

# The US Lodging Industry Outlook for 2025 and Beyond

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# Drivers and Roadblocks for the Hotel Industry



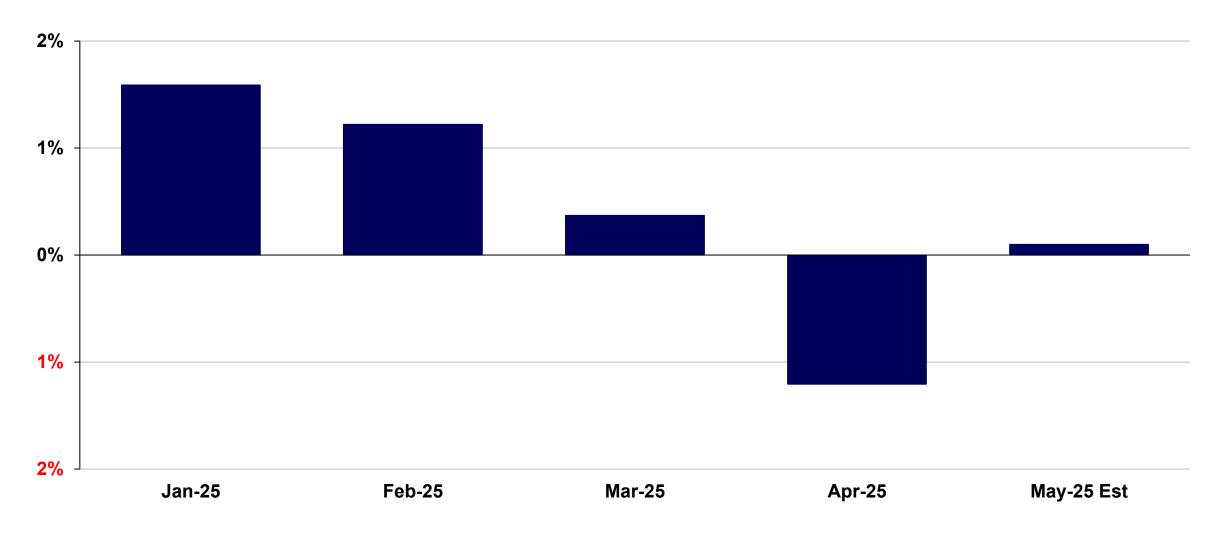
## **Current trends and outlook**

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#### U.S. demand trending downward

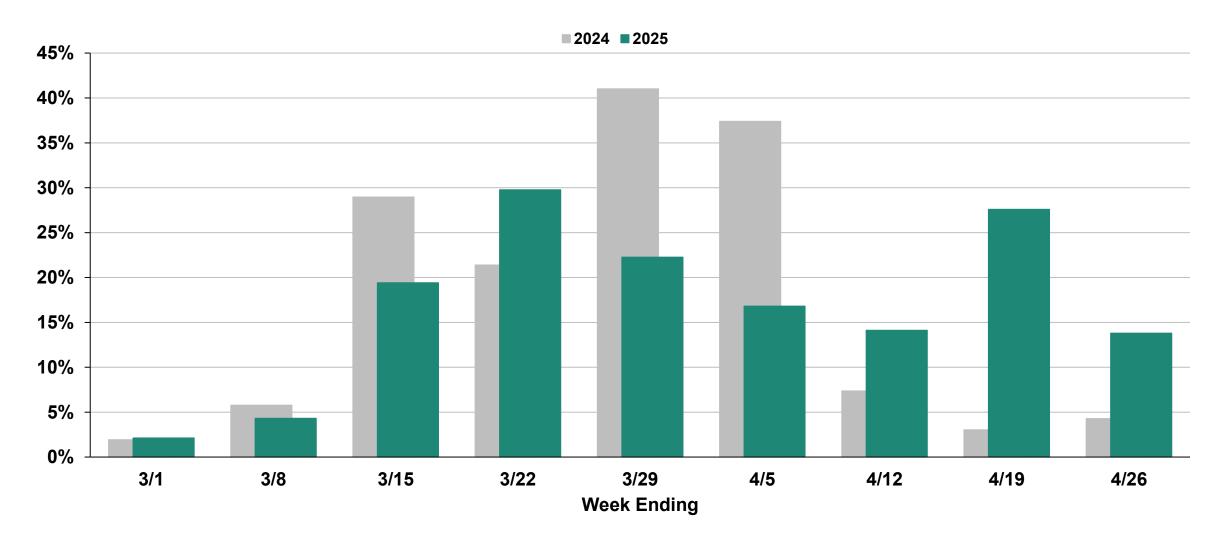
U.S. room demand change





#### Changes in school holidays impacted March and April demand

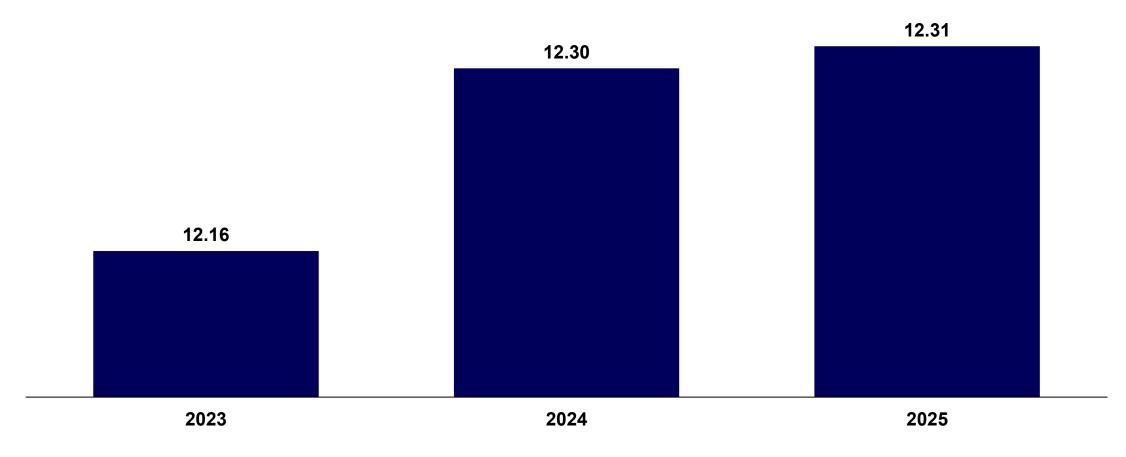
Percent of school population on spring break





## A "normal" Memorial Day

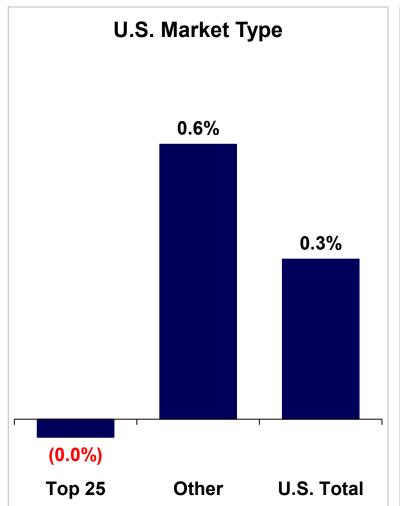
U.S. Memorial Day holiday (Friday-Sunday), room demand

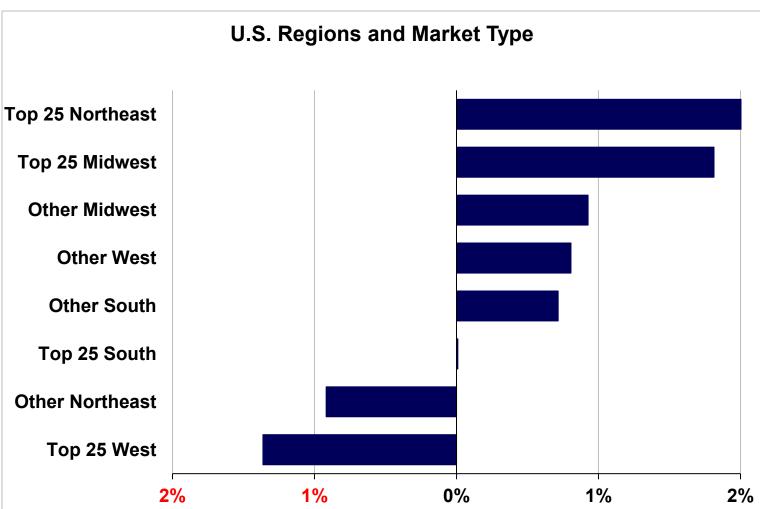




#### Even with the lower May demand gain, YTD still better than a year ago

U.S. room demand change by market location, May 2025 YTD estimate

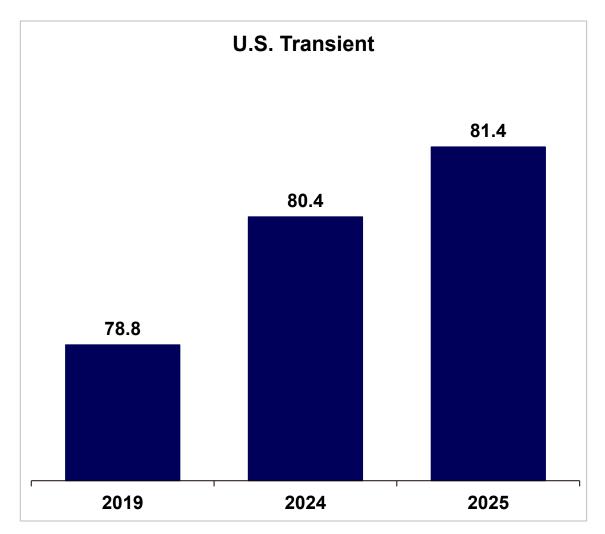


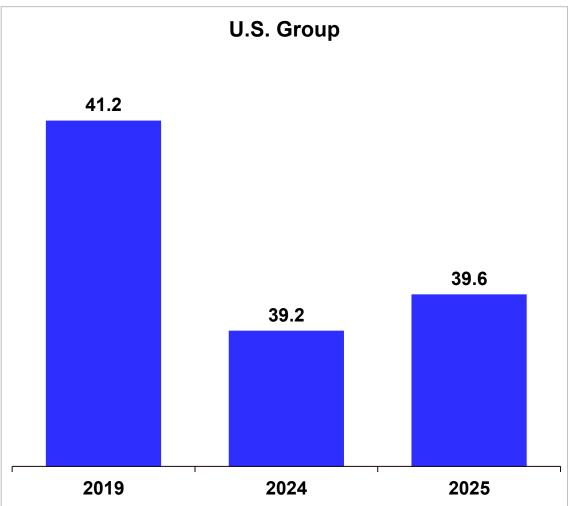




#### Transient and group demand still advancing

U.S. room demand by type, in millions, Luxury & Upper Upscale only May YTD estimate

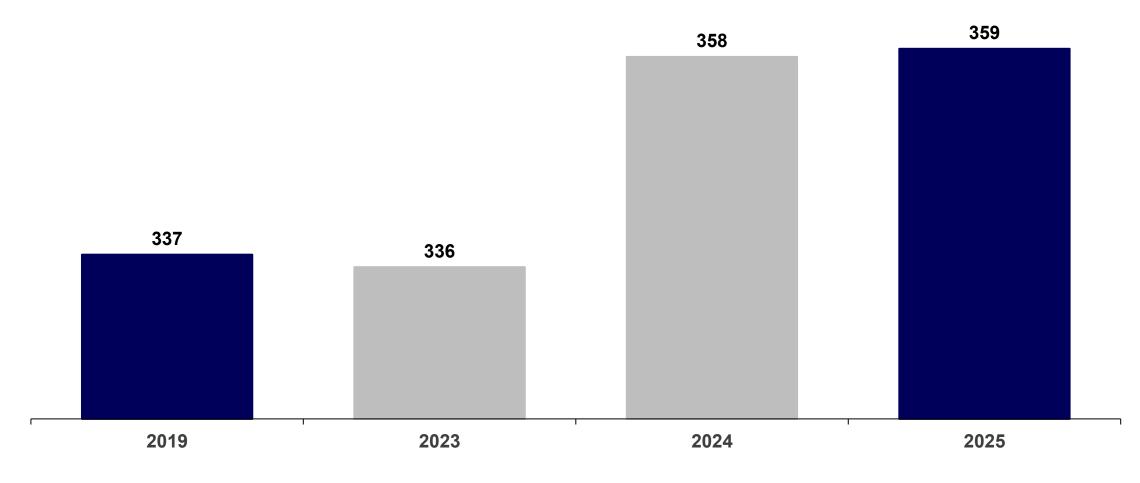






#### Air travel well above pre-pandemic peak, but slowing

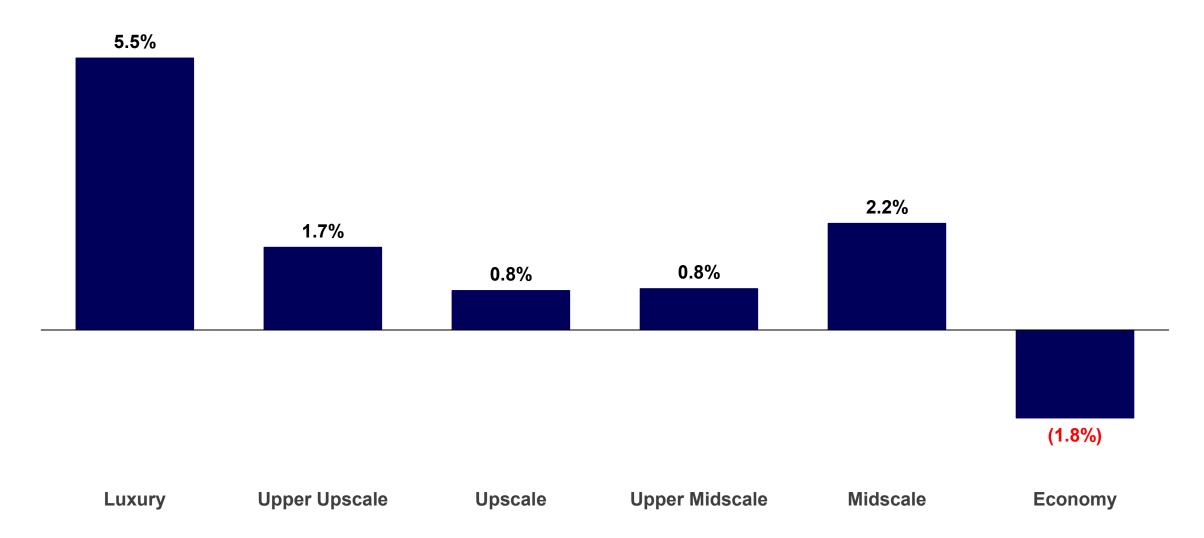
U.S. TSA airport screenings (millions), May YTD





#### **Demand remains bifurcated**

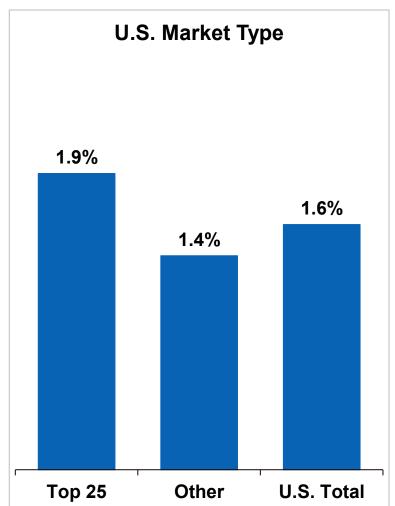
U.S. chain scale demand change, May YTD estimate

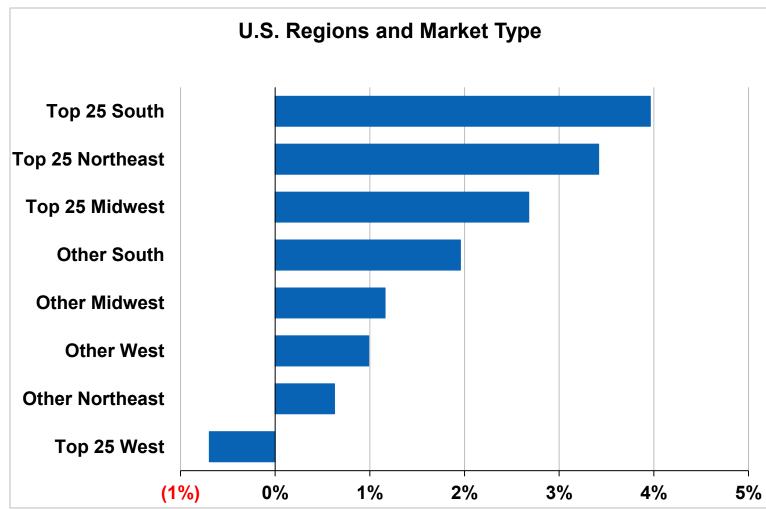




#### **U.S. ADR growth slowing**

U.S. ADR change by market location, May 2025 YTD estimate

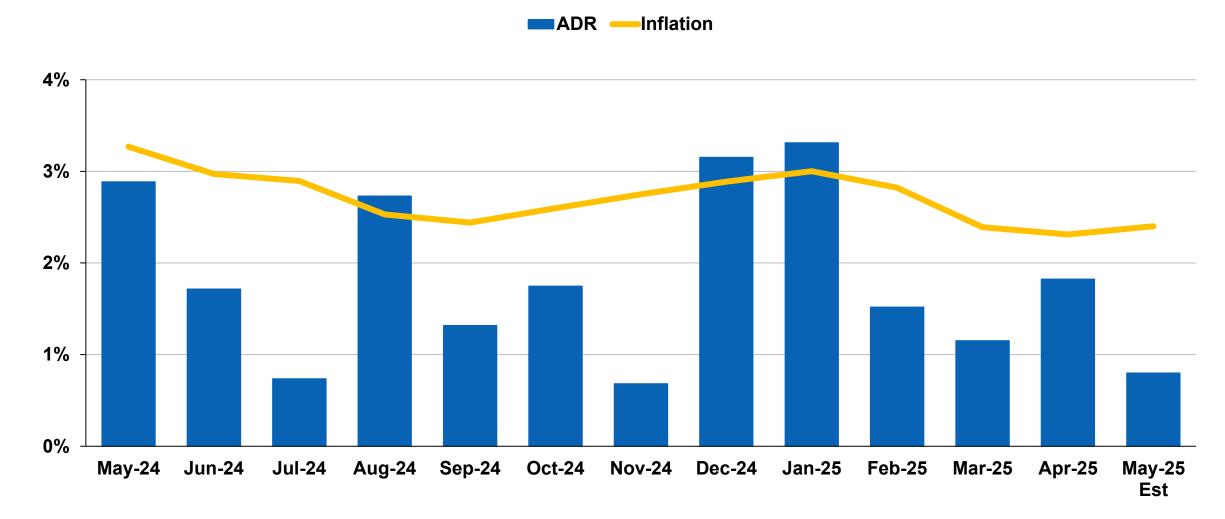






#### **ADR** growth lagging inflation

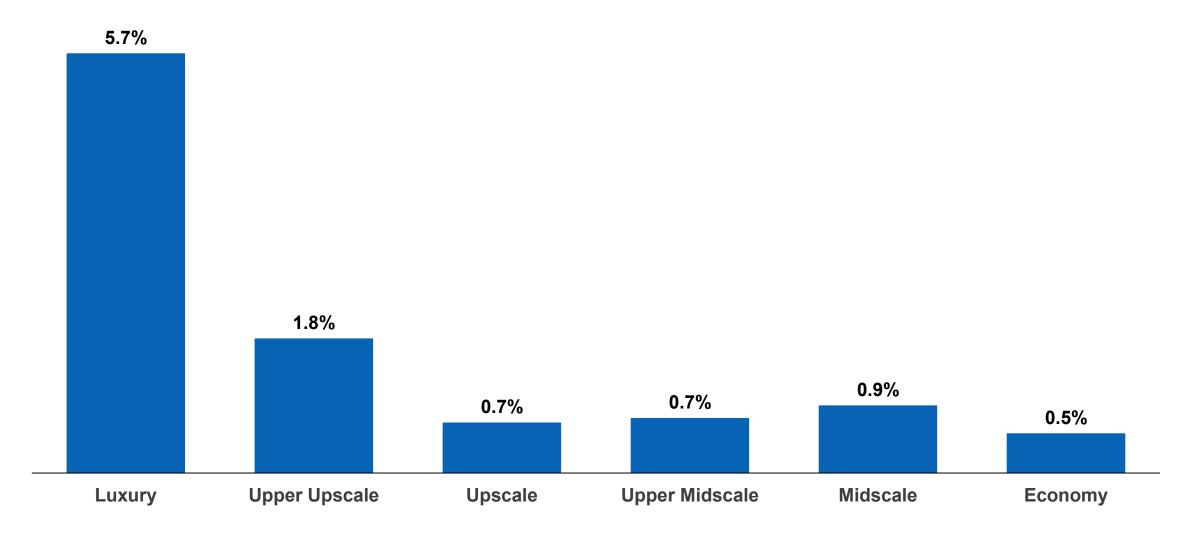
U.S. ADR change





## Most hotels seeing little to no ADR gains

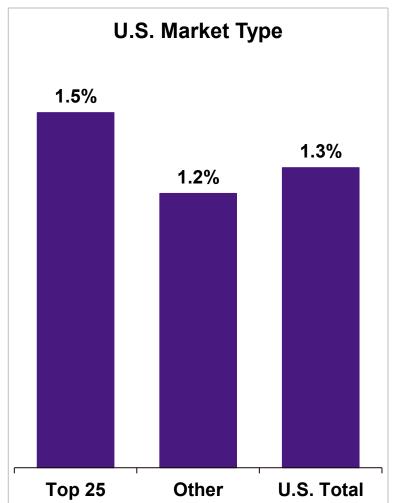
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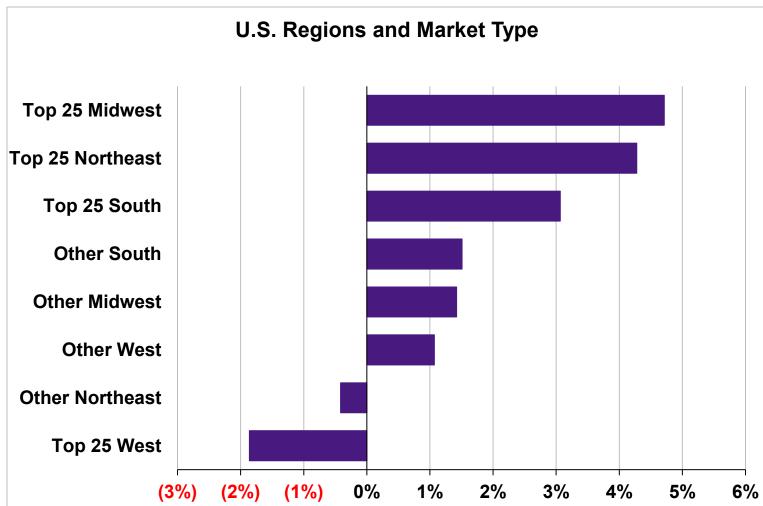




#### U.S. RevPAR held back by slower ADR gains and flat occupancy

U.S. RevPAR change by market location, May 2025 YTD estimate

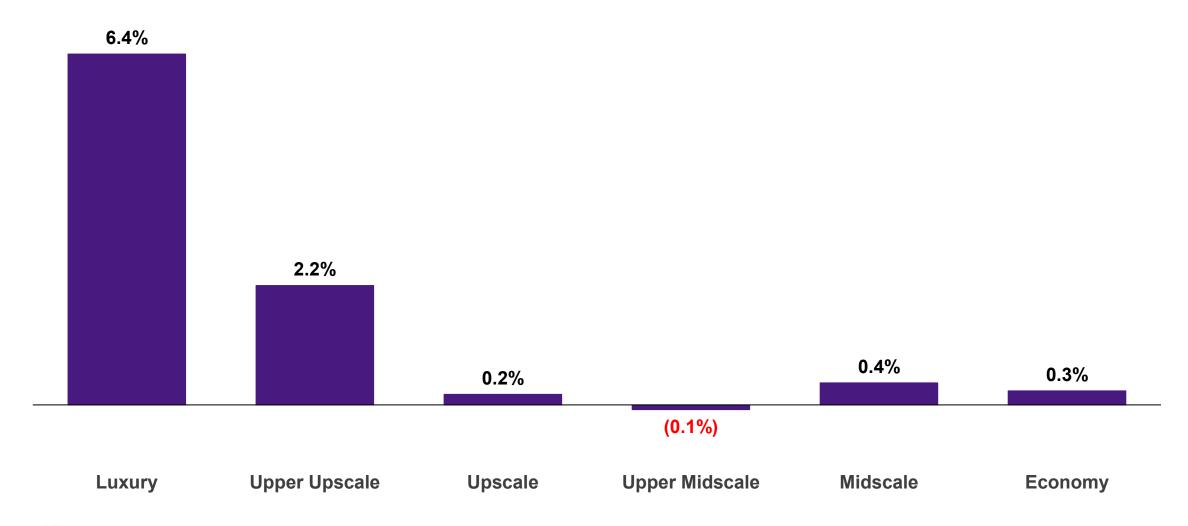






#### **RevPAR** flat excluding upper tier hotels

U.S. chain scale RevPAR change, May YTD estimate







## **Outlook**



#### **US 2025 RevPAR forecast lowered**

#### U.S. RevPAR forecast

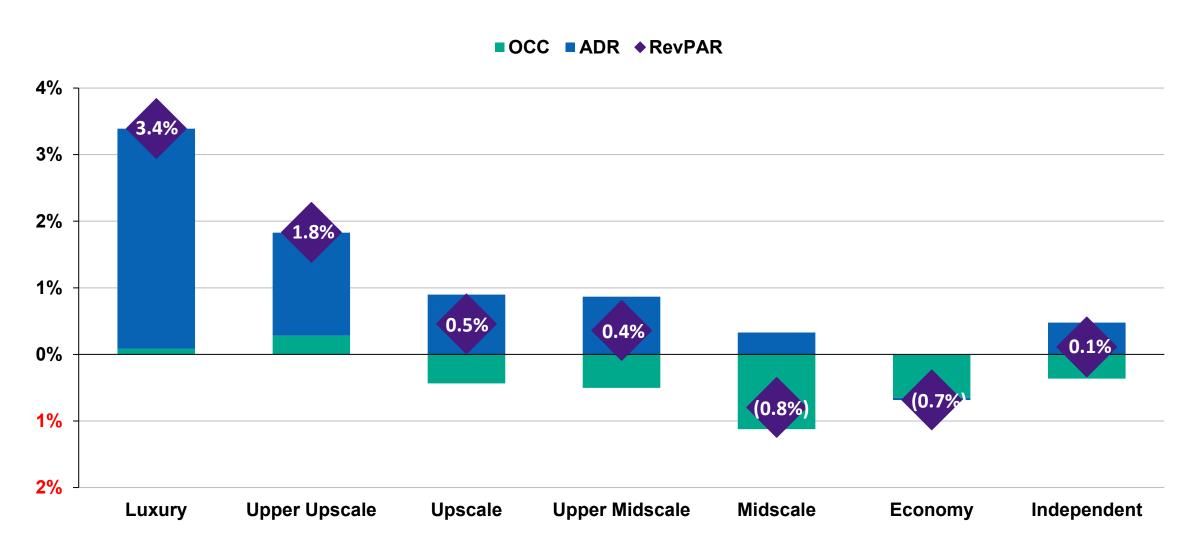
|              | 2024 (actual) | 2025 (forecast) | 2026 (forecast) |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Supply (YoY) | +0.5%         | +0.8%           | +0.8%           |
| Demand (YoY) | +0.5%         | +0.5%           | +1.1%           |
| Occupancy    | 63.0%         | 62.8%           | 63.0%           |
| ADR (YoY)    | +1.8%         | +1.3%           | +1.3%           |
| RevPAR (YoY) | +1.9%         | +1.0%           | +1.5%           |





#### ADR to drive RevPAR, but remain below inflation for most hotels

U.S. 2025 RevPAR forecast



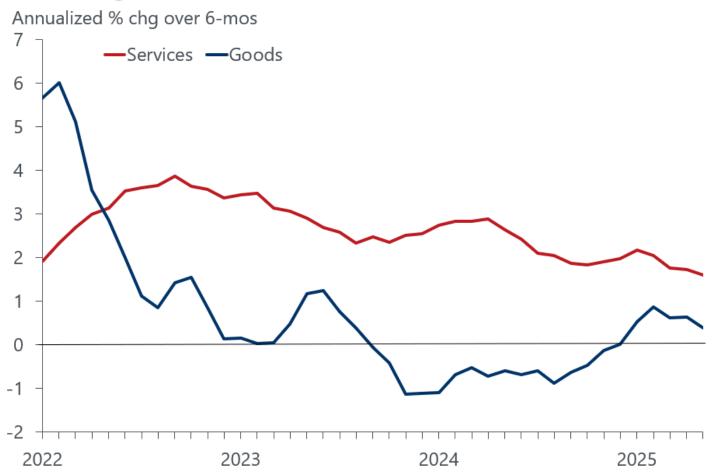






## Core inflation fell to 2.9% in May

US: Core goods and servcies CPI



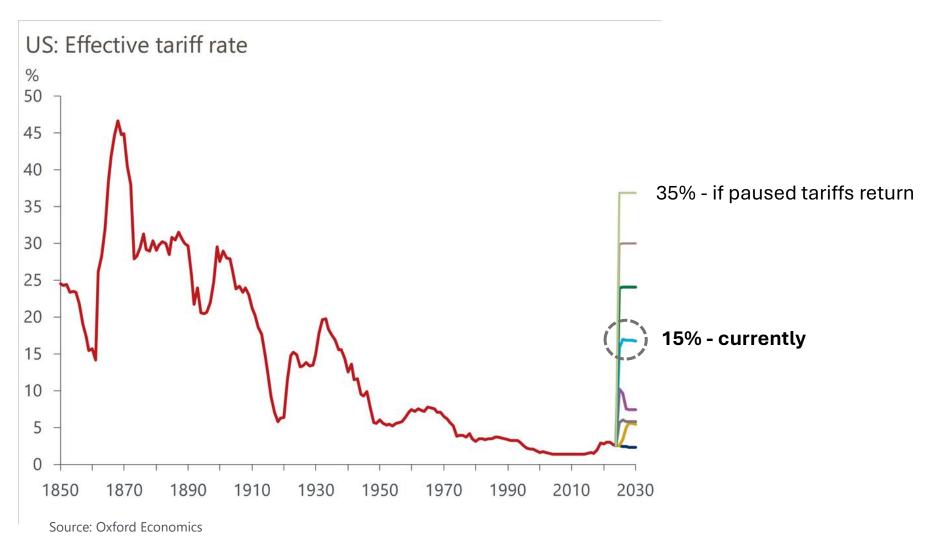
## Just 1.7% annualized over the prior three months

However ...

Source: Oxford Economics, BLS

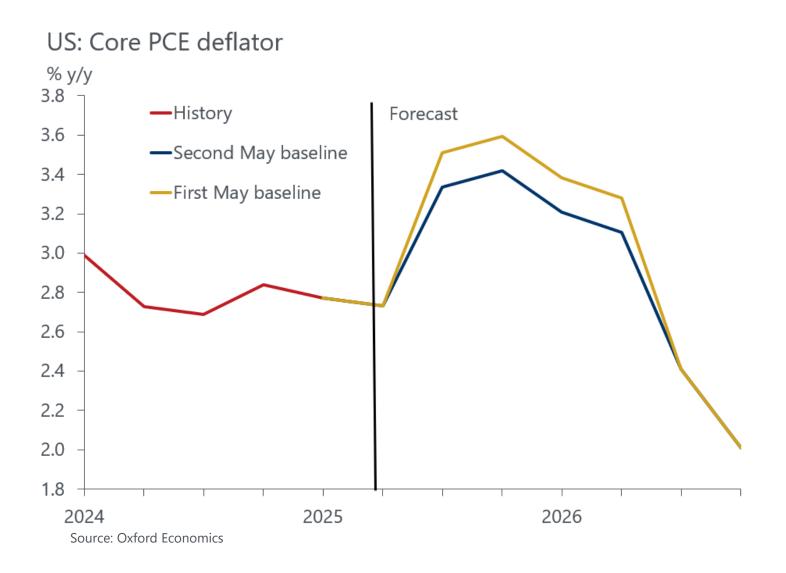


## Trade-weighted tariff rate highest in since 1930s





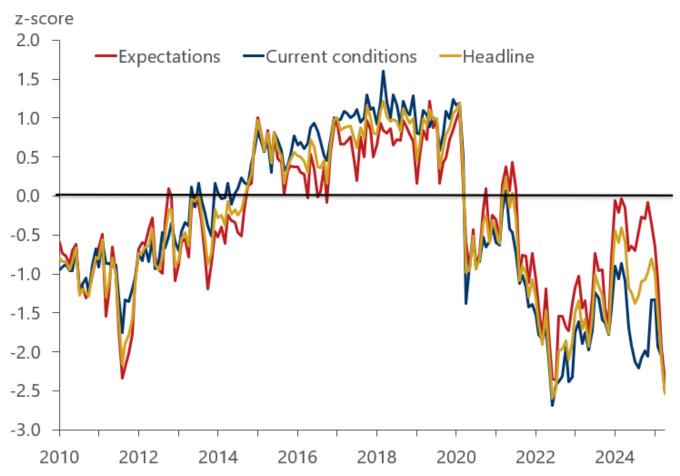
## Core inflation will rise to 3.4% this year





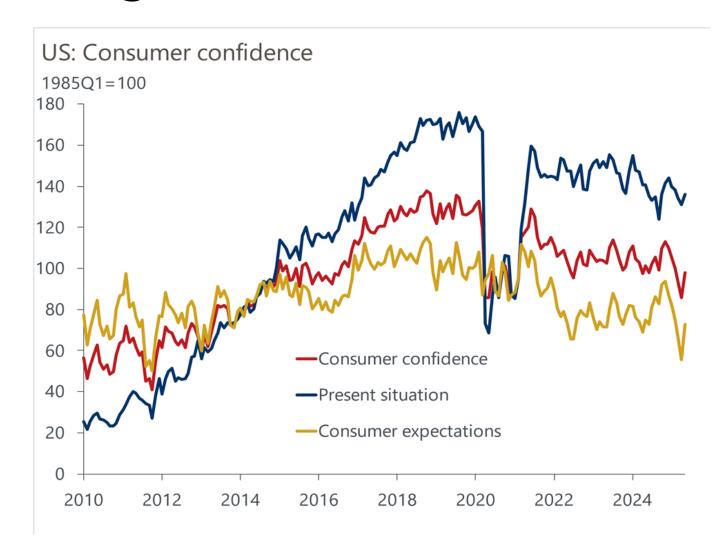
#### Consumer sentiment is near its historic low

US: Michigan consumer sentiment



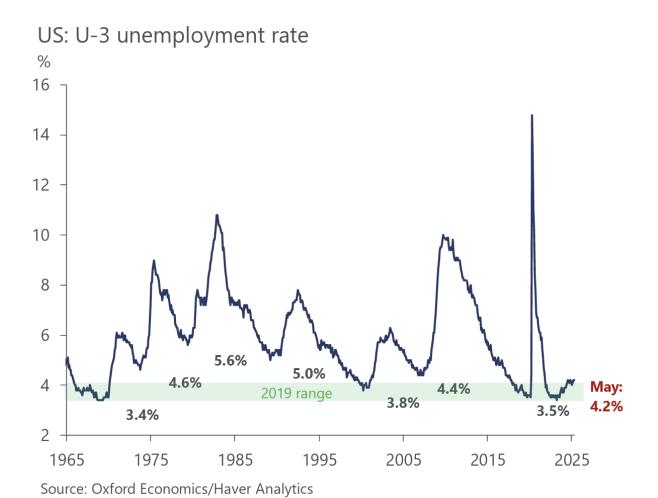


## Though confidence rebounded in May





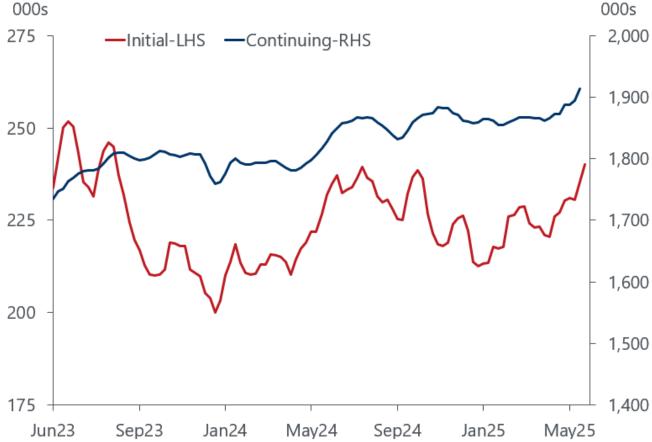
## Unemployment remains low at 4.2%





## Initial claims signals rise in unemployment

US: Initial and continued jobless claims, 4wma  $_{000s}$ 

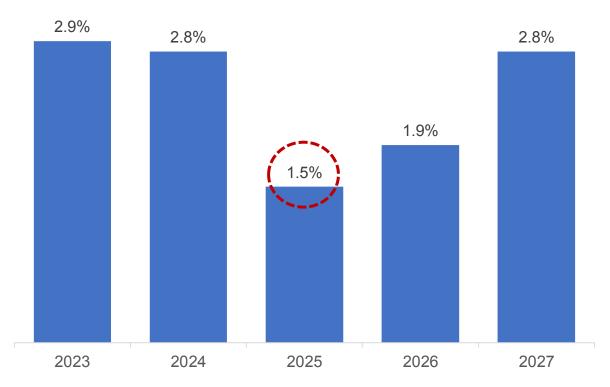




## Economic growth will slow markedly in 2025

#### **US Real GDP**

\$ annualized



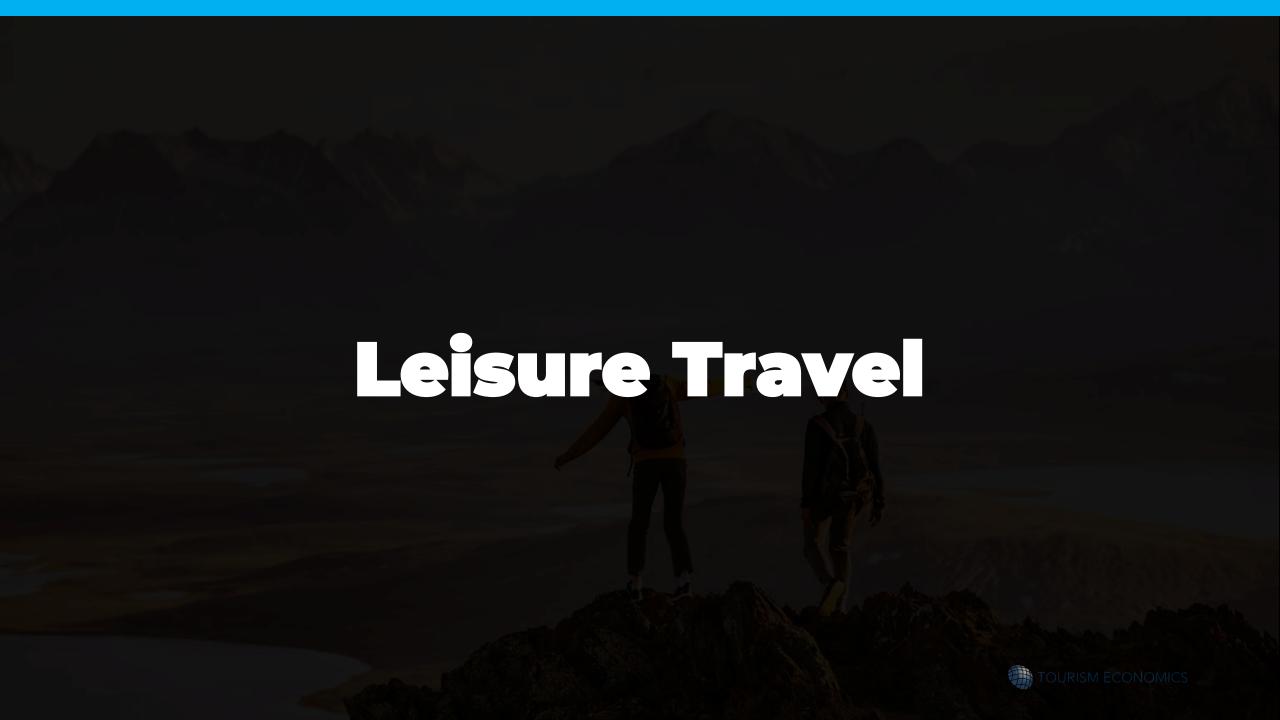
The economy is vulnerable and has little margin for error.

**Unemployment rises to 4.7%** this year

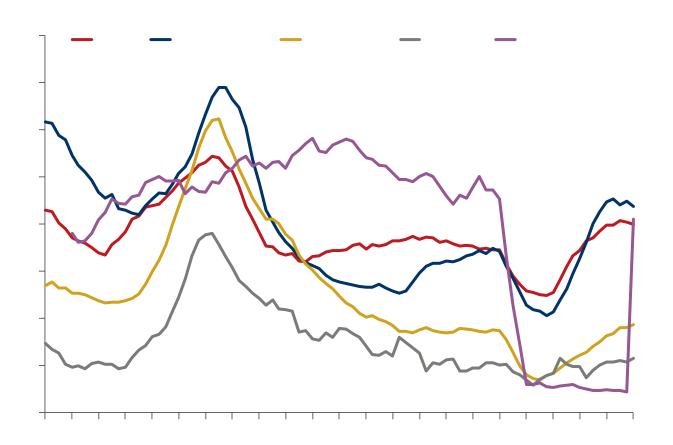
The economy will improve next year, supported by tax cuts/extensions and the fading effects of tariffs on inflation and real disposable income.

Source: Oxford Economics



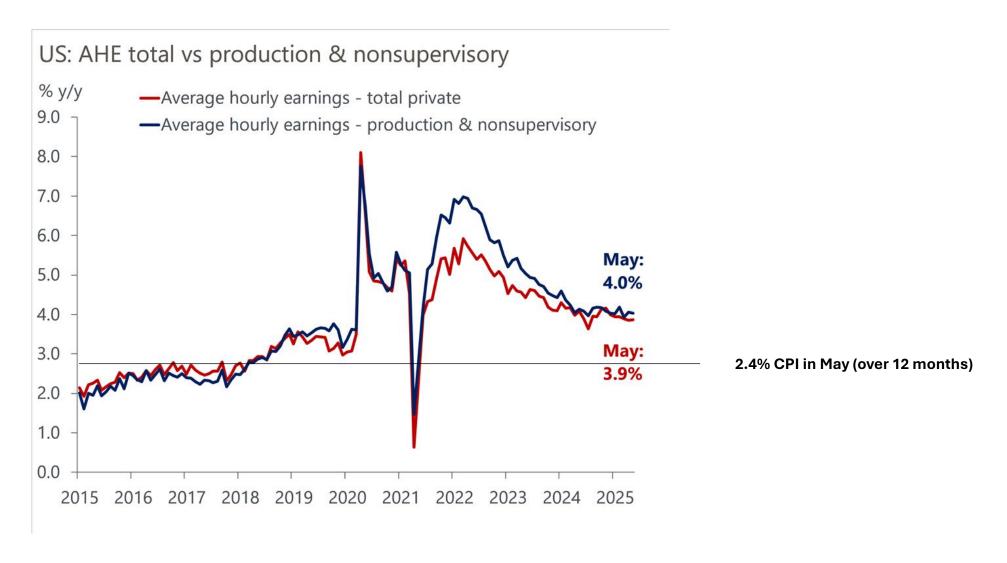


## Credit delinquencies not flashing red





## Income growth will sustain some spending growth





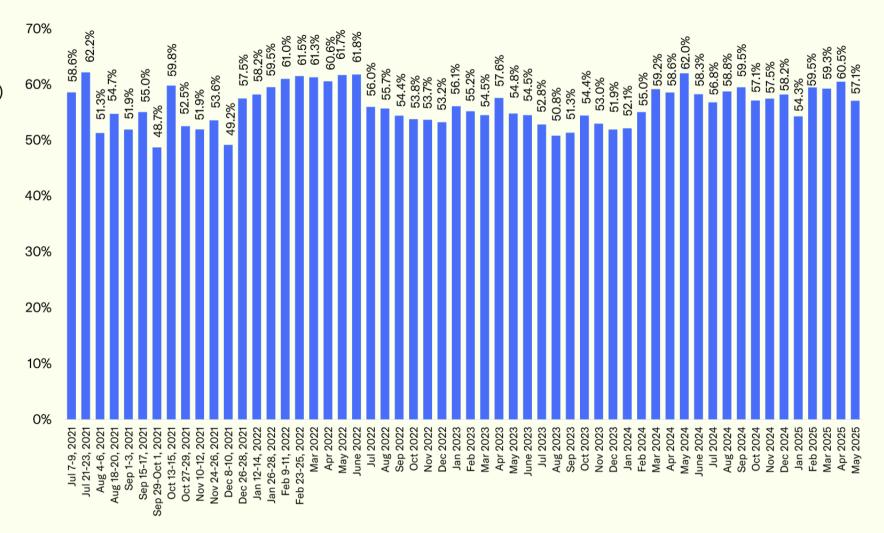
#### Travel remains a high priority

#### **Question:**

Thinking carefully about how you expect to spend your income in the NEXT THREE MONTHS, please use the scale below to describe your spending priorities. (Select one)

Leisure travel will be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### % Somewhat High, High or Extremely High Priority

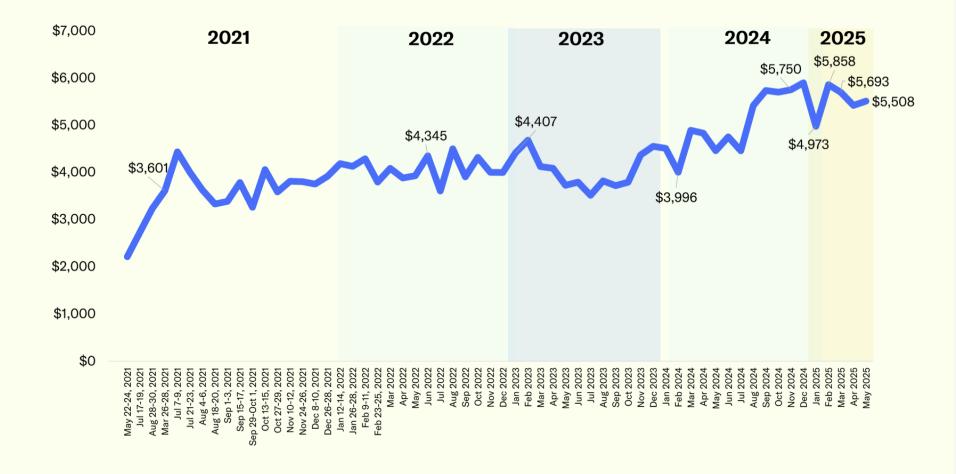


### Perhaps with a lower budget

#### **Question:**

How much IN TOTAL is the maximum you will spend on leisure travel (including airfare, accommodations and all other trip related spending) during the NEXT 12 MONTHS?

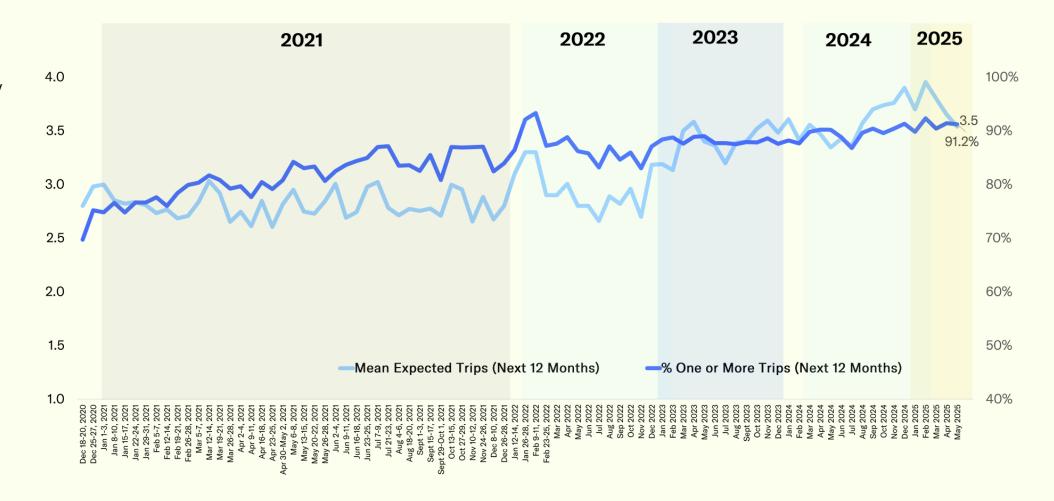
Maximum I would spend on leisure travel (next 12 months): \_\_\_\_\_



#### Intended leisure trips have dipped

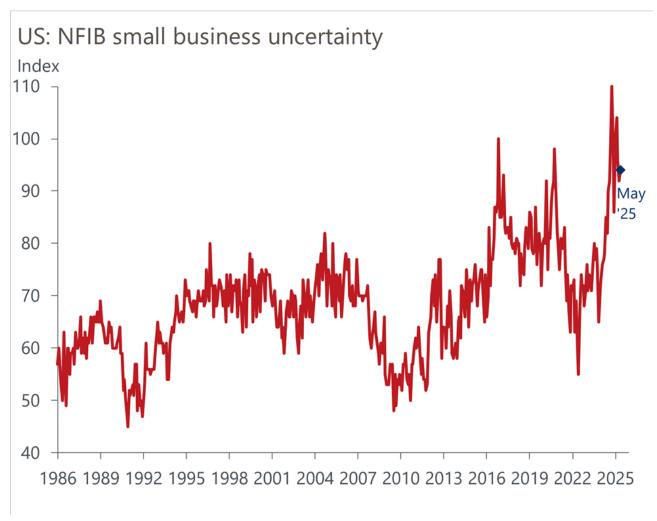
#### **Question:**

IN TOTAL, how many leisure trips (of 50 miles or more from your home) do you expect to take in the NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS? (Select one)





## Business uncertainty poses a major risk



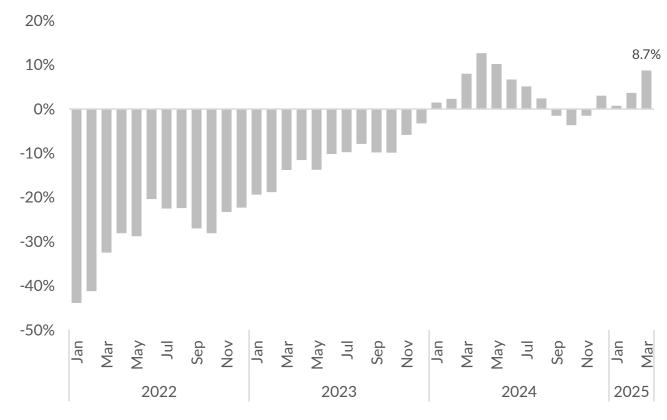




# **Group booking activity over the past six months has been** s t r o n g ...

### DMO booking activity, trailing six months

Hotel room nights contracted, trailing six-month sum, relative to 2019



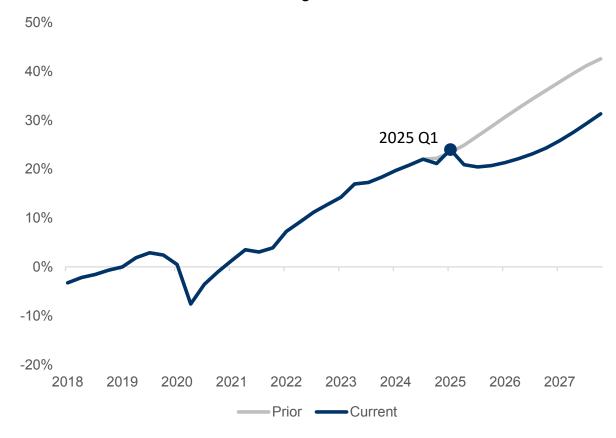
Source: Simpleview CRM (250+ DMOs)



### **Expect businesses to be cautious**

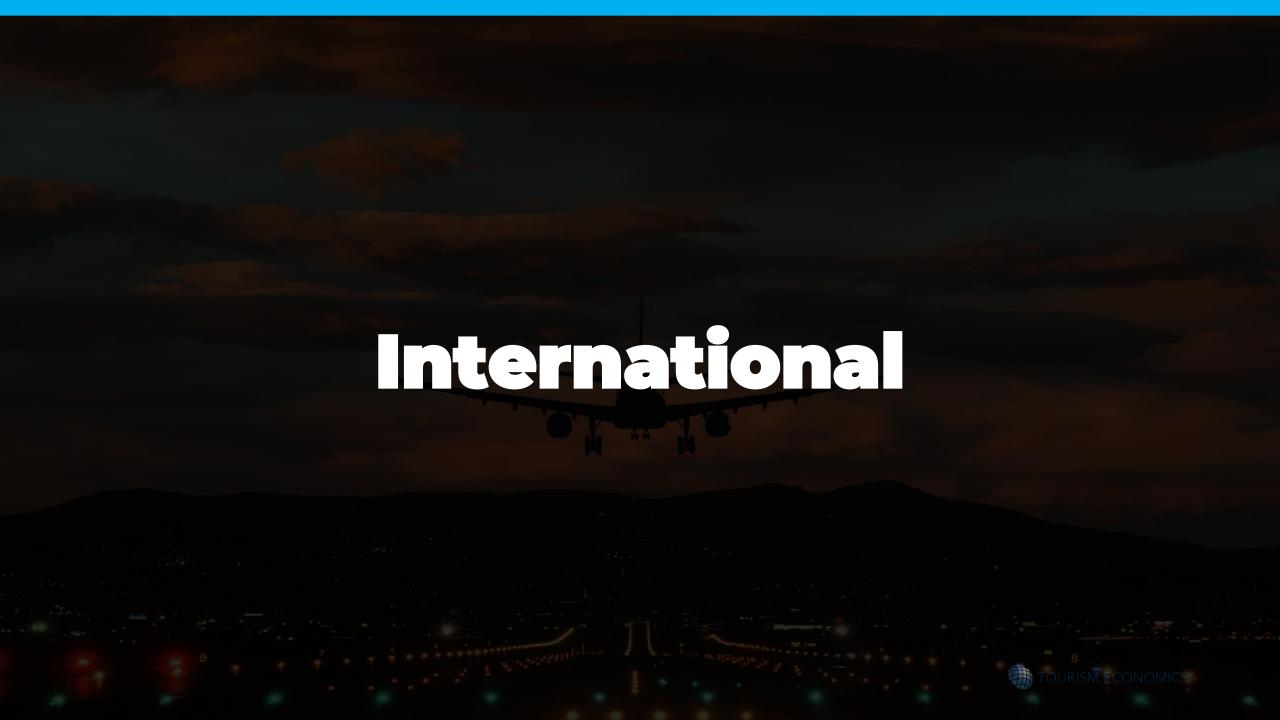
### **Business investment**

Nonresidential fixed investment, real, growth since 2019 Q1



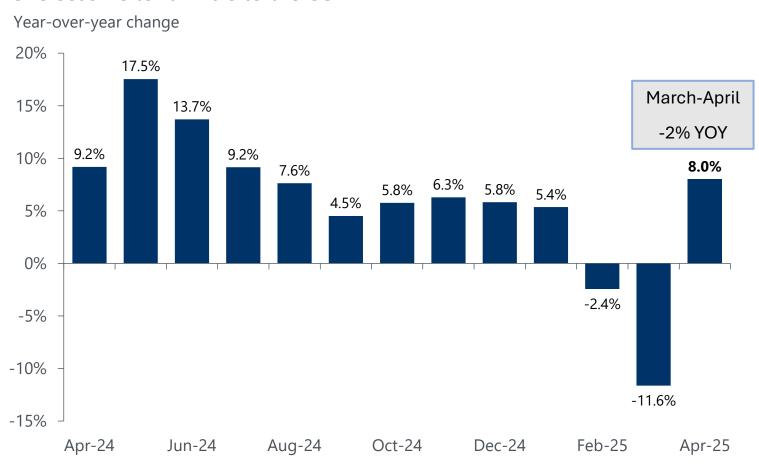
Source: BEA, Oxford Economics





# Effects are already evident (notwithstanding Easter effect)

### Overseas visitor arrivals to the US

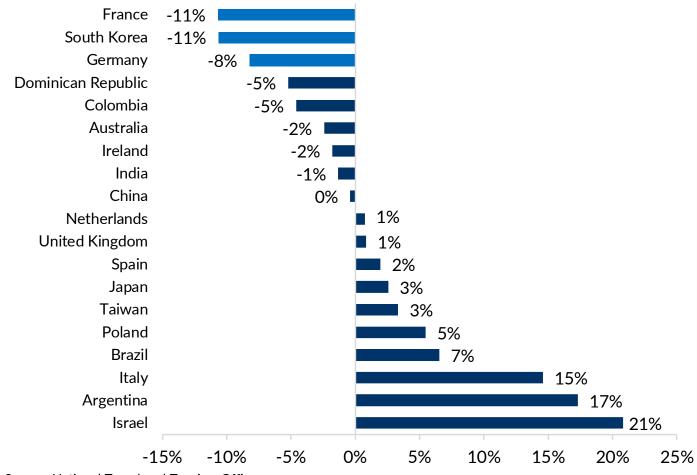




### France, Korea, Germany showing dramatic turn

### Arrivals to the US by Country (March+April 2025)

% change year-over-year

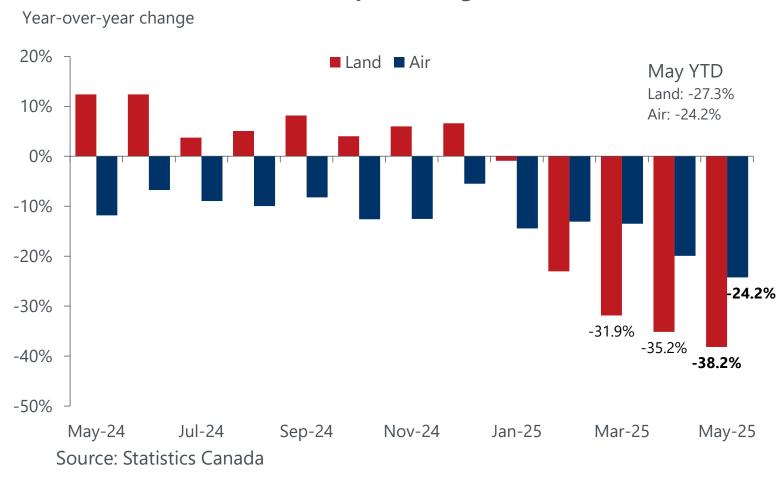


Source: National Travel and Tourism Office



### Canada land travel continues to plummet

### **Canadian-resident US return trips (leading indicator)**

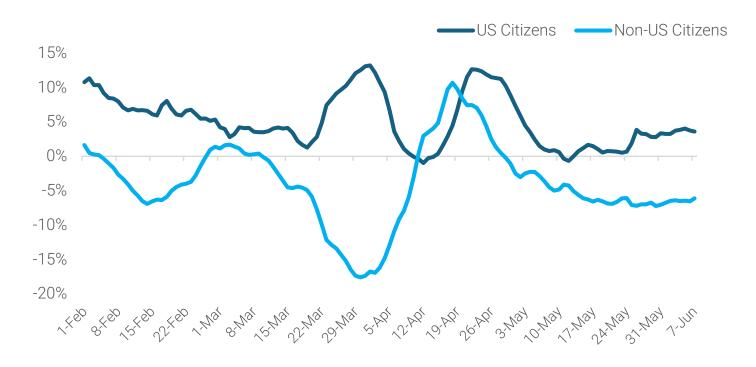




# May CBP data show international declines post-Easter

### Inbound screened passengers

Percent change in pax over 14 days vs same 14 days last year

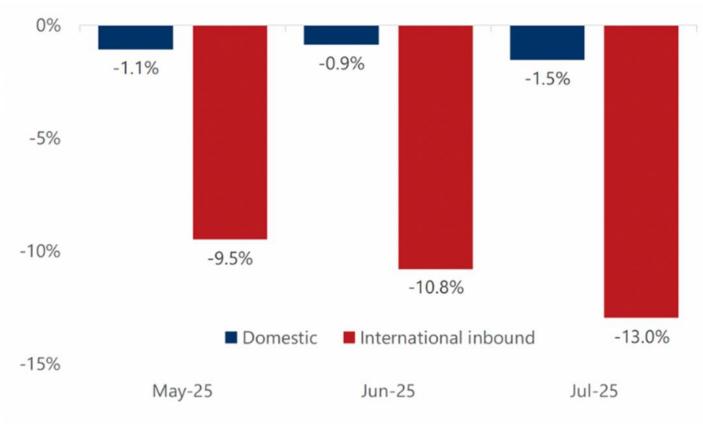


Source: US Customs and Border Protection Note: Passengers processed by passport control at ATL, DFW, IAD, IAH, JFK (T4), LAX (IT) MIA, ORD, SEA (Based on daily data through June 7, 2025)



# Forward bookings point to steeper air declines

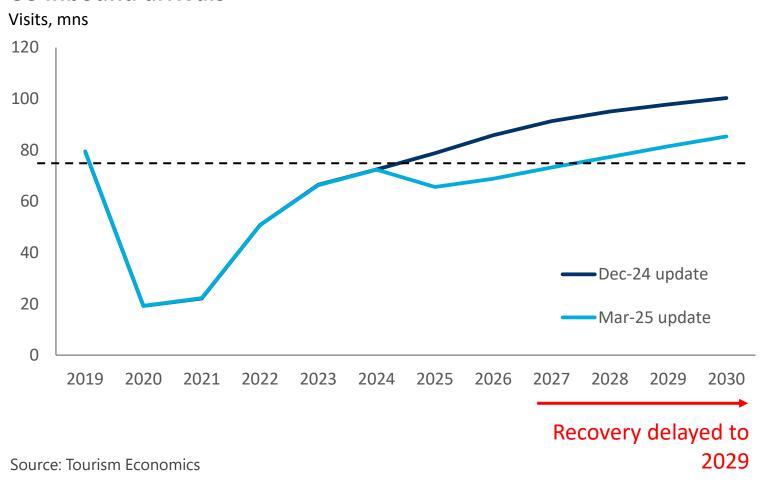
Bookings for future months, as of April 2025, relative to same time last year





## US inbound arrivals recovery delayed to 2029

### **US** inbound arrivals

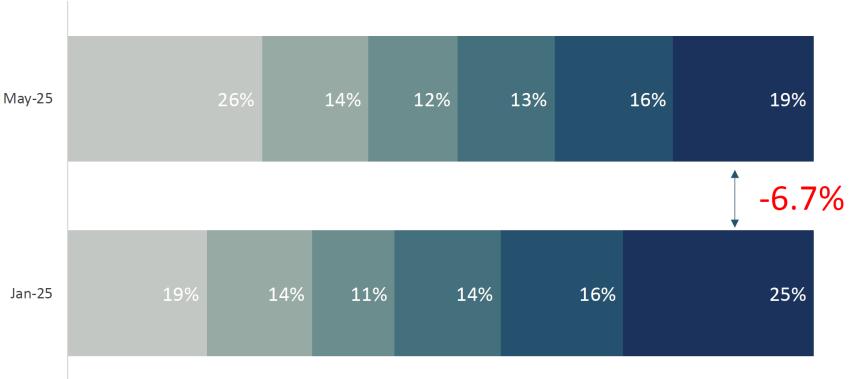




# Weakening US outbound ahead?

How likely are you to travel for an international leisure trip in the next 12 months?





Just comparing to January of this year, there has already been a decrease of 7-points in travelers

-6.7% who said they are very likely to travel for an international leisure trip in the next 12 months.





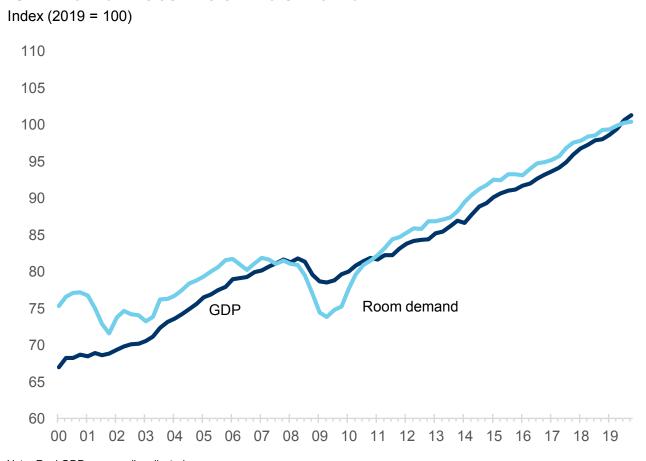
# Putting it all together

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# "As long as we can forecast the ed

### **GDP** and hotel room demand



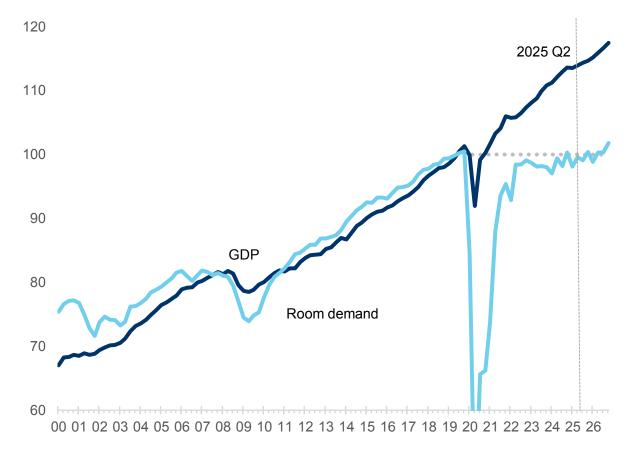
Note: Real GDP, seasonally adjusted. Source: BEA; STR; Oxford Economics



### Not so fast

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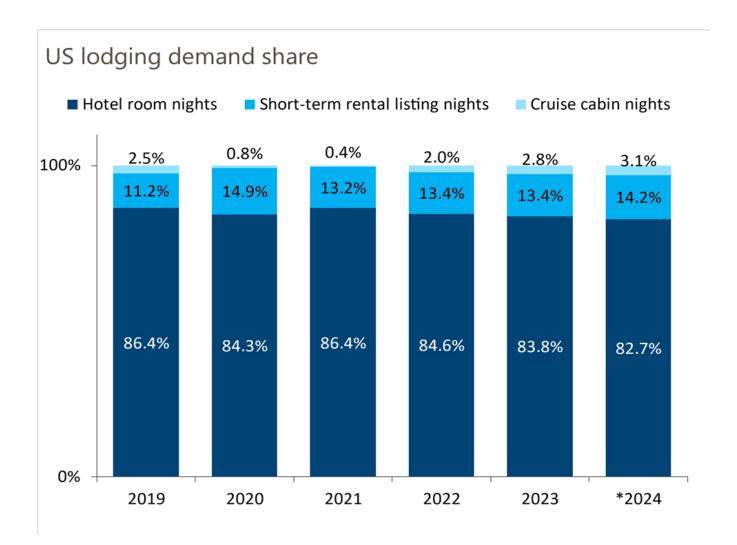
Index (2019 = 100)



Note: Real GDP, seasonally adjusted. Source: BEA; STR; Oxford Economics



### Partial explanation: hotels have lost share



2024 vs 2019:

ST rentals: +31%

Cruise: +29%

Hotel: -1.4%

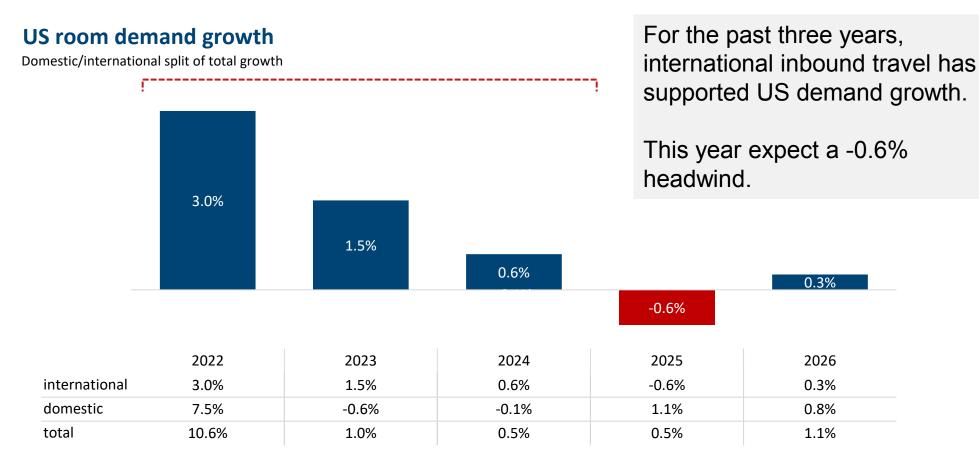
2025, Jan-Apr YTD

ST rentals: +6.2%

Hotel: +0.4%



## Another explanation: international visitors

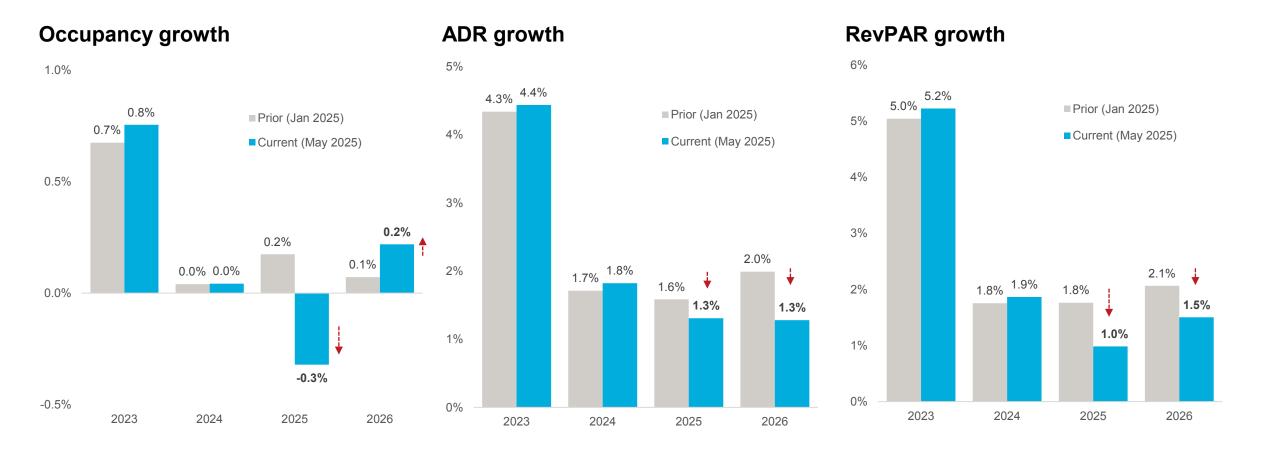


Source: CoStar-STR, Tourism Economics

Note: Demand analysis assumes international visitors account for approximately 7% of hotel demand (2024).



# Latest forecast: RevPAR growth slows to 1.0% this year

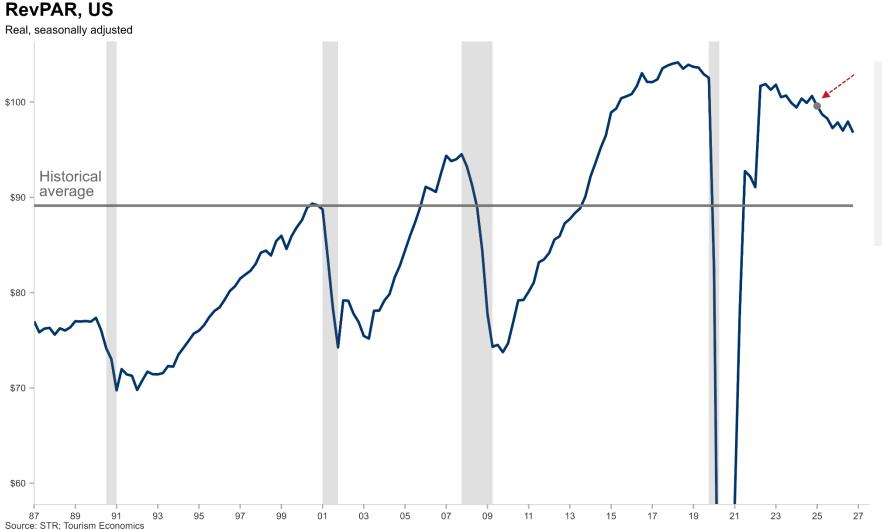






## RevPAR: Not quite 2019, but still above average





### 2025 Q1

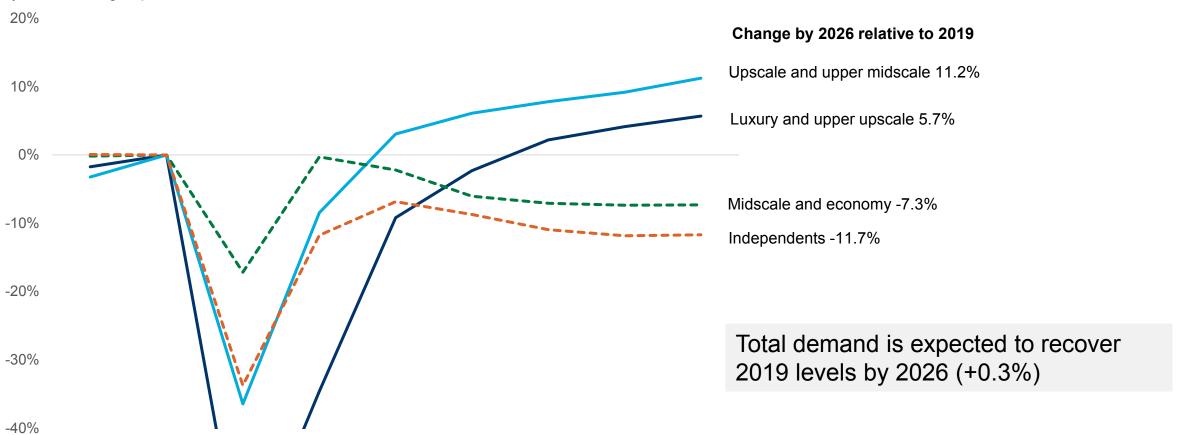
Real RevPAR has lost ground relative to 2019, but is still 11.7% above long-term average



# Demand for lower-tier properties continu

#### **Demand relative to 2019**

By chain scale groups

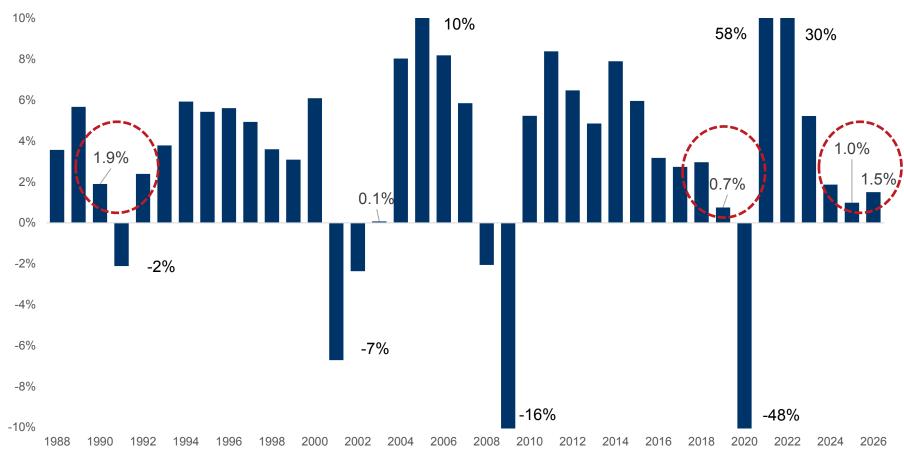




## Sideways is rare. Few cases of RevPAR growth of 1% to 2%

### **RevPAR**

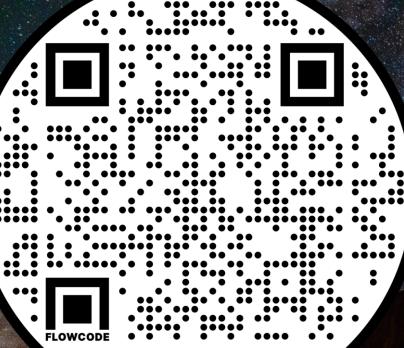












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