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On March 11, 2024, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Inc. issued the following letter to shareholders:

Filed by the Registrant \boxtimes



March 11, 2024

Dear Shareholder,

We are asking for your support at our 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareholders – your vote is important for the future of your investment in Wyndham. Choice Hotels, our largest and most direct competitor, is attempting a hostile takeover of Wyndham with an offer that is inadequate and subject to numerous risky conditions.

Your Board has been diligent in its review and consideration of Choice's proposals to date:

- ✓ 13 Wyndham Board meetings to evaluate Choice's offer
- ✓ 25+ Meetings and calls with Choice and its advisors

Your Board has focused its evaluation on the entirety of Choice's proposal. Your Board has been explicitly clear that – in order to make a proposal viable for shareholders – Choice must adequately address the three key issues we have repeatedly raised:



Despite our efforts to engage, Choice has demonstrated that it is unable, or simply unwilling, to propose a complete offer package addressing these key issues. Instead, Choice is opportunistically attempting to take over our Company on the cheap by nominating a full slate of eight individuals who we believe are conflicted and have been entrusted with a single, self-serving task: rubber stamping Choice's inadequate offer and handing Wyndham over at an insufficient value. We believe these individuals would act solely in the economic interests of Choice's existing shareholders, not yours.

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Choice's Offer Continues to Miss the Mark on Value and Consideration Mix



Insufficient Valuation

Choice's offer represents no change of control premium

The Street agrees:

- Choice's offer is below Wyndham's consensus price target
- 11 out of 12 Wall Street analysts covering Wyndham have "Buy" ratings on Wyndham

Given the high likelihood for the regulatory timeline to extend well into 2025, the offer should be analyzed off a 2025E EBITDA multiple

A 12.9x 2025E EBITDA offer multiple is in line with Wyndham's current trading multiple and a significant discount to the 16.7x median for comparable change-of-control deals, which ranged from 14x to 21x



Undervalues Wyndham's Superior Standalone Growth Prospects Wyndham's standalone plan has significantly greater value than Choice's offer

 Standalone plan with line of sight to potential \$26 to \$48 of stock price upside

Wyndham's resilient, pure-play franchise business model has continuously generated earnings growth, stable cash flows and strong shareholder returns

- Historical EBITDA growth of +6%¹ and expected to accelerate to 7 to 10%
- Returned over 30% of market cap to Wyndham shareholders since going public in mid-2018



Highly Unattractive Consideration Mix

Choice's proposal includes a significant stock component and exposes Wyndham shareholders to value degradation

 Every single day since Choice's public offer, the value of its offer has been below the \$90 advertised by Choice and has averaged only \$87

Choice's trading multiple has contracted more than 2 turns over the last 18 months and is at risk of further deterioration

- Choice has inferior growth prospects with declining organic system growth and development pipeline
- Pro forma leverage of 6.3x is over twice the peer average and would limit the combined company's ability to invest in future growth

A survey from the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) suggests significant potential for franchisee attrition, which represents further risk to the stock component



Wyndham Has a Clear Path to Deliver Shareholder Value

Wyndham's standalone growth plan has the potential to deliver significantly greater upside than what Choice is offering.

Wyndham's Pillars for Standalone Growth

Simply continuing **Wyndham's historical EBITDA growth of +6%** – and resulting free cash flow generation and balance sheet capacity – provides significant **upside to current share price BEFORE** anticipated **growth acceleration** or **re-rating of trading multiple**

Incremental 2025 upside from 7-10% anticipated growth Wyndham's multiple has expanded by over 2.0x since going public in 2018

+\$26

Upside to current share price by end of 2025

+\$22

Incremental upside per share

Continuing +6% Historical EBITDA Growth ¹	Free Cash Flow Generation	Balance Sheet Capacity	7-10% Anticipated EBITDA Growth	Re-Rating of Multiple Growth
+\$13°	+\$8	+\$5	+\$12	+\$10
Achievability strongly supported by historical EBITDA growth of +6%1	Expected ~\$650M free cash flow generation over the next two years	Ability to deploy ~\$400M of additional leverage capacity, based on midpoint target net leverage of 3.5x	Incremental 1-4% growth strongly supported by ongoing initiatives that are expected to drive EBITDA growth to 7-10%, as well as incremental value creation from related free cash flow and balance sheet deployment	Reflects continued re-rating of multiple; every 1.0x increase in Wyndham's multiple increases share price by +\$10

The key issues with Choice's offer – insufficient valuation, unattractive consideration mix and asymmetrical regulatory risk – present a stark contrast to Wyndham's far superior standalone growth prospects under our proven Board and management team.



Why is Choice Pursuing This III-Conceived Hostile Offer?

Choice's **opportunistic offer** comes at a time when Wyndham continues to **outperform** Choice across key operating drivers and metrics³. Choice has a **slower-growing business, lower profitability** and, post-transaction, would have **higher leverage**. Choice views Wyndham as a **medicine cabinet** of remedies for its many ailments.

		CHOICE	WYNDHAM
		HOTELS'	HOTELS & RESORTS
Slowing Growth	Organic Net Room Growth 2023 vs. 2022	× +1%	✓ +3%
	3-Year Organic Net Room Growth 2023 vs. 2020	× (2%)	✓ +3%
Lower Profitability	Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁴ 2023	× 69%	✔ 81%
Inability to Return Capital	Return of Capital ⁵ \$ / % of Market Cap	× \$1.2B / 27%	✓ \$1.9B / 32%
	Pro Forma Leverage Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA	★ 6.3x	✓ 3.2x
	Pro Forma Return of Capital	× Significantly Constrained	✓ Accelerating
Fully Valued Stock with Limited Upside	Analyst Recommendation	× 9 out of 11 SELL/HOLD	V 11 out of 12 BUY
Multiple	luation Multiple e Trajectory g Public in 2018 ⁵	(3.3x)	+2.2x



Choice Continues to Be Wrong About Everything Antitrust-Related

Choice has consistently ignored the antitrust risk inherent in this combination. The extended timeline and strong opposition from franchisees risk irreparable damage to Wyndham's standalone initiatives, gifting Choice with a no-lose outcome, regardless of whether the deal is approved by the FTC. We have been transparent with our shareholders, focusing on obtaining a fast and fair outcome to resolve any uncertainty and minimize further damage to our business.

Choice Claimed	But the Truth Is		
FTC would clear a transaction in <60 days without a "Second Request" – recently changing forecasted timeline to 12 months while also seeking 24 months to get approval	 The FTC reached out to Wyndham unsolicited and started investigating the deal more than a month before Choice launched its formal offer. The FTC has launched an intensive Second Request with an unclear and elongated timeline – which occurs in only ~1% of deals it reviews The offer has separately attracted investigations from four State Attorneys General, including two AGs that recently sued to block another transaction, as well as bipartisan scrutiny from four U.S. Senators Any resulting FTC or AG lawsuit to block the deal will force Wyndham to expend significant time and money – potentially lasting well into 2025 		
Regulatory hurdles would be minimal and the deal is pro-competitive	 The combined market shares in certain chainscales – 57% in economy and 67% in midscale – are at levels deemed presumptively illegal under the FTC's 2023 Merger Guidelines and are based on STR and other data which the FTC compelled each party to provide 92% of significant merger investigations in 2023 resulted in a lawsuit or an abandoned transaction⁶ Multiple deals recently scrutinized by the FTC have been challenged, blocked or abandoned by the parties just since the beginning of 2024 		
Franchisees would be supportive of a combination	 Franchisees of both Wyndham and Choice are vehemently opposed; as is AAHOA, which represents approximately two-thirds of Wyndham and Choice franchisees Franchisees – which are the heart of any franchise system – are concerned the loss of competition would result in higher system fees and diminished brand innovation and investment The reaction of affected customers – in this case franchisees – is something the FTC always weighs heavily in deciding whether to challenge a transaction 		
This transaction requires no special antitrust-related protections or compensation for Wyndham shareholders	Transaction requires heightened antitrust protections given the uncertain timeline and potential risks to our business during any review An uncertain and extended regulatory review period, especially following an agreement to merge, would hinder Wyndham's ability to execute on its growth pillars, negatively impacting standalone and pro forma valuation Choice's exchange offer provides NO protection if the transaction does not close. Its previously proposed reverse termination fee (RTF) of 6% would not have begun to compensate Wyndham shareholders for the value destroyed over a prolonged review period leading to a failed deal, and its previously proposed 'ticking fee' would only be paid if a deal closes		



Protect Your Investment: Support the Wyndham Board

Your Board is more qualified with the right mix of skills and expertise to deliver the most value to shareholders from the execution of our standalone plan.

We're protecting shareholders from an unsolicited, hostile offer that undervalues Wyndham, ignores future growth prospects and exposes shareholders to significant, asymmetrical regulatory risk.

Choice claims its nominees are "highly qualified" - but we believe these nominees, who have conflicted ties to Choice and its advisors, have been hand-picked by our largest competitor for the sole purpose of pushing through their ill-advised hostile offer. In the event Choice's slate is elected and the transaction is either delayed or blocked by regulators, Wyndham would be steered by a new board that does not have a plan or the history, expertise and experience to continue to oversee our global strategy.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Wyndham Board of Directors

Stu Stephen P. Holmes

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Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, without limitation, factors relating to the unsolicited exchange offer by Choice Hotels International, Inc. ("Choice") to acquire all outstanding shares of our common stock (the "Exchange Offer"), including actions taken by Choice in connection with such offer, actions taken by Wyndham or its stockholders in respect of the Exchange Offer or other actions or developments involving Choice, such as a potential proxy contest, the completion or failure to complete the Exchange Offer, the effects of such offer on our business, such as the cost, loss of time and disruption; general economic conditions, including inflation, higher interest rates and potential recessionary pressures; global or regional health crises or pandemics (such as the COVID-19 pandemic) including the resulting impact on the Company's business operations, financial results, cash flows and liquidity, as well as the impact on its franchisees, guests and team members, the hospitality industry and overall demand for and restrictions on travel; the performance of the financial and credit markets; the economic environment for the hospitality industry; operating risks associated with the hotel franchising business; the Company's relationships with franchisees; the impact of war, terrorist activity, political instability or political strife, including the ongoing conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and between Israel and Hamas; the Company's ability to satisfy obligations and agreements under its outstanding indebtedness, including the payment of principal and interest and compliance with the covenants thereunder; risks related to the Company's ability to obtain financing and the terms of such financing, including access to liquidity and capital; and the Company's ability to make or pay, plans for and the timing and amount of any future share repurchases and/or dividends, as well as the risks described in the Company's most recent Annual Rep



Notes:

- In determining adjusted EBITDA and free cash flow for future periods, we exclude certain items which are otherwise included in determining the comparable GAAP financial measures. We are providing this measure on a non-GAAP basis only because, without unreasonable efforts, we are unable to predict with reasonable certainty the occurrence or amount of all the adjustments or other potential adjustments that may arise in the future during the forward-looking period, which can be dependent on future events that may not be reliably predicted. Based on past reported results, where one or more of these items have been applicable, such excluded items could be material, individually or in the aggregate, to the reported results.
- Market data, price targets and ratings as of 3/4/24.

	Year Ended December 31, 2023
Operating income margin	36%
Depreciation and amortization	5%
Adjusted EBITDA adjustments	7%
Marketing fund impact	33%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	81%

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On March 11, 2024, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Inc. issued the following press release.



¹ Represents comparable-basis adjusted EBITDA growth in non-COVID impacted periods FY19, FY21, FY22 and FY23; growth in net income for FY19, FY21, FY22 and FY23 was (3%), 285%, 45% and (19%), respectively. Comparable basis represents a comparison eliminating the contribution from the La Quinta acquisition (in 2018 and 2019 only), the Company's owned hotels and select-service management business - both of which were exited in the first half of 2022, as well as the variability in its marketing funds.

Based on NTM EBITDA multiple of 12.8x.
 Company Filings, Capital IQ. Notes: Market data as of 3/4/24. Projected EBITDA and multiples are based on consensus estimates; not reflecting the benefits of Wyndham's standalone plan.

4 Operating income margin for FY23 was 36%.

Date of going public 5/31/18.
 Dechert LLP DAMITT 2023 Annual Report: Minding the Gap in Merger Enforcement.

Urges Shareholders to Protect Their Investment and the Future of Wyndham by Supporting Only Wyndham's Eight Highly-Qualified Director Nominees

Encourages Shareholders to Visit StayWyndham.com for More Information

PARSIPPANY, N.J., March 11, 2024 – The Board of Directors of Wyndham Hotels & Resorts (NYSE: WH) ("Wyndham" or the "Company"), the world's largest hotel franchising company with approximately 9,200 hotels spanning more than 95 countries, sent a letter to shareholders urging them to protect their investment and the future of Wyndham by supporting only Wyndham's eight highly-qualified Director nominees and not the nominees from Choice Hotels International (NYSE: CHH) ("Choice").

Wyndham has a clear path to deliver shareholder value substantially in excess of Choice's inadequate and uncertain offer. Wyndham's Board has evaluated Choice's proposal carefully and in its entirety. The Board has been explicitly clear that in order to make a proposal viable for shareholders, Choice must adequately address the three key issues Wyndham has repeatedly raised: insufficient valuation, unattractive consideration mix and asymmetrical regulatory risk. Despite the Company's efforts to engage with Choice, Choice has demonstrated that it is unable, or simply unwilling, to propose a complete offer package addressing these three issues.

Wyndham's Board believes all eight of its nominees are more qualified with the right mix of skills and highly relevant expertise – including decades of hotel franchising, international business and public company operating experience – to oversee the successful execution of Wyndham's global strategy and deliver the most value to shareholders. The Board's Corporate Governance Committee, comprised solely of Independent Directors, conducted interviews with each of Choice's eight nominees and determined that they lack the skills, expertise and background in key areas critical to Wyndham's business and have been hand-picked by Choice with the sole objective of selling Wyndham for far less than the Company is worth.

The Company's definitive proxy materials will be filed and mailed soon, including the WHITE proxy card with instructions for how to vote. Your vote FOR ONLY Wyndham's eight highly-qualified Director nominees on the WHITE proxy card will be critical for our upcoming 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Wyndham's Board also urges shareholders to discard any materials or blue proxy card they may receive from Choice. The letter to shareholders and other important information related to Wyndham's Annual Meeting can be found at https://www.staywyndham.com.

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and PJT Partners are serving as financial advisors and Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP are legal advisors to Wyndham.

About Wyndham Hotels & Resorts

Wyndham Hotels & Resorts (NYSE: WH) is the world's largest hotel franchising company by the number of properties, with approximately 9,200 hotels across over 95 countries on six continents. Through its network of approximately 872,000 rooms appealing to the everyday traveler, Wyndham commands a leading presence in the economy and midscale segments of the lodging industry. The Company operates a portfolio of 24 hotel brands, including Super 8®, Days Inn®, Ramada®, Microtel®, La Quinta®, Baymont®, Wingate®, AmericInn®, Hawthorn Suites®, Trademark Collection® and Wyndham®. The Company's award-winning Wyndham Rewards loyalty program offers over 106 million enrolled members the opportunity to redeem points at thousands of hotels, vacation club resorts and vacation rentals globally. For more information, visit https://investor.wyndhamhotels.com. The Company may use its website as a means of disclosing material non-public information and for complying with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD. Disclosures of this nature will be included on the Company's website in the Investors section, which can currently be accessed at www.investor.wyndhamhotels.com. Accordingly, investors should monitor this section of the Company's website in addition to following the Company's press releases, filings submitted with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any public conference calls or webcasts.

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