UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2018

DiamondRock Hospitality Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-32514

(Commission File Number)

20-1180098

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1400 Bethesda, MD 20814

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(240) 744-1150

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of a slide presentation that DiamondRock Hospitality Company ("*DiamondRock*") intends to use at investor meetings is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K ("*Current Report*") as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. Additionally, DiamondRock has posted the slide presentation in the investor relations/presentations section of its website at www.drhc.com.

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or the Exchange Act, regardless of any incorporation by reference language in any such filing. This Current Report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Investor Presentation — September 2018</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY

Date: September 25, 2018

By: /s/ William J. Tennis

William J. Tennis

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary





INVESTOR PRESENTATION

September 2018

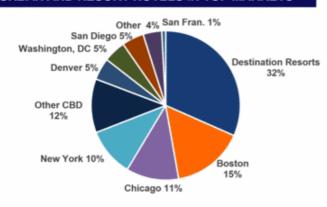


DiamondRock at a Glance

KEY STATISTICS				
Hotels (Rooms)	30 (9.9K)			
Enterprise Value	\$3.3B			
Market Cap	\$2.5B			
Enterprise Value / Key	~\$330K			
Dividend Yield	4.2%			
YE18 Net Debt/EBITDA(1)	3.1x			

Market data as of 9/14/18.

URBAN AND RESORT HOTELS IN TOP MARKETS(2)



Based on PF 2018 EBITDA at guidance midpoint and current pro form net debt.
 Based on 2017 EBITDA. Pro forms for acquisitions of the Landing Tahoe, Phoenix Palomar, L'Auberge de Sedo and Orchards Inn Sedona for full-year. Includes Frenchman's Reef and Havana Cabana budget pre-hurricane.

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FULL-YEAR 2018 GUIDANCE

- 2018 Full-Year Guidance:
 - Comparable RevPAR Growth of 1.5% to 2.5%
 - Adj. EBITDA of \$254M \$263M
 - Adj. FFO per share of \$0.99 \$1.03

Note: RevPAR excludes Frenchman's Reef and Havana Cabana for all periods. Guidance pro forma for acquisition of the Landing Resort & Spa and Palomar Phoenix.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS ADDING VALUE







Hotel Palomar Phoenix



L'Auberge De Sedona



Orchards Inn Sedona



Why DiamondRock?



Top Tier Quality Portfolio & Growth

- · Top tier quality portfolio as measured by ADR
- Top tier growth with 2017 RevPAR growth of 2.5%

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Compelling Valuation

- 12.8x 2018 Consensus EBITDA multiple → 0.5x discount to peer average
- · Market multiple implies 7% upside
- \$330K EV per key → ~25% discount to replacement cost
- · Trading at large discount to Company's NAV estimate



Internal Growth Opportunities

- Frenchman's Reef rebuild an opportunity to build world-class resort with high-growth potential, while receiving business interruption proceeds during the rebuilding period
- Chicago Gwen Repositioning: >\$3M EBITDA upside
- Hotel Rex San Francisco repositioning to Viceroy: \$1.2M EBITDA upside in 2019
- Completed Sonoma, Charleston, Worthington, and Shorebreak renovations to continue to drive growth from \$37M in repositionings
- Havana Cabana Key West opened April 2018: ~\$1M in EBITDA upside
- Vail Marriott Resort upgrade renovation to close luxury rate gap with potential ~\$5M in stabilized EBITDA upside



External Growth Driving Value

- ~\$150M luxury resort acquisition pending in CA. Expected to close in Q4 2018.
- The Landing Resort & Spa in Lake Tahoe, CA for \$42M
- · The Hotel Palomar Phoenix for \$80M
- L'Auberge de Sedona and Orchards Inn grew combined RevPAR >19% in 2017 and exceeded underwriting by \$1.2M in EBITDA with \$2.1M YoY EBITDA growth



The Gwen, A Luxury Collection Hotel

Vail Marriott Mountain Resort



Portfolio Well-Positioned for 2018

- Renovations paying off: several strategic renovations and repositionings throughout portfolio from '17-'18 to continue to drive growth and long-term value
- Resort concentration: resort markets to continue to outperform (450bps of outperformance in 2017)



High Quality Portfolio in Key Gateway Markets

Approximately 2/3 of DRH's portfolio EBITDA is concentrated in top, gateway markets.







Courtyard Midtown NYC



Chicago Marriott











Alpharetta



Lexington Hotel NYC



Worthington



Salt Lake City Marriott



Strong Resort Market Presence

DRH's Resort Portfolio represents 1/3 of its pro forma EBITDA concentration.



L'Auberge De Sedona



Orchards Inn Sedona



Shorebreak California



The Lodge at Sonoma



Hilton Vermont



The Landing Lake Tahoe



Vail Marriott



Havana Cabana Key West



Key West Suites



Charleston Renaissance



Westin Ft. Lauderdale



Frenchman's Reef Resort



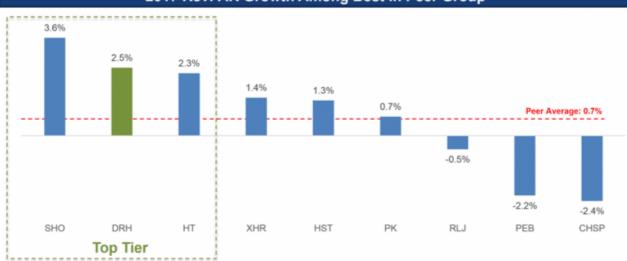
Morning Star Beach Resort



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Top-Tier Performance





- DRH comparable 2017 RevPAR growth of 2.5% among best in peer group
 - Portfolio gained 2.6 percentage points of market share during the year
 - EBITDA margins approximately flat excluding property taxes

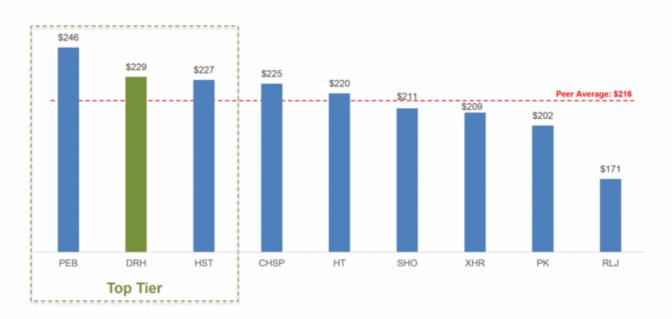
Source: Company Filings as of Q4 2017.

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Top-Tier Portfolio Quality

2017 Portfolio Average Daily Rate



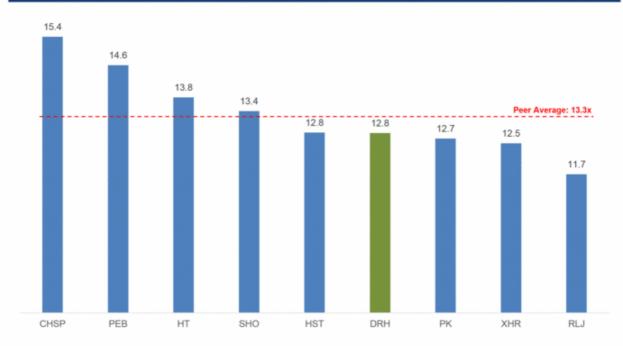
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Compelling Valuation

2018 Consensus EBITDA Multiple

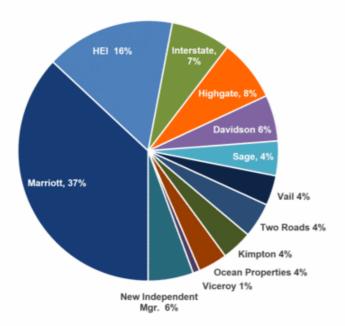


Source: Baird, FactSet. Data as of 9/14/18.

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Diverse Operator Base Drives Best Practices

More than half of portfolio is subject to short-term or terminable management agreements.

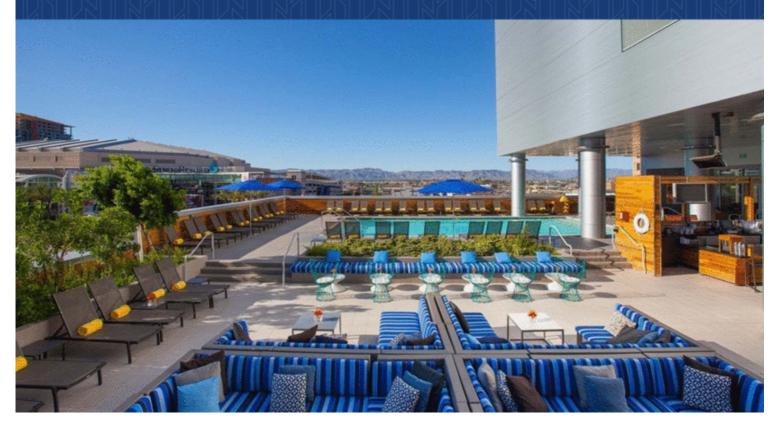


Recent Operator Changes Driving Value

- Two Roads Hospitality brought in as new operator for L'Auberge de Sedona and Orchards Inn in December 2017
- Viceroy Hotels brought in as new operator for Hotel Rex in October 2017
- Courtyard Midtown East converted to franchise and Marriott replaced with HEI Hotels as operator in August 2017
- DRH exercised its right to terminate Marriott at Frenchman's Reef and unencumber hotel



Recent Acquisitions Driving Value





Pending Acquisition of Luxury California Resort

- Currently under contract to acquire luxury resort hotel in California
 - Average daily rate over \$400
 - Independently branded with third-party operator
 - Low-to-zero supply growth market
 - Off-market transaction
- Deal value of approximately \$150M
 - EBITDA multiple of ~13.3x → in-line with multiple on recent ATM issuance
 - Consideration includes cash on hand, new \$50M term loan, and a maximum of 4.59M OP units
 - Company expects the actual number of OP units issued will be less than, and potentially substantially less than, the maximum number of OP units referenced above
- Deal expected to close in Q4 2018
- 2019 RevPAR growth expected to exceed national average







The Landing Resort & Spa (Lake Tahoe, CA)

\$42M Acquisition of Luxury Hotel in Premier Resort Market

- Numerous awards including 2018 TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Award as a Top 25 Hotel in the US and 2016 Conde Nast Readers' Choice #1 Northern California resort
- Beachfront location and walking distance to Heavenly Ski Resort (Vail Resorts) and both Harrah's and Hard Rock casino resorts
- Attractive Deal Metrics:
 - 13.5x multiple on 2017 EBITDA
 - 10.4x stabilized EBITDA multiple
- · Nearby casinos and nightlife includes Hard Rock and Harrah's
- South Lake Tahoe RevPAR grew at 9.2% CAGR from '13 '17
- Proximity to Northern California, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Reno









Hotel Palomar (Phoenix, AZ)

\$80M Acquisition of Boutique, Lifestyle Hotel in High-Growth Market

- Attractive Deal Metrics:
 - \$331K per key purchase price
 - 10.8x stabilized EBITDA multiple by 2022
- Terminable management contract in 2020
- TripAdvisor ranked #2 of 174 Phoenix hotels
- Centerpiece of the 1.2M SF CityScape mixed-use development in downtown Phoenix; City Scape phase II to be completed in 2019
 - 23.4M SF of office space in Downtown Phoenix
- Centrally located in Downtown Phoenix: walking distance to Phoenix Convention Center, Talking Stick Resort Arena, and Chase Field
- Since 2012, the Phoenix market achieved an 8.5% RevPAR CAGR, outperforming US average by 270bps









DRH Resort Portfolio Overview





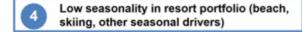
DRH's Differentiated Resort Portfolio

Resort Portfolio Overview					
Hotels	12				
Rooms	2,536				
2017 RevPAR	\$193				
2017 EBITDA	\$90 Million				
EBITDA Multiple on Investment	9.2				

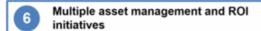














L'Auberge De Sedona





Shorebreak Hotel



Hilton Vermont -Burlington



Sonoma Renaissance



The Landing Lake Tahoe



Vail Marriott



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Westin Ft. Lauderdale



Havana Cabana Key West



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Frenchman's Reef



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Note: Historical RevPAR and EBITDA results pro forma for acquisitions for full period. Results do not include pending acquisition of luxury CA resort. DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY

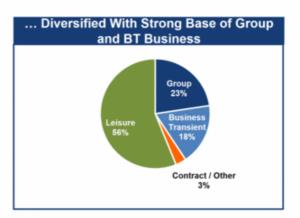
DRH Resorts Have Proven Successful

DRH Resort RevPAR Has Outperformed Broader Portfolio by Average of 300bps...



Note: Historical RevPAR for ten resort properties. RevPAR excludes resorts under renovation during quarter of renovation and resorts affected by natural disasters during quarter affected by natural disaster.





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Strong Return on Investment

DRH's resort portfolio EBITDA multiple has improved approximately five turns since acquisition with over \$280M of NAV created.

		EBITDA Multiple @		EBITDA Increase
	Investment (\$M)	Purchase	YE 2017	\$M
Burlington Hilton	\$61.6	16.5x	8.9x	\$3.7
Charleston Renaissance	\$41.1	11.9x	7.8x ⁽²⁾	\$2.0
Fort Lauderdale Westin	\$156.4	14.8x 9.7x	\$6.0	
Key West Suites	\$94.4	14.9x	11.6x	\$1.8
The Landing Resort & Spa ⁽¹⁾	\$42.0	13.5x	10.4x	\$1.8
Sedona - L'Auberge	\$66.0	15.8x	10.8x	\$1.9
Sedona - Orchards Inn	\$31.0	13.7x	11.0x	\$0.5
Shorebreak	\$62.4	14.6x	14.8x ⁽²⁾	\$0.2
Sonoma Renaissance	\$38.2	10.7x	7.1x ⁽²⁾	\$2.4
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort	\$71.7	13.4x	5.9x	\$7.4
Total Resort	\$664.9	14.2x	9.2x	\$27.9

DRH values its resort portfolio at a 6.5% cap rate, which implies over \$280M of NAV value over investment.

Historical RevPAR and EBITDA results pro forms for acquisitions for full period year prior to acquisition. Frenchman's Reef and Havana Cabana excluded due to natural disaster closure. Landing uses stabilized EBITDA as proxy for multiple.

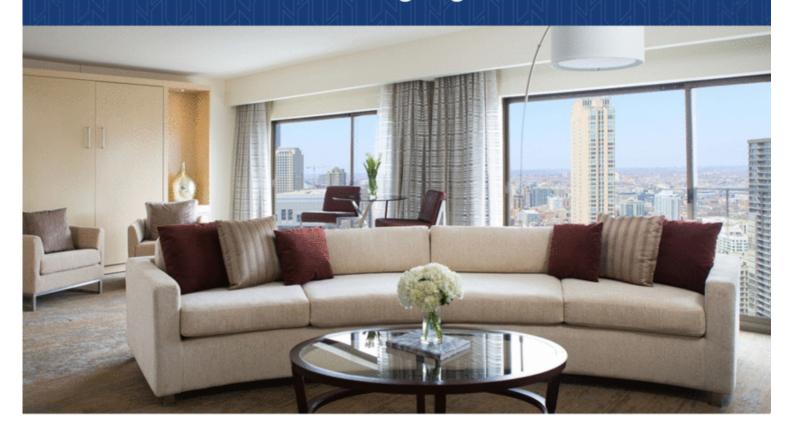
Landing uses stabilized EBITDA as proxy for multiple and EBITDA increase for current year given acquired in 2018.

Renovation disruption in 2017.

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2018 Highlights





Unique Drivers to Enhance NAV

Chicago Marriott

- \$110M renovation substantially completed in Q1 2018
- Scope included 1,200 guestrooms and all 60K SF of meeting space
- 2H18 group pace +8%

4 Westin Fort Lauderdale

- 2018 guestroom upgrade to drive 2019 market share
- Opened popular, new restaurant Lona that is achieving record profits

Havana Cabana Key West

- Comprehensive renovation posthurricane damage
- Reopened Q2 2018
- Refreshed theme and identity
- Stabilized EBITDA to increase by \$1M

5 Hotel Rex San Francisco

- Boutique hotel in heart of Union Square will close for last four months of 2018 to position for big 2019
- Relaunch as Viceroy hotel in Q1 2019
- \$1.2M in incremental EBITDA postrenovation on \$9M renovation



Havana Cabana Key West

Vail Marriott

- Comprehensive 2018 renovation of hotel's guestrooms completed in 3Q18
- Reno to luxury standard; currently \$175 ADR gap with luxury comp set
- Every incremental \$1 of rate yields ~\$30K in annual EBITDA profit
- \$5M EBITDA upside potential on repositioning

6 JW Marriott Denver

- Renovating hotel's guestrooms, public space, and meeting space in Q1 2019
- Cements position as the high-end hotel in Cherry Creek district
- New restaurant / bar area to drive ROI
- \$750K EBITDA upside following renovation from F&B repositioning



Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort



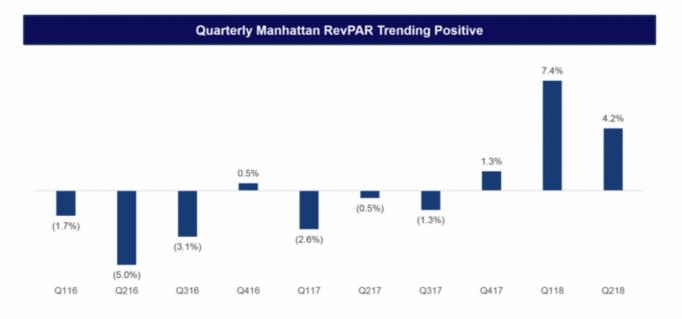
Frenchman's Reef Update

- Iconic location in Virgin Islands
- Strong historical performance
- 2017 forecast of \$16.7M EBITDA(1)
- Impacted by hurricanes in September 2017
 - Closed until 2020
 - Remediation and stabilization ongoing
- Covered under insurance policy (2)
- Currently negotiating with insurance companies
 - 2018 Guidance includes \$20M of business interruption for ALL natural disaster impacted hotels
 - Insurance entitles DRH to business interruption compensation until re-opened
 - If rebuilt, unique opportunity to create one of the most popular Caribbean resorts
- Hurricane caused a termination of Marriott at Frenchman's Reef, unencumbering the hotel and creating optionality





Based on pre-hurricane forecast as of July 2017.
 \$361M insurance coverage per event.



2.2% RevPAR growth Q3-to-date with 4.4% RevPAR growth YTD

Source: STR.



Upside Opportunities at the Lexington

UNION BUYOUT

- In the process of conducting a voluntary union buyout program at the Lexington
 - Buyout would reduce amount of FTE's at hotel and significantly increase efficiency
 - Ongoing process, which will take several months to complete
- Program is expected to drive substantial annual labor cost savings

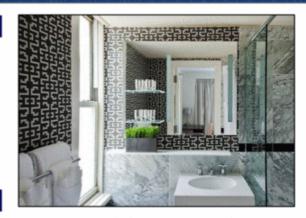
RETAIL SPACE OPTIMIZATION

- · Signed lease for currently unoccupied lower level space
 - Crunch Fitness to open gym in 2019 with annual rental income of ~\$800K
- Additional opportunities to optimize Hotel retail tenants in near future

DESTINATION FEE PILOT PROGRAM

- In pilot program for \$25 NYC destination fee, which could add over \$3M in FY EBITDA
 - Potential to expand to other DRH NYC hotels

FY 2018 EBITDA EXPECTED TO GROW BY ~\$3M







- · Supply in NYC remains elevated, but DRH submarkets have minimal supply
 - DRH's primary submarket of Midtown East has no new supply in 2018-19 with total pipeline of rooms at 1%
 - Less than 1% supply CAGR over last three years
 - Waldorf Astoria (1,413 rooms) came offline Q117
 - 10% of Midtown East rooms removed during renovation and 7% reduction long-term
- · Recently enacted Airbnb law to significantly mitigate Airbnb shadow supply
- · New legislation moving forward that would significantly limit new hotel development
 - Would require developers to receive a special permit to build new hotels in light manufacturing zones and would require union hotel staff

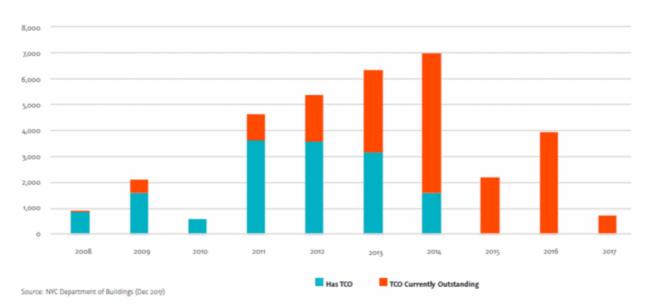
Source: STR, CBRE.

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Manhattan Building Permits Declining Significantly

MANHATTAN HOTEL BUILDING PERMITS: TCO & NO TCO



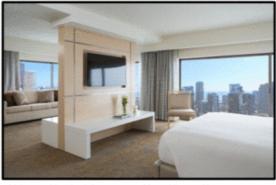
- Since 1988 when supply growth was less than 1.0 percent, Manhattan RevPAR growth averaged 10.1 percent
- 719 keys were permitted in Manhattan in 2017 (522 excluding Roosevelt Island), which is 85.3 percent less than 2011-2016 averages
- Only 51.6 percent of buildings permitted from 2011 to 2014 received TCO by Year End 2017
- 11,749 keys permitted between 2008-2014 still have not received TCO
- 2-3 year construction period implies a lack of incoming supply starting ~2020

Source: HWE.



Chicago Outperforming in 2018

- The Chicago Marriott and the Gwen are up a combined 12.1% in 1H 2018
 - Combined group pace up ~11% in 2H 2018
- Chicago Marriott completed final stage of \$110M renovation in Q1 2018
 - Average guest satisfaction score of a renovated room is 20 points higher than the pre-renovation room score
 - ~500 basis points of market share gain over last twelve months
- The Gwen continues to ramp following the completion of its comprehensive \$27M renovation and conversion to the Luxury Collection
 - 39% RevPAR growth YTD and 24 points of market share gain YTD
 - Top 10 TripAdvisor Ranking in Chicago following reno
- Chicago citywides up nearly 25% in 2018



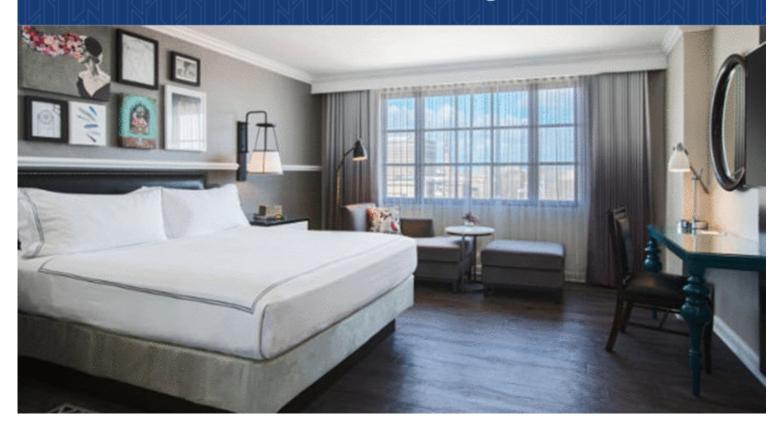
Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile



The Gwen, Luxury Collection



Intense Asset Management





Focus Asset Management Areas

	Labor Management	Energy	Food Cost
•	Working with third-party to reduce labor expenses and improve productivity	Conducting comprehensive hands- on energy efficiency audits throughout the portfolio	Opportunities for food cost savings through purchasing management and operational optimization
•	Study historical productivity and benchmark against other comparable hotels	 Direct bidding with energy suppliers and LED lighting conversions 	 Invoice Monitoring Menu Pricing / Menu Reengineering
•	Complete new staffing standards and implement new labor management system to maximize efficiency	 \$1.3M of annual cost savings identified across 17 hotels 53% IRR and two-year payback 	Annual Operating AuditsSpecs vs Brand
•	Range of potential expense savings:	Energy reduction of up to 78% for the least efficient assets	- Compliance Metrics
	- Boston Westin (\$421K - \$673K) - Lexington (\$626K - \$965K)	Case Study: Worthington Renaissance LED conversion	- Labor Productivity Improvement
	- Chicago Marriott (\$352 - \$761K)	- Estimated First Year Electric Savings: \$183K (22%)	150bps of F&B margin improvement would yield \$1.7M in savings



Fortress Balance Sheet





Fortress Balance Sheet

CONSERVATIVE BALANCE SHEET STRATEGY

- \$400 million of investment capacity
- PF 2018 Net Debt to EBITDA of 3.1x
- · \$300M Line of Credit with no outstanding borrowings
- \$135 million unrestricted cash at 6/30/18
- Weighted average debt maturity of 5 years with 4.0% weighted average interest rate

LEVERAGE AT LOW END OF PEER GROUP



22 UNENCUMBERED HOTELS

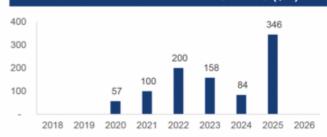
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	The Gwen
	Vail Marriott
	Courtyard Denver
Ho	tel Rex San Francisco
Hilto	on Vermont - Burlington
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8 Encumbered Hotels
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22 UNENCUMBERED HOTELS (~\$185M in 2017 Hotel Adj. EBITDA)

WELL-LADDERED DEBT MATURITIES (\$M)





Key Takeaways

- √ Top-Tier Portfolio as Measured by Quality and Growth
- ✓ Trading at Significant Discount to Peers, Replacement Cost, and Company's NAV Est.
- ✓ Internal Growth Enhanced by Significant Investment in Portfolio over Last Five Years (\$500M)
- ✓ Many Strategic Repositionings Recently Completed and More Potential ROI Opportunities Ahead
- ✓ Opportunistic Balance Sheet Capacity



L'Auberge de Sedona



The Gwen Chicago



Key West Suites

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