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## **Resilient Portfolio Managed by Experienced Teams**



A diversified portfolio anchored by resilient fundamentals



41 upscale hotels



38 submarkets

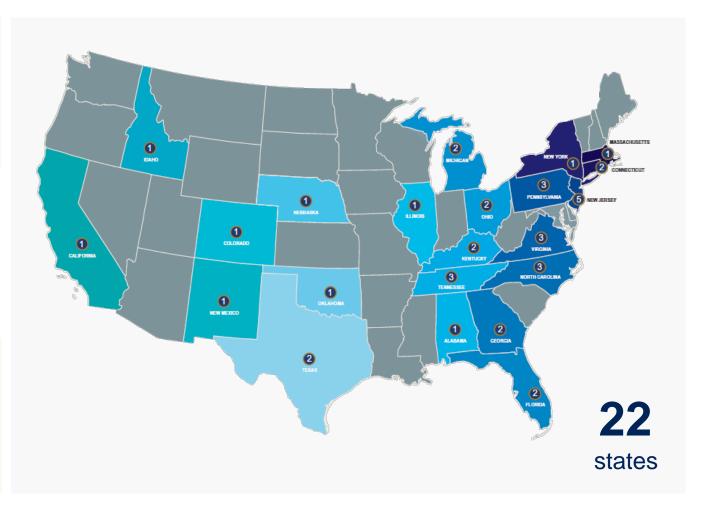








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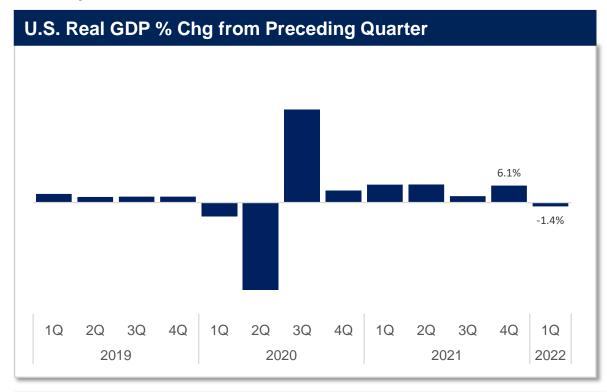


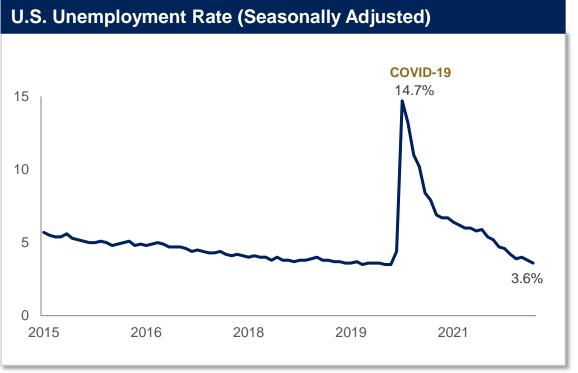


#### U.S. Economic Growth Stalls in 1Q 2022



#### Disruption from the Omicron variant slowed economic expansion



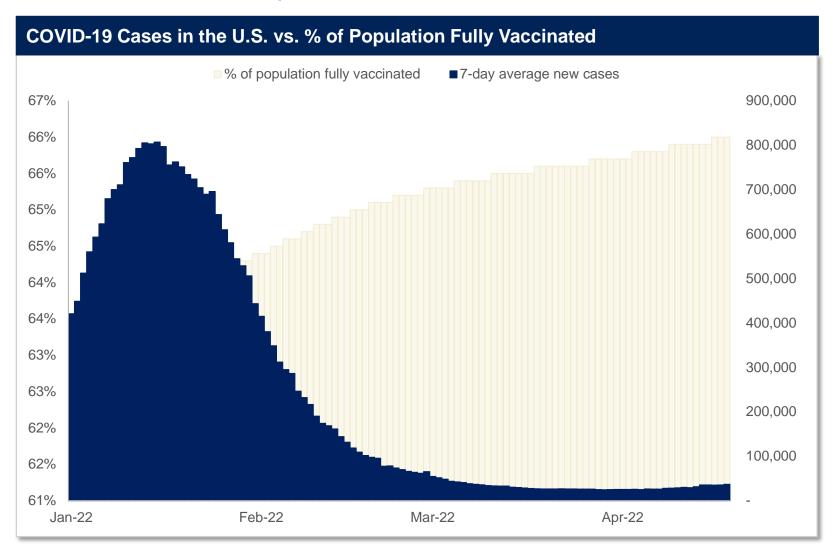


- GDP decreased by -1.4% for 1Q 2022 as government spending and trade decreases offset increases in consumer and business spending
- U.S. CPI\* rose 8.5% in last 12 months ended March 2022, mainly due to increases in gasoline, shelter and food
- Unemployment rate improved to 3.6% in Mar 2022 compared to previous low of 3.5% in Feb 2019
- Federal funds rate increased to 0.5% in March 2022, with next FOMC meeting scheduled in May

#### YTD 2022 COVID-19 Cases



#### Transition to endemic phase



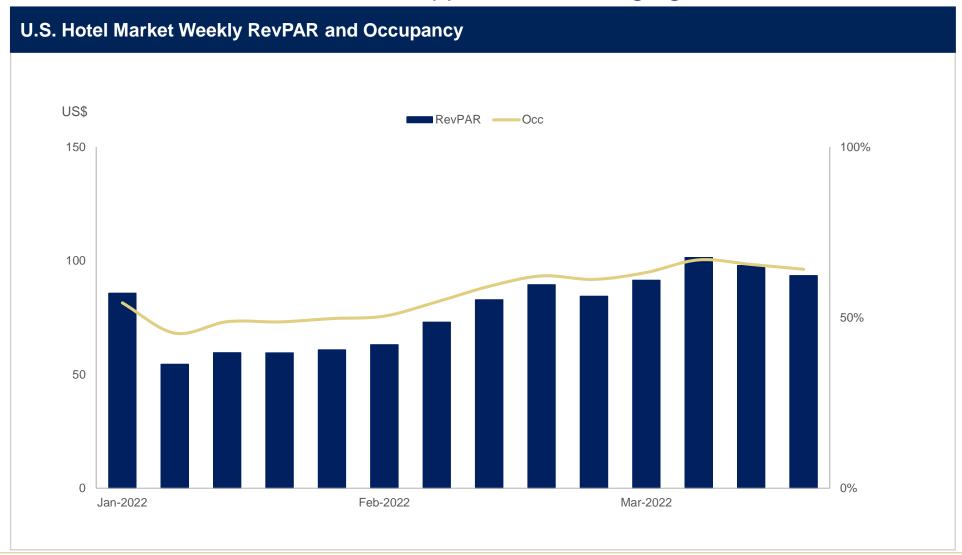
- U.S. COVID-19 vaccination rate at 66%
- Significant drop in new cases since peak of Omicron variant in January 2022
- Mask requirement on public transportation lifted in April 2022
- Hospitalisation and death rates continue downward trend

Source: CDC

## U.S. Hotel Market Recovery Supported by Strong Leisure Demand



Due to Omicron wave in Jan 2022, metrics dipped before rising again



Source: STR





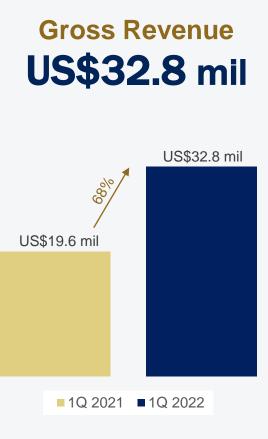


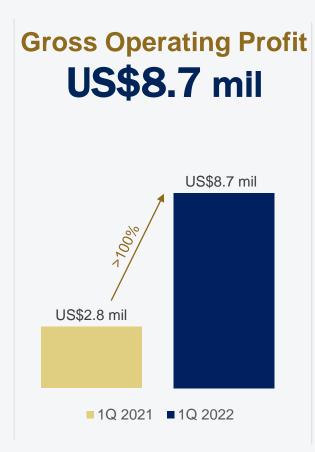
## **1Q 2022 Key Performance Indicators**

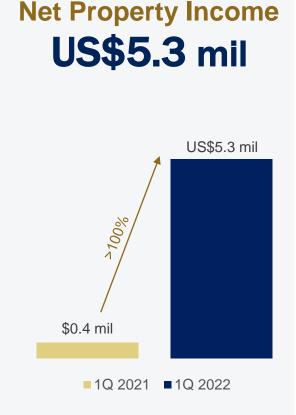


Improvement across all performance indicators





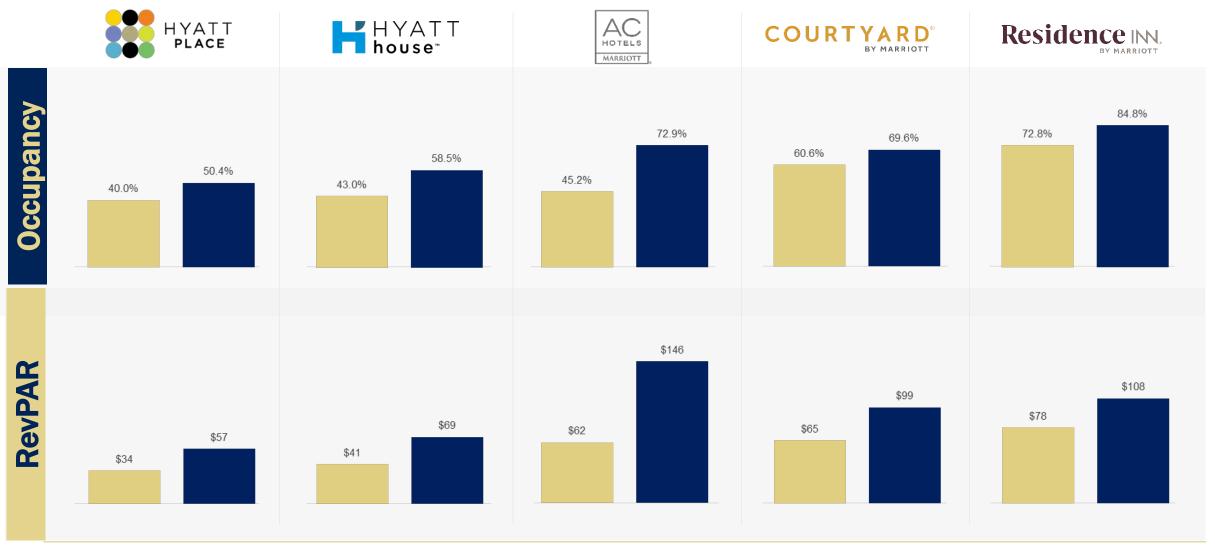




## **Portfolio Performance by Brands**



#### Sustained recovery across the portfolio



### **Sound Financial and Liquidity Position**



Sequential improvement in ICR will create more debt headroom @ 50% gearing limit

	As at 31 Dec 2021	As at 31 Mar 2022	
NAV per Stapled Security	US\$0.70	US\$0.70	
Cash Balance	US\$19.2 mil	US\$17.7 mil	
Total Debt Outstanding	US\$338.1 mil	US\$339.9 mil	
Aggregate Leverage Ratio	44.3%	44.9%	
Interest Cover Ratio	2.0x	2.3x	
Weighted Average Debt Maturity	2.0 years	2.3 years	
Average Cost of Debt (p.a.)	3.4%	3.6%	
% of Fixed Debt	79.1%	78.6%	

<sup>•</sup> New US\$95 mil 3-year unsecured facility partially drawn in 1Q 2022 - FY2022 loans due fully refinanced







## **Recovery to Exceed Pre-pandemic Levels**



Hotel industry fundamentals are forecasted to continue to improve

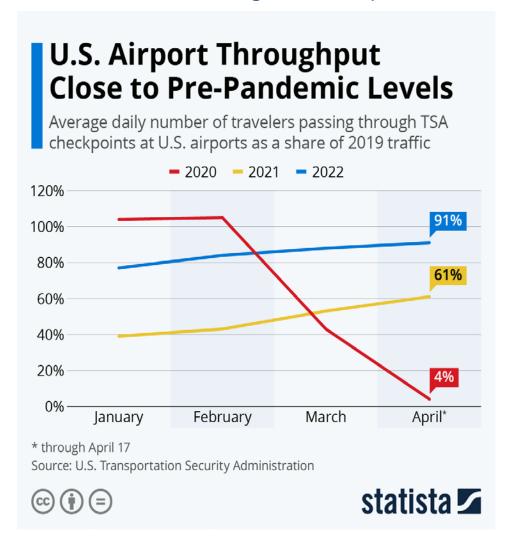
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
Occupancy	66%	44%	58%	64%	66%	67%
ADR	\$131	\$103	\$125	\$134	\$140	\$145
RevPAR	\$87	\$45	\$72	\$86	\$92	\$97
RevPAR compared w/ 2019	-	-50%	-17%	-1%	+7%	+12%

Source: STR

#### **Air Travel Statistics Consistent with Hotel Trends**



#### Travel volumes recovering close to pre-Covid levels



- All major US domestic airlines (American, United, Delta) report quick improvement over the last two months, particularly business travel
- United Airlines says large corporations are now returning to travel at faster rates than smaller companies
- A Delta Airlines survey revealed that 90% of their corporate accounts anticipate travel volumes to increase in the second quarter

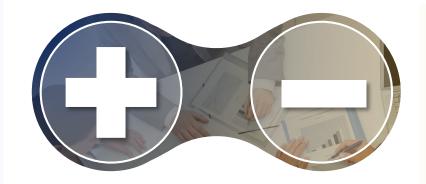
Source: Statista 13

## **Positive Factors With Challenges Ahead**



Volatility amid continued recovery

- + Covid-19 transition from pandemic to endemic
- + Increased travel confidence and lifting of restrictions
- + Accelerating corporate and group travel



- Tight labor market
- High inflation
- Supply-chain disruptions
- Rising interest rates

#### **Key Takeaways for 1Q 2022**



- U.S. economic expansion continues into 2022 despite covid-related disruptions and geopolitical risks
- Travel continues to recover as Covid-19 transitions from pandemic to endemic
- Travel conditions to further improve with lifting of federal restrictions and return of corporate and group travel
- Our portfolio reflects general recovery pattern of U.S. lodging industry
- Sound financial and liquidity position and return of distributions

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