Sector View

Hotels

Starwood Hotels & Resorts: The unsolicited offer from Anbang

		1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Travel&Le	eisure	8.7%	-3.2%	0.0%	6 -7.9%
DJ Stoxx 6	00	10.3%	-1.4%	-2.5%	6 -5.8%
*Stoxx Sector Indices					

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ANALYSIS

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 for US\$76 per share in cash. The consortium is led by China's Anbang Insurance Group Co. Chinese
 investment firm Primavera Capital Group and J.C. Flowers & Co. are also part of the consortium
 making the offer.
- The offer represents a premium of 7.9% to Starwood's closing price last Friday (i.e. US\$70.4) valuing Starwood at a total of US\$12.8bn, up 16% compared with about US\$11bn from Marriott's cash and stock deal announced in November 2015 representing US\$65.4 per share (i.e. 0.92 share of Marriott International and US\$2 in cash for each share of Starwood i.e. \$10.5 billion of Marriott common stock, based on the 20-day VWAP of Marriott common stock ending on March 11, 2016, and \$339 million of cash). Remember that Starwood stockholders will also receive whatever the offer approximately US\$5.50 per share from the spin-off of the Starwood timeshare business and subsequent merger with ILG (Internal Leisure Group).
- Starwood's Board has not changed its recommendation in support of the group merger with Marriott. Nevertheless, having received a waiver from Marriott, Starwood commenced discussions with the consortium on 11th of March. The waiver expires on 17th March. Note that if Starwood were to terminate its existing merger with Marriott, it would owe to Marriott a US\$400m cash termination fee.

VALUATION

		EV		EV /Sales		EV/EBITDA		EV/EBIT		PER	
	Last	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e
MARRIOTT INTL.'A'	70,93	22 619	23 300	1,45	1,35	11,90	10,72	14,26	12,62	19,1	16,2
CHOICE HOTELS INTL.	52	3 540	3 490	3,93	3,80	13,90	13,12	14,56	13,70	22,2	20,3
HILTON WORLDWIDE HDG.	2 850	11 450	11 247	6,40	6,06	14,46	13,48	16,31	15,08	21,7	18,9
STARWOOD HTLS.& RSTS.	76	13 914	13 752	2,62	2,61	12,59	12,11	17,79	16,78	26,8	24,7
WYNDHAM	76	11 521	11 508	1,98	1,91	8,37	7,96	10,12	9,66	13,5	12,1
Average				3,28	3,15	12,24	11,48	14,61	13,57	20,66	18,47

Source: Company Data; Bryan Garnier & Co. ests.

		E	V	EV /:	Sales	EV/EI	BITDA	EV/	EBIT	PI	ER
	Last price	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e	2016e	2017e
ACCOR	39,17	9 718	9 650	1,66	1,56	8,90	7,61	12,83	10,66	21,6	18,4
IHG	2850	11 450	11 247	6,40	6,06	14,46	13,48	16,31	15,08	21,7	18,9
MELIA	10,21	2 693	2 522	1,55	1,47	9,51	8,64	14,82	12,92	26,2	20,5
NH HOTELS	4,29	2 368	2 321	1,59	1,51	12,14	10,45	22,38	17,51	44,2	26,0
MILLENIUM	422,60	198	196	2,31	2,24	8,80	8,39	11,71	11,14	16,3	15,5
WHITBREAD	3932,00	803	826	2,73	2,52	10,65	9,79	14,14	13,03	16,7	15,4
REZIDOR	34,80	648	625	0,63	0,61	5,62	4,93	8,75	7,37	14,0	11,7
Average				2,41	2,28	10,01	9,04	14,42	12,53	22,96	18,06

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