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# **Forecast Change**

Price at 25 Jul 2018 (USD)	80.49
Price target	95.00
52-week range	87.69 - 60.82

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# Forward Datapoints Encouraging; Reaffirm Buy & \$95 PT

#### Despite Noise, Core Bull Case Intact; Valuation Appealing

We found HLT's call to be incrementally reassuring with management expressing confidence in both the underlying strength of the industry (bullish '19 group pace) and the Company's business model, specifically the sustainability of ~6.5% unit growth. With HLT now trading at only a thin premium to the hotel REITs, we believe undue focus on 3Q RevPAR guidance (~50bps lighter than expected) and slightly negative FX revisions present an opportunity. HLT remains a favored lodging name for us given visible embedded unit growth and a track record of consistent capital returns. We maintain our Buy and \$95 PT.

#### The Keys to the Quarter / Outlook

We view the following as the key elements of the day for HLT: 1) HLT raised 2018 RevPAR growth guidance by 50 bps at the midpoint to +3% to +4%, similar to commentary on the 1Q18 call, 2) the power of HLT's unit growth momentum continues M&F fees grew 11% on 4.0% system-wide RevPAR growth, 3) capital return guidance was raised by \$50 mm at the midpoint to \$1.8 bn to \$1.9 bn, 4) International continues to bolster results with 2Q18 international RevPAR up 5.9% y/y, 5) U.S. RevPAR is expected to be +2.5% to 3.5%, with group outperforming, followed by leisure then corporate transient, 6) the pipeline accelerated by another 7K rooms sequentially, to a record 362K rooms (+9% y/y), with over half already under construction (thus providing solid visibility) and over half in international markets, 7) HLT expects group to be up mid-single digits for full year 2018 and into 2019 with booking pace in the quarter for all future periods up in low double digits and 8) the guided 3Q18 RevPAR deceleration is primarily a function of holiday shifts (4th of July / September Jewish Holidays).

# Price Target Remains \$95; Risks

Our price target remains \$95 and is predicated on a blended multiple of 15.2x our 2019 EBITDA forecast. We value HLT's M&F fees at 15.5x and the Owned / Leased segment profits at 12.0x. We believe both multiples are appropriate based on historical multiples at this stage of the lodging cycle. We then extract capitalized 2019E unallocated SG&A and HLT's 2019E net debt to arrive at our equity value estimate. We note our share count (2019E) includes share repurchase activity. Risks include: 1) the impact from broader domestic infrastructure spend on construction costs for new builds could slow the pace of franchise development and 2) the potential inability for investors to break the mold of trading lodging based on changes in RevPAR despite the more limited reliance under the current model.

Forecasts And Ratios			
Year End Dec 31	2017A	2018E	2019E
FY EPS (USD)	2.03	2.70	3.21
OLD FY EPS (USD)	2.05	2.71	3.22
Source: Deutsche Bank estimates, company data			

1 Includes the impact of FAS123R requiring the expensing of stock options

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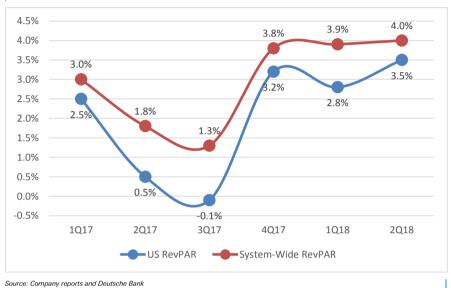
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## Our Thoughts & Management Color from the Call

RevPAR Trends and Color by Region: HLT reported 2Q18 system-wide RevPAR of 4.0% which was above our estimate and the original 2-4% guidance range. By Region, U.S. RevPAR was up a solid 3.5% y/y, the strongest quarter since 4Q15. HLT saw international strength in Asia Pacific (+7.3%), Europe (+6.3%) and the Americas ex-US (+6.5%), while Middle East & Africa was down 0.1%. Overall International RevPAR was up 5.9%.

Figure 1: HLT Quarterly System-wide & U.S. RevPAR

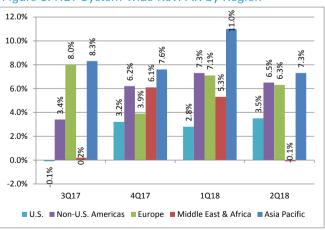


Overall RevPAR growth was primarily driven by rate (+2.3% y/y), while occupancy was up 1.7% y/y (+130 bps). Results were driven by outperformance across all three segments with management noting that leisure and corporate transient RevPAR was up 3% in the 1Q, while group was up high-single-digits y/y.

Figure 2: HLT Quarterly System-wide RevPAR 4.5% 4.0% 3.5% 3.0% 2.5% 8% 2.0% 3% 1.5% 1.0% 0.5% 0.0% 1018 2018 1017 2017 3017 4017 2017

■ Systemwide RevPAR





Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

 U.S. system-wide RevPAR increased 3.5% as both rate (+2.3%) and occupancy (+1.1%) contributed. RevPAR was led by strong group demand, specifically in the company meeting and convention segments, better than expected luxury and resorts demand, and

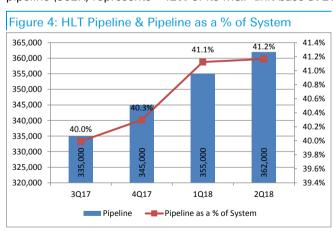


international inbound traffic, for which revenue was up  $\sim\!8\%$  y/y. HLT expects 2018 U.S. RevPAR growth to be 2.5% to 3.5%, versus prior commentary, which called for "the lower half" of the prior 2% to 4% system-wide guidance.

- Europe RevPAR growth was strong about 100 bps above mgt. expectations at 6.3%, fueled by rate (+3.7%) and occupancy (+2.0%). Growth was driven by strength in Turkey and increased demand in Russia driven by the World Cup. Mgt. expects 2018 RevPAR growth in the region to be up mid-single digits in-line with the 1Q outlook.
- The Asia-Pacific region was also strong as RevPAR rose 7.3%, primarily by occupancy up 3.8% and rates up 1.7%. Performance was driven by strong leisure demand across resort properties. RevPAR in greater China was up more than 11% in the quarter (occupancy +8%) Mgt. expects 2018 RevPAR growth in the region to be up high-single digits with RevPAR growth in China up 12% to 13% up from 10% to 11% last quarter.
- RevPAR for the Middle East and Africa region was down 0.1% as 3.8% of occupancy growth was offset by a 5.3% decline in rate. Mgt. noted softening leisure and group demand in U.A.E. offset impriving trens in Egypt. HLT expects 2018 RevPAR for the region to be in-line with system-wide RevPAR guidance.

**Sequential Expansion of the Pipeline a Key, in Our View:** At 2Q18 end, HLT's development pipeline stood at 362K rooms (+9% y/y), representing an increase of 3% in the U.S. pipeline and 15% internationally. On a sequential basis the pipeline expanded ~2% following ~3% in the 1Q18 and 4Q17 and ~1% in the 3Q17. Sequentially net unit growth in the 2Q18 was up 15,800 rooms (+18% y/y) on top of the 7,100 rooms (+6.3% y/y) in the 1Q18, 18,400 units in 4Q17, and ~11,900 units in the 3Q17. That said, HLT signed up 28,800 rooms for development in the 2Q18 in addition to the 25,700 in the 1Q18, 31,000 signed up in 4Q17 and 23,400 rooms signed up in 3Q17.

Importantly, about 54% of the pipeline ( $\sim$ 194K rooms) is located outside the U.S. and  $\sim$ 52% ( $\sim$ 186K rooms) is under construction. HLT's development pipeline (362K) represents  $\sim$ 42% of its M&F unit base at 2Q18 end.



185,000 51.5% 51.0% 180.000 51.0% 175,000 50.5% 170,000 171,000 50.0% 165.000 160.000 49.5% 3Q17 2Q18 4017 1018

51.8%

Construction as a % of Pipeline

52.0%

Figure 5: HLT Under Construction Pipeline

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

Under Construction

190.000

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank



Figure 6: HLT Pipeline by Geography

		% of Existing	
	% of Existing	Rooms Under	As a Multiple of
	Supply	Construction*	Existing Base
U.S.	12%	25%	2.1x
Americas Ex U.S.	3%	15%	5.0x
Europe	2%	13%	6.5x
Middle East and Africa	3%	17%	5.7x
Asia Pacific	1%	22%	22.0x

Source: Investor Presentation

\* As of May. 2018

Source: HLT investor Presentation February, 2018 and Deutsche Bank

Figure 7: Net Unit Growth from Development Activity



Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

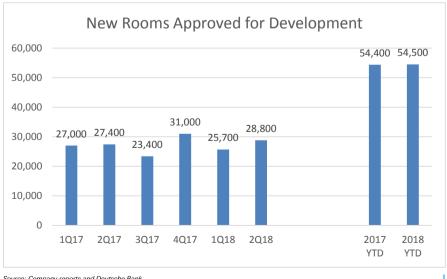
Figure 8: Net Unit Growth from Conversion Activity



Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

Importantly, development activity has accelerated, led by conversions (+60% y/y) and an uptick in signings in in EMEA (+40% y/y). AT present, HLT expects new signings in 2018 to outpace the record breaking 2017 result (108,800), Through the 1H18, HLT has signed up 54,500 new rooms for development, up 20 bps y/y. Management expects 2018 signings to eclipse 110K, implying the 2H pace should be up at least 2% y/y.

Figure 9: Quarterly Development Signings



Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank



Share Repurchase: HLT repurchased 18.5 mm shares in 2018 for \$1.3 bn including 16.5 mm shares from HNA in April for \$1.17 bn. Total share repurchases in 2018 to date sum to 19.8 mm shares for ~\$1.4 bn, or ~6.1% of the 4017 diluted shares outstanding. The average implied share price is ~\$71.21 per share or a ~13% discount from current price. FY18 capital return guidance was raised to \$1.8 bn to \$1.9 bn, from \$1.7 bn to \$1.9 bn previously. Our model currently contemplates \$1.699 bn of buybacks in 2018 and \$1.320 bn in 2019.

As evidenced in Figure 10, every 100 bps change in RevPAR alters free cash flow by  $\sim$ 1.5%, or  $\sim$ \$19 mm on an annual basis.

Figure 10: Free Cash Flow Sensitivity to RevPAR Changes (\$ in MM)

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-300 bps	-200 bps	-100 bps	DB 2019E	+100 bps	+200 bps	+300 bps
-0.2%	0.8%	1.8%	2.8%	3.8%	4.8%	5.8%
(300)	(200)	(100)	0	100	200	300
\$2,192	\$2,217	\$2,242	\$2,262	\$2,282	\$2,307	\$2,332
-3.1%	-2.0%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	2.0%	3.1%
\$449	\$455	\$460	\$464	\$468	\$473	\$478
\$325	\$324	\$324	\$323	\$323	\$322	\$321
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,218	\$1,238	\$1,259	\$1,275	\$1,292	\$1,312	\$1,333
-4.5%	-2.9%	-1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	2.9%	4.5%
(\$3.69)	(\$2.37)	(\$1.05)	\$0.00	\$1.05	\$2.37	\$3.69
-3.9%	-2.5%	-1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	2.5%	3.9%
(\$4.27)	(\$2.74)	(\$1.22)	\$0.00	\$1.22	\$2.74	\$4.27
-4.5%	-2.9%	-1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	2.9%	4.5%
3.2x	3.2x	3.1x	3.1x	3.1x	3.1x	3.0x
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Thus, assuming HLT seeks leverage of 3.0-3.5x net debt to EBITDA, and we assume 3.25x for analysis purposes here, we believe an incremental ~\$340 mm of buyback potential, relative to our \$1.320 bn modeled buyback, exists in 2019.

Figure 11: Buyback Potential

	2016	2017	2018E	2019E
Gross Free Cash Flow	\$433	\$860	\$1,180	\$1,275
Plus Leverage on Incremental EBITDA	\$267	\$471	\$595	\$556
Capital for Shareholder Returns	\$700	\$1,331	\$1,775	\$1,831
Less Dividends	\$0	\$195	\$182	\$173
Capital Available for Buybacks	\$700	\$1,136	\$1,594	\$1,658
DB Modeled Buybacks		\$891	\$1,699	\$1,320
Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank				

Lastly, we see buybacks as accretive to EPS well beyond our \$95 PT, noting that every \$500 mm of incremental buyback activity between \$89 and \$101 per share equates to ~\$0.03 per share in annual earnings.



Figure 12: HLT Share Repurchase Sensitivity

					Scenarios			
	2019EBase Case	Assume	es \$500 mm in	Incremental S	Share Repurc	nases at Vario	us Share Pric	e Levels
Assumed Share Price		\$89	\$91	\$93	\$95	\$97	\$99	\$101
Shares Repurchased		5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0
Less Interest Expense Revolver Interest Rate		\$15.0 3.00%	\$15.0 3.00%	\$15.0 3.00%	\$15.0 3.00%	\$15.0 3.00%	\$15.0 3.00%	\$15.0 3.00%
Tax Rate Impact to Net Income		30.0% \$10.5	30.0% \$10.5	30.0% \$10.5	30.0% \$10.5	30.0% \$10.5	30.0% \$10.5	30.0% \$10.5
Net Income	\$928.5	\$918.0	\$918.0	\$918.0	\$918.0	\$918.0	\$918.0	\$918.0
Diluted Share Count	289.3	283.7	283.8	283.9	284.0	284.1	284.2	284.3
EPS	\$3.21	\$3.24	\$3.23	\$3.23	\$3.23	\$3.23	\$3.23	\$3.23
\$ Accretion (Dilution) % Accretion(Dilution)		\$0.03 0.8%	\$0.03 0.8%	<b>\$0.02</b> 0.7%	<b>\$0.02</b> 0.7%	<b>\$0.02</b> 0.7%	\$0.02 0.6%	\$0.02 0.6%

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

#### 2Q18 Conference Call Highlights:

- Mgt. feels good about fundamentals driven by positive setup of supply and demand feeling confident this year and next year. Think demand growing at decent pace around the world with the US still benefiting post tax reform with a lot of cash going back into the system and corporate profitability still growing. HLT expects supply to peak this year at ~2%.
- In 2Q Leisure and corporate transient RevPAR were both up ~3% and group outpaced expectations up high-single digits in the quarter.
- For 2H18 and FY18 mgt. ultimately sees group outperforming all segments followed by leisure transient then corporate transient.
- HLT expects group to be up mid-single digits for full year and into 2019 and booking pace in the quarter for all future periods is up in low double digits.
- 3Q RevPAR sequential deceleration is entirely the result of holiday shifts with Fourth of July falling on a Wednesday, which is the worst possible day to fall on for RevPAR growth according to mgt. and Jewish holidays falling on weekdays this year.
- Mgt. is comfortable in the 6% to 7% unit growth over the next two years. Signings for FY18 are on track for ~110k rooms, slightly up from 2017 and prior expectations. US will be relatively flat with Europe and Middle East and Africa regions total signings are on pace to be up ~40% y/y.
- Hilton Honors program is now ~78 mm members (+4 mm q/q). Honors share of occupancy in the quarter increased 120 bps to 60%.
- Increase in G&A by ~\$17.5 mm at the midpoint is due to 1) impact of new pension account moves some benefit out and into other below the line items 2,) some FX impact and 3) a little bit of stock compensation.



# 2018 Results Recap

HLT's 2Q results came in at the high end of RevPAR guidance (S-W +4.0%) and adjusted EBITDA came in at \$555 mm, ahead of our \$546 mm forecast, FactSet consensus of \$548 mm, and guidance of \$530-\$550 mm. The EBITDA beat stemmed from the high end of RevPAR guidance, better than forecast license fees, and some timing elements.

Adjusted EPS of \$0.70 was in line with our estimate/Consensus and met the high end of guidance of \$0.66-\$0.70.

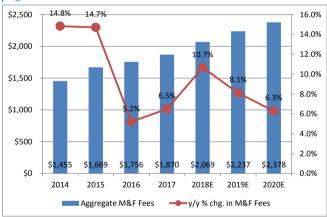
HLT increased its 2018 return of capital guidance by \$50 mm at the midpoint, to a range of \$1.8-\$1.9 bn. Recall, HLT repurchased \$1.3 bn of stock in the 2Q, primarily from HNA and Blackstone.

HLT's 2Q18 S-W RevPAR growth was +4.0% in CC and guidance called for +3-4%. HLT's franchise fees rose 14%, to \$404 mm, \$3 mm ahead of our forecast. Base management fees of \$84 mm were +4% y/y (+\$4 mm relative to our forecast), while incentive management fees rose 4% to \$59 mm (+\$3 mm vs. our forecast).

Overall, M&F fee growth was up 11% y/y, relative to the +7-9% guidance for the 2Q18. Overall unit growth (net) was up 6.5% y/y, with managed and franchised rooms up 6.8% y/y.

Comparable RevPAR in CC was +3.5% in the U.S., +6.5% in the Americas (ex-U.S.), +6.3% in Europe, +7.3% in Asia-Pacific, and -0.1% in the ME&A.

Figure 13: Annual M&F Fees & Y/Y Growth



Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

Figure 14: Annual Franchise Fees & Y/Y Growth



Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank







Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

Figure 16: Annual Base Management Fees & Y/Y Growth



Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

Figure 17: 2Q 2018 Versus 2Q 2017 and Our Forecasts

(\$MM, except per share data)	HLT A	Actuals			DB Est	imates
	2Q18	2Q17	+/-	yoy % chg.	2Q18E	+/-
Hotel Operating Results						
M&F Systemwide RevPAR	4.0%	1.8%	220		3.6%	38
Unit Growth	6.5%	6.4%	6		6.3%	19
Net Revenue						
Owned, Leased, & Joint Venture Hotels	\$392	\$373	\$19	5.1%	\$379	\$13
Other	\$22	\$20	\$2	10.0%	\$22	\$0
Core Base Fees	\$84	\$81	\$3	3.7%	\$80	\$4
Incentive Fees	\$59	\$57	\$2	3.5%	\$56	\$3
Franchise Fees	\$404	\$355	\$49	13.8%	\$401	\$3
Management, Franchise, & Other	\$547	\$493	\$54	11.0%	\$537	\$10
Total Revenue	\$961	\$886	\$75	8.5%	\$939	\$22
O&L Adjusted EBITDA	\$46	\$52	(\$7)	-12.5%	\$51	(\$6)
O&L Adjusted EBITDA Margin	11.6%	13.9%	(233)		13.5%	(193)
Managed and Franchised Fees	\$547	\$493	\$54	11.0%	\$537	\$10
Corporate Expense / Other	\$38	\$41	(\$4)	-8.5%	\$42	(\$5)
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$555	\$504	\$51	10.1%	\$546	<b>\$9</b>
D&A and Other	(\$67)	(\$95)	\$29	-30.0%	(\$81)	(\$15)
Operating Income	\$406	\$324	\$82	25.2%	\$400	\$5
Interest Income	\$1	\$2	(\$1)	-37.3%	\$1	(\$0)
Interest Expense	(\$95)	(\$86)	(\$9)	10.5%	(\$98)	(\$3)
Equity in Earnings from Unconsolidated Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0	NM	\$0	\$0
Other	(\$13)	\$12	(\$25)	NM	\$0	(\$13)
Pre-tax Income	\$298	\$250	\$48	19.2%	\$302	(\$4)
Income Tax Expense	(\$81)	(\$99)	\$18	-17.7%	(\$91)	(\$9)
Net Income	\$217	\$151	\$66	43.4%	\$212	\$5
Non Controlling Interests	\$0	(\$1)	\$1	-100.0%	(\$1)	(\$1)
Net Income to Hilton	\$217	\$150	\$66	44.1%	\$211	\$6
GAAP EPS	\$0.71	\$0.46	\$0.26	56.5%	\$0.70	\$0.02
Adjusted EPS	\$0.70	\$0.51	\$0.18	35.1%	\$0.70	(\$0.00
Diluted Shares Outstanding	302.9	329.0	(26.1)		301.1	1.8
Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank estimates						



#### 3Q18 & 2018 Guidance Update

FY18 adj. EBITDA guidance reflecting the application of the new revenue recognition standards was increased to \$2,070 to \$2,100 bn, from \$2.060 to \$2.100 bn previously, or a growth rate of approximately 8.0% to 10.0%. The guidance is up \$5 mm from the prior guidance midpoint, inclusive of the \$15 mm beat in the 2Q18, relative to the midpoint, adjusted for a \$10 mm headwind relative to prior FX guidance. We would also note that G&A guidance is up ~\$18 mm from the prior midpoint and we believe this relates to some non-cash pension accounting items.

The FY18 adj. EPS guidance range is now \$2.64-\$2.71 from \$2.62-\$2.71 vs our forecast of \$2.70. EPS does not incorporate incremental share repurchases, though our forecasts assume share repurchase activity.

FY18 RevPAR guidance was raised by 50 bps to +3-4% from +2-4%, Net unit growth was also maintained at 6.5% and M/F fees guidance was also maintained at 9.0-11.0%.

HLT's 3Q18 adjusted EPS guidance is \$0.71-\$0.76 and adjusted EBITDA quidance is \$540-\$560 mm.

3Q18 guidance assumes +2.5-3.0% system-wide RevPAR growth (ex-FX). The 3Q18 RevPAR guidance of 2.5-3.5% is likely a touch lower than expectations. We believe this relates to; 1) tougher comparisons in Europe where RevPAR was +8.0% in 3Q17, 2) the timing of July 4th (Wednesday), and 3) the Jewish holidays falling in the mid-week over two weeks in September. We expect August to be the best month of the 3Q18.

Figure 18: Deutsche Bank Versus Guidance (\$ in MM except per share data)

			DB 3Q18								DB 2018	DB 2019	
	3Q18 Guidanc	e as of 7/25/18	Estimates	2018 Guidance	e as of 2/14/18	2018 Guidane	e as of 4/26/18	201	8 Guidance as of		Estimates	Estimates	
										Delta Vs.			
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		lance			lance		ance	Guid		Midpoint			1
	Low	High		Low	High	Low	High	Low	High				
System-wide RevPAR	2.5%	3.0%	2.8%	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	4.0%	3.0%	4.0%	50 bps	3.4%	2.8%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$540	\$560	\$555	\$2,030	\$2,080	\$2,060	\$2,100	\$2,070	\$2,100	\$5	\$2,091	\$2,262	
M&F Fees	8.0%	10.0%	9.6%	8.0%	10.0%	9.0%	11.0%	9.0%	11.0%	00 bps	10.7%	8.1%	
Diluted EPS from Cont. Ops	\$0.71	\$0.76	\$0.75	\$2.49	\$2.60	\$2.57	\$2.66	\$2.61	\$2.68	\$0.03	\$2.68	\$3.21	
Diluted EPS Adjusted for Special Items	\$0.71	\$0.76	\$0.75	\$2.49	\$2.60	\$2.62	\$2.71	\$2.64	\$2.71	\$0.01	\$2.70	\$3.21	
Net Unit Growth				~6.	5%	~6.	5%	~6.	5%		6.5%	6.6%	

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank estimates



# **Summary of Our Estimate Changes**

In Figure 19 we show a summary of our estimate changes post 2Q18 results. Our 2018 adjusted EBITDA goes to \$2,091 mm from \$2,087 mm and our 2019 adjusted EBITDA goes to \$2,262 mm from \$2,253 mm. Our 2018 and 2019 EPS forecasts are \$2.70 and \$3.21, flat versus prior forecasts, respectively. See Figure 19 for a summary of our revisions.

Figure 19: Summary of Estimate Changes

\$ in MM except per share data		3Q18E			2018E				2019E			2020E	
	Current	Prior	Delta	Current	Prior	Delta	Cı	urrent	Prior	Delta	Current	Prior	Delta
M&F Systemwide RevPAR	2.8%	3.6%	(83)	3.4%	3.8%	(40)	2	2.8%	2.8%	o	2.1%	2.1%	(1)
M&F Unit Growth	6.7%	6.7%	7	6.5%	6.4%	7	6	6.6%	6.6%	(0)	5.6%	5.6%	(0)
Revenue													
Owned, Leased, & Joint Venture Hotels	\$385	\$393	(\$8)	\$1,495	\$1,496	(\$1)	s	1,533	\$1,548	(\$16)	\$1,563	\$1,586	(\$24)
Management, Franchise, & Other	\$546	\$551	(\$6)	\$2,069	\$2,066	\$3	S	2,237	\$2,234	\$3	\$2,378	\$2,367	\$11
Other	\$23	\$23	\$0	\$98	\$98	\$0	5	\$103	\$103	\$0	\$108	\$108	\$0
Total Revenue	\$954	\$967	(\$13)	\$3,662	\$3,660	\$2	\$3	3,872	\$3,885	(\$13)	\$4,048	\$4,061	(\$12)
O&L Adjusted EBITDA O&L Adjusted EBITDA Margin	\$48 12.5%	\$51 12.9%	(\$3)	\$168 11.2%	\$171 11.4%	(\$3)		\$176 1.5%	\$174 11.2%	\$2	\$179 11.4%	\$177 11.2%	\$1
Managed and Franchised Fees	\$546	\$551	(\$6)	\$2,069	\$2,066	\$3	\$3	2,237	\$2,234	\$3	\$2,378	\$2,367	\$11
Corporate Expense / Other	\$39	\$38	\$1	\$146	\$150	(\$4)	5	\$150	\$155	(\$4)	\$155	\$159	(\$4)
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$555	\$564	(\$9)	\$2,091	\$2,087	\$4	_	2,262	\$2,253	<b>\$9</b>	\$2,401	\$2,385	\$17
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	58.2%	58.3%	(13)	57.1%	57.0%	8	5	8.4%	58.0%	43	59.3%	58.7%	59
D&A / Other	(\$81)	(\$82)	\$1	(\$312)	(\$326)	\$15	(	(\$316)	(\$314)	(\$2)	(\$316)	(\$314)	(\$2)
Operating Income	\$415	\$426	(\$11)	\$1,525	\$1,525	(\$0)	\$1	1,726	\$1,719	\$7	\$1,865	\$1,851	\$15
Equity in Earnings from Unconsolidated Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$2	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$0
Interest Expense, Net	\$96	\$98	(\$2)	\$370	\$374	(\$4)	5	\$393	\$392	\$1	\$396	\$396	(\$0)
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$13)	\$0	(\$13)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income Tax Expense	\$92	\$98	(\$6)	\$319	\$335	(\$16)	5	\$400	\$397	\$2	\$441	\$436	\$5
Net Income	\$226	\$229	(\$3)	\$819	\$810	\$9	\$	\$932	\$927	\$5	\$1,029	\$1,018	\$11
Non Controlling Interests	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$4)	(\$4)	\$0		(\$4)	(\$4)	\$0	(\$4)	(\$4)	\$0
Net Income to Hilton	\$225	\$229	(\$4)	\$815	\$806	\$9	\$	\$928	\$923	\$5	\$1,025	\$1,014	\$11
Diluted Shares Outstanding	301.2	299.3	2.0	305.7	304.2	1.5	2	289.3	287.4	1.9	274.9	273.3	1.6
GAAP EPS	\$0.75	\$0.76	(\$0.02)	\$2.68	\$2.66	\$0.01	\$	33.21	\$3.22	(\$0.00)	\$3.73	\$3.71	\$0.02
Adjusted EPS	\$0.75	\$0.76	(\$0.02)	\$2.70	\$2.71	(\$0.01)	\$	3.21	\$3.22	(\$0.00)	\$3.73	\$3.71	\$0.02

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank



### Valuation

At current levels, HLT trades at multiples of 15.0x our 2018 EBITDA estimate and 13.4x our 2019 EBITDA estimate. On a free cash flow basis, HLT trades at a 4.8% yield on our 2018 gross free cash flow estimate and a 5.5% yield on our 2019 gross free cash flow estimate. See Figure 20 for a detailed valuation summary.

Figure 20: Hilton Valuation Summary

July 25, 2018

EV/EBITDA Multiples		PE Multiples		FCF Yields / M
Share Price	\$80.49	Share Price	\$80.49	Share Price
Shares Outstanding 2017	326.8	2017 EPS	\$2.03	2017 Free Cash
Shares Outstanding 2018E	305.7	2018E EPS	\$2.70	2018E Free Cas
Shares Outstanding 2019E	289.3	2019E EPS	\$3.21	2019E Free Cas
Shares Outstanding 2020E	274.9	2020E EPS	\$3.73	2020E Free Cas
2017 Market Cap (\$ in MM)	\$26,300	2017 PE	39.7x	2017 FCF per
2018E Market Cap (\$ in MM)	\$24,604	2018EPE	29.8x	2018EFCF per
2019E Market Cap (\$ in MM)	\$23,286	2019EPE	25.0x	2019EFCF per
2020E Market Cap (\$ in MM)	\$22,124	2020EPE	21.6x	2020EFCF per
2017 Net Debt	\$5,932			2017 FCF Yiel
2018E Net Debt	\$6,838			2018EFCF Yie
2019E Net Debt	\$7,055			2019EFCF Yie
2020E Net Debt	\$7,159			2020EFCF Yie
2017 EV	\$32,232			
2018E EV	\$31,442			
2019E EV	\$30,341			
2020E EV	\$29,283			
2017 EBITDA	\$1,908			
2018E EBITDA	\$2,091			
2019E EBITDA	\$2,262			
2020E EBITDA	\$2,401			
2017 EV/EBITDA	16.9x			
2018E EV/EBITDA	15.0x			
2019E EV/EBITDA	13.4x			
2020E EV/EBITDA	12.2x			

FCF Yields / Multiples	
Share Price	\$80.49
2017 Free Cash Flow per Share	\$2.63
2018E Free Cash Flow per Share	\$3.86
2019E Free Cash Flow per Share	\$4.41
2020E Free Cash Flow per Share	\$5.02
2017 FCF per Share	30.6x
2018EFCF per Share	20.8x
2019EFCF per Share	18.3x
2020EFCF per Share	16.0x
2017 FCF Yield	3.3%
2018EFCF Yield	4.8%
2019EFCF Yield	5.5%
2020EFCF Yield	6.2%

Source: Deutsche Bank and Company Reports



## Price Target Analysis and Risks

Our \$95 PT is on a blended multiple of 15.2x our 2019 EBITDA forecast. We value HLT's M&F fees at 15.5x and the Owned / Leased segment profits at 12.0x. We believe both multiples are appropriately based on historical multiples at this stage of the lodging cycle. We then extract capitalized 2019E unallocated SG&A and HLT's 2019E net debt to arrive at our equity value expectation. We note that our share count (2019E) includes share repurchase activity.

Risks to our estimates and target price include: 1) infrastructure spend impact on construction costs for new builds could slow development and force HLT to be more reliant on conversions, 2) an inability for investors to break the mold of trading lodging based on changes in RevPAR despite the more limited reliance on RevPAR under the current model, and 3) international inbound travel softness stemming from the USD strength.

Figure 21: Price Target Analysis (\$ in MM, except per share data)

 HLT
 7/25/2018

 Current Price
 \$80.49

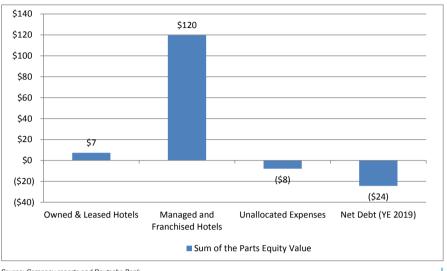
 Shares Outstanding
 301.2

 Market Cap (\$ in MM)
 \$24,247.2

Segment	2019E EBITDA	Price Target Multiple	Enterprise Value
Owned and Leased	\$176	12.0 x	\$2,108
Managed and Franchised Fees	\$2,237	15.5 x	\$34,672
Segment Operating EBITDA	\$2,413	15.2	\$36,780
Unallocated Expenses	\$150	15.2 x	\$2,294
Total	\$2,262	15.2	\$34,486
Less Net Debt (YE 2019E)			\$7,055
Equity Value			\$27,431
Shares Outstanding (YE 2019E)			289
Price Target			\$95
Upside/Downside to Target			17.8%
2019E Free Cash Flow per Share			\$4.41
Implied FCF Multiple			21.5x
2019E Recurring EPS			\$3.21
Implied PE Multiple			29.5x
Source: Factset, Company reports, and Deutsche Bank			







Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank

Figure 23: Price Target Sensitivity (\$ in MM, except per share data)

					Price	Target Sensitiv	ity			
% chg. in EBITDA		-20.0%	-15.0%	-10.0%	-5.0%		5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	20.0%
2019E EBITDA Net Debt (Includes JV Debt)		\$1,809.7 \$7,371.8	\$1,922.8 \$7,292.6	\$2,035.9 \$7,213.4	\$2,149.0 \$7,134.2	\$2,262.1 \$7,055.1	\$2,375.2 \$6,975.9	\$2,488.3 \$6,896.7	\$2,601.4 \$6,817.5	\$2,714.5 \$6,738.4
Shares Outstanding		289.3	289.3	289.3	289.3	289.3	289.3	289.3	289.3	289.3
	13.2x	\$57	\$63	\$68	\$74	\$79	\$85	\$90	\$96	\$101
s.	13.7x	\$60	\$66	\$72	\$77	\$83	\$89	\$94	\$100	\$106
Price Target Multiples	14.2x	\$64	\$69	\$75	\$81	\$87	\$93	\$99	\$105	\$110
Mul	14.7x	\$67	\$73	\$79	\$85	\$91	\$97	\$103	\$109	\$115
rg et	15.2x	\$70	\$76	\$82	\$89	\$95	\$101	\$107	\$114	\$120
. Ta	15.7x	\$73	\$79	\$86	\$92	\$99	\$105	\$112	\$118	\$124
Pric	16.2x	\$76	\$83	\$89	\$96	\$103	\$109	\$116	\$123	\$129
_	16.7x	\$79	\$86	\$93	\$100	\$107	\$113	\$120	\$127	\$134
	17.2x	\$82	\$89	\$96	\$103	\$110	\$117	\$124	\$132	\$139
Source: Company reports and D	eutsche Bank									



# Model

Figure 24: Earnings Model (\$ in MM)

(in US\$ millions, except per-share amounts)	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenues													
Owned, Leased, & Joint Venture Hotels	\$1,452	\$296	\$373	\$388	\$385	\$1,442	\$334	\$392	\$385	\$384	\$1,495	\$1,533	\$1,563
yoy % Chg.	-9.0%	-7.2%	-6.3%	4.3%	6.1%	-0.7%	12.8%	5.1%	-0.7%	-0.2%	3.7%	2.5%	2.0%
Management, Franchise, & Other	\$1,756	\$412	\$493	\$498	\$467	\$1,870	\$463	\$547	\$546	\$514	\$2,069	\$2,237	\$2,378
yoy % Chg.	5.2%	3.0%	6.3%	8.0%	8.4%	6.5%	12.4%	11.0%	9.6%	10.0%	10.7%	8.1%	6.3%
Other	\$82	\$37	\$20	\$21	\$27	\$105	\$23	\$22	\$23	\$30	\$98	\$103	\$108
yoy % Chg.	17.1%	117.6%	11.1%	16.7%	-6.9%	28.0%	-37.8%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	-6.9%	5.0%	5.0%
Total Revenue	\$3,290	\$745	\$886	\$907	\$879	\$3,417	\$820	\$961	\$954	\$927	\$3,662	\$3,872	\$4,048
yoy % Chg.	-1.3%	1.2%	0.7%	6.6%	6.8%	3.9%	10.1%	8.5%	5.2%	5.5%	7.2%	5.7%	4.5%
Owned, Leased, & Joint Venture Expenses	\$1,295	\$268	\$327	\$345	\$339	\$1,279	\$320	\$352	\$343	\$330	\$1,345	\$1,379	\$1,406
yoy % Chg.	-8.5%	-12.7%	-6.3%	6.2%	8.1%	-1.2%	19.4%	7.6%	-0.7%	-2.6%	5.2%	2.5%	2.0%
Segment EBITDA	\$158	\$28	\$46	\$43	\$46	\$163	\$14	\$40	\$42	\$54	\$150	\$154	\$157
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Adjustments	\$25	\$2	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$21	\$1	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$18	\$22	\$22
O&L Adjusted EBITDA	\$182	\$30	\$52	\$49	\$53	\$184	\$15	\$46	\$48	\$59	\$168	\$176	\$179
yoy % chg	-7.6%	63.0%	-6.1%	-6.5%	-5.2%	1.0%	-50.0%	-12.5%	-2.1%	12.0%	-8.8%	4.7%	1.7%
O&L Adjusted EBITDA Margin	12.5%	10.1%	13.9%	12.6%	13.8%	12.8%	4.5%	11.6%	12.5%	15.5%	11.2%	11.5%	11.4%
bps chg	50 10.3%	437 0.0%	2 0.0%	-146 0.0%	-163 0.0%	22 NM	-564 -39.5%	-233 -34.2%	-17 36.4%	169 -669.9%	-154 -30.4%	24	-3 9.8%
Flow Through												21.0%	
Managed and Franchised Fees	\$1,756 5.2%	\$412 3.0%	\$493 6.3%	\$498 8.0%	\$467 8.4%	\$1,870 6.5%	\$463 12.4%	\$547	\$546 9.6%	\$514	\$2,069 10.7%	\$2,237 8.1%	\$2,378 6.3%
Corporate Expense / Other	\$175	\$32	\$41	\$37	\$36	\$146	\$33	\$38	\$39	\$37	\$146	\$150	\$155
yoy % chg	-5.4%	-37.7%	-13.5%	-14.7%	9.4%	-16.6%	3.1%	-8.5%	5.0%	2.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,763 4.9%	\$410 11.7%	\$504 6.8%	\$510 8.5%	\$484 6.6%	\$1,908 8.2%	\$445 8.5%	\$555 10.1%	\$555 8.8%	\$536 10.8%	\$2,091 9.6%	\$2,262 8.2%	\$2,401 6.2%
yoy % chg Adjusted EBITDA Margin	53.6%	55.0%	56.9%	56.2%	55.1%	55.8%	54.3%	57.8%	58.2%	57.8%	57.1%	58.4%	59.3%
FF&E Reserve	\$55	\$6	\$15	\$16	\$18	\$55	\$12	\$15	\$13	\$13	\$53	\$50	\$50
Share Based Comp Expense	\$83	\$25	\$34	\$32	\$30	\$121	\$28	\$40	\$36	\$28	\$132	\$120	\$120
Other Adjustments	\$93	\$138	\$36	\$4	\$2	\$180	\$19	\$28	\$10	\$13	\$70	\$50	\$50
ЕВІТДА	\$1,532	\$241	\$419	\$458	\$434	\$1,552	\$386	\$472	\$496	\$482	\$1,836	\$2,042	\$2,181
y/y % chg.	\$1,532	\$241	\$419	\$450	\$43 <b>4</b>	\$1,552	60.2%	12.6%	8.3%	11.1%	18.3%	11.2%	6.8%
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D&A	\$364	\$86	\$83	\$83	\$88	\$340	\$82	\$79	\$81	\$82	\$324	\$316	\$316
Other	(\$2)	\$0	\$12	\$7	\$12	\$31	\$0	(\$13)	\$0	\$0	(\$13)	\$0	\$0
Operating Income	\$1,170	\$155	\$324	\$368	\$334	\$1,181	\$304	\$406	\$415	\$400	\$1,525	\$1,726	\$1,865
yoy % Chg.	5.1%	-29.9%	-2.7%	15.4%	12.5%	1.0%	96.1%	25.2%	12.8%	19.8%	29.1%	13.2%	8.1%
Interest Expense	(\$394)	(\$89)	(\$86)	(\$100)	(\$104)	(\$379)	(\$83)	(\$95)	(\$97)	(\$99)	(\$374)	(\$396)	(\$398)
Equity in Earnings from Unconsolidated Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$2
Other	(\$5)	\$0	\$12	(\$5)	\$0	\$7		(\$13)			(\$13)		
Pre-tax Income	\$774	\$66	\$250	\$263	\$230	\$809	\$221	\$298	\$318	\$301	\$1,138	\$1,332	\$1,469
Income Tax Expense	(\$647)	(\$18)	(\$99)	(\$108)	\$585	\$360	(\$58)	(\$81)	(\$92)	(\$87)	(\$319)	(\$400)	(\$441)
Tax Rate	84%	27%	40%	41%	-254%	-44%	26%	27%	29%	29%	28%	30%	30%
Net Income	\$127	\$48	\$151	\$155	\$815	\$1,169	\$163	\$217	\$226	\$214	\$819	\$932	\$1,029
Non Controlling Interests	(\$76)	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$2)	(\$1)	(\$5)	(\$2)	\$0	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$4)	(\$4)	(\$4)
Net Income to Hilton	\$51	\$47	\$150	\$153	\$814	\$1,164	\$161	\$217	\$225	\$213	\$815	\$928	\$1,025
yoy % Chg.	-88.1%	-75.5%	56.6%	31.0%	-329.8%	2201.0%	242.6%	44.1%	46.9%	-73.9%	-30.0%	13.9%	10.3%
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GAAP EPS	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.46	\$0.47	\$2.53	\$3.60	\$0.50	\$0.71	\$0.75	\$0.71	\$2.68	\$3.21	\$3.73
yoy % Chg.	-88.5%	-75.6%	57.0%	33.0%	NM	NM	255.4%	56.5%	58.5%	NM	-25.6%	20.1%	15.9%
EPS Adjustments													
Income from Continuing Operations	\$51	\$47	\$150	\$153	\$814	\$1,164	\$161	\$217	\$225	\$213	\$815	\$928	\$1,025
Restructuring, other	\$8			\$2		\$2					\$0		
Gains / losses	\$14	\$7	•			\$7	\$2	\$1			\$3		
Debt extinguishment costs	\$30	\$60		\$3	(A	\$63	017	(d)=-			\$0		
Other	\$436	\$60	\$30	\$31	(\$635)	(\$514)	\$15	(\$7)	ėo.	¢0	\$8	60	60
Total Special Items Pre-tax	\$488 (\$22)	\$127 (\$49)	\$30 (\$11)	\$36 (\$1)	(\$635) \$1	(\$442) (\$60)	\$17 (\$3)	(\$6) (\$1)	\$0	\$0	\$11 (\$4)	\$0	\$0
Income tax benefit/(expense) for special items  Adjusted Net Income	(\$22) \$516	\$49) \$125	(\$11) <b>\$169</b>	\$188	\$1 \$180	\$662	(\$3) \$175	\$210	\$225	\$213	\$823	\$928	\$1,025
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Adjusted EPS	\$1.57	\$0.38	\$0.51	\$0.58	\$0.56	\$2.03	\$0.55	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.71	\$2.70	\$3.21	\$3.73
yoy % Chg.	20.0%	5.6%	75.1%	44.0%	8.9%	29.6%	45.3%	35.1%	29.1%	26.9%	33.0%	19.1%	15.9%
Basic Shares Outstanding	329	330	327	322	319	325	316	301	300	298	304	288	273

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank estimates



Figure 25: Managed and Franchised Hotel Driver Model (\$ in MM)

	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Days in Period	366	90	91	92	92	365	90	91	92	92	365	365	365
Managed Hotels	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Managed Rooms	200,114	200,189	202,476	203,496	208,235	208,235	206,908	210,231					
sequential change	200,114	75	2,287	1,020	4,739	8,121	-1,327	3,323					
y/y chg. y/y % chg.	200,114	8,326 4.3%	8,155 4.2%	6,974 3.5%	8,121 4.1%	8,121 4.1%	6,719 3.4%	7,755 3.8%					
Managed Rooms (Includes Owned)	222,405	222,467	224.810	225.700	230.441	230.441	228.626	231.948	233.198	234.948	234.948	239.948	244.448
sequential change	4,094	62	2,343	890	4,741	8,036	-1,815	3,322	1,250	1,750	4,507	5,000	4,500
y/y chg. y/y % chg.	4,094 1.9%	7,295 3.4%	7,910 3.6%	6,728 3.1%	8,036 3.6%	8,036 3.6%	6,159 2.8%	7,138 3.2%	7,498 3.3%	4,507 2.0%	4,507 2.0%	5,000 2.1%	4,500 1.9%
Systemwide Occupancy	74.5%	70.9%	78.8%	79.3%	72.6%	75.4%	71.8%	79.5%	79.6%	73.1%	76.0%	76.2%	76.3%
y/y % chg.	-0.6%	1.5%	0.1%	0.3%	3.1%	1.2%	1.2%	0.9%	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%
y/y % chg. in bps Comp	-44	160 104	40 7	50 20	180 220	88	180 86	130 73	25 25	50 50	58	25	10 10
y/y % chg. non Comp Systemwide ADR	\$139.30	\$141.55	\$147.37	\$145.80	\$143.65	\$144.59	\$145.21	\$150.76	\$149.45	\$146.52	\$147.98	\$151.68	\$154.72
y/y % chg. Comp	\$137.30	0.6%	1.2%	0.6%	0.6%	3141.37	1.2%	2.3%	2.5%	2.0%	\$147.20	\$151.00	2.0%
y/y % chg. non Comp	2.2%	2.8%	3.7%	3.2%	5.5%	3.8%	2.6%	2.3%	2.5%	2.0%	2.3%	2.5%	2.0%
Systemwide RevPAR y/y % chg. Comp	\$103.91 1.9%	\$100.42 3.0%	\$116.09 1.8%	\$115.62 1.3%	\$104.29 3.8%	\$109.10 2.5%	\$104.26 3.9%	\$119.85 4.0%	\$118.88 2.8%	\$107.11 2.7%	\$112.53 3.4%	\$115.72 2.8%	\$118.11 2.1%
y/y % chg. non Comp	1.6%	4.3%	3.8%	3.5%	8.8%	5.0%	3.8%	3.2%	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%	2.8%	2.1%
Managed Room Revenue	\$8,283	\$2,010	\$2,362	\$2,396	\$2,188	\$8,957	\$2,154	\$2,512	\$2,544	\$2,307	\$9,516	\$10,032	\$10,441
y/y % chg.	103.3%	5.9%	7.4%	6.9%	12.5%	8.1%	7.1%	6.3%	6.2%	5.4%	6.2%	5.4%	4.1%
Non Room Revenue	\$2,417 -59.2%	\$690 -6.2%	\$338 -36.9%	\$504 28.3%	\$412 -45.4%	\$1,943 -19.6%	\$413 -40.1%	\$288 -14.6%	\$323 -35.9%	\$396 -3.9%	\$1,420 -26.9%	\$1,162 -18.1%	\$862 -25.9%
Non Room as a % of Room Revenue	29.2%	34.3%	14.3%	21.0%	18.8%	21.7%	19.2%	11.5%	12.7%	17.1%	14.9%	11.6%	8.3%
Total Hotel Revenue	\$10,700	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,900	\$2,600	\$10,900	\$2,567	\$2,800	\$2,867	\$2,702	\$10,936	\$11,195	\$11,303
y/y % chg.	7.0%	2.5%	-1.2%	10.1%	-3.7%	1.9%	-4.9%	3.7%	-1.1%	3.9%	0.3%	2.4%	1.0%
Core Base Fees as a % of Total Hotel Revenue	\$321 3.0%	\$81 3.0%	\$81 3.0%	\$87 3.0%	\$78 3.0%	\$327 3.0%	\$77 3.0%	\$84 3.0%	\$86 3.0%	\$81 3.0%	\$328 3.0%	\$336 3.0%	\$339 3.0%
as a % of Room Revenue	3.9%	4.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%
y/y % chg.	7.0%	2.5%	-1.2%	10.1%	-3.7%	1.9%	-4.9%	3.7%	-1.1%	3.9%	0.3%	2.4%	1.0%
Incentive Fees as a % of Hotel Revenue	\$201 1.88%	\$49 1.81%	\$57 2.11%	\$53 1.83%	\$63 2.42%	\$222 2.04%	\$55 2.14%	\$59 2.11%	\$54 1.88%	\$64 2.37%	\$232 2.12%	\$246 2.20%	\$249 2.20%
y/y % chg.	2.6%	-2.0%	16.3%	1.85%	16.7%	10.4%	12.2%	3.5%	1.6%	1.8%	4.5%	6.0%	1.2%
Other Management Fees													
as a % of Hotel Revenue													
y/y % chg. Franchised Hotels	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2018	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Franchised Rooms	574,035	581,789	592,836	603,891	617,573	617,573	626,513	639,034	JQIOL	40101	201012	20171	202012
sequential change	574,035	7,754	11,047	11,055	13,682	43,538	8,940	12,521					
y/y chg.	574,035	39,093	41,515	41,591	43,538	43,538	44,724	46,198					
y/y % chg.	591 (02	7.2%	7.5%	7.4%	7.6%	7.6%	7.7%	7.8%	660,001	676 401	676 401	721 401	701 401
Franchised Rooms (Incl. Timeshare) sequential change	581,692 41,501	589,874 8,182	600,937 11,063	611,992 11,055	625,674 13,682	625,674 43,982	634,615 8,941	647,401 12,786	660,901 13,500	676,401 15,500	676,401 50,727	731,401 55,000	781,401 50,000
y/y chg.	41,501	39,776	41,971	42,100	43,982	43,982	44,741	46,464	48,909	50,727	50,727	55,000	50,000
y/y % chg.	7.7% 74.5%	7.2% 70.9%	7.5% 78.8%	7.4% 79.3%	7.6% 72.6%	7.6% 75.4%	7.6% 71.8%	7.7% 79.5%	8.0% 79.6%	8.1% 73.1%	8.1% 76.0%	8.1% 76.2%	6.8% 76.3%
Systemwide Occupancy y/y % chg.	-0.6%	1.5%	78.8% 0.1%	79.3% 0.3%	72.6% 3.1%	1.2%	1.2%	79.5% 0.9%	79.6% 0.3%	0.7%	0.8%	0.3%	76.3% 0.1%
y/y % chg. in bps Comp	0	160	40	50	180	0	180	130	25	50	0	0	10
y/y % chg. non Comp	-44	104	7	20	220	88	86	73	25	50	58	25	10
Systemwide ADR y/y % chg. Comp	\$139.30	\$141.55	\$147.37 1.2%	\$145.80	\$143.65	\$144.59	\$145.21 1.2%	\$150.76 2.3%	\$149.45 2.5%	\$146.52 2.0%	\$147.98	\$151.68	\$154.72 2.0%
y/y % chg. non Comp	2.2%	2.8%	3.7%	3.2%	5.5%	3.8%	2.6%	2.3%	2.5%	2.0%	2.3%	2.5%	2.0%
Systemwide RevPAR	\$103.91	\$100.42	\$116.09	\$115.62	\$104.29	\$109.10	\$104.26	\$119.85	\$118.88	\$107.11	\$112.53	\$115.72	\$118.11
y/y % chg. Comp y/y % chg. non Comp	1.9% 1.6%	3.0% 4.3%	1.8% 3.8%	1.3% 3.5%	3.8% 8.8%	2.5% 5.0%	3.9% 3.8%	4.0% 3.2%	2.8% 2.8%	2.7%	3.4% 3.1%	2.8% 2.8%	2.1%
Franchised Room Revenue	\$21,297	\$5,294	\$6,290	\$6,451	\$5,937	\$23,972	\$5,913	\$6,991	\$7,155	\$6,589	\$26,648	\$29,748	\$32,608
y/y % chg.	23.1%	10.9%	11.4%	11.2%	17.0%	12.6%	11.7%	11.2%	10.9%	11.0%	11.2%	11.6%	9.6%
Franchise Fees as a % of Franchised Room Revenue	\$1,234 5.79%	\$282 5.33%	\$355 5.64%	\$358 5.55%	\$326 5.49%	\$1,321 5.51%	\$331 5.60%	\$404 5.78%	\$406 5,67%	\$368 5.59%	\$1,509 5.66%	\$1,655 5.56%	\$1,790 5,49%
as a % of Franchised Room Revenue y/y % chg.	6.0%	5.33% 4.1%	5.64% 6.6%	5.55% 7.2%	5.49% 10.1%	5.51% 7.1%	3.00% 17.4%	5./8% 13.8%	3.67% 13.4%	3.39% 13.0%	3.00% 14.3%	9.7%	5.49% 8.1%
Total Managed and Franchsed Segment	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Managed and Franchised Rooms	774,149	781,978	795,312	807,387	825,808	825,808	833,421	849,265					
	774,149	7,829	13,334	12,075	18,421	51,659	7,613	15,844					
sequential change				48,565	51,659	51,659	51,443	53,953			1	1	
y/y chg.	774,149	47,419 6.5%	49,670 6.7%	6.4%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.8%					
y/y chg. y/y % chg.				6.4%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.8% 879,349	894.099	911.349	911.349	971.349	1,025,849
y/y chg. y/y % chg. Total Rooms (Includes Owned & Timeshare) sequential change	804,097 45,595	6.5% 812,341 8,244	6.7% 825,747 13,406	6.4% 837,692 11,945	6.7% 856,115 18,423	6.7% 856,115 52,018	6.6% 863,241 7,126	879,349 16,108	894,099 14,750	911,349 17,250	911,349 55,234	971,349 60,000	54,500
y/y chg. y/y % chg. Total Rooms (Includes Owned & Timeshare) sequential change y/y chg.	804,097 45,595 45,595	6.5% 812,341 8,244 47,071	6.7% 825,747 13,406 49,881	6.4% 837,692 11,945 48,828	6.7% 856,115 18,423 52,018	6.7% 856,115 52,018 52,018	6.6% 863,241 7,126 50,900	879,349 16,108 53,602	14,750 56,407	17,250 55,234	55,234 55,234	60,000 60,000	54,500 54,500
y/y chg. y/y % chg. Total Rooms (Includes Owned & Timeshare) sequential change	804,097 45,595	6.5% 812,341 8,244	6.7% 825,747 13,406	6.4% 837,692 11,945	6.7% 856,115 18,423	6.7% 856,115 52,018	6.6% 863,241 7,126	879,349 16,108	14,750	17,250	55,234	60,000	54,500

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank estimates



Figure 26: Owned Hotel Driver Model (\$ in MM)

	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Owned, Leased, JV Model													
Days in Period	366	90	91	92	92	365	90	91	92	92	365	365	365
U.S. Room Count	676	676	676	676	676	676	676	676	676	676	676	676	676
Sequential chg.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
y/y % chg.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
International Room Count	21,615	21,602	21,658	21,528	21,530	21,530	21,042	21,041	21,041	21,041	21,041	21,041	21,041
Sequential chg.	85	(13)	56	(130)	2	(85)	(488)	(1)	0	0	(489)	0	0
y/y % chg.	0.4%	-4.6%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-2.6%	-2.8%	-2.3%	-2.3%	-2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total O&L Room Count	22,291	22,278	22,334	22,204	22,206	22,206	21,718	21,717	21,717	21,717	21,717	21,717	21,717
Sequential chg.	85	(13)	56	(130)	2	(85)	(488)	(1)	0	0	(489)	0	0
y/y % chg.	0.4%	-4.4%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-2.5%	-2.8%	-2.2%	-2.2%	-2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
O&L Total RevPOR		\$147.63	\$183.53	\$189.94	\$188.45	\$177.39	\$170.88	\$198.36	\$192.79	\$192.22	\$188.56	\$193.27	\$197.14
yoy%chg	L.	6.0%	5.2%	14.6%	15.7%		15.7%	8.1%	1.5%	2.0%	6.3%	2.5%	12.6%
yoy % chg (Comparable & Constant FX)	'	6.0%	5.2%	6.2%	4.0%	5.4%	4.8%	4.5%	1.5%	2.0%	3.2%	2.5%	2.0%
O&L Net Revenue	\$1,452.0	\$296.0	\$373.0	\$388.0	\$385.0	\$1,442.0	\$334.0	\$392.0	\$385.2	\$384.1	\$1,495.2	\$1,532.6	\$1,562.7
yoy % chg	-9.0%	-7.2%	-6.3%	4.3%	6.1%	-0.7%	12.8%	5.1%	-0.7%	-0.2%	3.7%	2.5%	2.0%
O&L Expenses	\$1,269.9	\$266.0	\$321.0	\$339.0	\$332.0	\$1,258.0	\$319.0	\$346.5	\$337.2	\$324.7	\$1,327.4	\$1,356.9	\$1,384.1
Opex per Room per Day	\$156	\$133	\$158	\$165	\$163	\$155	\$161	\$175	\$169	\$163	\$166	\$171	\$175
yoy % chg		-8.6%	-3.6%	7.2%	8.9%	-0.7%	21.7%	10.9%	2.0%	0.0%	6.9%	3.4%	2.0%
O&L Adjusted EBITDA	\$182.1	\$30.0	\$52.0	\$49.0	\$53.0	\$184.0	\$15.0	\$45.5	\$48.0	\$59.3	\$167.8	\$175.7	\$178.6
yoy % chg	-7.6%	63.0%	-6.1%	-6.5%	-5.2%	1.0%	-50.0%	-12.5%	-2.1%	12.0%	-8.8%	4.7%	1.7%
O&L Adjusted EBITDA Margins	12.5%	10.1%	13.9%	12.6%	13.8%	12.8%	4.5%	11.6%	12.5%	15.5%	11.2%	11.5%	11.4%
bps chg	50	437	2	-146	-163	22	-564	-233	-17	169	-154	24	-3
Flow Through	10.3%					NM	-39.5%	-34.2%	36.4%	-669.9%	-30.4%	21.0%	9.8%

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank estimates

Figure 27: Free Cash Flow and Balance Sheet Model (\$ in MM)

Free Cash Flow (in \$ millions)	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,763	\$410	\$504	\$510	\$484	\$1,908	\$445	\$555	\$555	\$536	\$2,091	\$2,262	\$2,401
Less Cash Taxes	\$677	\$103	\$135	\$140	\$149	\$526	\$9	\$140	\$128	\$123	\$400	\$464	\$492
Less Cash Interest	\$478	\$113	\$45	\$67	\$89	\$314	\$72	\$77	\$82	\$81	\$312	\$323	\$329
Less Capex	\$175	\$31	\$48	\$53	\$76	\$208	\$39	\$65	\$48	\$48	\$199	\$200	\$200
Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0					\$0		
Gross Free Cash Flow	\$433	\$164	\$277	\$250	\$170	\$860	\$325	\$273	\$298	\$284	\$1,180	\$1,275	\$1,380
Gross FCF / Share	\$1.31					\$2.63					\$3.86	\$4.41	\$5.02
Gross FCF Yield	1.6%					3.3%					4.8%	5.5%	6.2%
Less Acquisitions						\$0							
Asset Sales						\$0							
Less Dividends		\$49	\$49	\$49	\$48	\$195	\$47	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$182	\$173	\$164
as a % of Gross FCF						23%					15%	14%	12%
Less Share Repurchases		\$70	\$282	\$273	\$266	\$891	\$110	\$1,329	\$130	\$130	\$1,699	\$1,320	\$1,320
Other		(\$302)	(\$11)	\$52	\$29	(\$231)	(\$158)	(\$47)			(\$205)	\$0	
Net Free Cash Flow		(\$257)	(\$65)	(\$20)	(\$115)	(\$457)	\$10	(\$1,148)	\$123	\$110	(\$906)	(\$218)	(\$104)
Balance Sheet (in \$ millions)	2016	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18E	4Q18E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,118	\$986	\$909	\$796	\$670	\$670	\$683	\$505	\$505	\$505	\$505	\$287	\$287
Gross Debt	\$6,593	\$6,718	\$6,706	\$6,613	\$6,602	\$6,602	\$6,605	\$7,575	\$7,452	\$7,343	\$7,343	\$7,343	\$7,446
Net Debt	\$5,475	\$5,732	\$5,797	\$5,817	\$5,932	\$5,932	\$5,922	\$7,070	\$6,947	\$6,838	\$6,838	\$7,055	\$7,159
chg. in Net Debt		\$257	\$65	\$20	\$115	\$457	(\$10)	\$1,148	(\$123)	(\$110)	\$906	\$218	\$104
Shareholders' Equity	\$1,573	\$1,598	\$1,515	\$1,448	\$1,691	\$1,691	\$1,747	\$560	\$610	\$648	\$648	\$84	-\$376
Debt / Cap	81%	81%	82%	82%	80%	80%	79%	93%	92%	92%	92%	99%	105%
Book Value per share													
TTM EBITDA	\$1,763	\$1,806	\$1,838	\$1,878	\$1,908	\$1,908	\$1,943	\$1,994	\$2,039	\$2,091	\$2,091	\$2,262	\$2,401
TTM Interest Expense	\$394	\$393	\$380	\$383	\$379	\$379	\$373	\$382	\$379	\$374	\$374	\$396	\$398
Gross Debt/EBITDA	3.7x	3.7x	3.6x	3.5x	3.5x	3.5x	3.4x	3.8x	3.7x	3.5x	3.5x	3.2x	3.1x
Net Debt/EBITDA	3.1x	3.2x	3.2x	3.1x	3.1x	3.1x	3.0x	3.5x	3.4x	3.3x	3.3x	3.1x	3.0x
Interest Coverage	4.5x	4.6x	4.8x	4.9x	5.0x	5.0x	5.2x	5.2x	5.4x	5.6x	5.6x	5.7x	6.0x

Source: Company reports and Deutsche Bank estimates



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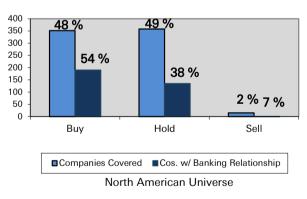
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