

# **Current and Expected Trends in Hotel Values**

Are hotels still good value?

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# An Unprecedented Downturn

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Data for Europe show substantial declines – anticipated to start improving – most European markets now open

The data excludes hotels that are closed. Given that an important number of hotels temporarily closed from March 2020, we expect the decline to be more significant than the presented in the graph.







Data Source: STR

### Demand proved resilient to previous shocks Europe Overall





Sources: Eurostat; UNWTO; STR

### RevPAR recovery averaged 6 years Europe Overall



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# Looking Ahead

### Winners and losers in the recovery



#### More Vulnerable

- Full-service hotels, dependent on group business or MICE
- Hostels with dorms
- Luxury hotels
- Gateway markets that depend on international travel
- "Fly to" markets that depend on air travel
- Airport hotels
- Independent properties
- Markets influenced by the energy sector
- > Airbnb and private rental

#### Secondary and tertiary markets ↓ hold up better & trade at a

smaller discount to 2019 values

#### **Gateway and primary markets**

more volatile, larger value declines in the near term, with greater potential for accelerated appreciation thereafter

#### Less Vulnerable

- Hotels that primarily rely on transient segments
- Markets accessible by car to recover faster than those dependent on air travel
- Suburban, small metro town properties
- Extended-stay hotels / serviced apartments with self-contained units
- Properties affiliated with strong brands
- Economy / midscale properties

### Noticeable recovery anticipated from 2021

	Historical		Forecast				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Occupancy	72%	72%	35%	61%	66%	72%	72%
Percent Change		0.3%	-52.1%	75.9%	8.3%	9.2%	0.0%
Average Rate in €	113	111	93	97	104	109	117
Percent Change		-2.1%	-16.2%	3.8%	7.8%	5.0%	7.0%
RevPAR	82	80	32	59	69	79	84
Percent Change		-1.8%	-59.8%	82.7%	16.8%	14.6%	7.0%

Source: STR (Historics) and HVS (Projections)



#### Assumptions

2020 – strong declines in both occupancy and average rate based on year-to-June actuals and monthly estimates for the rest of the year

From 2021 we project occupancy to build up first and recover by 2023, i.e. within 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years

Average rate – expected to lag behind, but we project a narrowing of the gap by 2024 (deflated to 2019 levels), i.e. 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years

Differences in recovery times between markets and individual properties are expected

# RevPAR recovery anticipated to take until 2024





**Years to Recovery** reflects time from trough year to the peak (a return to prior levels)

#### **Occupancy Forecast**

• Demand recovery expected once travel restrictions are lifted and COVID-19 virus contained

#### **Average Rate Forecast**

- Average rate similar time to recover as in previous downcycles
- We expect rate to be a key marketing tool used to stimulate certain demand
- Availability of shadow supply (e.g. Airbnb) also influences average rate recovery

# Expect the wider supply pipeline to shrink



Given the recent events, supply growth now expected to be lower, at a slower pace, than previously anticipated



Underconstruction projects may face <u>delays with</u> <u>materials/FF&E</u>, pushing back opening dates

Market conditions will likely lead to delayed openings. Some projects may be placed <u>on</u> <u>hold</u> indefinitely Financing challenges will delay construction start dates

<u>Changes in</u> <u>market conditions</u> may render proposed projects unfeasible; some projects may be <u>postponed or</u> <u>cancelled</u> Some properties may close and not re-open, resulting in negative supply growth Operating costs cut to the bone, minimize expense levels, opportunity to rethink policies, procedures and service standards from top to bottom

Limiting "touchpoints," supplemented by increased reliance on technology, supports reductions in staffing and service costs

Food and beverage service curtailed, reduced or re-engineered

New cleanliness & safety protocols produce additional operating costs but can be mitigated by other operational savings (e.g. payroll)

Retaining these savings will enhance operating leverage as demand and revenue recovers

Owners and operators reporting lower break-even occupancy levels:
e.g. 25%-35% limited-service hotels, 40%-45% full-service hotels

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Positive operating leverage and enhanced operating efficiency will support **EBITDA** recovery



### Market values reached prior peak levels in 2019...

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Timeline of the European hotel investment cycle



**Note:** Cap rates displayed as a 12-Month Average.

#### **Market Peak**

Values peaked in 2007 but began to slide following the market shock in H2 2008

#### **Market Trough**

Values bottomed out in 2009 Average value per key declined by 23% from peak to trough

#### Recovery

Values reached prior peak in 2019, reflecting a 12-year recovery

#### **Cap Rates**

Cap rates began to rise in H1 2009 and peaked in H2 2009. Cap rates began to rapidly decline once hotel performance bottomed out, as cap rates were based on depressed TTM EBITDA



# ...but have declined in 2020

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#### Loss of income

Sharp revenue declines → more significant decreases in EBITDA (possibly negative)

#### Debt

Market has pulled back from the hotel sector. Lower LTV ratios and/or higher spreads could result in higher interest rates, despite recent cuts by central banks

#### Bid-Ask gap between buyers and sellers

Currently hampering transactions but is expected to narrow with ongoing financial pressure

# Market value: willing buyer and willing seller



#### **Downward Pressure**

Unprecedented revenue and EBITDA decline

Economic recession

Longer recovery of MICE business

Uncertainty regarding return of normalised travel patterns

Potential for prolonged recovery, re-infection

Cash drain may force owners to sell

#### **Upward Pressure**

Improved business operating model

Return of positive operating leverage

Yield-hungry funds lining up capital should create competition and help to sustain values

Low cost of capital likely to continue

Some lenders will wait for values to rise before losses are recognised

# Scenario Analysis – assessing EBITDA to estimate value ranges

Model reflects potential range and degree of impact on hotel values. Impact of current conditions on an individual property depends on characteristics of the property, its market and its location



**In all scenarios**, the capital market is assumed to result in higher discount rates in 2020, diminishing as the market recovers

### Hotel values evolve for each scenario

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**Best Case** – the value decline is **5%-10%** as of 2020. EBITDA recovers to 2019 levels by 2024

Most Likely Case – the value decline is 10%-20% as of 2020. EBITDA recovers to 2019 levels by 2024

**Worst Case** – the value decline is **20%-30%** as of 2020. EBITDA recovers to 2019 levels by 2025.

For context, our HVI showed a **23%** decline in value in the last downturn



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**RevPAR levels depressed** until travel and other restrictions lifted, individuals comfortable travelling again and staying at hotels (vaccine will help)

**Occupancy recovers faster than average rate** – hotels use price to stimulate demand recovery

**Supply growth slows** – projects under construction delayed, new projects postponed or abandoned

Hotel operations suspended in the interim, to minimise EBITDA losses

**Hotel values decline** – to remain depressed until EBITDAs "hit bottom" and there is evidence of recovery

Hotel discount rates elevated in the near term – location, market and property specifics to determine the degree of elevation

Weight of capital might limit price discounting for hotel assets → most specialist hotel investors have not changed their investment strategy

**Over the longer term, values will recover** as cash flows improve and capital markets return to more traditional parameters

**Opportunity for high returns** – well-capitalised buyers to acquire hotels at prices well below replacement cost and recent norms



# Thank you!

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