

#### Equity Research Report

#### **CONSUMER: Lodging**

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#### **Reasons for this report**

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



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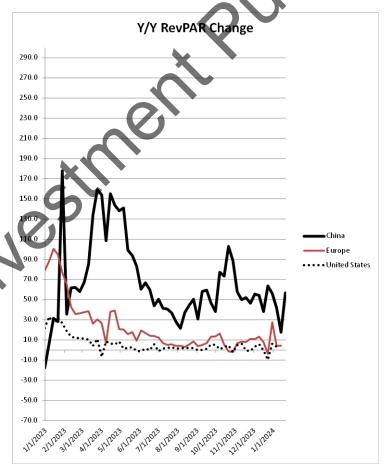
# Int'l hotels' RevPAR last week: China +56.6% y/y, Europe +4.4% y/y.

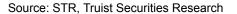
China: Per STR for the week ending January 20th, hotel RevPAR in China in local currency was +56.6% y/y vs. +17.7% y/y in the prior week. Last week's RevPAR was up against a +28.2% y/y comparable result in 2023 and vs. +31.5% in the prior week.

**Europe: RevPAR in Europe in Euros was +4.4% y/y vs. +4.1% in the prior week.** Last week's RevPAR was up against a +100.2% comparable result in 2023 and +88.2% in the prior week.

Overall U.S. RevPAR was -2.2% y/y for the week ending 1/20/2024, per STR, below the prior week's result of +3.3% and below the trailing 10-week average of +1.6%.

#### Exhibit 1: Y/Y RevPAR Change for China, Europe, US





## RevPAR detail for week ending January 20th vs. trailing 28 days (see charts at end of note for graphical representations):

China (local currency):

- RevPAR was +56.6% y/y for the week ending January 20th, **lower than** the +41.7% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was -12% y/y for the week ending January 20th, **lower than** the +2.6% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +78.0% y/y for the week ending January 20th, **higher than** the +38.2% for the trailing 28 days.

Europe (in Euros):

- RevPAR was +4.4% y/y for the week ending January 20th, lower than the +6.9% for the trailing 28 days.
- ADR was +2.5% y/y for the week ending January 20th, lower than the +5.1% for the trailing 28 days.
- Occupancy was +1.9% y/y for the week ending January 20th, higher than the +1.8% for the trailing 28 days.

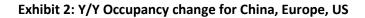
#### EBITDA and rooms exposure by region:

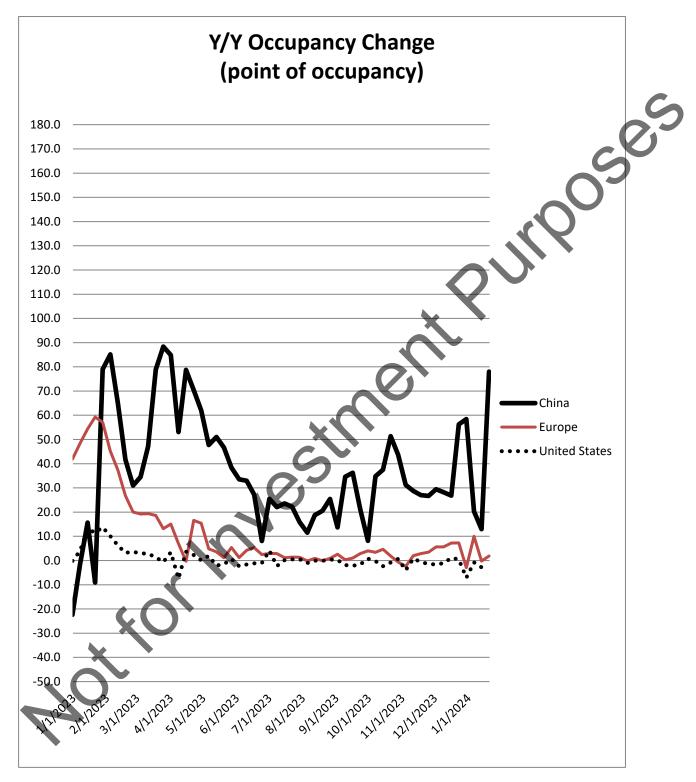
EBITDA: Hyatt (H, Buy), InterContinental (IHG, NR), and Marriott (MAR, Hold) are among the Lodging C-corps that have the greatest exposure to Europe and Asia. From Europe, MAR generates approximately 15% of EBITDA, IHG 15%, Wyndham (WH, Buy) less than 5%, H roughly 5%, and Hilton (HLT, Hold) 10% each.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

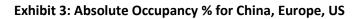
Rooms (as of 4Q22; figures may not round to 100%):

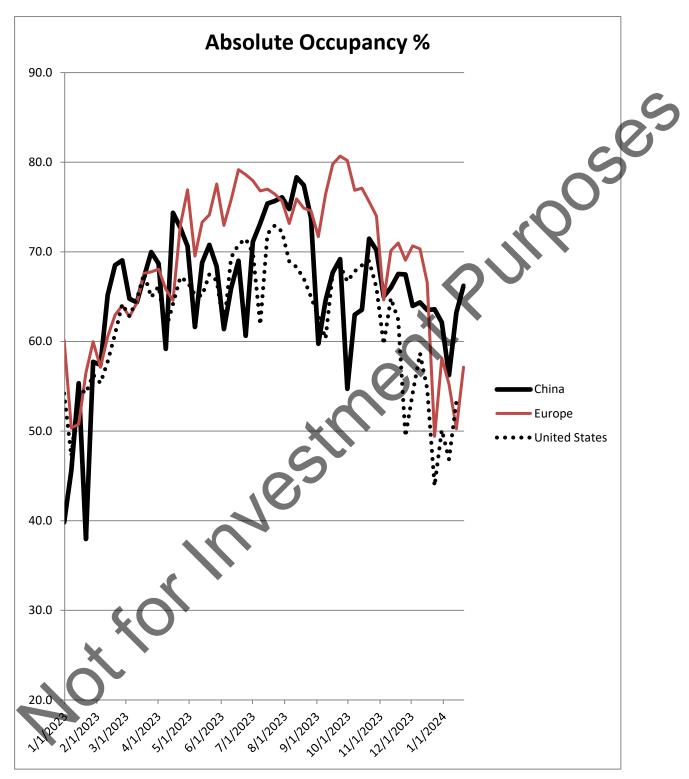
- CHH:
  - Domestic: 80%
  - Asia-Pacific: 4%
  - Europe/Middle East: 9%
  - Latin America & Canada: 7%
- H (includes owned/leased hotels):
  - Americas ex-all inclusives: 55%
  - Asia-Pacific: 19%
- thent Europe/Africa/Mid East/SW Asia ex-all inclusives: 14%
  - All-inclusives Americas: 8%
  - All-inclusives EAME/SW Asia: 4%
- HLT:
  - o US: 69%
  - Americas: 6%
  - Europe: 9%
  - Middle East/Africa: 3%
  - Asia Pacific: 13%
  - Other hotels, likely to be converted to a brand, with no geography noted: 0.3%
- IHG:
  - Americas: 57%
  - EMEAA: 25%
  - Greater China: 18%  $\cap$
- MAR (ex-timeshare): • North America: 64%
  - Europe: 9%
  - Middle East/Africa: 5% 0
  - Asia Pacific: 189 0
  - Caribbean/Latin America ("CALA"): 4% 0
- WH: •
  - o US: 59%
  - Canada: 5% 0
  - Greater China: 19% 0
  - Rest of Asia: 4% 0
  - Europe/Middle East/Africa: 9%
  - Latin America: 5%





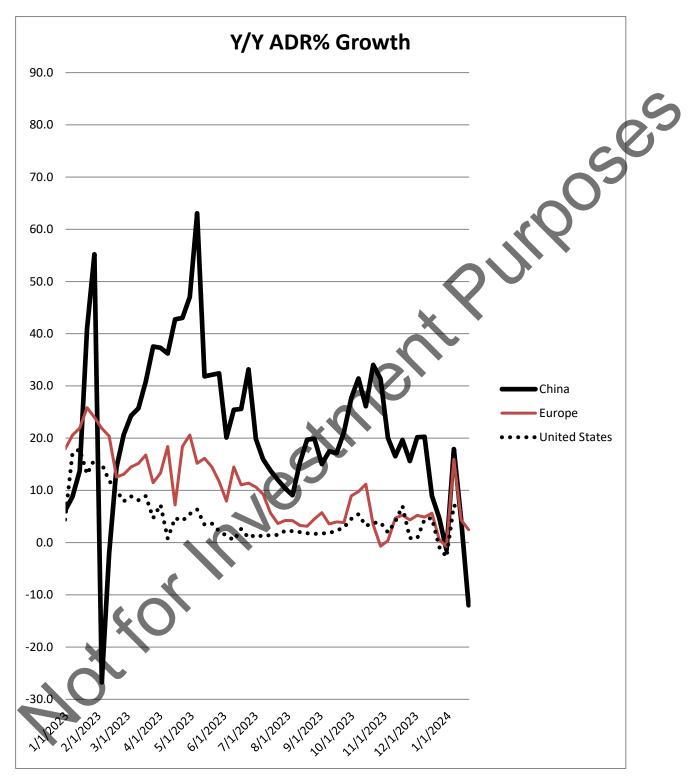
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#### **H: Valuation and Risks**

Our price target of \$143 is derived by applying a 14.2x target EV/EBITDA multiple (a blended average of the industry multiples for each business segment) to our estimate for 2024 EBITDA. Our sum-of-the-parts analysis on our 2024 segment multiple assumptions include (12.5x owned EBITDA u/c, 16x fees EBITDA u/c) and other segments/ALG (10-12x, u/c).

Risks to our rating and price target: 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.

#### **MAR: Valuation and Risks**

Our \$233 price target is based on a 16.7x blended multiple on our 2024E 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 \$94 for WH is based on a 15.0x multiple (in line with portfolio quality/RevPAR relative to peers) of our 2024 EBITDA estimate.

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

#### **CHH: Valuation and Risks**

Our price target of \$140 for CHH is derived by applying a 15.0x target EV/EBITDA multiple (slightly above industry average) to our estimate for 2024 EBITDA.

Risks to our rating and price target include: Upside risks: conservative guidance, if the economy performs better than expected. Downside risks: slowdown in development opportunities, rising construction costs, the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on the lodging industry, and newly created brands grow slower than expectations.

#### **HLT: Valuation and Risks**

We apply a blended multiple of 16.7x (11.5x for Owned/leased and 17.0x for Managed/franchised) to our 2024 adjusted EBITDA estimate to derive a price target of \$175. This multiple is above the high end of the historical range of 10x-16x which we view as appropriate based on current trading fundamentals/flight to quality consumer stocks.

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.

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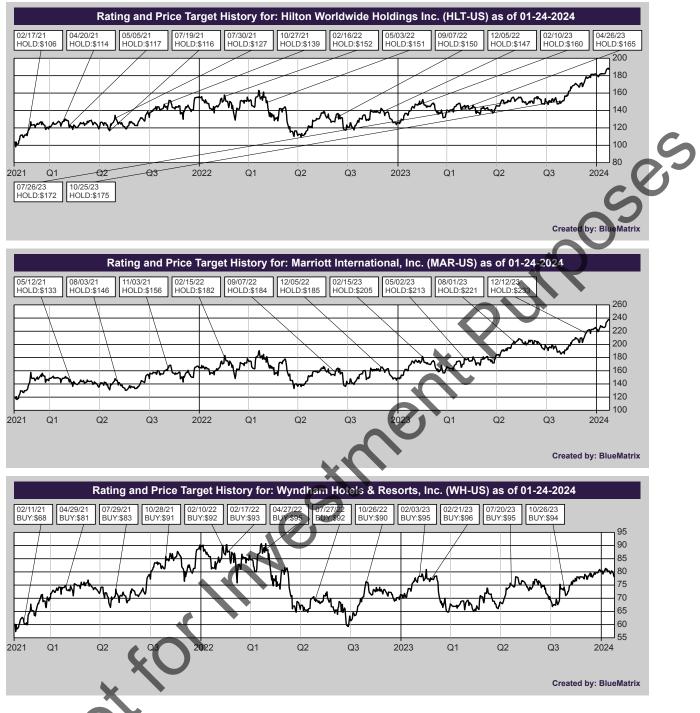
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