

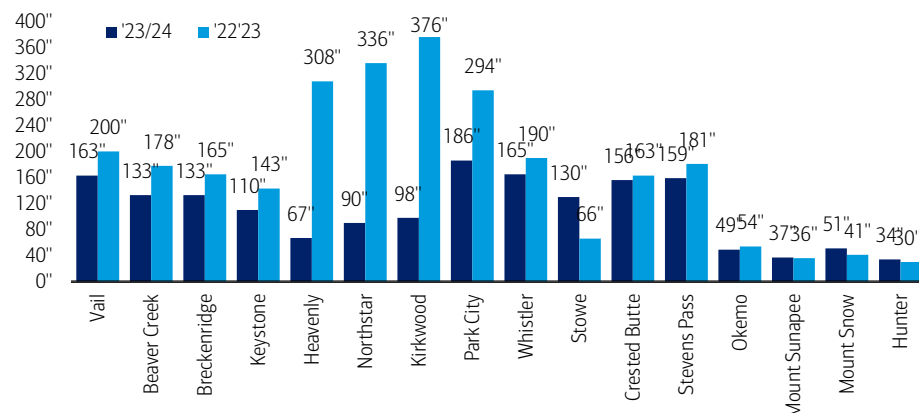
## Vail Resorts, Inc

## Snow Tracker: Booking our flights to Park City

Maintain Rating: BUY | PO: 285.00 USD | Price: 223.16 USD

## Exhibit 1: Vail Resorts season to date snowfall

Season-to-date snowfall is currently -36% Y/Y



Note: Data as of 1/18/24

Source: BofA Global Research, OnTheSnow, company websites

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## Snow tracker: 70 inches in 7 days at Park City

Total (cumulative) snowfall across Vail's 16 resorts we track is -36% Y/Y and -31% below long-term average. Over the past week, the resorts we track received an average of 2 feet of snow, led by Park City which got 70 inches of snow in 7 days. The Northeast resorts got an average of 15 in. of snow, and snowfall in the Northeast is up +33% Y/Y following challenging conditions last year. Whistler's snowfall is still -13% below last year, but they got 9 in. of fresh powder this week and have another has two feet in the forecast for the upcoming week.

At [Vail's early season metrics update \(see report\)](#), they reported season-to-date skier visits down -16% Y/Y through January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are already seeing improvement in visitation, and we think the snowfall and pass strategy will enable 1) increased high frequency visitation from locals, and 2) a shift in destination trips to later in the season.

Snowfall by resort: **Whistler**: 165 in., -13% Y/Y. MTN's 5 **CO resorts**: avg. of 139 in. -18% Y/Y. MTN's **Tahoe resorts**: avg. of 85 in., -75% Y/Y. **Park City**: 186 in. -37% 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)			9.07	10.47	11.39
DPS	6.61	7.94	8.36	8.61	8.87
Valuation (Jul)					
P/E	26.3x	33.1x	26.1x	21.1x	19.3x
Dividend Yield	3.0%	3.6%	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%
EV / EBITDA*	13.2x	13.2x	12.1x	11.1x	10.7x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	6.1%	3.8%	4.6%	5.7%	6.2%

\* For full definitions of *IQmethod*<sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 5.

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## Stock Data

Price	223.16 USD
Price Objective	285.00 USD
Date Established	9-Jun-2023
Investment Opinion	B-1-7
52-Week Range	204.88 USD - 266.26 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out (mn)	8,473 USD / 38.0
Free Float	98.8%
Average Daily Value (mn)	98.03 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	MTN / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	MTN US / MTN.N
ROE (2024E)	36.2%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Jul-2023A)	168.2%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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# iQprofile<sup>SM</sup> Vail Resorts, Inc

## iQmethod<sup>SM</sup> – Bus Performance\*

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
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

## iQmethod<sup>SM</sup> – Quality of Earnings\*

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash Realization Ratio	2.0x	2.4x	1.8x	1.7x	1.7x
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.8x	1.2x	0.8x	0.8x	0.7x
Tax Rate	19.4%	23.7%	26.3%	26.5%	26.5%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	87.0%	168.2%	224.8%	237.3%	241.5%
Interest Cover	4.1x	3.3x	3.9x	4.5x	4.9x

## Income Statement Data (Jul)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales	2,526	2,886	3,018	3,212	3,344
% Change	32.3%	14.3%	4.6%	6.4%	4.1%
Gross Profit	2,526	2,886	3,018	3,212	3,344
% Change	32.3%	14.3%	4.6%	6.4%	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)
<b>Net Income (Adjusted)</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>172.0%</b>	<b>-22.9%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

## Free Cash Flow Data (Jul)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
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)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>524</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>-37.3%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
Share / Issue Repurchase	(75)	(500)	(155)	(140)	(140)
Cost of Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Debt	(184)	(79)	(91)	(100)	(100)

## Balance Sheet Data (Jul)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash & Equivalents	1,126	573	291	215	174
Trade Receivables	665	635	675	700	725
Other Current Assets	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Property, Plant & Equipment	2,118	2,372	2,437	2,376	2,304
Other Non-Current Assets	2,408	2,368	2,278	2,274	2,270
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,318</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>5,472</b>
Short-Term Debt	NA	NA	NA	NA	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
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,471</b>	<b>4,612</b>	<b>4,596</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>4,491</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>6,318</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>5,472</b>

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## 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

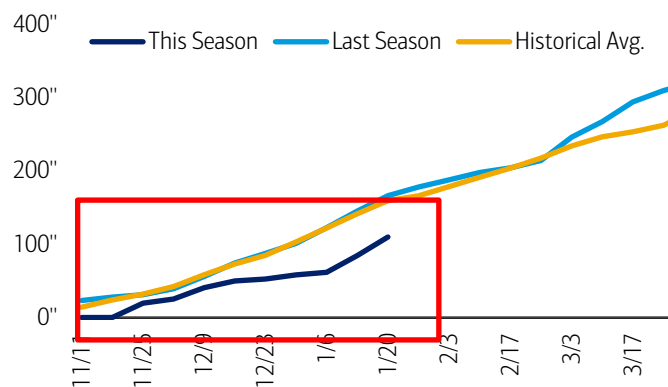
Average Daily Volume 445,401

## 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 -36% Y/Y and -31% vs. historical average

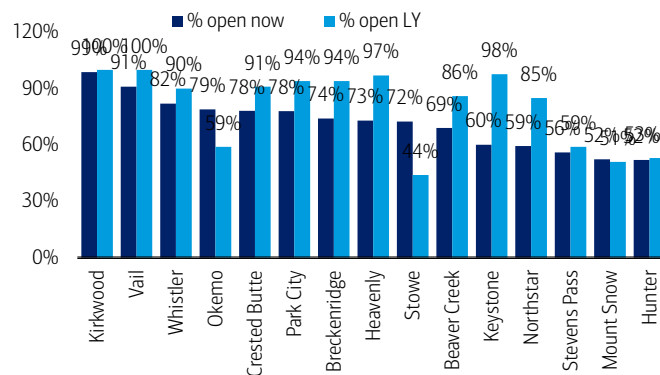


Source: BofA Global Research, ski resort websites

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

On average 70% of terrain is open, compared to 78% 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-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	3-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	7-Jan	14-Jan
Vail Weighted Average	-3%	-17%	-24%	-23%	-11%	-9%	-21%	-22%	-13%	9%	-7%
Park City	10%	3%	-14%	-28%	-38%	-48%	-28%	-27%	-16%	-4%	-9%
Colorado	-7%	-3%	-4%	-10%	-2%	-4%	-10%	-13%	-10%	6%	-14%
Tahoe	-3%	-56%	-67%	-54%	-41%	-19%	-45%	-41%	-3%	14%	20%
Northeast	5%	-15%	-15%	-10%	25%	9%	-10%	-13%	-26%	25%	-7%

Source: Placer AI

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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, in-line 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	H	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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	MGM Resorts International	MGM	MGM US	Shaun C. Kelley
	Park Hotels & Resorts Inc.	PK	PK US	Dany Asad
	Wynn Resorts Ltd	WYNN	WYNN US	Shaun C. Kelley
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	Gaming & Leisure Properties, Inc.	GLPI	GLPI US	Shaun C. Kelley
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	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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**iQmethod<sup>SM</sup> Measures Definitions****Business Performance**

Return On Capital Employed

Return On Equity

Operating Margin

Earnings Growth

Free Cash Flow

**Quality of Earnings**

Cash Realization Ratio

Asset Replacement Ratio

Tax Rate

Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio

Interest Cover

**Valuation Toolkit**

Price / Earnings Ratio

Price / Book Value

Dividend Yield

Free Cash Flow Yield

Enterprise Value / Sales

EV / EBITDA

**Numerator**

NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization

Net Income

Operating Profit

Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

**Numerator**

Cash Flow From Operations

Capex

Tax Charge

Net Debt = Total Debt – Cash &amp; Equivalents

EBIT

**Numerator**

Current Share Price

Current Share Price

Annualised Declared Cash Dividend

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +

Other LT Liabilities

Enterprise Value

**Denominator**

Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill

Amortization

Shareholders' Equity

Sales

N/A

N/A

**Denominator**

Net Income

Depreciation

Pre-Tax Income

Total Equity

Interest Expense

**Denominator**

Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)

Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Current Share Price

Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares

Sales

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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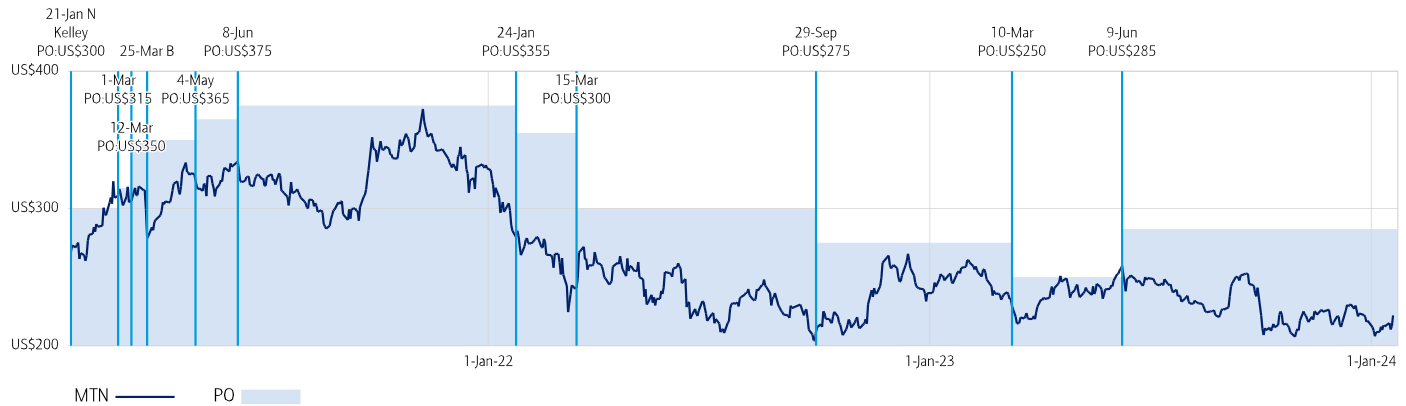
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Hold	3	11.54%	Hold	2	66.67%
Sell	7	26.92%	Sell	5	71.43%

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