

# Review of Issues Affecting Hotel Values

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# Introduction



The COVID-19 pandemic and the related restrictions on travel, business activity, and individual movement are having a significant impact on our industry. We don't know how long the pandemic will last, how long the related restrictions will be in place, or how much worse this could get for our industry. We also don't know the final, net impact on the economy.

We do know that the hospitality industry is extraordinarily resilient. Past "shock" events and downturns have caused business to plummet; however, the industry performance has always recovered. Even though the pace and degree of the COVID-19 downturn is unprecedented, market participants believe that the hospitality industry will recover and, as in the past, this cycle will create the opportunity for strong returns through well-timed and well-executed investment strategies.

Owners, operators, lenders, and investors are all facing greater challenges than ever anticipated. HVS is here to help. We have a strong team of senior leaders who have been through numerous prior cycles. With the knowledge and expertise gleaned from past downturns, HVS is available to support you, your hotels, and your investors as we navigate these challenging times.

A photograph of a modern building facade with a repeating pattern of windows and balconies, viewed from a low angle looking down a long, narrow corridor.

## Agenda

1. How are hotels valued?
2. An unprecedented downturn
3. Looking ahead
4. Impact on hotel values
5. Conclusions

# How are hotel values measured?

## **Simplistic...**

- Present value of expected future cash flows
- Sales comparisons – amount per room
- Replacement cost

## **Even more simplistic...**

- Multiple of profits
- Yield

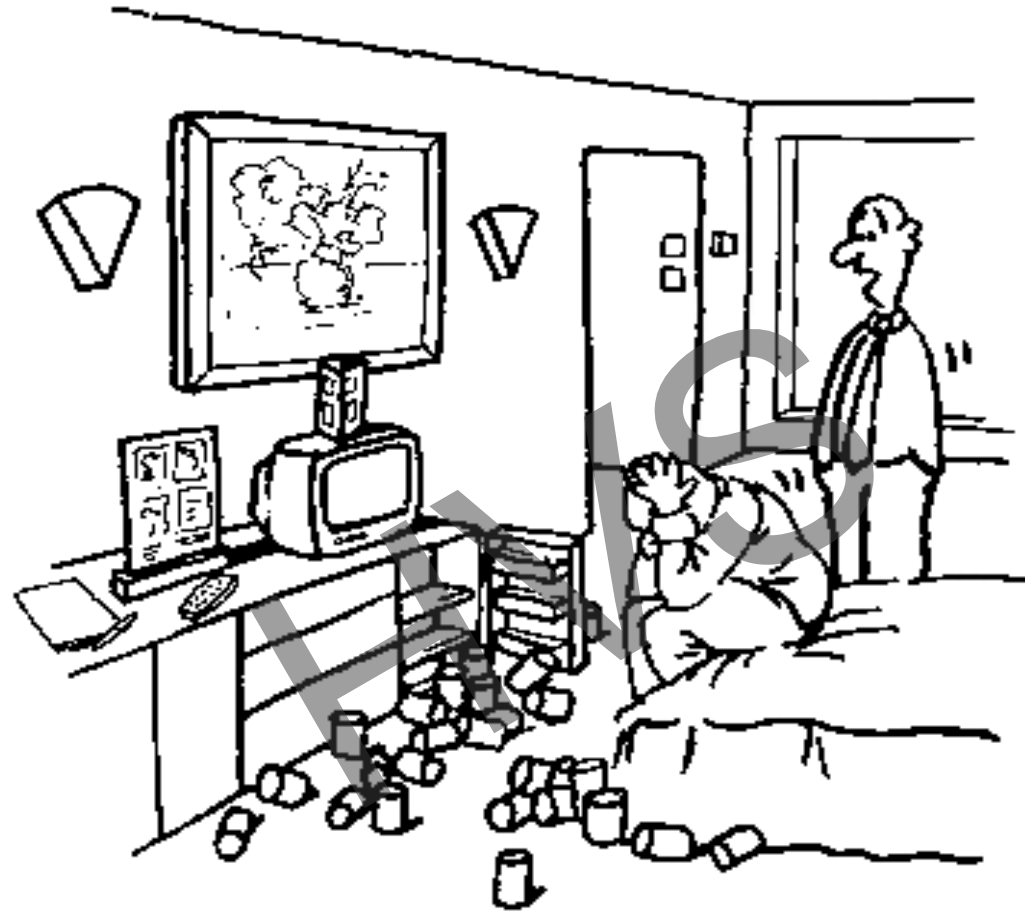
## **What we used to do...**

- Rule of a thousand

## **Utterly fascinating...**

- Can of Coke method

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'I think you're meant to *multiply* by a hundred thousand  
– not try and *drink* a hundred thousand...'

*"The estimated amount for which an asset should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion."*

*Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors*

# Hotel valuation methods

- Sales Comparison Approach
- Depreciated Replacement Cost
- Income Capitalisation Methods

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# Valuation methods

Method	Uses / Advantages	Limitations
Sales Comparison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Provides a range of values</li><li>▪ Gives an indication of real buyers' motivations</li><li>▪ Compares sales of actual hotels</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ No hotel is truly comparable</li><li>▪ Value is dependant on buyer's motivations</li><li>▪ Economic environment may (and most probably will) differ</li><li>▪ Reliable sales data not always available</li><li>▪ Currently very few transactions, limited transparency</li></ul>
Depreciated Replacement Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Construction cost estimate at today's prices less depreciation allowance</li><li>▪ Useful for new properties</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Not always applicable, especially when considering 'old' hotels</li><li>▪ Doesn't reflect investor rationale</li><li>▪ Depreciation can be physical, functional, and/or external</li></ul>



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Income Capitalisation – Single Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quick approach</li> <li>▪ Commonly used and widely understood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only based on one year's net income</li> <li>▪ Doesn't reflect increases/decreases in net income</li> <li>▪ Not always reliable</li> </ul>
Income Capitalisation – Future Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Takes some account of the impact of future cash flows</li> <li>▪ Useful where assets are currently underperforming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Needs skill and hotel operational knowledge</li> <li>▪ Still only based on one year's net income</li> <li>▪ Still doesn't reflect the fluctuations in net income</li> </ul>
Income Capitalisation – DCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thorough approach</li> <li>▪ Reflects the rises and falls in net income</li> <li>▪ Increasingly used and widely understood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Based on forecasts of five/ten years' net income – not 'quick and dirty'</li> <li>▪ Valuers need more exposure to and understanding of the local hotel market</li> </ul>

# HVS Valuation Methodology

- Market study
- Derivation of occupancy, room rate
- Projection of income and expense
- Sensitivity analysis
- Application of valuation parameters
- Cross-check with market evidence
- Can be applied to existing hotels and proposed developments

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# HVS Valuation Methodology (cont'd)

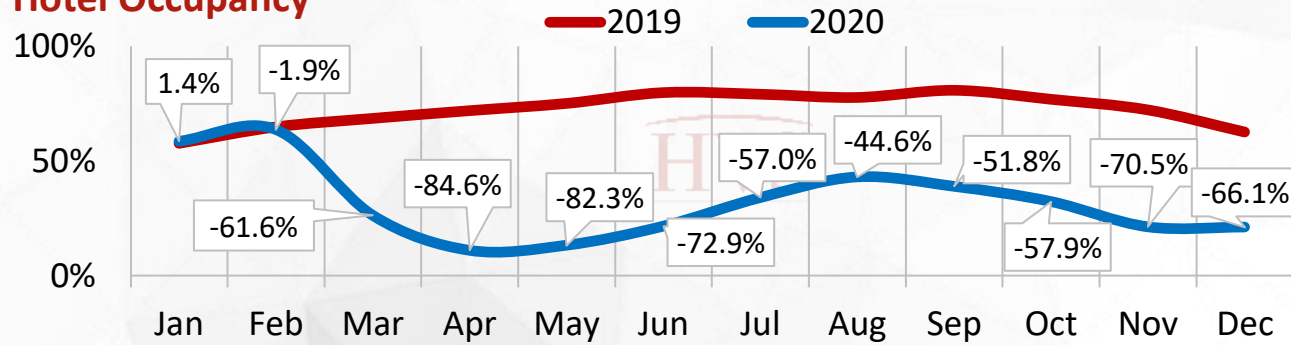


- Ten-year holding period assumed
- Assumed sale at end of year 10
- Investment is assumed to be leveraged
- Appropriate market lending parameters adopted
- Net cash flows split between debt and equity components
- Each component discounted at market rates
- Value calculation performed using the Simultaneous Valuation Formula
- Cross checks – comp. sales and replacement cost

The background image shows a modern office interior with large windows overlooking a harbor at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow. The office has a dark ceiling with recessed lighting and several rows of chairs or desks in the foreground. A large, faint 'HVS' watermark is visible in the center of the image.

# An Unprecedented Downturn

### Hotel Occupancy



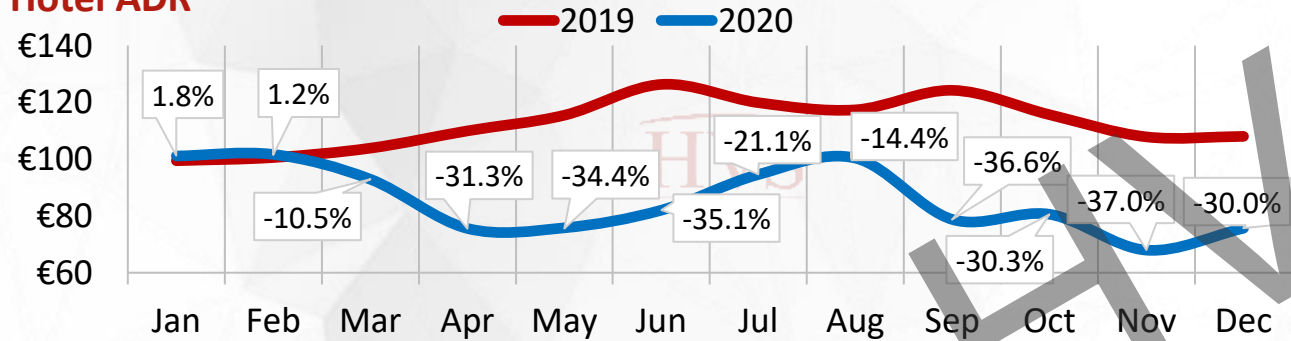
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\*Including Closed Hotels

### Hotel ADR



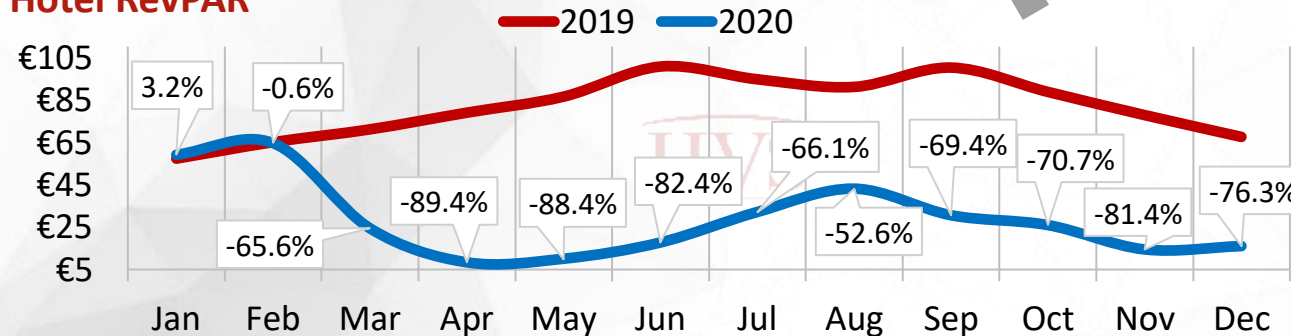
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### Hotel RevPAR



**FY20 VS 19**

**-63.1%**

**-69.5%\***

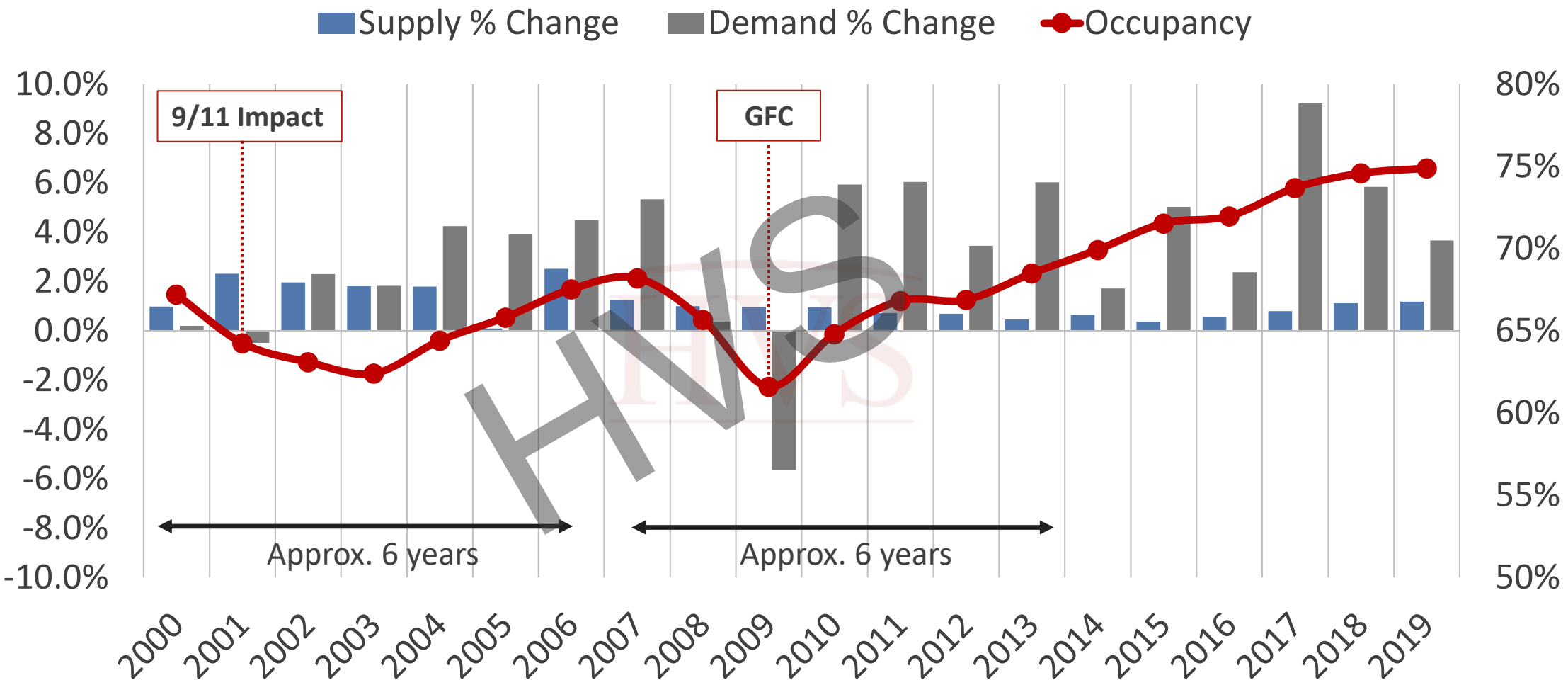
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**Data for Europe show substantial Y-o-Y declines – partial summer improvement followed by renewed winter declines**

Monthly data exclude hotels that were closed

# Demand proved resilient to previous shocks

Europe Overall

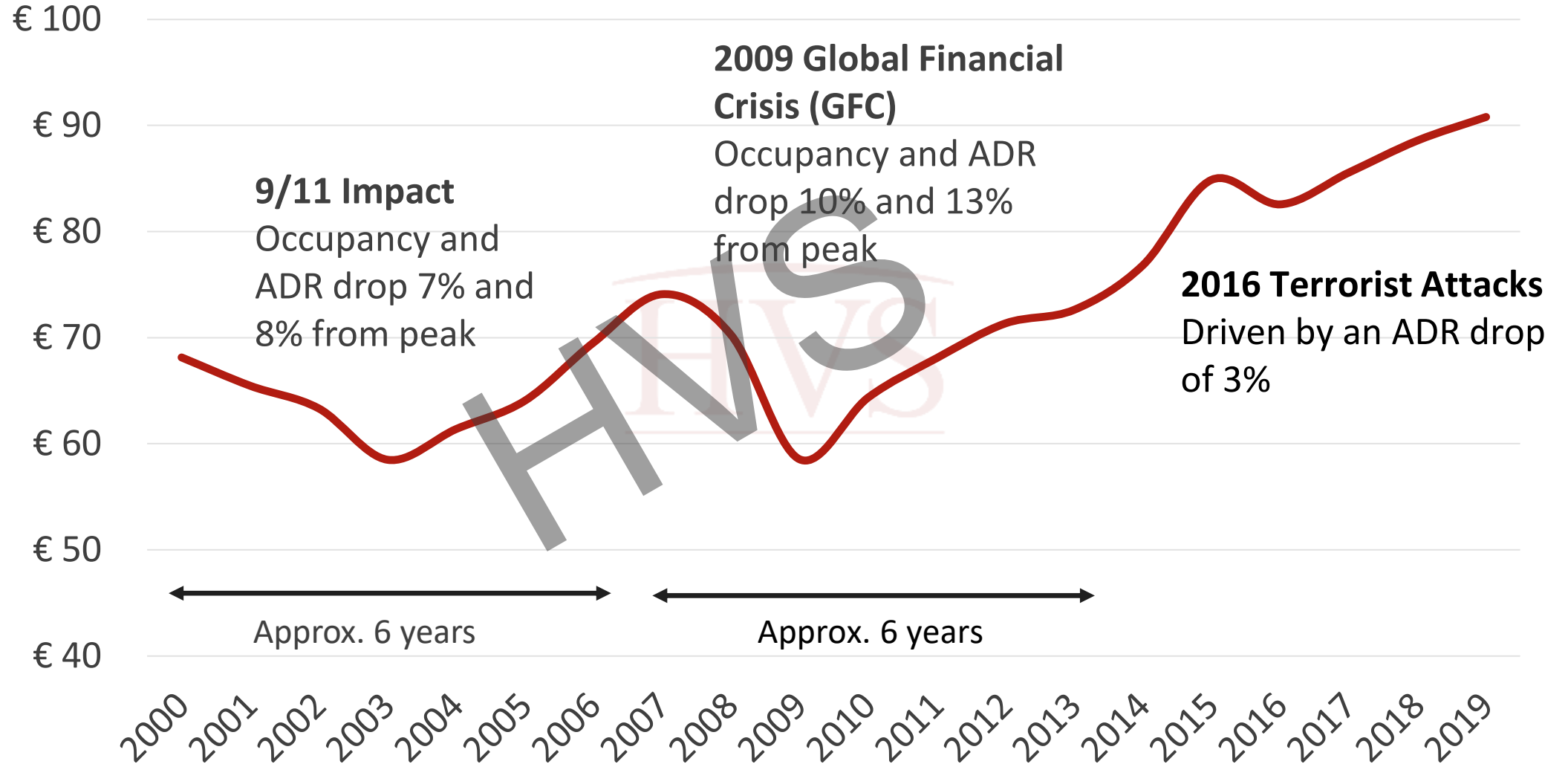


Sources: Eurostat; UNWTO; STR



# RevPAR recovery averaged 6 years

Europe Overall



Source: STR

# Looking Ahead





# Winners and losers in the recovery

## More Vulnerable

- ▶ Full-service hotels, dependent on groups and/or MICE business
- ▶ Hostels with dorms
- ▶ Luxury hotels
- ▶ Gateway markets that depend on international travel
- ▶ “Fly to” markets that depend on air travel
- ▶ Airport hotels
- ▶ Independent properties
- ▶ Markets influenced by the energy sector

## Secondary and tertiary markets



hold up better & trade at a smaller discount to 2019 prices

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## Gateway and primary markets

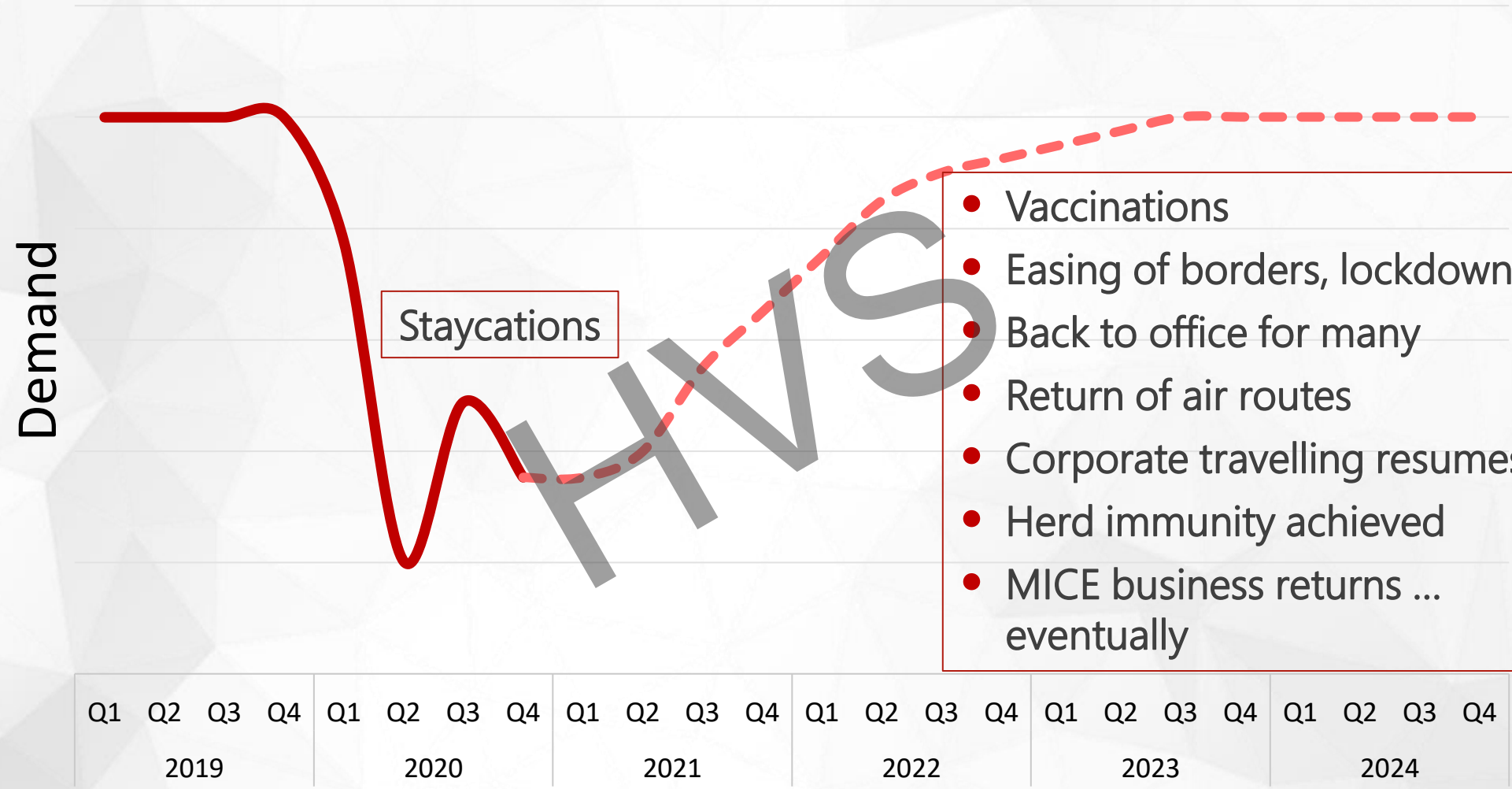


more volatile, larger value declines in the near term, with greater potential for accelerated appreciation thereafter

## Less Vulnerable

- ▶ Hotels that primarily rely on transient segments
- ▶ Markets accessible by car should recover faster than those dependent on air travel
- ▶ Suburban, smaller properties
- ▶ Extended-stay hotels /apart-hotels / serviced apartments with self-contained units
- ▶ Properties affiliated with strong brands
- ▶ Economy / midscale properties

# Key trigger points to revive hotel demand



- Vaccinations
- Easing of borders, lockdowns
- Back to office for many
- Return of air routes
- Corporate travelling resumes
- Herd immunity achieved
- MICE business returns ... eventually



# Meaningful hotel recovery anticipated from 2022

	Historical			Forecast			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Occupancy	72%	72%	27%	45%	63%	70%	72%
Percent Change		0.3%	-63.2%	69.9%	40.2%	10.5%	2.9%
Change vs. 2019			-63.2%	-37.4%	-12.2%	-3.0%	0.0%
Average Rate in €	113	111	92	97	105	111	116
Percent Change		-2.1%	-17.2%	5.7%	7.8%	5.8%	5.0%
Change vs. 2019			-17.2%	-12.4%	-5.6%	-0.2%	4.8%
RevPAR	82	80	24	44	66	78	84
Percent Change		-1.8%	-69.5%	79.6%	51.1%	16.8%	8.0%
Change vs. 2019			-69.5%	-45.2%	-17.2%	-3.2%	4.5%

Source: STR (Historics) and HVS (Projections)

## Assumptions

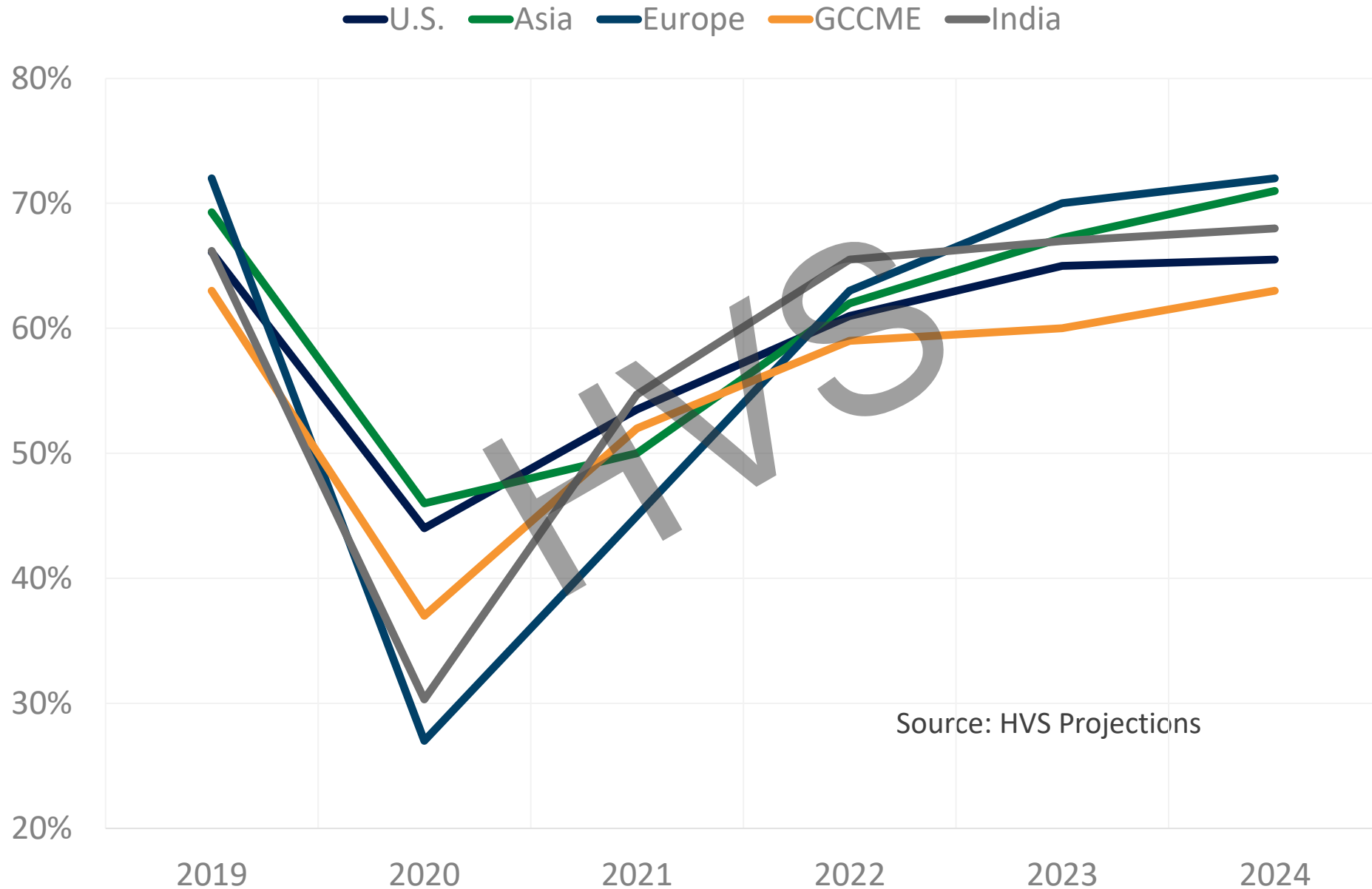


**2021** – continuing suppressed RevPAR in H1; we project occupancy to build up from H2 and recover by 2024, i.e. within 4 years

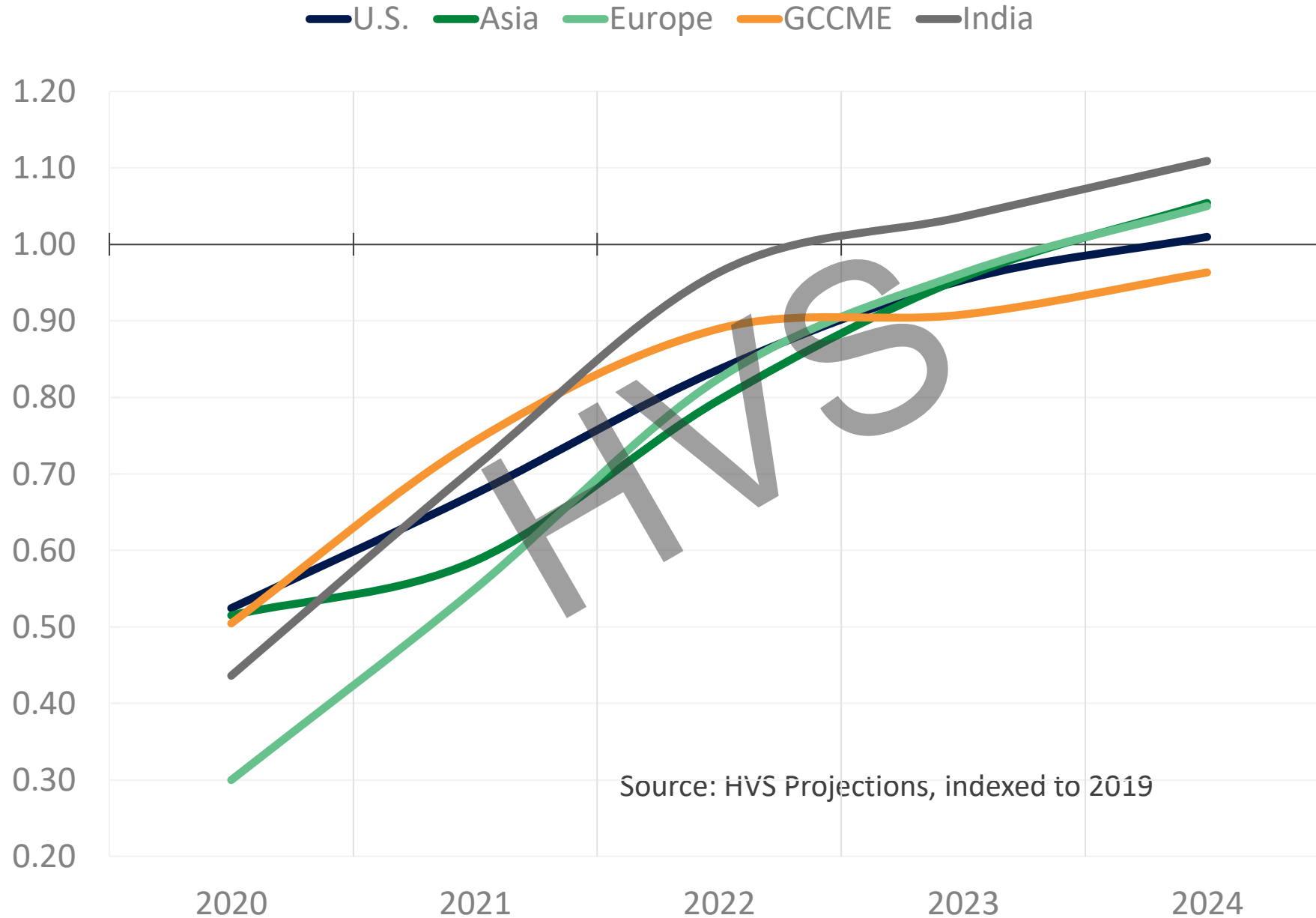
**Average rate** – expected to lag behind, but a narrowing of the gap by 2024 (deflated to 2019 levels)

Differences in recovery times between markets and individual properties are expected

# GLOBAL occupancy levels return by around 2023-24



# GLOBAL RevPAR returns by around 2024





# We expect the wider supply pipeline to shrink

Given recent events, supply growth now expected to be reduced, at a slower pace, than previously anticipated



Under-construction projects may face **delays with materials/FF&E**, pushing back opening dates



**Market conditions** will likely lead to delayed openings. Some projects may be placed **on hold** indefinitely



**Financing challenges** will delay construction start dates



**Changes in market conditions** may render proposed projects unfeasible; some projects may be **postponed or cancelled**



Some **properties may close and not re-open**, resulting in negative supply growth

→ Operating costs cut to the bone, minimize expense levels, opportunity to rethink policies, procedures and service standards from top to bottom

→ Limiting “touchpoints,” supplemented by increased reliance on technology, supports reductions in staffing and service costs

→ Food and beverage service curtailed, reduced or re-engineered

→ New cleanliness & safety protocols produce additional operating costs but can be mitigated by other operational savings (e.g. payroll)

→ Retaining these savings will enhance operating leverage as demand and revenue recovers

→ Owners and operators reporting lower break-even occupancy levels: e.g. 25%-35% limited-service hotels, 40%-45% full-service hotels

< Positive operating leverage and enhanced operating efficiency will support EBITDA recovery

A tall, slightly wobbly stack of numerous silver coins, likely Euro coins, is the central focus on the left side of the image. The coins are stacked vertically, with some showing their edges and others their faces. The background is a blurred, warm-toned circular light, possibly a lens flare or a soft light source, creating a bokeh effect. The overall image has a professional, financial aesthetic.

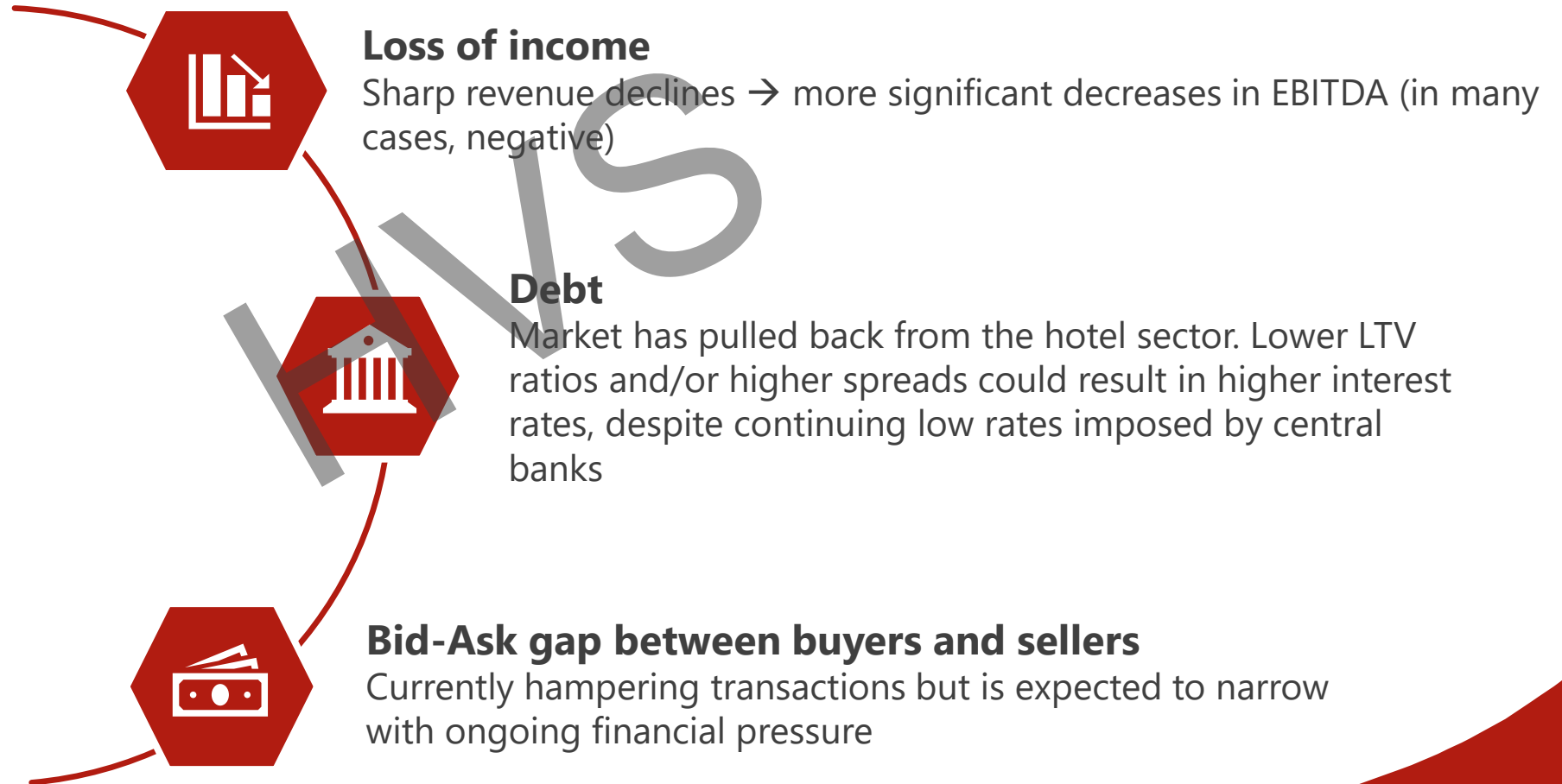
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# Values declined substantially in 2020, mainly because of...



# Market value: willing buyer and willing seller

## Downward Pressure




Unprecedented revenue and EBITDA decline



Economic recession



Longer recovery of MICE business



Uncertainty regarding return of normalised travel patterns



Potential for prolonged recovery, re-infection



Cash drain may force owners to sell


## Upward Pressure



Improved business operating model




Return of positive operating leverage



Yield-hungry funds lining up capital should create competition and help to sustain values



Low cost of capital likely to continue

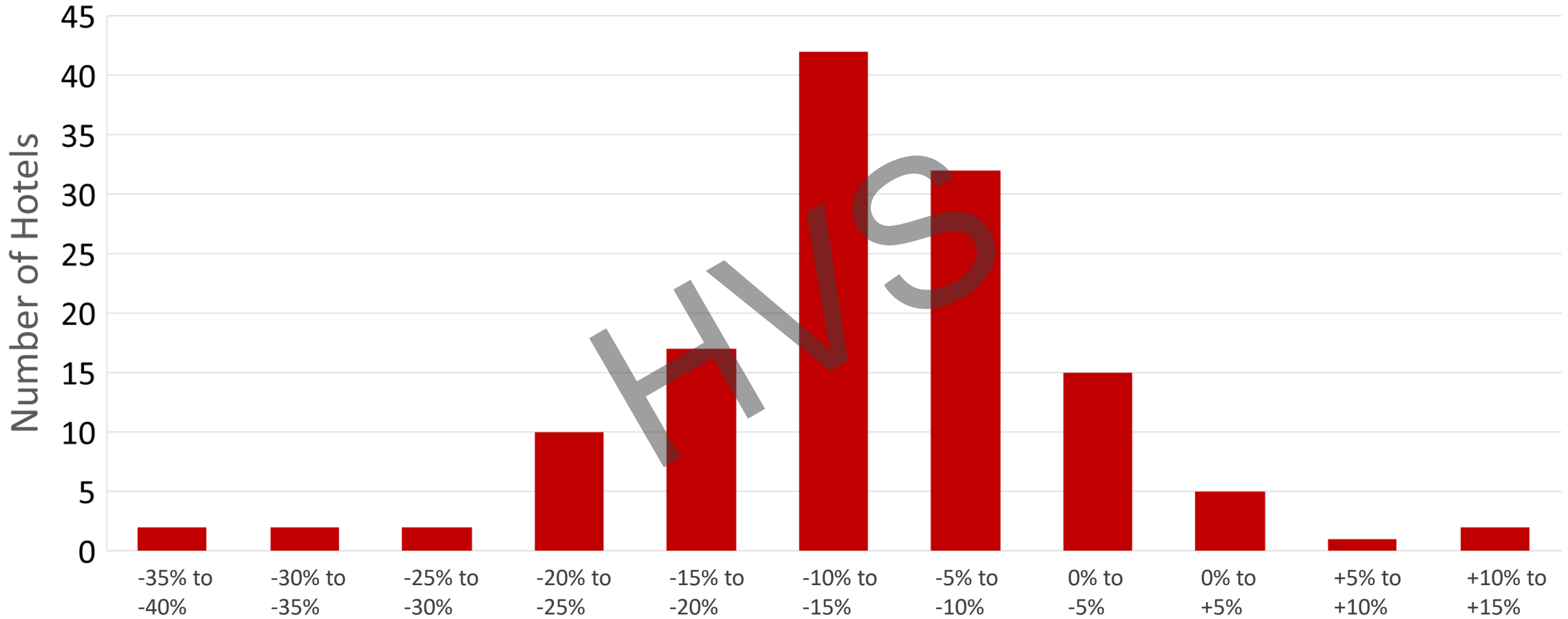


Some lenders will wait for values to rise before losses are recognised

# European hotel values declined mainly between 5% and 15%



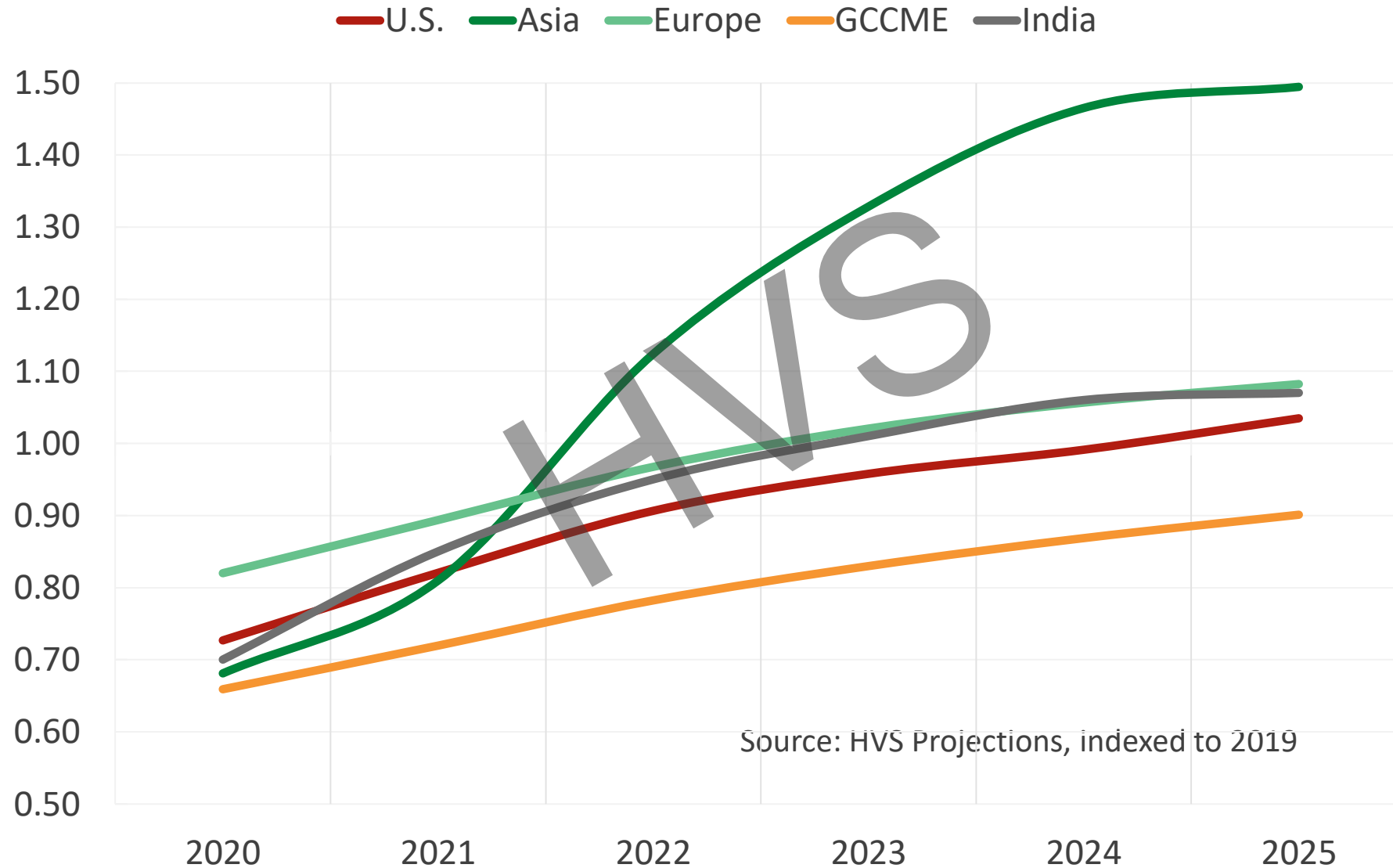
HVS 2020 valuations vs. same hotels in 2019



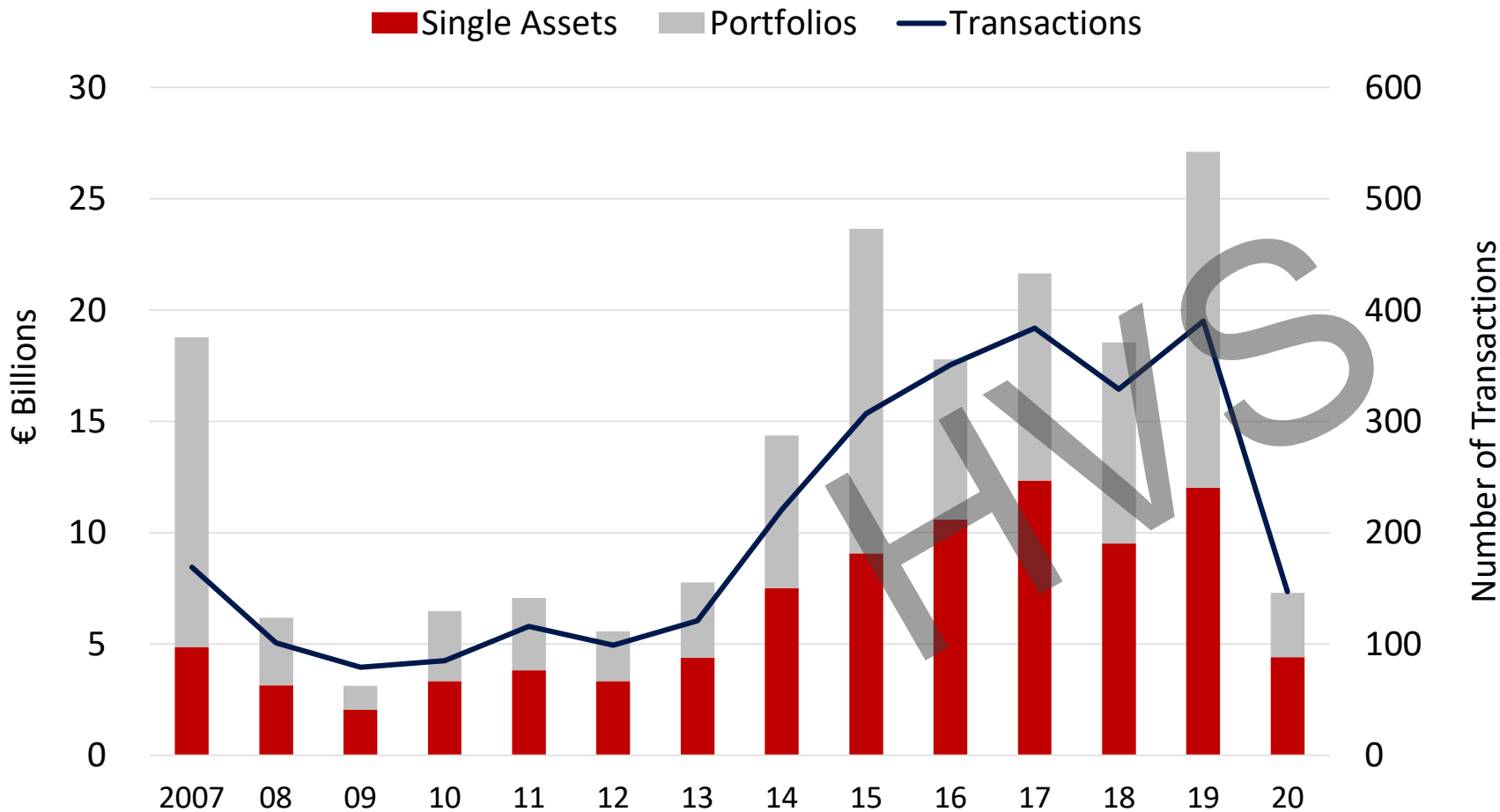
Sample Size: 130 properties across Europe

Source: HVS

# GLOBAL values to return *mainly* by around 2024-25



# What about the Transactions market?



Source: HVS Research

- Transaction volume declined 70% in 2020 – remained well above 2009 low
- Significant equity raised to invest in hotel assets
- Competition limiting discounts from pre-COVID levels
- Debt markets have opened to hospitality again – primarily private debt funds



# Conclusions

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**RevPAR levels depressed** until travel and other restrictions lifted, individuals comfortable travelling again and staying at hotels (vaccine will help)

**Occupancy should recover faster than average rate** – hotels use price to stimulate demand recovery

**Supply growth slows** – projects under construction delayed, new projects postponed or abandoned

**Hotel operations suspended / many hotels closed** – helps to minimise EBITDA losses

**Hotel values decline** – to remain depressed until EBITDAs “hit bottom” and there is evidence of recovery

**Hotel discount rates elevated in the near term** – location, market and property specifics help determine the degree of elevation

**Weight of capital might limit price discounting for hotel assets** → most specialist hotel investors have not changed their investment strategy

**Over the longer term, hotel values will recover** as cash flows improve and capital markets return to more traditional parameters

**Opportunity for high returns** – for well-capitalised buyers to acquire hotels at prices below replacement cost and recent norms ... ‘soon’

**Thank you!**

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