

# Wyndham Hotels & Resorts Rejects Choice Hotels' Unsolicited Offer

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Wyndham Grand Residences Costa del Sol Mijas Costa, Spain

# Wyndham Hotels & Resorts Overview

Largest hotel franchisor worldwide<sup>(a)</sup> Leading brands in the resilient select-service segment Asset-light business model generating significant free cash flow

Primarily leisure-focused, "drive to" portfolio of hotels

~9,100 Hotels 24 Brands

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~858,000 Current Rooms

95+ Countries ~105M Loyalty Members

~237,000

Rooms in the

Pipeline

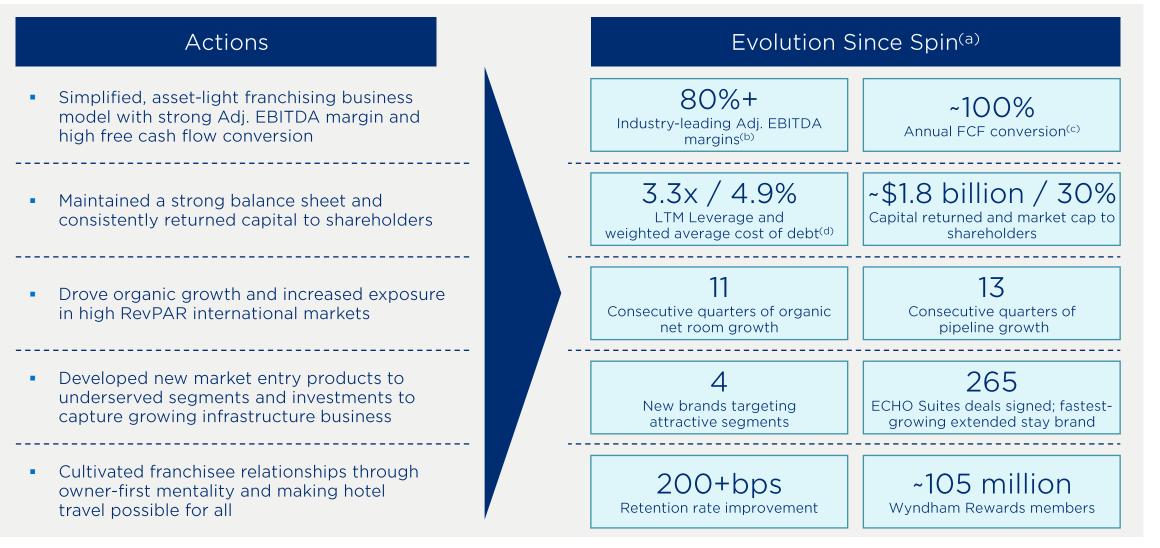
~70% Leisure Guest Mix

~90% Drive to Destinations



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### Wyndham Has Built the Foundation for Long-Term, Sustainable Growth





### Choice's Proposal is Not in the Best Interest of Wyndham Shareholders

Wyndham's standalone plan provides a more compelling risk-adjusted return compared to Choice's unsolicited offer

Uncertain Regulatory Timeline and Outcome Presents Vastly Asymmetrical Risk for Wyndham Shareholders without Appropriate Protections and Compensation

> Choice's Offer Exploits Timing and Undervalues Wyndham's Superior, Standalone Growth Prospects



Choice's Slower-Growing Business and Post-Transaction, Higher Leverage Negatively Affects Equity Consideration



# Uncertain Regulatory Timeline and Outcome Presents Vastly Asymmetrical Risk for Wyndham Shareholders

Welcome to Chester East

Super 8 by Wyndham Chester East Chester, England



# Regulatory Clearance Timeline is Protracted and Outcome is Uncertain

Subject matter experts on both sides have acknowledged the combination would be subject to FTC second round review, which typically takes 12 to 18 months

U.S. Antitrust Investigations at Historic Highs Combination Between Direct Competitors Likely Subject to Rigorous Regulatory Review Industry Reaction to Proposed Transaction Could be a Factor in Review

Wyndham shareholders bear asymmetrical risk of business disruption during long period of uncertainty

Despite **multiple requests**, Choice has not offered solutions to address the significant risks posed to Wyndham and its shareholders



### Franchisees Are Concerned About Losing Wyndham's Owner-First Philosophy

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Choice Hotels would care less about franchisees' profit. They're solely focused on profits for themselves. In my 25 years with Choice, it was rare to non-existent to have a relationship with senior leadership." Super 8 owner

I was supposed to break ground on a new Hawthorn and immediately put it to a halt because I want to know I am doing business with Wyndham, a company where I am family and not a number." La Quinta and Hawthorn multi-unit owner

Wyndham's owner-first approach starts at the very top and is lived by the entire organization. That's why we're focusing our new development effort with Wyndham and the Echo Suites brand, which will bring us much future success." Echo developer



## Prolonged Transaction Process Poses Business **Disruption Risk**

Wyndham's Board believes there is potential for irreparable damage to our business and erosion of shareholder value

Risks to Wyndham Shareholders During 12-to-18 month Regulatory Review Period

- Earnings growth impaired due to new business development disruption and lower materialization of current pipeline
- Competitors capitalizing on franchisee uncertainty impacting continued momentum in retention rate and new development

- ECHO Suites by Wyndham development stagnates from developer unwillingness to move forward under Choice ownership
- Ability to attract and retain premium talent in a tight labor market jeopardizing long-term growth prospects



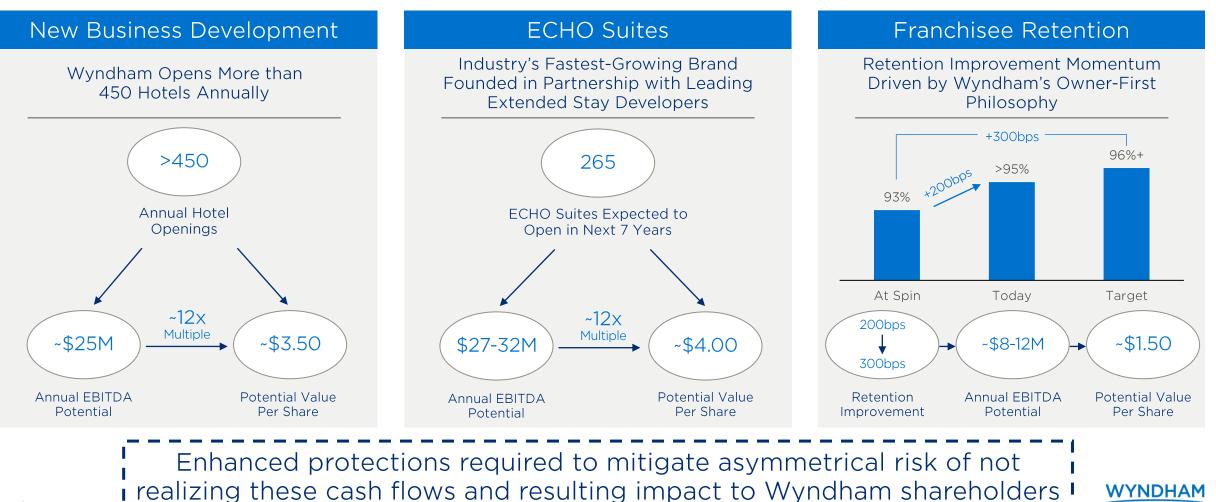
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Longer-dated timeline and potential dis-synergies impact standalone business and risk eroding value whether the deal closes or not



# Potential Risks to Wyndham Shareholders are Meaningful

Wyndham's ability to execute on its growth pillars may be hindered, negatively impacting both standalone and pro forma valuation



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Wyndham Grand Krakow Old Town Krakow, Poland



# Choice's Proposal Exploits Timing

Choice's offer is an opportunistic attempt to take advantage of point-in-time stock price fluctuations resulting in a favorable exchange ratio to Choice

#### Most Favorable Exchange Ratio in Two Years

Choice takes advantage of point-in-time stock price fluctuations with offers coming at the most opportunistic times



#### Offer Does Not Represent Appropriate Valuation

Choice's latest offer represents a mere 6% premium to Wyndham's 52-week high, taking advantage of a temporary dislocation in share price





Choice's Offer Undervalues Wyndham's Standalone Growth Prospects

# Industry Research Analysts Overwhelmingly Believe Wyndham is Undervalued and has Significant Upside

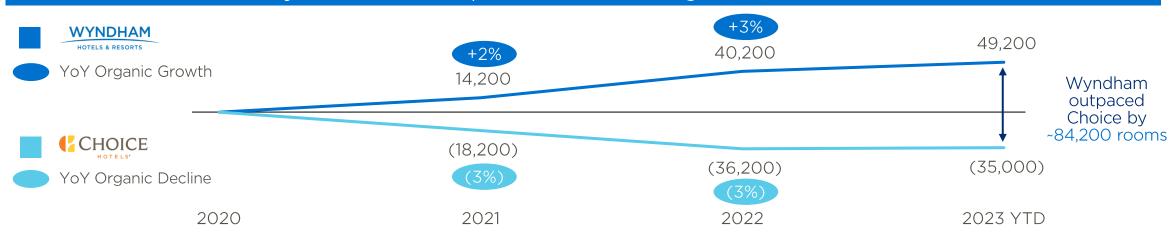
Wyndham stock was trading at a 25% discount to its average price target vs. Choice's 3% discount; 12 of 13 covering analysts rate Wyndham stock as a "buy" vs. only 3 of 14 for Choice stock

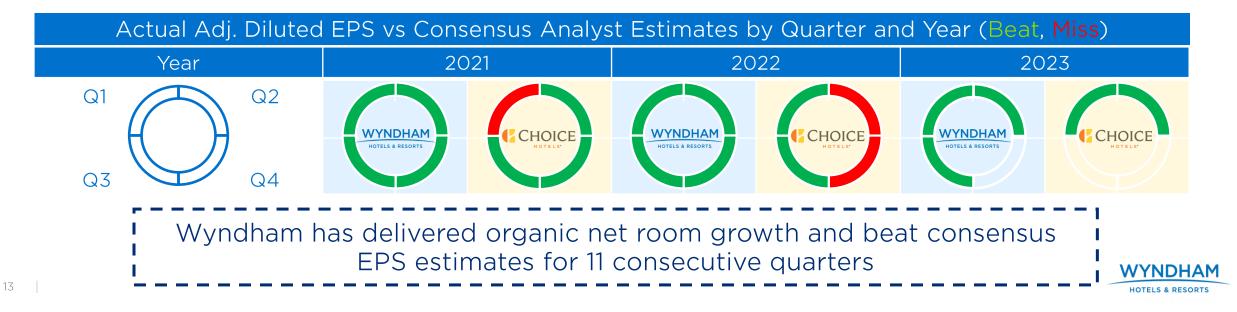




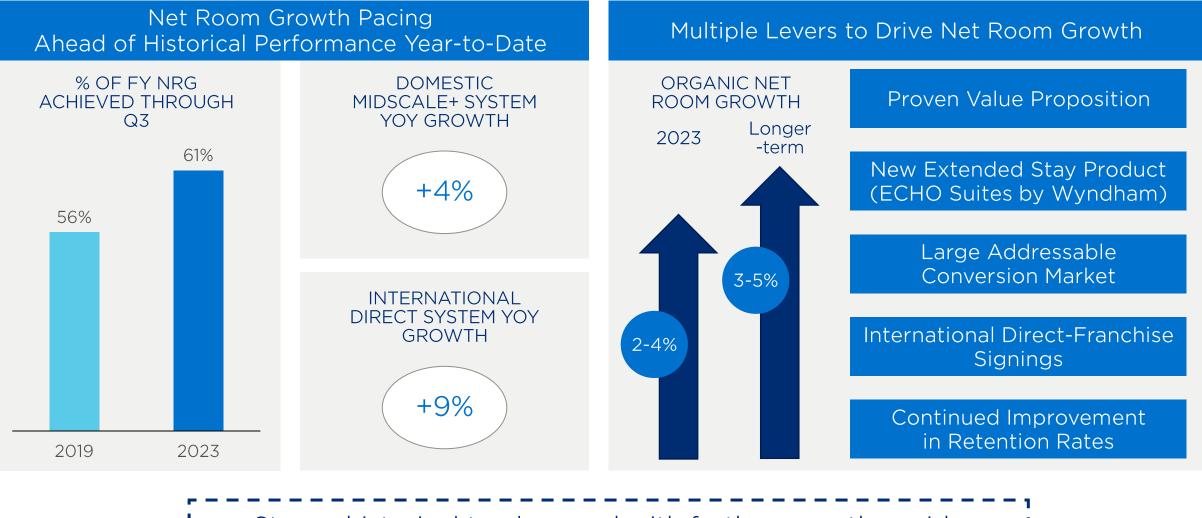
# Wyndham's Proven Track Record of Delivering Results

Wyndham Has Outpaced Choice in Organic Room Growth





# Wyndham Continues Strong Track Record of Growth



Strong historical track record with further growth upside



# Wyndham Poised to Accelerate Growth . . .



Incremental Growth Opportunities in the Medium-term

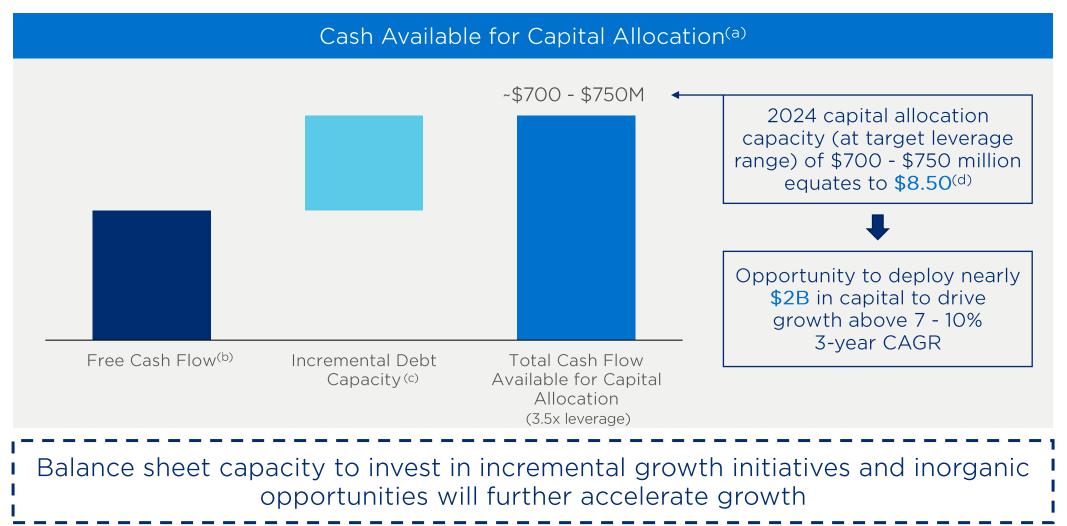
- ✓ Platform investment to capitalize on \$1.5T U.S. infrastructure bill
- Continued occupancy recovery to pre-pandemic levels
- ✓ RevPAR accretion from our 70% midscale+ pipeline
- ✓ Improvement in our global retention rate to 96%+
- New earnings stream from ECHO Suites hotel openings
- Improvements in regional royalty rates
- Ancillary revenue opportunities



Continued realization of underway initiatives expected to produce 7 - 10% Adj. EBITDA CAGR through 2026



## ... And Capital Deployment Will Further Enhance Growth



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# Choice's Slower-Growing Business and Post-Transaction, Higher Leverage Negatively Affects Equity Consideration

Wyndham Garden Redwood Valley Redwood Valley, California, USA



### Wyndham Shareholders Exposed to Slower-Growth Choice Business

		Wyndham	Choice				
	Number of rooms	851,500	628,901				
Operating	Q2 '23 TTM RevPAR (US)	\$51.08	\$55.31				
	2023E RevPAR growth (company guidance)	4% - 6%	~2% <sup>(a)</sup>	A Wyndham organic ne room growth			
	Q2 '23 YoY organic global net room growth	3%	(2%) <sup>(b)</sup>	B Wyndham's pipeline expanded 4% YTD,			
	Q2 '21 – Q2 '23 organic global net room growth CAGR <sup>(c)</sup>	3%	(3%)				
	2023E organic net room growth (company guidance)	2% - 4%	~1% <sup>(d)</sup>	representing 13 consecutive quarter growth, while Choic			
	Pipeline (# of rooms) / % of the system / YTD growth	228,000 / 27% / 4%	93,646 / 15% / (12%)	pipeline contracted			
Financial	1H '23 organic Adj. EBITDA growth <sup>(e)</sup>	9%	1%	C Wyndham has significantly higher			
	1H '23 organic Adj. EBITDA margin <sup>(e)</sup>	81%	73%	free cash flow conversion			
	1H '23 free cash flow conversion <sup>(f)</sup>	102%	54%				
	Net debt / LTM Adj. EBITDA <sup>(g)</sup>	3.2x	2.6x	WYNDH			

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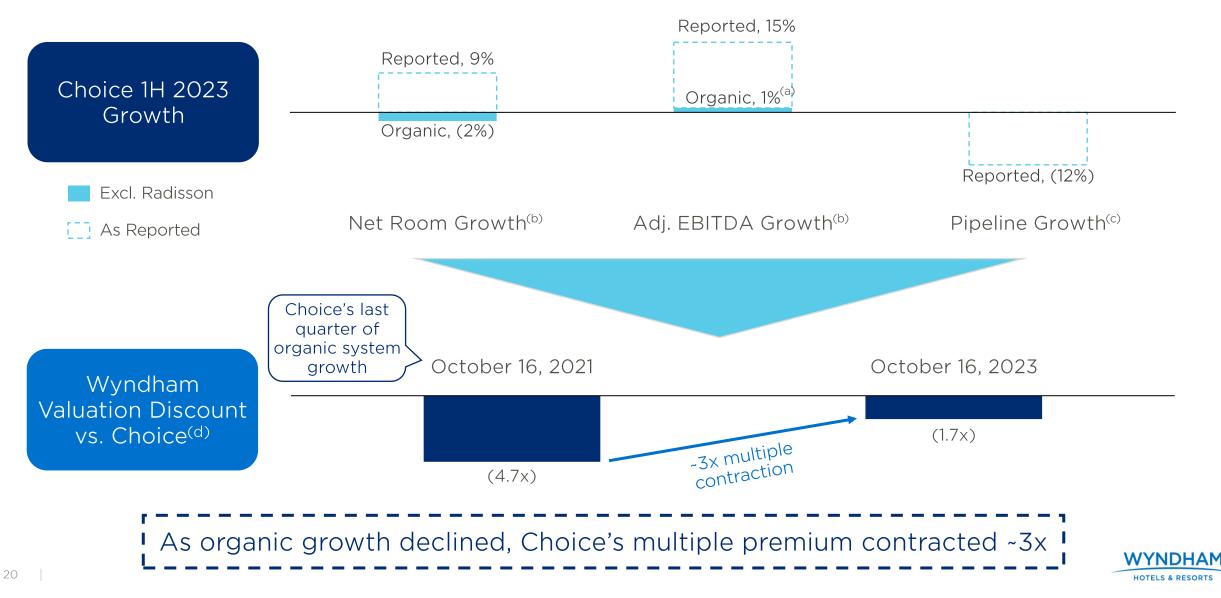
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## Choice's Future Growth is also Challenged Given a Declining Pipeline



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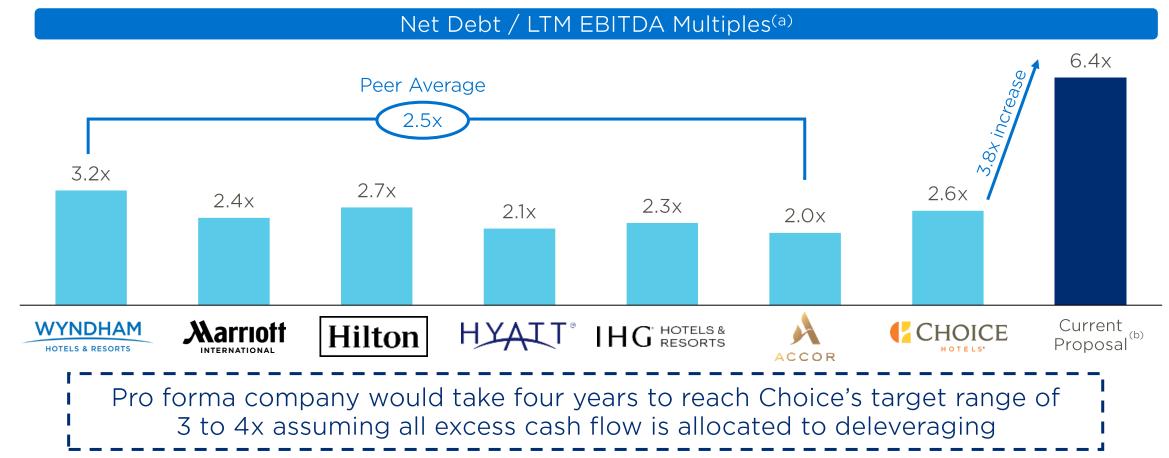
# Can Choice Maintain its Multiple Despite Lower Growth?





# Excessive Leverage with Long Deleveraging Period During Which . . .

Choice would need to raise ~\$6 billion total debt, including ~\$4 billion incremental debt, in a historically high interest rate environment

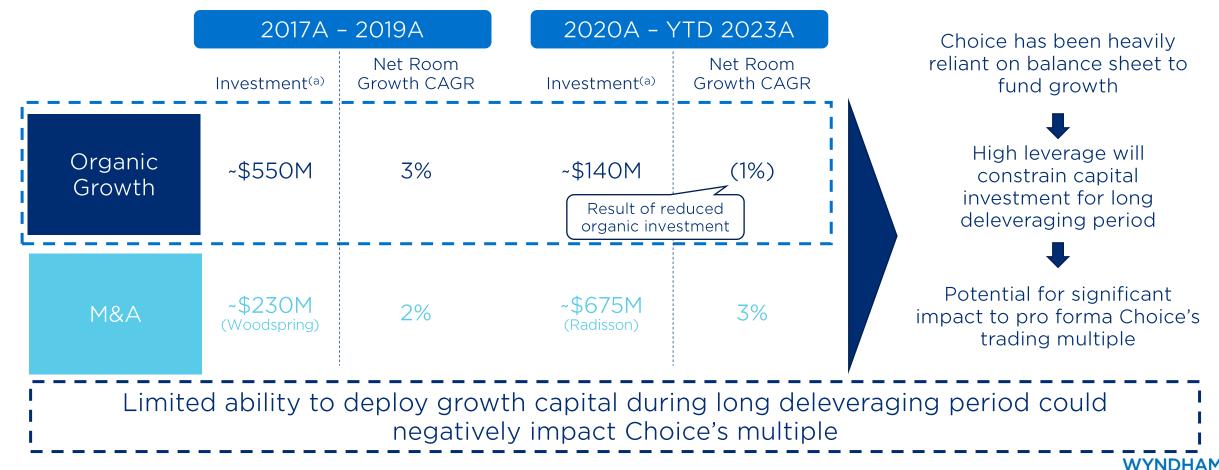


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# ... Choice Could No Longer Rely on its Balance Sheet to Fund Growth

Significant capital deployment drove both Choice's organic and inorganic growth historically; Organic growth turned negative when capital deployment was curtailed



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# Proposal Inadequately Addresses Our Board's Key Concerns

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Hawthorn by Wyndham Dali Erhai Park Yunnan, China



# Choice's Mischaracterization of Their Unsolicited Proposal

Choice Fiction	Fact
Parties were in Advanced Negotiations	<ul> <li>With every approach, our significant concerns with Choice's unsolicited offer were dismissed, ignored or unsatisfactorily addressed</li> <li>As a result, there was never engagement on substantive terms, including valuation or diligence</li> </ul>
Alignment on NDA and Information Requests	<ul> <li>Choice was unwilling, from their first offer, to sign a customary mutual non-disclosure agreement allowing diligence for a transaction of this nature</li> <li>The documents Choice was prepared to provide under a one-way NDA were comprised mostly of publicly available information, and did not include materials to address our concerns over lack of organic growth</li> </ul>
Clear Path to Completion	<ul> <li>Until September, Choice asserted the regulatory process was likely to be resolved in 60 days</li> <li>After discussions with Wyndham's advisors, Choice's advisors also acknowledged the high likelihood of a second request, which typically takes 12-18 months</li> <li>Choice's suggested "market standard protections" are not commensurate with the asymmetrical risk</li> </ul>
Broadly Supported by Franchisees	<ul> <li>AAHOA, the owner association representing two-thirds of both Wyndham and Choice franchisees, described the potential combination as having "frightening" consequences for franchisees</li> <li>Franchisees have expressed significant concerns about losing Wyndham's owner-first philosophy</li> </ul>
\$1B Pro Forma Free Cash Flow in 2024	<ul> <li>Appears to ignore: 1) timing and upfront cost to realize synergies, 2) \$300+ million interest expense on new debt, and 3) potential business disruption and dis-synergies</li> <li>Resulting lower free cash flow will constrain deleveraging and growth</li> </ul>



# What is the True Value of the Offer?

Choice's offer lacks protections for our shareholders and is subject to an extended regulatory timeline, market volatility impacting Choice's equity, and business and execution risks to Wyndham shareholders

### Transaction Timing



Offer lacks protections and compensation for an extended regulatory review process of 12 to 18 months



Wyndham's ability to execute on its growth pillars may be disrupted, impacting standalone and pro forma valuation Choice's Equity Value During Review Period



Offer value remains uncertain and subject to Choice's share price volatility, including potential declines



Choice's interim earnings and capital allocation during review period could be pressured

#### Pro Forma Company Value

Offer is contingent on equity consideration in a highly-leveraged and capital constrained company

Franchisees' concerns regarding loss of our owner-first philosophy could create further dissynergies that affect pro forma valuation



### Proposal Inadequately Addresses Our Board's Key Concerns

Choice's offer has NOT satisfactorily solved for the following concerns:







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# Appendix



# 2024 Planning – Revenue Sensitivities

Adjusted EBITDA Sensitivities (in millions)		
1 point of RevPAR/Net Room Growth change vs. 2023		
U.S. royalties and franchise fees	~\$3.4	Margin of ~85% on gross \$4.9 million per poin
International royalties and franchise fees	~\$0.8	impact; assumes cost mitigation of ~15%
Marketing, reservation and loyalty fees		← Funds expected to break-even until RevPAR declines in excess of ~10% (likely ~\$2.4 million point)
Non-RevPAR vs. 2023		
1 point change in license fees	~\$1.O	Not RevPAR-based but is sensitive to overall travel demand; subject to a \$70 million floor
1 point change in other revenue	~\$1.0	Not RevPAR-based but is somewhat sensitive overall travel demand; predominately represe fee-based revenues from ancillary services provided to franchisees, including procurement and technology, as well as revenue associated



# Long-Term Growth Opportunity

	Impact on Adj. EBITDA
Rooms growth	3-5%
RevPAR growth	2-3%
Scale/ancillary	O-1%
Growth initiatives	~2%
Long-term Adj. EBITDA growth potential before deployment of	7-10%

excess free cash and leverage capacity

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7-10%

# Footnotes

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- Data is approximated as of September 30, 2023..
- (a) Largest hotel franchisor by number of hotels.

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Note: Market data as of 10/20/23.

- Source: Capital IQ, Company Filings. (a) Wyndham spin-off date as of 05/31/2018.
- (b) Represents FY 2022 margin. Calculation excludes the impact of cost reimbursement and marketing, reservation and loyalty fees.
- (c) Reflects Adj. Net Income conversion to Free Cash Flow.
- (d) LTM leverage as of 9/30/23. Weighted average cost of debt for Q3 2023.

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Note: Unaffected exchange ratio as of 10/16/2023. Source: Capital IQ, Wall Street Research.

- (a) Comprised of \$49.50 of cash and 0.324 Choice shares per Wyndham share.
- (b) Reflects share price as of 04/28/2022.

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Note: Data as of 10/23/2023. Source: FactSet.

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Note: Financial data as of 06/30/2023. Source: Company Filings, Capital IQ.

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Note: 2023 reflects the midpoint of our full-year 2-4% NRG outlook.

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(a) 2023 to 2024 organic growth rates adjusted for \$10 million marketing fund contribution in 2023.

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- (a) Represents an assumed 2024 year-end excess cash available for capital allocation.
- (b) Free cash flow excludes development advance notes.
- (c) Assumes the midpoint of Wyndham's target net leverage of 3-4x based on midpoint of 2024E EBITDA guidance.
- (d) Assumes the midpoint of \$700 \$750 million and fully diluted share count as 06/30/2023.

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Note: Financial data as of 06/30/2023. Wyndham outlook as of 10/25/2023. Source: Company Filings.

- (a) Represents domestic segment only.
- (b) Choice Q2 2023 global room count adjusted to exclude the ~67k rooms acquired from Radisson.
- (c) Wyndham room count is adjusted to exclude the ~6.4k rooms acquired from Vienna House and Choice room count adjusted to exclude the ~67k rooms acquired from Radisson.

- (d) Represents domestic upscale, extended-stay and midscale segments.
- (e) Normalizes results for both companies so that the impacts from marketing, reservation and loyalty funds and owned hotels are on a comparable basis.
- (f) Calculated as net cash from operating activities less capital expenditures as a percentage of Adjusted Net Income.
- (g) Reflects data as of 06/30/2023.

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Source: Company Filings.

(a) Defined as brands having RevPAR higher than the system-wide RevPAR as of 2022. Includes Comfort, Ascend Hotel Collection, Sleep Inn, MainStay Suites and Cambria Hotel.

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Source: Capital IQ, Company Filings.

- (a) Calculated by removing Radisson's pro rata share of EBITDA per management guidance for FY 2023 EBITDA from 1H 2023 EBITDA.
- (b) Reflects year-on-year growth from 06/30/2022 to 06/30/2023.
- (c) Reflects Yyear-to-date growth from 12/31/22 to 06/30/2023.
- (d) Represents 2024E Adj. EBITDA multiple for October 16, 2023 and 2022E Adj. EBITDA multiple for October 16, 2021 using most recently disclosed balance sheet data. Time period selected represents last quarter Choice had positive NRG.

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Note: Financial and balance sheet data as of 06/30/2023.

- Source: Company Filings, Capital IQ.
- (a) Reflects LTM net leverage as of 06/30/2023.
- (b) 2023E net leverage based on Q2 2023 balance sheet data for WH and CHH with adjusted EBITDA based on 2023 consensus and assumes no synergies.

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Note: Financial data as of 06/30/2023.

Source: Company Filings.

(a) Includes franchise agreement acquisition cost, development advance notes, issuance and collections of notes receivable, and M&A.

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Note: Does not include potential bad debt impacts from uncollectible accounts, if any, in the event of a distressed environment, which cannot be predicted.

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Note: Operating income margin excludes cost reimbursement revenues from calculation; FY 2022 calculation also excludes stub-period impact from the select-service management business and owned hotels.



### Non-GAAP Reconciliations

The following tables reconcile certain non-GAAP financial measures. The presentation of these adjustments is intended to permit the comparison of particular adjustments as they appear in the income statement in order to assist investors' understanding of the overall impact of such adjustments. We believe that adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors about us and our financial condition and results of operations because adjusted EBITDA is among the measures used by our management team to evaluate our operating performance and make day-to-day operating decisions and because adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties as a common performance measure to compare results or estimate valuations across companies in our industry. Explanations for adjustments within the reconciliations can be found in our third quarter 2023 Earnings Release at investor.wyndhamhotels.com.

	nths Ended er 30, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022	Year Endeo December 31,		Year Ended December 31, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
Net income	\$ 240	\$ 355	\$ 299	\$	244	\$ 157	\$ 162	\$ 230
Provision for income taxes	83	121	104		91	50	61	13
Depreciation and amortization	56	77	58		95	109	99	75
Interest expense, net	73	80	60		93	100	60	6
Early extinguishmet of debt	3	2	2		18	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation	28	33	25		28	15	9	11
Development advance notes								
amortization	11	12	9		11	8	7	6
Transaction-related	5	-	-		-	40	36	3
Separation-related	-	1	-		3	22	77	3
Gain on asset sales	-	(35	) (35)			-	-	-
Impairment, net	-	-	-		6	45	-	41
Restructuring	-	-	-		-	8	-	1
Contract termination	-	-	-		-	42	-	-
Transaction-related item	-	-	-		-	20	-	-
Loss on asset sales	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Foreign currency impact of highly								
inflationary countries	6	4	2	_	1	5	3	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 505	\$ 650	\$ 524	\$	590	\$ 621	\$ 513	\$ 390

## Non-GAAP Reconciliations (continued)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023		Year Ended December 31, 2022		Year Ended December 31, 2021	
Net income	\$	240	\$	355	\$	244
Adjustments:						
Gain on asset sale		-		(35)		-
Acquisition-related amortization expense		20		31		38
Transaction-related		5		-		-
Early extinguishment of debt		3		2		18
Impairments, net		-		-		6
Separation-related expenses		-		1		3
Foreign currency impact of highly inflationary countries		6		4		1
Total adjustments before tax		34		3		66
Income tax provision		8		(2)		13
Total adjustments after tax		26		5		53
Adjusted net income	\$	266	\$	360	\$	297

	Year Ended December 31, 2022	Year EndedYear EndedDecember 31,December 31,20192018		Year Ended December 31, 2017
Operating income margin	41%	21%	22%	25%
Depreciation and amortization Adjusted EBITDA adjustments	6%	8%	8%	7%
per p. 46	1%	14%	10%	6%
Marketing fund impact	33%	29%	25%	22%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	81%	72%	65%	60%



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#### Definitions:

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