

CONSUMER: Lodging

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Reasons for this report

✓ Our analysis of the most recent weekly US lodging results

Lodging: US RevPAR +12.0% y/y last week, a sizable decel from Fall trends. +35.1% vs. 2019.

Overall U.S. RevPAR was +12.0% y/y for the week ending 12/17/2022, per STR, down from the prior week's result of +16.7% y/y. Last week's RevPAR was against a +107.6% comparable result in 2021 vs. +126.7% in the prior week. **On a 3-year run-rate (vs. 2019), RevPAR was +35.1% vs. +14.0% in the prior week's 3-year run-rate.**

We noted a few main takeaways on the STR results. Versus 2021: RevPAR had a sizable deceleration from the approximate +25% the industry was running post-Labor Day up to before Thanksgiving. **Versus 2019:** the biggest item we saw was Group occupancy unusually high reflecting a modest calendar shift.

We do not have a perfect answer as to why the 2019 RevPAR comparison was strong. Given we are evaluating mid-December: in low occupancy periods, we do not think overstating percent change is meaningful for a 1Q23 readthrough. Additionally, in reviewing our 2019 note for the same week, we thought Group was strong during that week, suggesting there was not an easy comp. It is possible what is driving the strong 2019 RevPAR change was that in 2022 the comparative week ended on December 17th with another full week before Christmas whereas the 2019 comparison week ended on December 21st. We are therefore "earlier" in December this year and perhaps more business travel (and group) took place last week relative to the same week in 2019.

- We noticed several cities with Group occupancy +100-300% last week vs. 2019 which suggests to us that there may still be some late-in-the-year corporate/association group travel that factored into 2022 vs. the same week in 2019.

Major RevPAR statistics presented below:

- Luxury RevPAR: +17.5% y/y and +30.7% over 3 years;
- Upper Upscale RevPAR: +24.7% y/y and +37.7% over 3 years;
- Upscale RevPAR: +16.1% y/y and +32.1% over 3 years;
- Upper Midscale RevPAR: +7.1% y/y and +32.4% over 3 years;
- Midscale RevPAR: +0.1% y/y and +29.1% over 3 years;
- Economy RevPAR: -1.3% y/y and +26.3% over 3 years;
- Independent hotels (~ 1/3rd of the data set) RevPAR: +7.7% y/y and +36.9% over 3 years; and
- Within Upper Upscale & Luxury class hotels:
 - Group: +49.4% y/y vs. +44.7% prior week; over 3 years: +142.2% vs +14.4% prior week.
 - Transient: +11.9% y/y vs. +15.5% prior week; over 3 years: +24.0% vs +10.6% prior week.

Last week's RevPAR details and sequential trends:

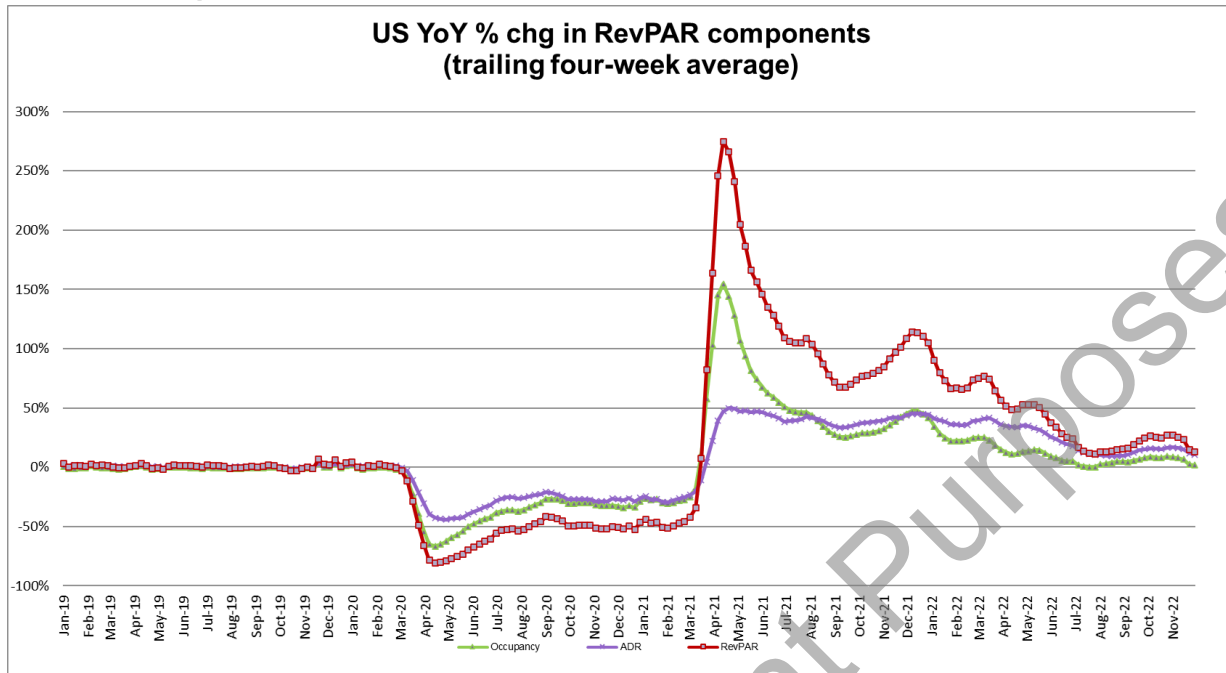
- Headline RevPAR was +12.0% y/y vs. the running 28-day average of +10.4% y/y.
- **Occupancy:** Absolute occupancy was 54.5% y/y vs. 54.9% for the running 28-day average.
- **Absolute Group occupancy:** 13.0% last week vs. 14.4% for the running 28 days.

We summarize our view on the lodging sector at the moment as one of "relative optimism," a view markedly more favorable than the bear case of "relative pessimism". Of the lodging stocks our favorite name is [Hyatt \(H, Buy\)](#) which we see in the "sweet spot" of both the group recovery and strength in international markets, most notably the Caribbean. Hyatt generates approx. 30% of earnings from the group segment and 30% from its Caribbean-centric Apple Leisure Group segment. To this we note an EV/EBITDA valuation multiple approx. 350 bps. below that of HLT (Hold) and

MAR (Hold). [Additionally, we raised our rating on RHP \(Buy\) to Buy from Hold on 9/7/22 and raised our price target to \\$104 from \\$95.](#) At 75% of its business coming from groups/conventions, RHP has the greatest exposure to this customer segment. *For the lodging sector as a whole, we see the biggest potential drivers of earnings upside coming from corporate group business and associated outside of room spend (aka "Total RevPAR") and secondarily from the recovery in international markets.*

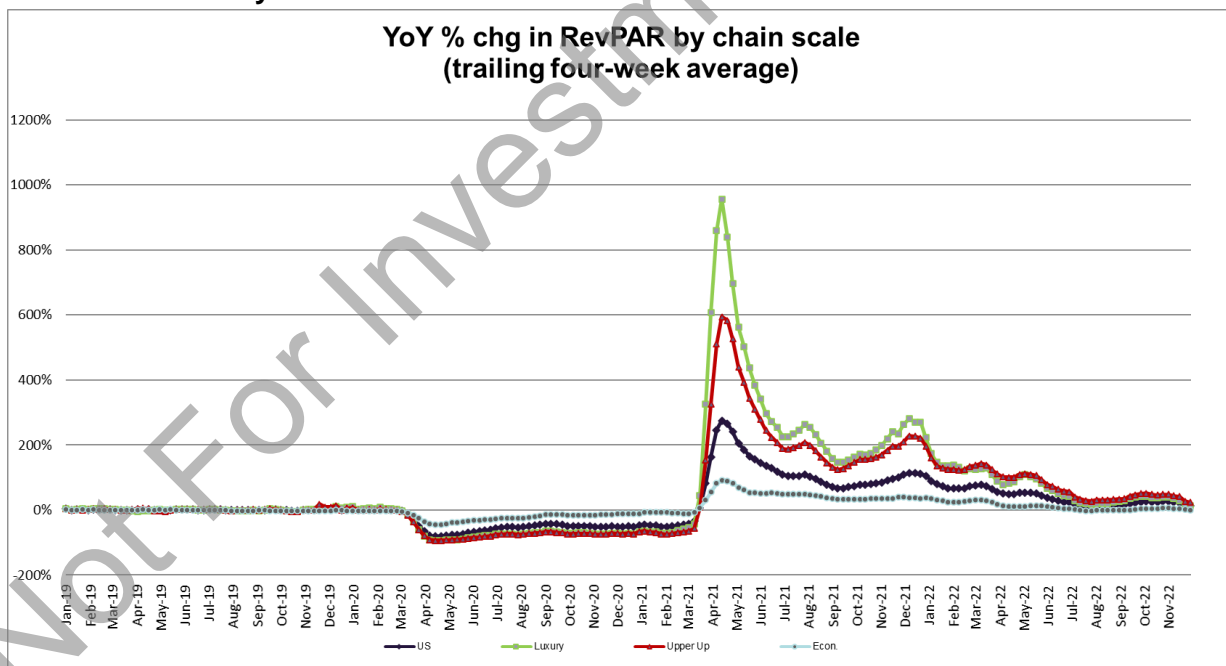
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RevPAR Component Trends



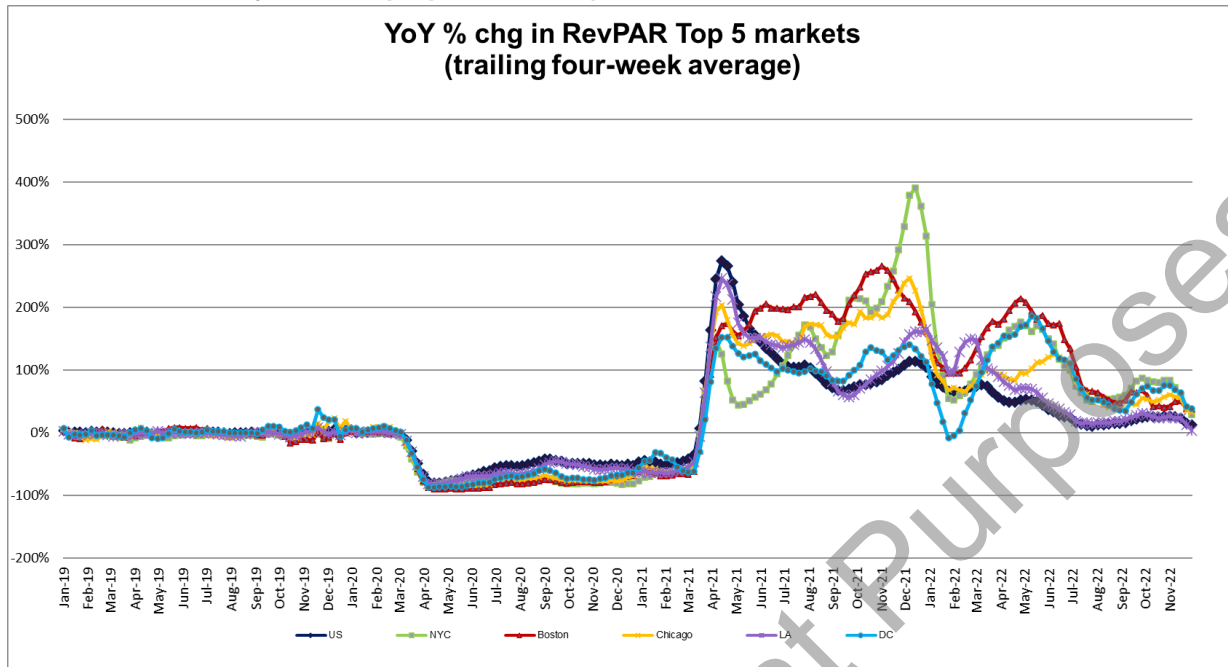
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RevPAR Trends by Chain Scale



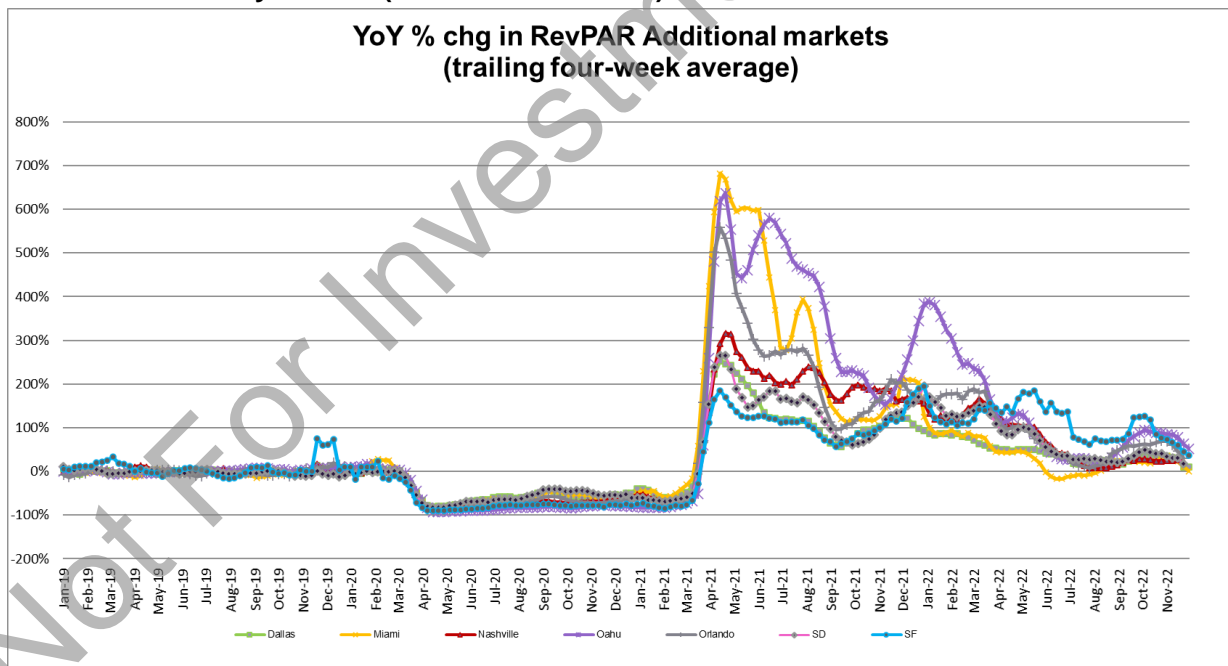
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RevPAR Trends by Market (Top 5 markets)



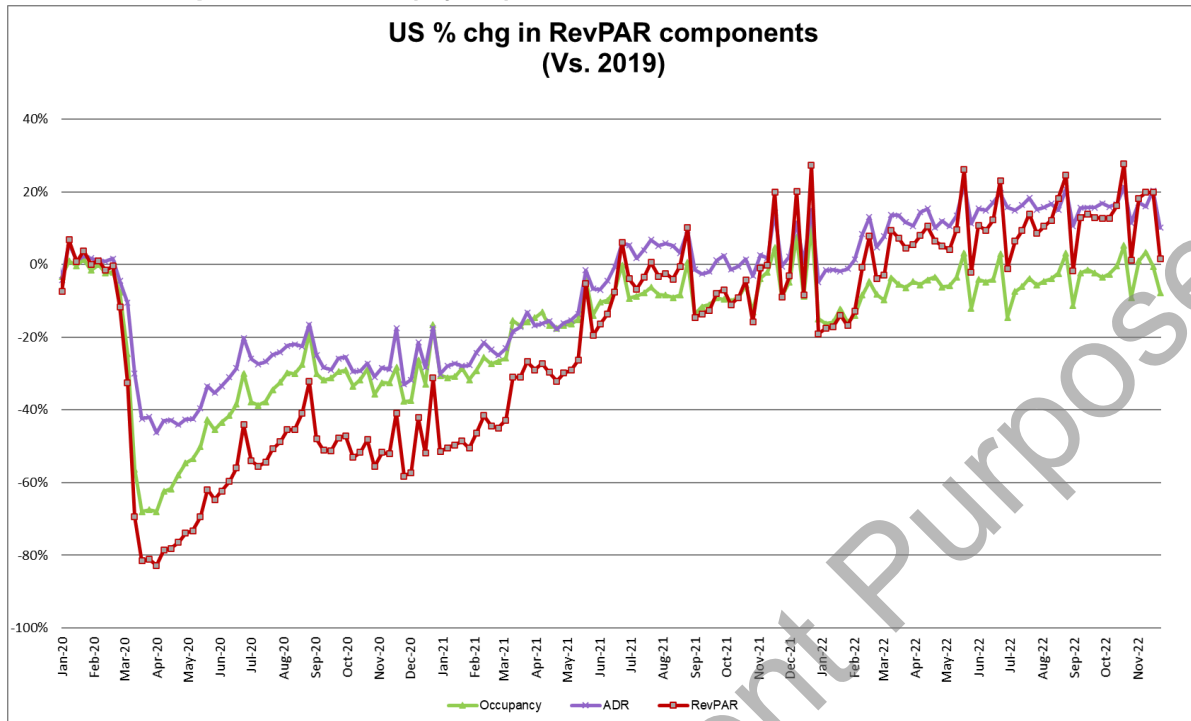
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RevPAR Trends by Market (Additional markets)



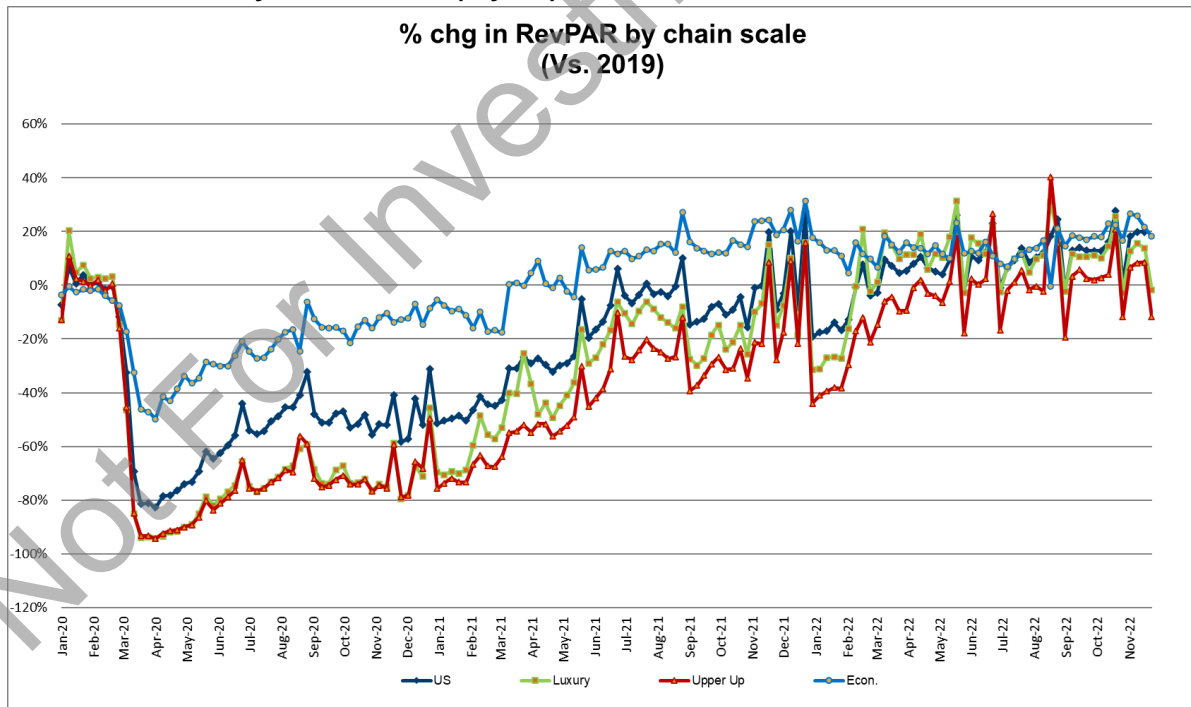
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RevPAR Component Trends (3-year)



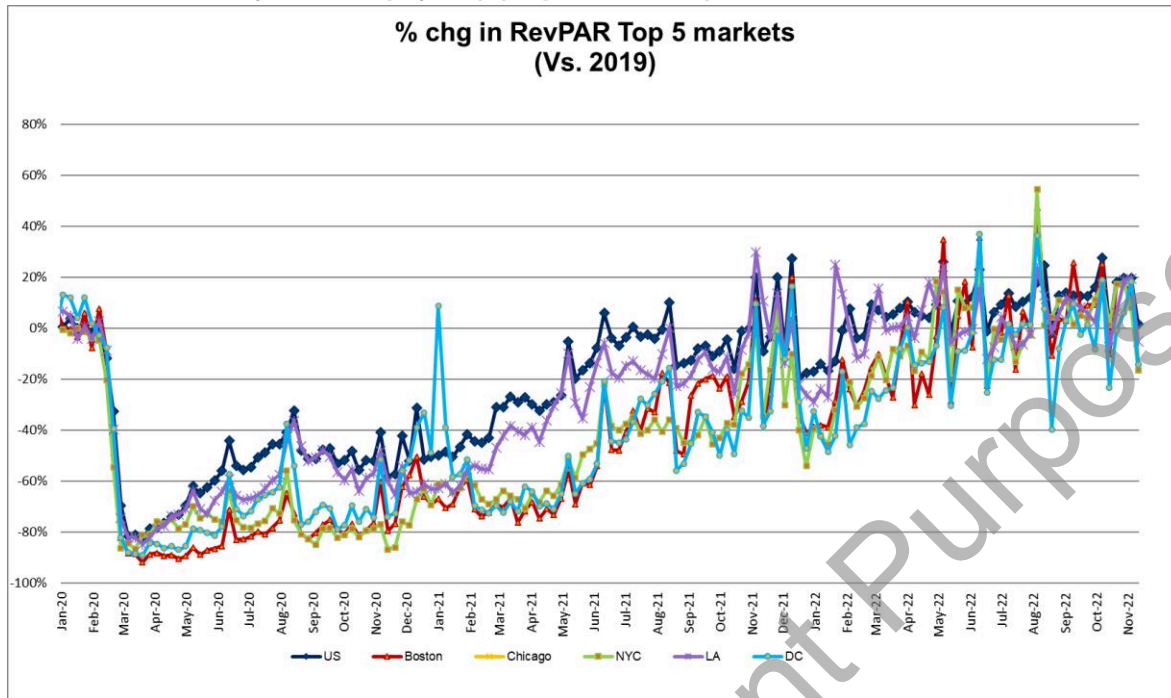
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RevPAR Trends by Chain Scale (3-year)



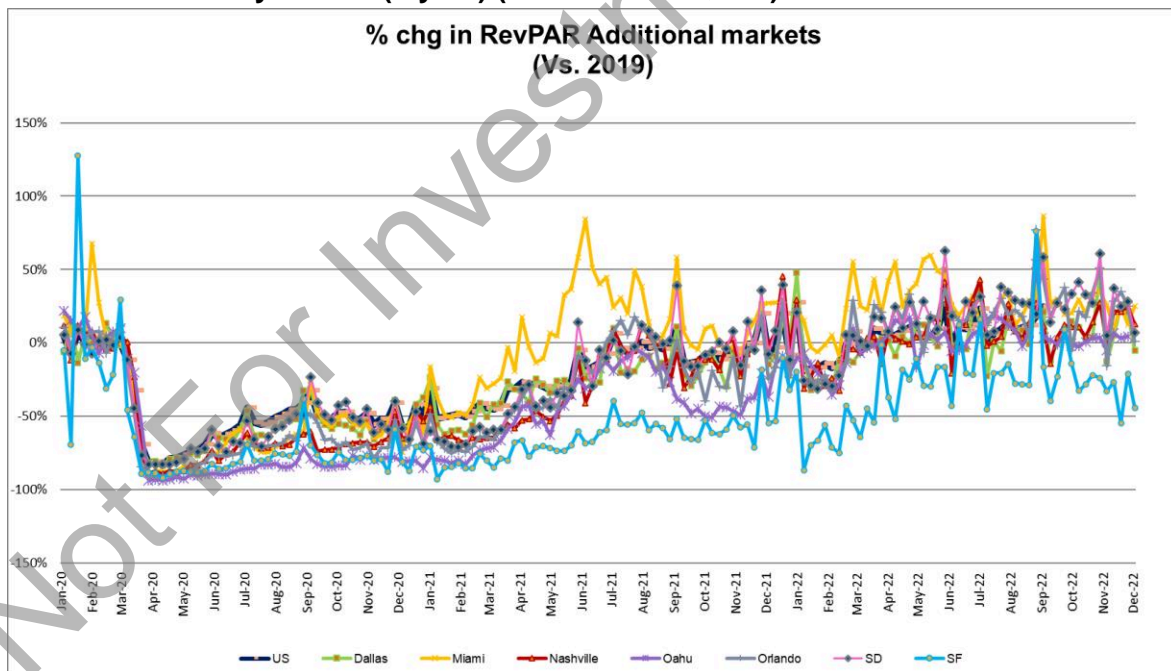
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RevPAR Trends by Market (3-year) (Top 5 markets)



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RevPAR Trends by Market (3-year) (Additional markets)



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Price Target/Risks Summary

Lodging	TKR	Price 12/20/22	Rating	PT*	% upside/ down- side	Truist Securities Valuation EBITDA excluding Stock Based Comp/Other			As Reported/Consensus/Data Aggregator "Headline" EBITDA			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.
						2021A EBITDA (\$M)**	2022E EBITDA (\$M)**	2023E EBITDA (\$M)**	2021A EBITDA (\$M)*	2022E EBITDA (\$M)*	2023E EBITDA (\$M)*		
Bluegreen Vacations	BVH	\$24.55	Buy	\$45	85%	\$122	\$135	\$131	\$122	\$135	\$131	7.7X	Downside risk: controlled company issues, limited capfloat, loan defaults, and macroeconomic risk.
Choice Hotels	CHH	\$112.40	Hold	\$120	7%	\$392	\$452	\$514	\$404	\$468	\$530	15.0X	Upside risk: conservative growth of new brands; market share gains. Downside risk: slowdown in development opportunities; market share losses.
DiamondRock Hospitality	DRH	\$8.55	Hold	\$11	29%	\$83	\$272	\$286	\$84	\$272	\$286	12.0X	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.
Hilton	HLT	\$129.49	Hold	\$147	14%	\$1,470	\$2,418	\$2,827	\$1,629	\$2,523	\$2,940	16.8X	Upside risk: Macro lodging trends improve beyond expectations. Faster than expected net unit growth. Downside risk: slowing pipeline. Deep recession.
Hilton Grand Vacations	HGV	\$39.50	Buy	\$62	57%	\$589	\$982	\$1,033	\$641	\$1,039	\$1,093	9.2X	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 bases. Upside risk: faster demand improvement in corporate/recreation travel than expected. Dispositions at higher multiple than expected, 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	\$16.91	Hold	\$21	24%	\$532	\$1,490	\$1,521	\$532	\$1,490	\$1,521	12.5X	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. Apple Leisure Group underperforms.
Hyatt Hotels	H	\$94.20	Buy	\$132	40%	\$234	\$944	\$1,096	\$284	\$1,000	\$1,157	13.8X	Upside risk: Macro lodging trends improve beyond expectations. Faster than expected net unit growth. Downside risk: slowing pipeline. Deep 2022 recession.
Marriott International	MAR	\$150.41	Hold	\$185	23%	\$1,977	\$3,483	\$3,946	\$2,278	\$3,791	\$4,267	16.8X	Downside risk: M&A story fades and multiples revert to historical levels.
Marriott Vacations	VAC	\$134.65	Buy	\$205	52%	\$606	\$930	\$978	\$657	\$969	\$1,019	10.2X	Downside risk: oxidized industry downturn with particular impact to large big box hotels, weak recovery of international travel during the valuation period especially Oahu, macro demand shock impact to major resort assets, labor issues.
Park Hotels & Resorts	PK	\$11.90	Buy	\$20	68%	\$123	\$579	\$704	\$142	\$597	\$728	12.0X	Upside Risks: Material near-term incremental EBITDA from Legacy LHO assets. Faster than expected San Francisco recovery. 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	\$14.43	Hold	\$18	25%	\$88	\$386	\$405	\$88	\$396	\$416	13.5X	Downside risk: demand shocks, hurricanes, reduced airlift, new supply, country-specific risks (emerging market portfolio)
Playa Hotels & Resorts	PLYA	\$5.99	Buy	\$11	84%	\$86	\$211	\$248	\$99	\$222	\$259	10.5X	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 materially reduced either due to increased wages/benefits or inability to cut costs post-tech improvements
RLJ Lodging Trust***	RLJ	\$10.81	Buy	\$15	39%	\$145	\$318	\$380	\$162	\$310	\$403	12.0X	Downside risk: Group demand returns slower than expected. Property-specific risks given a small portfolio.
Ryman Hospitality Properties	RHP	\$84.66	Buy	\$104	23%	\$162	\$516	\$614	\$177	\$544	\$642	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	\$9.84	Hold	\$11	12%	\$54	\$209	\$237	\$67	\$220	\$249	13.5X	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	\$243.12	Hold	\$270	11%	\$540	\$833	\$934	\$540	\$833	\$934	15.0X	Upside risks include a faster economic recovery and investors continuing to apply higher target valuation multiples.
Travel + Leisure Co.	TNL	\$35.70	Buy	\$60	67%	\$748	\$820	\$904	\$778	\$861	\$947	8.5X	Downside risk: The timeshare business is especially vulnerable to economic softness. There are potential execution risks post the spin off.
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts	WH	\$69.38	Buy	\$90	30%	\$562	\$609	\$645	\$590	\$642	\$687	15.0X	Downside risk: Slowdown in development opportunities. Weaker than expected transient trends.

*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

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.

RHP: Valuation and Risks

Our price target of \$104 for RHP is derived by applying a 13.0x target EV/EBITDA multiple to our estimate for 2023 lodging EBITDA and a 16.0x multiple to our Opry/attractions estimate. We view the multiple assignments as appropriate for the quality and unique nature of the portfolios (slight premium to REIT peer average of ~12.0-12.5x on Hospitality).

Risks to our rating and price target include: Group demand returns slower than expected. Property-specific risks given a small portfolio.

HLT: Valuation and Risks

We apply a blended multiple of 16.8x (11.5x for Owned/leased and 17.0x for Managed/franchised) to our 2023 adjusted EBITDA estimate to derive a price target of \$147. 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 \$185 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.

Companies Mentioned in This Note

Hyatt Hotels Corporation (H, \$94.20, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. (HLT, \$129.49, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)

Marriott International, Inc. (MAR, \$150.41, Hold, C. Patrick Scholes)

Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (RHP, \$84.66, Buy, C. Patrick Scholes)

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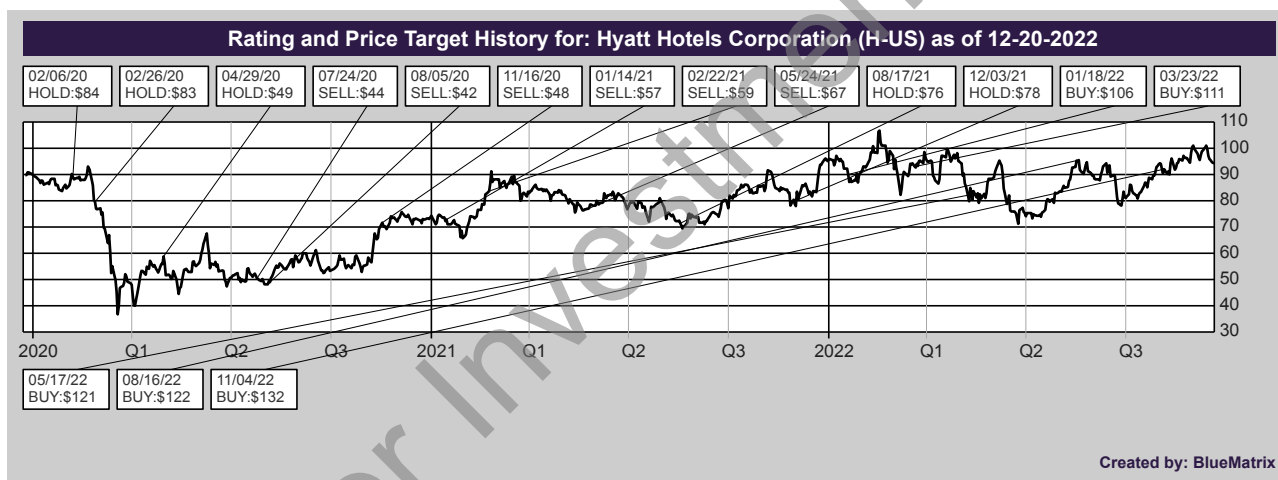
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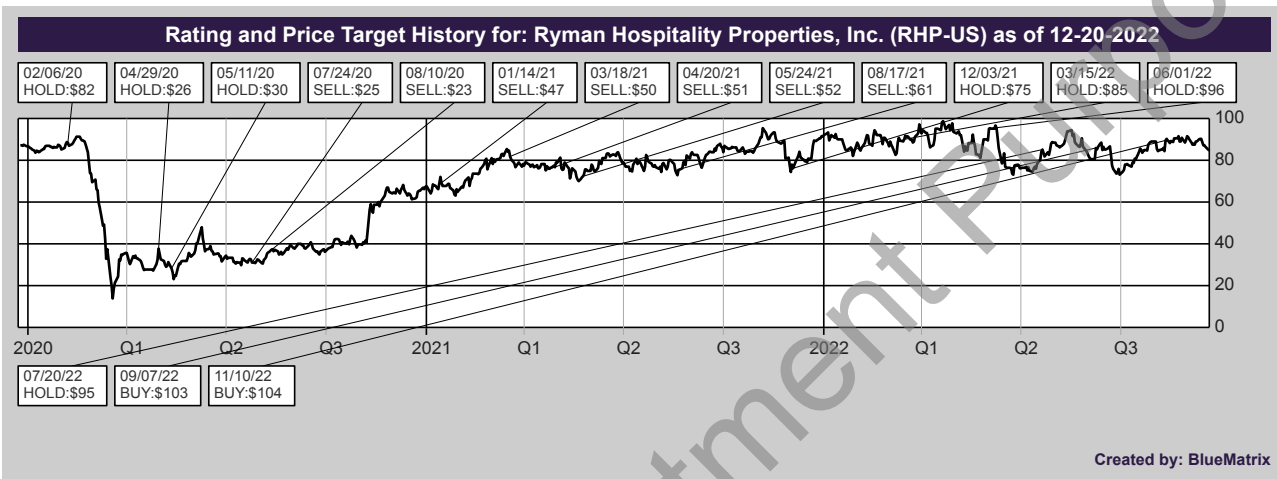
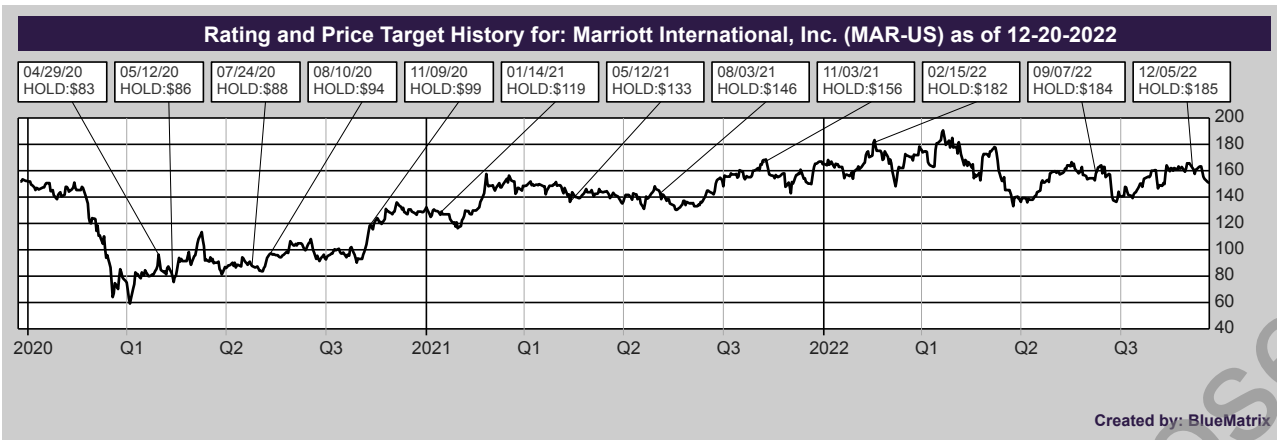
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