

# RLJ | Lodging Trust

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### Majority of portfolio now open and benefitting from sequential improvement in demand

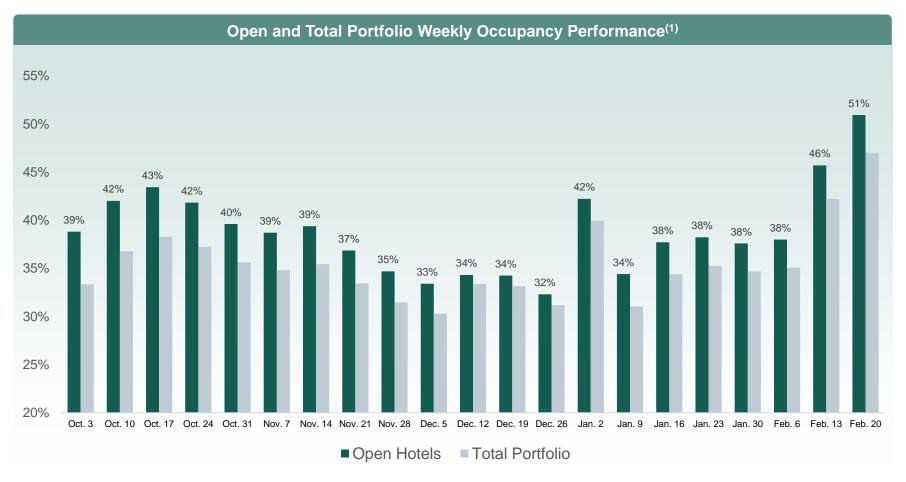
#### 96% of RLJ's portfolio is now open

- 97 of 101 hotels are open
- Remaining suspended properties are primarily full-service hotels located in urban markets (New York and San Francisco) and one clustered hotel (Chicago)
- Open hotels achieving strong relative performance and gaining market share
  - Open hotels achieved 37.5% occupancy and gained over 900 bps of market share in Q4 2020
  - Open hotels generated occupancy of 37.1% in January'21 and ADR of \$111, ahead of December'20
- Leisure demand and pockets of business transient and group driving occupancy
  - Leisure-oriented markets continue to outperform, with markets such as South Florida, Orlando and Charleston achieving occupancy of 50% or more during Q4 2020
  - Business transient and group rooms revenues improving
- Open hotels continue disciplined cost containment
  - Significant reduction in staffing, elimination of non-essential amenities and services and modification of brand standards and traditional operating model
- RLJ will continue to evaluate remaining hotel reopenings

RLJ will continue to operate hotels to minimize operating shortfalls



## Occupancies have improved since January following moderation in demand during November and December of last year



<sup>(1)</sup> Open Hotels include those hotels that are open for at least 10 days of the month. Results exclude the Chateau LeMoyne-French Quarter New Orleans, which is a fully unconsolidated hotel. Unaudited, for comparison purposes only.

## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCT DRIVING PERFORMANCE

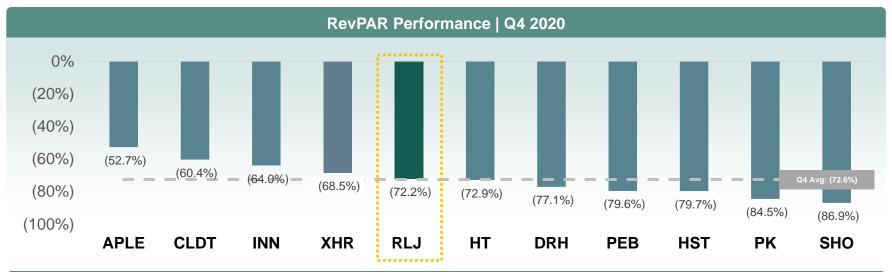


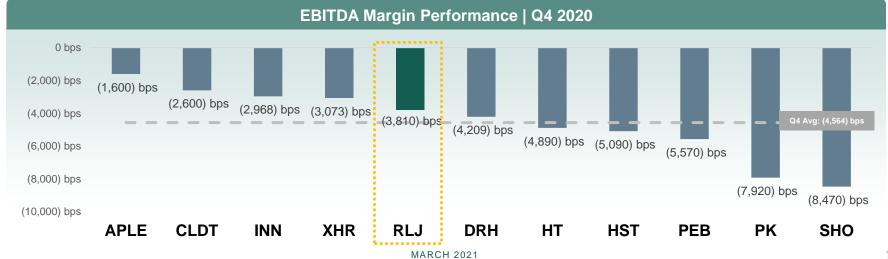
Portfolio construct and diversification enabled RLJ to continue to benefit from relative strength in Leisure and an uptick in Business Transient and Group demand during Q4

- Open hotels achieved 47% occupancy on weekends and 33% on weekdays
- All-suite hotels remained popular in a social distancing environment
  - Open all-suite hotels, representing 50% of RLJ's portfolio, achieved 42% occupancy
- RLJ's Resort and Drive-to markets benefitted from pent-up leisure demand
  - Open resort hotels achieved 56% occupancy
  - Hotels in drive-to markets achieved 41% occupancy, with markets such as Charleston, Orlando and our Florida markets achieving 50% occupancies or more
- Lean operating model continuing to drive improved profitability
  - Total portfolio achieved positive gross operating profit during Q4, for the second quarter in a row
  - Open hotels achieved positive Hotel EBITDA during the second half of 2020



### On a relative basis, RLJ's RevPAR and Hotel EBITDA margins have outperformed





#### IMPROVING CASH BURN



## Ended 2020 with a monthly average cash burn of \$23.6M<sup>(1)</sup>, near the low-end of the most recent range

- Since providing initial cash burn estimates in May, RLJ actualized a cumulative cash burn that was over \$100M below the high-end of initial estimates
- RLJ's Focused-Service and Compact Full-Service portfolio has lower operating costs vs. Traditional Full-Service hotels

#### Significant runway based on current liquidity and cash burn rate

- RLJ maintains strong liquidity of ~\$1.1B
- Based on liquidity as of December 31st and continuing at 2020 cash burn rate, RLJ has approximately four years of total runway.

### Expect burn rate to continue to trend down throughout 2021

Expect first quarter monthly cash burn of \$20M to \$24M



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

Leisure and Drive-to segments are recovering sooner than Corporate and Group

**SOONER** 

Recovery Ramp Up

**LATER** 

Market Type	Comments	
Drive-to	- "Drive-to" markets are seeing pent-up demand	
Leisure	<ul> <li>Remote work / schools have created flexibility to work from anywhere</li> <li>Weekends are elongating as many combine Thursdays into weekend travel</li> </ul>	
Non-Gateway / Suburban	<ul> <li>Localized demand and less dependent on air travel</li> <li>Observing an uptick in business related to essential workers on long-term projects</li> </ul>	
Airport	<ul> <li>Expect recovery in air travel to be only gradual</li> <li>International travel to lag domestic volume</li> </ul>	
Gateway / Urban	- Reliant on Business Transient and International which should see slower recovery	

	Asset Type	Comments
•	Economy	- Economy hotels are benefitting from "Drive-to" Leisure travel
	Select-Service / Extended Stay	<ul> <li>Large room / bay size offers attractive value proposition</li> <li>Popular with families and the business traveler</li> </ul>
	Full-Service / Airport	- Slower to recover due to greater reliance on Business Transient and Group demand
	Luxury	<ul> <li>Slower to recover given consumer confidence will need to rebound significantly</li> <li>Dependent on discretionary spending</li> </ul>
,	Convention	- Slower to recover with cities and companies continuing to restrict large group gatherings while evaluating advancements on COVID-19 testing and vaccines

## POSITIONED TO BENEFIT EARLY IN THE RECOVERY



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## RLJ's transient orientation, exposure to a number of Drive-to / Leisure markets and portfolio construct is allowing for an early ramp up

#### Transient segment, especially Leisure, is ramping up first during this recovery

- RLJ's portfolio is primarily transient oriented (~80% of revenues) with shorter booking window
- Portfolio is benefitting from relative leisure strength in markets such as South Florida, Orlando and Tampa
- Drive-to markets represent ~35% of revenues<sup>(1)</sup>
- RLJ has eight hotels located in resort-oriented markets, which represents ~10% of revenues<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Suite product is proving to be very attractive in a social distancing environment

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

### Lean operating model is allowing hotels to achieve break-even faster

 RLJ's select-service and compact full-service hotels have smaller footprints and are less complex operationally, allowing hotels to be operated with lean staffing and minimizing cash burn

## ...AND ALSO FOR LONG-TERM OUTPERFORMANCE



### RLJ has unique catalysts to outperform throughout the next lodging cycle

#### Significant liquidity of over \$1B should enable RLJ to emerge with a healthy balance sheet

- Minimize the need to raise potentially unattractive capital
- Efficiencies achieved during 2020 should allow for return to pre-pandemic profitability sooner

#### Portfolio transformation in 2019 improved long-term growth profile and metrics

- 2019 dispositions improved long-term RevPAR growth and market concentration
- RLJ's portfolio should thrive as Business Transient and Group segments return during a sustained recovery

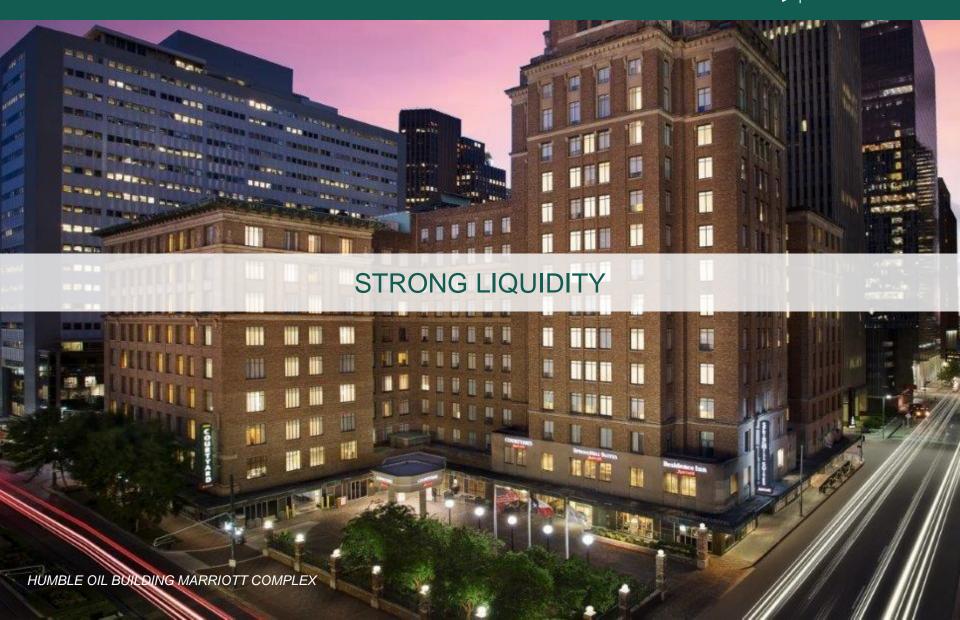
#### RLJ's growth will be amplified by unlocking embedded growth catalysts

- On track to complete the repositioning conversions at the Embassy Suites Mandalay Beach, Wyndham Santa Monica and the Mills House Wyndham Charleston in 2022
- Conversions will position assets to capture higher-rated leisure and enhance overall NAV / portfolio quality

#### Expect to deploy growth capital early during the recovery

 Actively monitoring the transaction market and expect to be in a position to deploy growth capital as the recovery takes hold

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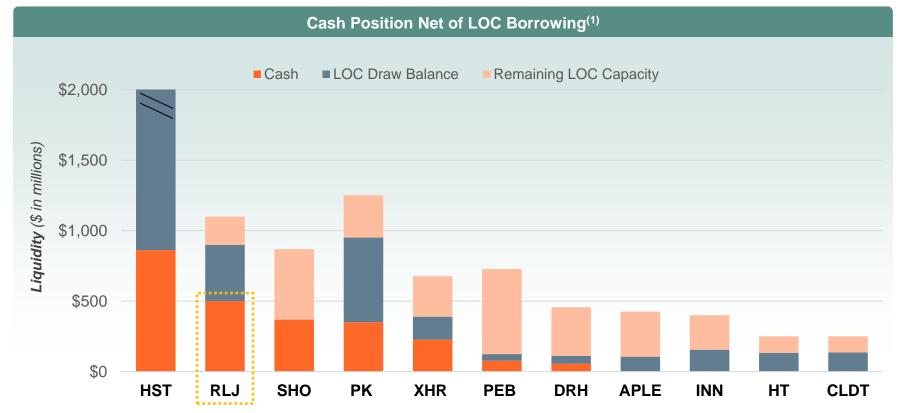




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### RLJ is well-positioned with significant liquidity and a long runway

- Nearly \$900M of unrestricted cash<sup>(1)</sup> and \$200M undrawn on line of credit (LOC)
- Monthly cash burn continues to be lower for RLJ's portfolio relative to peers



### RLJ REMAINS IN SOLID FINANCIAL CONDITION



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## RLJ entered the pandemic with solid liquidity, low leverage and a well-staggered maturity profile with no debt maturities until 2022

#### RLJ maintains best-in-class balance sheet

- Entered 2020 with Net Debt to EBITDA of 3.1x, below peer average
- Ended 2020 with ~\$900M of cash
- No debt maturities until 2022
- As of YE 2020, 81% of our debt is fixed or hedged and 82 of our 101 hotels are unencumbered





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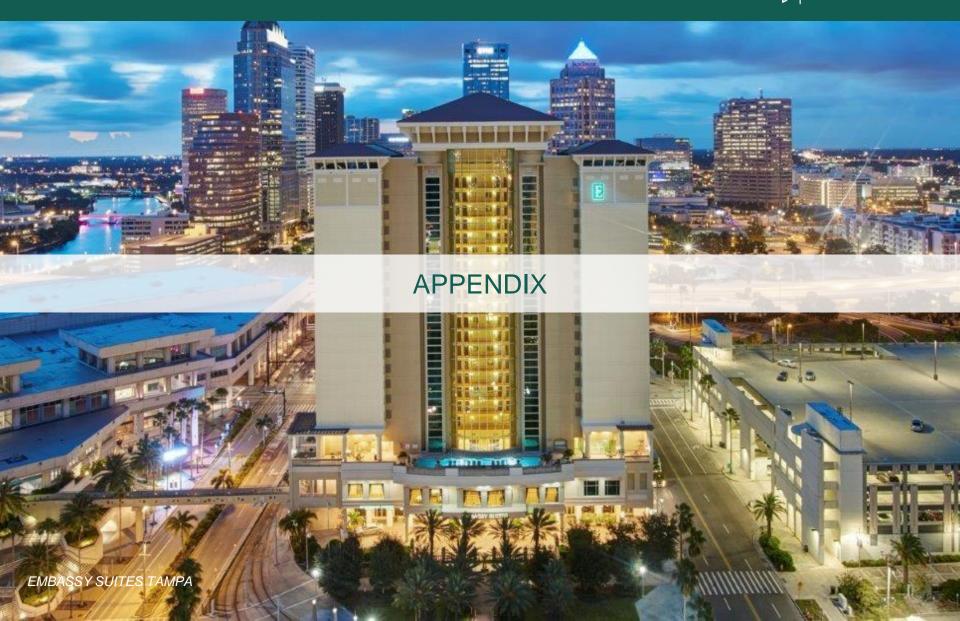


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# SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF 2019 STRATEGY STRENGTHENED RLJ



## 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

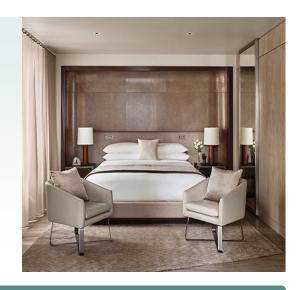
- Improved 2019 absolute RevPAR by over 8%
- Generated over \$720M of cash proceeds

#### **Wyndham Guarantee Termination**

Terminated Wyndham Guarantee and received \$35M

### Simplified capital structure during 2018-2019

- Repaid \$524M 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

**Strengthened Portfolio** 

\$1.4B

- Debt Refinanced
- Reduced Interest Expense
- Enhanced Maturity Ladder

+8%

Increase in Absolute RevPAR

+22%

EBITDA per Hotel

Generated Incremental Cash

~ \$0.8B

- Sold 47 hotels
- Wyndham Termination





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

#### **Suspended Operations**

- Temporarily suspended operations at hotels with inadequate demand
  - Initially suspended operations at 57 hotels
- Continued to operate open hotels with a low-cost model (minimal staffing / services to conserve costs)
- Reopened all but four hotels, based upon relative demand strength

#### **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
- Suspended FelCor notes redemption
- Suspended share repurchases
- Drew down \$400M on \$600M LOC

**Liquidity Preservation** 

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS



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