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36% believe merger increased the value of original Starwood branded hotels in their portfolios.

Primary concern for Marriott/Starwood owners is the significant decreases in negotiating power with Marriott (22%) followed by consumers not having the ability to differentiate between all of the brands (14%).

AC by Marriott predicted to be most successful lifestyle brand among all brands.
Markets NOT to invest in:

- Houston, TX (64%)
- Nashville, TN (32%)
- Detroit, MI (28%)
- New York, NY (28%)
- St. Louis, MO (28%)

Buy in New Orleans? not a single respondent voted against New Orleans investment
Want to Buy a Hotel? Quantity and Quality:

**Quantity**
42% believe **below average quantity** is available for purchase
44% believe **average quantity** is available for purchase

**Quality (Desirability to Purchase)**
52% believe **average quality** of product is currently available
28% believe **slightly worse quality** of product is currently available
Lodging Development Marches Along:

Despite the development pipeline containing ~600,000 rooms:

- 66% believe it is still a good time to build a hotel “If you are selective about product and market”
- 81% of owners have hotels under development
Hotel Debt Available, Yet Less Favorable

Hotel investors are “debt leery”

- 56% are very likely to refinance a hotel in the next 12 months
- 52% believe the ideal time to refinance ended in the last 6 months
- 63% predict loan/cost ratios will remain level
- 88% anticipate interest rates to slightly rise in the next 12 months
Hotel Transaction Market Continues Slight Cooling:

Dollar Volume

- In calendar year 2017, 52% believe that hotel transaction dollar volume will be down from 2016 levels; while, 22% believe volume will be flat

Number of Sales

- 46% anticipate the number of assets traded in 2017 to be down from year-end 2016; while, 32% believe the number of sales will be flat
2016’s Greatest Threats to Hotel Investment?:

1. **New Lodging Supply**: 90% of respondents (Up from 77% last year)
   - However, 81% are currently building new lodging assets

2. **Increasing Interest Rates**: 88% anticipate a slight increase (up to 100bps) over the next 12 months

3. **Government Mandated Minimum Wage Increases**: 74% anticipate a slight decrease in profitability over the next five years (down 28% from last year)
Asset Pricing Bid/Ask Settles, Values Flat to Maybe Increasing

- 54% predict lodging real estate values to be flat over the next 12 months
- Interestingly, 36% anticipate a slight increase in lodging real estate values
- 52% believe Upscale/Upper Upscale lodging assets represent the best purchase opportunity over the next 12 months
Movement in the Hotel Real Estate Cycle:

- 68% believe we are still in the current cycle which started in 2009
- 32% brilliant gurus believe we are in a new cycle
- Positive outlook on US economy
  - 60% anticipate GDP growth averaging greater than 2% over the next 24 months
Hotel Real Estate: Forecasting Clear Skies with Some Clouds and Slightly Cooling Temperatures:

- 2017’s survey results are largely positive and less stressed
- Nervousness from 2016 has evolved into acceptance
- Chinese investment down
- Little to no impact on hotel lodging in US from Brexit
- Private Equity predicted to dominate the purchase of Upscale to Luxury hotels
- Regional Owners/Operators projected to dominate the purchase of Economy to Upper Midscale hotels
LIIC Bonus Questions:

Looking forward, the “hotel investment illuminati” predict:

• Buyers paying a premium for a package of assets (5 or more)?
  - 53% say no, while 47% say yes
• 13% of LIIC last year predicted Trump’s Presidential win. This year 44% believe the Trump Administration is positively affecting hotel ownership
• Biggest Pet Peeves when staying in a hotel multiple nights on business:
  - (1) Painfully slow internet, (2) uncomfortable bedding, and (3) noise from hallway, PTACs, and outside traffic
  - Other Peeves include a) paparazzi, b) breakfast not starting early enough, and c) items in the sundry shop being too expensive
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