

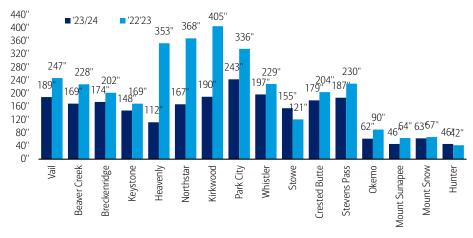
## Vail Resorts, Inc

## **Snow Tracker: Earnings from Park City**

Maintain Rating: BUY | PO: 285.00 USD | Price: 225.48 USD

#### Exhibit 1: Vail Resorts season to date snowfall

Season-to-date snowfall is currently -31% Y/Y



Note: Data as of 2/15/24

Source: BofA Global Research, OnTheSnow, company websites

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## Snow tracker: Solid conditions for President's Day

Total (cumulative) snowfall across Vail's 16 resorts we track is -31% Y/Y and -29% below long-term average. However, conditions for President's Day look pretty strong especially out West. Over the past week, Park City got nearly two feet of snow, and Colorado, Whistler, and Tahoe resorts both got slightly less than a foot. Every major region for Vail has some snow in the forecast which should drive visitation over the important long weekend. Maintain Buy.

Total season-to-date visitation is down -9% Y/Y, with the last 2 weeks down -6% and -3%, respectively, across the resorts we track. By region, Colorado is down -6% Y/Y, followed by the Northeast -7%, Park City -13%, and Tahoe -18%.

Snowfall by resort: **Whistler**: 197 in., -14% Y/Y. MTN's 5 **CO resorts**: avg. of 172 in. -29% Y/Y. MTN's **Tahoe resorts**: avg. of 156 in., -58% Y/Y. **Park City**: 243 in. -28% Y/Y.

Estimates (Jul) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	8.48	6.74	8.55	10.60	11.57
EPS Change (YoY)	170.9%	-20.5%	26.9%	24.0%	9.2%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			9.03	10.46	11.39
DPS	6.61	7.94	8.36	8.61	8.87
Valuation (Jul)					
P/E	26.6x	33.5x	26.4x	21.3x	19.5x
Dividend Yield	2.9%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
EV / EBITDA*	13.3x	13.3x	12.2x	11.2x	10.8x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	6.0%	3.8%	4.5%	5.7%	6.1%
* For full definitions of <i>iQ</i> method <sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 5.					

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#### **Stock Data**

Price Objective

Date Established 9-Jun-2023 Investment Opinion B-1-7 52-Week Range 204.88 USD - 258.13 USD Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out 8.561 USD / 38.0 (mn) Free Float 98.8% Average Daily Value (mn) 83.85 USD BofA Ticker / Exchange MTN / NYS Bloomberg / Reuters MTN US / MTN N ROE (2024E) Net Dbt to Eqty (Jul-2023A) 168 2% ESGMeter™ Medium

225.48 USD

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# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup> Vail Resorts, Inc

iQmethod <sup>™</sup> – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Return on Capital Employed	9.1%	7.6%	9.7%	11.8%	12.8%
Return on Equity	21.7%	20.5%	36.2%	52.4%	60.4%
Operating Margin	23.8%	17.5%	20.7%	22.4%	22.6%
Free Cash Flow	518	325	387	485	524
<i>iQ</i> method <sup>™</sup> – <b>Quality of Earnings*</b>					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	2.0x	2.4x	1.8x	1.7x	1.7>
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.8x	1.2x	0.8x	0.8x	0.7>
Tax Rate	19.4%	23.7%	26.3%	26.5%	26.5%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio Interest Cover	87.0% 4.1x	168.2% 3.3x	224.8% 3.9x	237.3% 4.5x	241.5% 4.9x
Income Statement Data (Jul)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	2,526	2,886	3,018	3,212	3,344
% Change	32.3%	14.3%	4.6%	6.4%	4.1%
Gross Profit % Change	2,526 32.3%	2,886 14.3%	3,018 4.6%	3,212 6.4%	3,344 4.1%
EBITDA	833	833	913	990	1,026
% Change	54.2%	0%	9.5%	8.4%	3.7%
Net Interest & Other Income	(146)	(152)	(162)	(157)	(154)
Net Income (Adjusted)	348	268	325	397	426
% Change	172.0%	-22.9%	21.2%	22.1%	7.4%
Free Cash Flow Data (Jul) (US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	20261
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	348	268	301	381	410
Depreciation & Amortization	252	269	267	267	267
Change in Working Capital	94	(18)	49	17	17
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other Adjustments, Net	16	121	(27)	26	26
Capital Expenditure	(193)	(315)	(203)	(205)	(195)
Free Cash Flow	518	325	387	485	524
% Change	26.2%	-37.3%	19.3%	25.4%	8.0%
Share / Issue Repurchase	(75)	(500)	(155)	(140)	(140)
Cost of Dividends Paid	0 (184)	0 (79)	0 (91)	(100)	(100)
Change in Debt	(104)	(73)	(91)	(100)	(100)
Balance Sheet Data (Jul)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash & Equivalents	1,126	573	291	215	174
Trade Receivables	665	635	675	700	725
Other Current Assets	NA 2.110	NA 2.272	NA 2.427	NA 2.276	NA 2.204
Property, Plant & Equipment	2,118	2,372	2,437	2,376	2,304
Other Non-Current Assets <b>Total Assets</b>	2,408 <b>6,318</b>	2,368	2,278	2,274	2,270 <b>5,472</b>
Short-Term Debt	0,316 NA	<b>5,948</b> NA	<b>5,681</b> NA	<b>5,565</b> NA	3,472 NA
Other Current Liabilities	1,047	1,062	1,128	1,170	1,211
Long-Term Debt	2,734	2,820	2,731	2,637	2,543
Other Non-Current Liabilities	689	731	737	737	737
Total Liabilities	4,471	4,612	4,596	4,544	4,491
Total Equity	1,847	1,336	1,085	1,021	981
Total Equity & Liabilities	6,318	5,948	5,681	5,565	5,472

### **Company Sector**

Lodging

#### **Company Description**

Vail Resorts owns and/or operates several ski resorts, including Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Kirkwood, Canyons, Park City, Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton, Wilmot, Perisher, Whistler and Stowe. Vail also owns a number of resorts in the Midwest and Northeast, acquired through its acquisition of Peak Resorts. In addition, Vail Resorts owns the RockResorts lodging brand and the Grand Teton Lodge Company.

#### **Investment Rationale**

We are Buy rated on MTN's shares given Vail's data driven model and ongoing evolution to a more high visibility, advanced commitment, recurring business. Additionally, Vail should be well positioned to benefit from pent-up luxury travel demand.

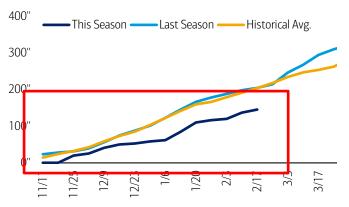
#### **Stock Data**

Average Daily Volume 371,866

#### **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2023	2024
Q1	-3.40A	-4.60A
Q2	5.16A	5.64E
Q3	8.18A	11.04E
Q4	-3.35A	-3.54E

# **Exhibit 2: Vail Resorts season snowfall to-date vs. last year and LT avg.** Avg. total snowfall across Vail's 16 resorts to-date is -31% Y/Y and -29% vs. historical average

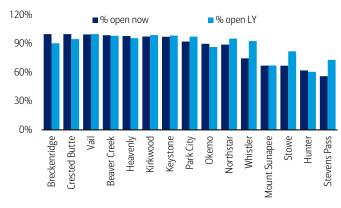


Source: BofA Global Research, ski resort websites

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#### Exhibit 3: Vail ski resorts % of open acreage

On average 84% of terrain is open, compared to 88% last year



Source: BofA Global Research, ski resort websites

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#### **Exhibit 4: Visitation data to Vail's resorts**

Season-to-date visitation data is down -9% Y/Y across Vail's resorts

	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	2-Jan	9-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb
Vail Weighted Average	-12%	-13%	-28%	-21%	-5%	14%	-11%	-11%	-10%	-3%	-6%
Park City	-39%	-46%	-32%	-18%	-15%	-2%	-11%	2%	7%	-9%	-4%
Colorado	-1%	-9%	-16%	-17%	-2%	7%	-18%	-1%	-6%	-9%	-4%
Tahoe	-44%	-24%	-52%	-27%	-3%	36%	15%	-27%	-14%	-19%	-11%
Northeast	28%	7%	-27%	-24%	-13%	25%	-11%	-19%	-22%	42%	-9%

Source: Placer Al

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## Price objective basis & risk

#### Vail Resorts, Inc (MTN)

Our \$285 PO is based on approximately 13x our FY2025E Resort EBITDA estimate, inline with the mid point of its historical range of 8-17x (2010-19).

We believe this is warranted by 1) limited supply, 2) pent-up demand potential, and 3) a strong data driven model in addition to market wide multiple inflation.

Upside risks to our PO are better-than-anticipated pass sales and stronger destination visitation given pent-up demand. Downside risks to our PO are worse-than-expected skier visitation and spending, snowfall and weather hurting results, higher-than-expected operating leverage that could negatively affect operating results in a weak macro environment, and finally key management risk.

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	Hilton Worldwide	HLT	HLT US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Host Hotels & Resorts Inc.	HST	HST US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Hyatt Hotels	Н	H US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Marriott International Inc.	MAR	MAR US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Penn Entertainment	PENN	PENN US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Ryman Hospitality Properties	RHP	RHP US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Soho House & Co Inc	SHCO	SHCO US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Vail Resorts, Inc	MTN	MTN US	Shaun C. Kelley
	VICI Properties	VICI	VICI US	Shaun C. Kelley
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	Park Hotels & Resorts Inc.	PK	PK US	Dany Asad
	Wynn Resorts Ltd	WYNN	WYNN US	Shaun C. Kelley
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	DiamondRock Hospitality	DRH	DRH US	Dany Asad
	Gaming & Leisure Properties, Inc.	GLPI	GLPI US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Marriott Vacations Worldwide	VAC	VAC US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Pebblebrook Hotel Trust	PEB	PEB US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Playa Hotels & Resorts	PLYA	PLYA US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Red Rock Resorts, Inc.	RRR	RRR US	Shaun C. Kelley
	RLJ Lodging Trust	RLJ	RLJ US	Dany Asad
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<b>Business Performance</b>	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill
		Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +	Sales
•	Other LT Liabilities	
FV / FBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic FBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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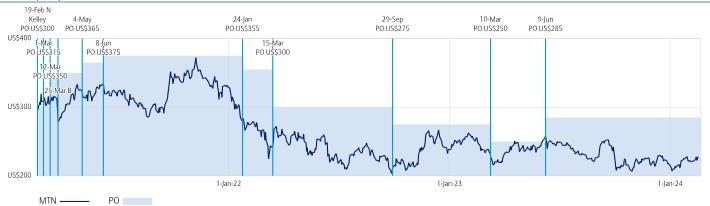
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Sell	7	26.92%	Sell	5	71.43%

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