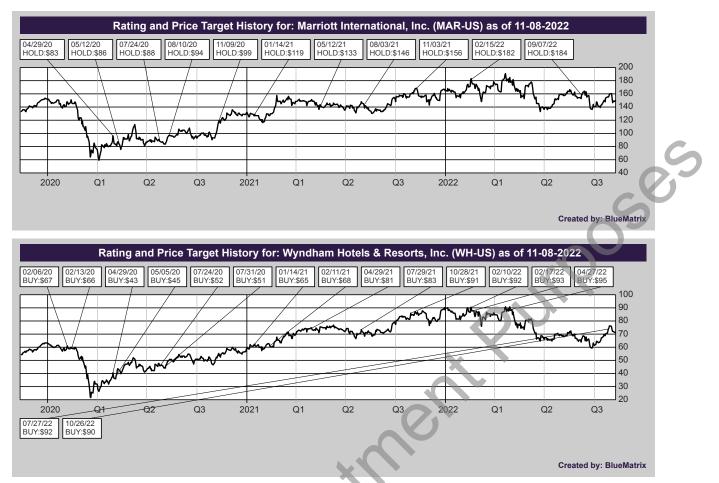
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