

# RLJ Lodging Trust

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### **RLJ WELL POSITIONED ENTERING 2020**



#### RLJ SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED ITS 2019 STRATEGY



## Successful execution of key 2019 strategic priorities enabled RLJ to enter 2020 in a position of strength

#### Sold 47 non-core assets and generated significant liquidity

- Improved 2019 absolute RevPAR by over 8%
- Generated over \$720M of cash proceeds

#### **Wyndham Guarantee Termination**

Terminated Wyndham Guarantee and received \$35M

#### Simplified capital structure over the last two years

- Repaid \$524 million FCH Senior Notes in 2018
- Refinanced approximately \$1.4B of debt in 2019
- Lowered interest rate, extended maturities and enhanced financial flexibility



#### **Strong Strategic Execution in 2019**

Improved Capital Structure

\$1.4B

Strengthened Portfolio

+8%

Increase in Absolute RevPAR

+22%

EBITDA per Hotel

Generated Incremental Cash

~ \$0.8B

- Sold 47 hotels
- Wyndham Termination

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- Debt Refinanced
- Reduced Interest Expense Enhanced Maturity Ladder

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#### RLJ entered 2020 with a strong balance sheet, significant liquidity and low leverage

#### **Best-In-Class Balance Sheet**

- Significant liquidity: entered 2020 with ~\$900M of cash
- Net Debt to EBITDA of 3.1x, below the lodging REIT peer average
- No debt maturities until 2022
- Undrawn line of credit

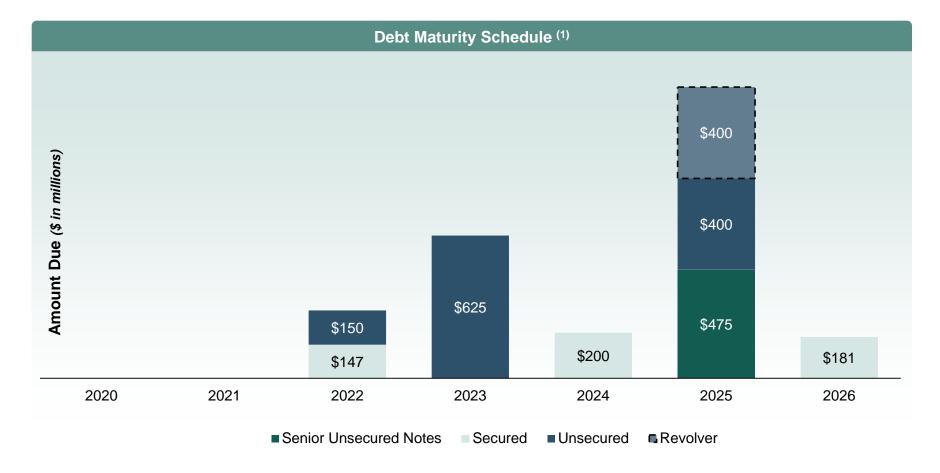




 <sup>2019</sup> EBITDA pro forma adjusted for the disposition of 7 properties and adjusted to assume CHSP was acquired on 1/1/2019.



### RLJ entered 2020 with a well-staggered maturity profile with no debt maturities until 2022



Debt maturity schedule as of March 31, 2020 and assumes all extension options are exercised. \$400M RCL draw in March 2020: total size of RCL is \$600M.





### RLJ took proactive and aggressive steps to mitigate the impact of the demand shock from COVID-19 to preserve liquidity

#### **Cost Containment**

- Staff reduction / employee furloughs
- Closed Food & Beverage outlets
- Reduced on-property service levels
- Closed floors to reduce inventory
- Energy costs reduction

#### **Suspending Operations**

- Temporarily suspending operations at hotels without adequate demand
  - Suspended operations at 57 hotels
- 46 hotels operating with a low-cost model (minimal staffing/services to conserve costs)

#### **Minimizing CapEx**

- Postponed all non-essential capital improvement projects planned for 2020 (over 80% reduction)
- Paused renovations of Wyndham hotels
- Deferred ROI projects

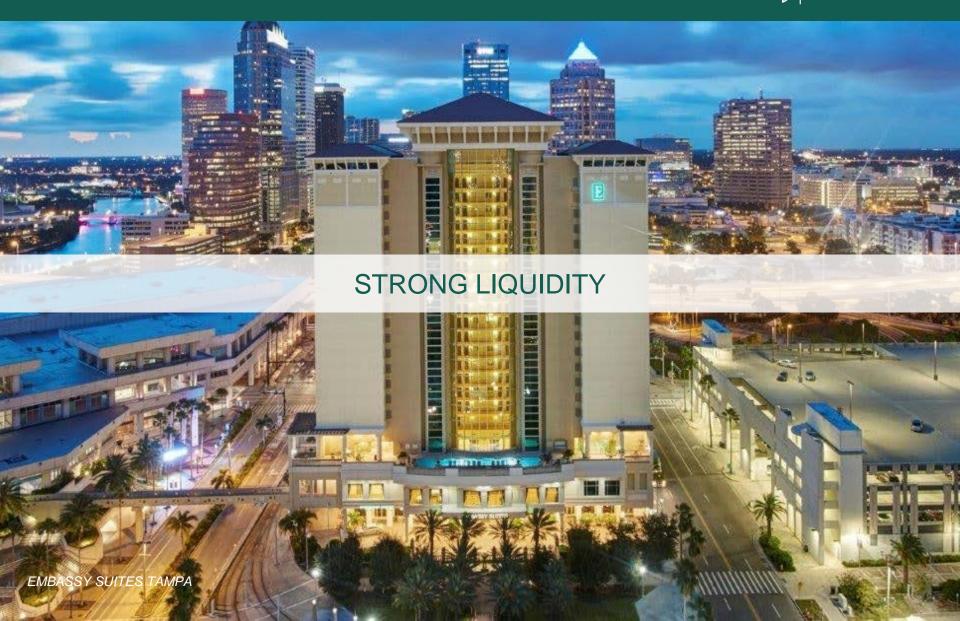
#### **Corporate Initiatives**

- Dividend reduction will save \$200M+ annually
- Reduction in G&A including renegotiating contracts, eliminating travel and adjusting staffing related costs
- Delaying FelCor notes redemption
- Suspended share repurchases
- Drew down \$400M on \$600M LOC

**Liquidity Preservation** 

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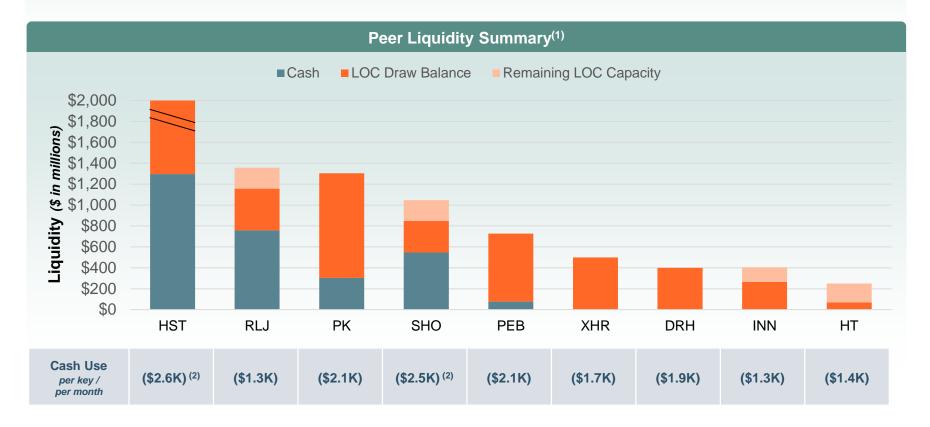
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#### RLJ is well positioned with both significant liquidity and a long runway

- RLJ holds cash on hand of \$1.2B and \$200M undrawn on line of credit
- Monthly cash burn lower for RLJ portfolio vs. traditional Full-Service portfolios





#### RLJ estimates average monthly cash burn across its portfolio to be ~\$25M to \$35M<sup>(1)</sup>

- Expects to maintain strong liquidity position even if there is a long duration of COVID-19 impact
- RLJ's Focused-Service and Compact Full-Service portfolio have lower operating cost model vs. traditional Full-Service

#### Average hotel-level monthly costs of approximately \$5M to \$14M

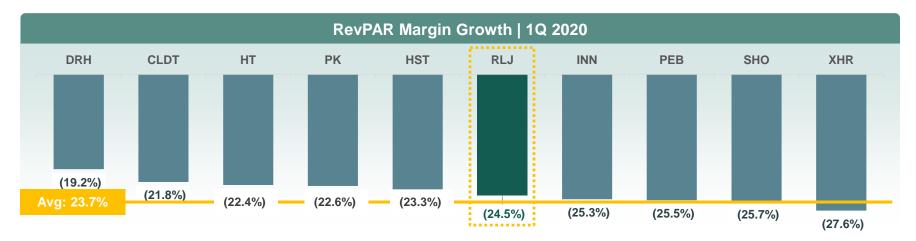
- Assumes variable cost per hotel of \$140,000 at current occupancy levels
- Monthly variable costs of \$110,000 for our Select-Service hotels vs. \$190,000 for our Full-Service hotels
- Hotels that remain open are generating shortfalls 40% lower than closed hotels

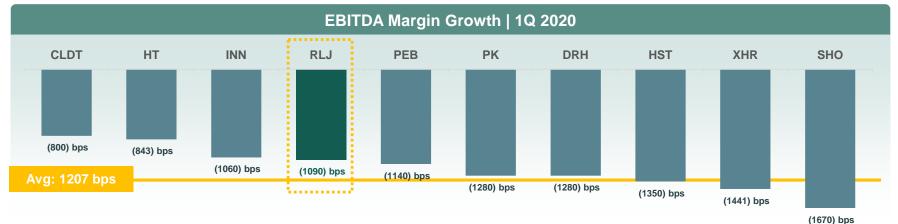
#### Layered in property-level fixed costs and corporate costs

- Average hotel fixed costs of \$7M, primarily property taxes and insurance
- Corporate-level monthly cash G&A of \$2M
- \$11M to \$12M corporate costs including debt service and preferred dividends



### RLJ's operating model is more resilient than lodging REIT peers with our lean operating cost structure







### POSITIONED FOR RECOVERY





#### RLJ expects ramp-up of hotels to be influenced by hotel type and location

Leisure and drive-to segments are recovering sooner and group is expected to lag

**SOONER** 

Recovery Ramp Up

**LATER** 

Market Type	Comments
Drive-to	- "Drive-to" markets are seeing pent-up demand
Leisure	- Timing of economy reopening is coinciding with the end of school year
Non-Gateway / Suburban	- Localized demand and less dependent on air travel
Airport	- Expect recovery in air travel to be only gradual
Gateway / Urban	- Reliant on business transient and international which should see slower recovery

Asset Type	Comments
Economy	- Economy hotels are seeing from "drive-to", leisure travel as restrictions are lifted
Select-Service / Extended Stay	- Large room/bay size offers attractive value proposition
Full-Service / Airport	- Slower to recover due to higher reliance on business transient and group demand
Luxury	<ul> <li>Slower to recover as consumer confidence will need to rebound significantly</li> <li>Dependent on discretionary spending</li> </ul>
Convention	- Slower to recover as cities and companies likely to restrict large group gatherings pending advancements on testing and vaccine for COVID-19

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#### POSITIONED FOR EARLY RAMP-UP IN A RECOVERY



### RLJ's transient orientation and exposure to a number of drive-to, leisure markets should allow for early ramp up

#### Transient segment, especially leisure is expected to ramp up first during a recovery

- RLJ's portfolio is primarily transient oriented (>80% of revenues) with shorter booking window
- There is likely to be some pent-up leisure demand initially; should benefit RLJ's hotels in South Florida, SoCal, Charleston, New Orleans among others that represent ~45% of transient revenues (1)
- Drive-to markets represents ~35% of revenues (1)
- RLJ has eight hotels located in resort-oriented markets, which represents ~10% of revenues (1)

#### Suite product will be very attractive in a social distancing environment

- Brands such as Residence Inn, Hyatt House, Homewood Suites and Embassy Suites offer larger room size, an all-suites product, which is appealing to families and extended stay travelers
- Hotels with extended-stay features represent ~50% of revenues (1)

#### Soft suspension model will allow for quicker post re-opening ramp-up

 RLJ continues to maintain a few FTEs at suspended hotels, which will allow faster reopening without significant incremental reopening costs

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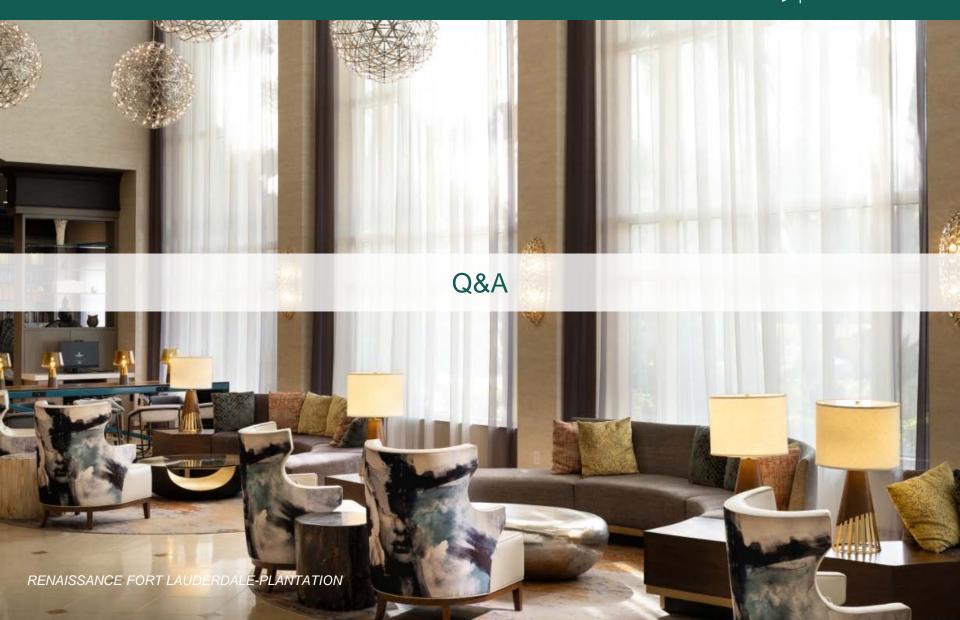


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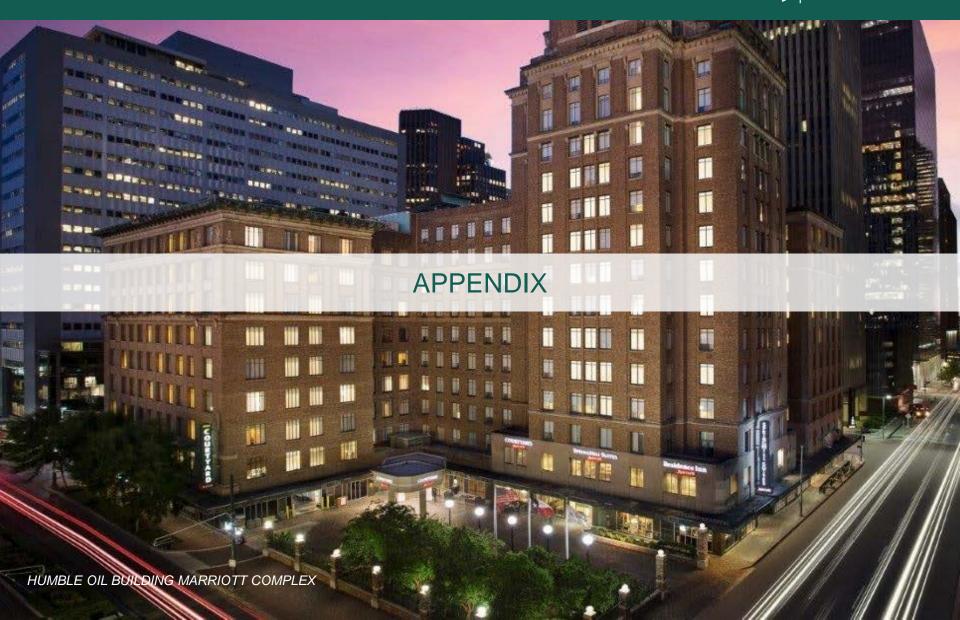
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#### RLJ EMBEDDED GROWTH CATALYSTS REMAIN



# Although currently paused, we continue to maintain high conviction in the embedded growth catalysts within our portfolio and their potential to unlock significant value

#### **Wyndham conversion opportunity**

- 8 Wyndham branded hotels represented over 13% of 2019 EBITDA
  - Located in key markets such as Santa Monica, Charleston, Boston and Philadelphia
  - Opportunity to reposition as lifestyle brands and unlock significant NAV

#### \$150-200M in identified ROI opportunities with minimum low double-digit unlevered IRR's

- Green initiatives (lighting retrofits, water conservation, energy generation projects)
- Space configuration (adding keys, splitting suites, re-concepting underutilized space)
- Operational (parking fees, management agreement renewals, procurement savings)
- Additional brand conversions with over 20 hotel franchise agreements expiring within 5-years

#### **Capital markets opportunities**

- Debt refinancing and redemption activities
- Additional deleveraging

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS



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