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Introduction

The last 12 months in the LAC region have witnessed some significant performance ups and downs. High level, RevPARs in LatAm declined, whilst those in the Caribbean were stable and even grew slightly. Zooming in, Brazil suffered from low levels of demand growth and high levels of supply growth, with RevPAR falling by -48.2% in Rio and by -35% in Sao Paulo. Material declines also occurred in Bogota (-17.4%) and Buenos Aires (-8%).

Relative stability in the Caribbean has resulted in a good number of very sizeable projects being announced since our last LAC Hotels Monitor. These include: a USD1.5bn mixed use scheme on a 38ha site at Pensioner's Beach on Antigua, being promoted by Mr Ahmed Abbas Alewi (Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to Iraq); and Robert De Niro is in on the action having announced a USD250m resort project on the former K-Club resort site, Barbuda.

The number of transactions with full publicly available data has dropped off and our Transaction Tracker is looking lighter than normal of late. Perhaps declining performance levels are having an effect on value expectations, which, combined with continuing funding constraints, are affecting overall appetite for deals in the region.

From a construction perspective, the levels of development activity are such that steady, if modest, cost inflation is prevailing in most countries.

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In recognition of the growing importance of pipeline in the region, our final page feature provides an overview of planned hotel development in key countries, broken down by standard/quality of accommodation to be built.

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Performance Trends

Apr-Mar		2016			2015
City	ADR	Occ	RevPAR	ADR	Occ
	USD	%	USD	USD	%
Aruba	280.4	66.3	185.8	288.6	66.5
Barbados	291.2	68.9	200.5	283.6	65.8
Bogota	98.8	55.3	54.6	120.2	55.1
Buenos Aires City	125.9	61.2	77.1	132.2	63.4
Cancun/ Chetumal	200.6	70.6	141.6	185.8	70.7
Dominican Republic	133.2	69.9	93.1	125.9	70.5
Lima	150.8	68.3	103.0	151.6	74.7
Mexico City	134.2	67.4	90.4	134.2	66.1
Panama City	100.2	50.6	50.7	103.7	50.5
Puerto Rico	191.5	73.7	141.2	187.9	72.3
Rio de Janeiro	127.2	61.3	78.0	217.1	69.4
San Jose	95.3	64.6	61.6	95.7	59.5
San Salvador	98.8	67.4	66.6	98.2	65.6
Santiago	141.5	65.7	93.0	142.7	66.3
Sao Paulo	95.9	59.3	56.9	140.7	62.2
US Virgin Islands	329.8	75.2	248.1	314.9	70.4

Note: Period of analysis refers to April 2014 to March 2015 and April 2015 to March 2016

Source: STR

- It is important to note that the data above is in USD and will be subject to fluctuating exchange rates. All data displayed is also available in local currencies, so please contact STR for more information.
- Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo top the list of cities with the highest amount of rooms in pipeline, followed by Lima.
- The LAC region experienced mixed RevPAR results from the period April 2015 to March 2016, ranging from declines of -48.2% in Rio de Janeiro, to +12.0% in the US Virgin Islands.

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RevPAR	AD	R	0	СС	RevP	AR	
USD	Abs (USD)	%	Abs %	%	Abs (USD)	%	
191.91	-8.3	-2.9%	-0.2	-0.3%	-6.1	-3.2%	
186.74	7.6	2.7%	3.0	4.6%	13.8	7.4%	
66.17	-21.4	-17.8%	0.3	0.5%	-11.5	-17.4%	
83.79	-6.3	-4.7%	-2.2	-3.4%	-6.7	-8.0%	
131.28	14.9	8.0%	-0.1	-0.1%	10.3	7.9%	
88.74	7.3	5.8%	-0.6	-0.8%	4.4	5.0%	
113.30	-0.8	-0.5%	-6.4	-8.6%	-10.3	-9.1%	
88.70	0.0	0.0%	1.2	1.9%	1.7	1.9%	
52.32	-3.5	-3.3%	0.1	0.2%	-1.7	-3.2%	
135.90	3.7	2.0%	1.4	1.9%	5.3	3.9%	
150.70	-89.9	-41.4%	-8.1	-11.7%	-72.7	-48.2%	
56.91	-0.4	-0.4%	5.1	8.6%	4.6	8.2%	
64.46	0.6	0.6%	1.8	2.8%	2.2	3.4%	
94.60	-1.2	-0.9%	-0.6	-0.9%	-1.6	-1.7%	
87.47	-44.8	-31.9%	-2.9	-4.6%	-30.6	-35.0%	
221.58	14.9	4.7%	4.9	6.9%	26.5	12.0%	

- Central America has seen the strongest demand growth between April 2015 and March 2016 in the region, rising by 5.5% compared to the same period last year. Coupled with a 2.5% increase in supply, Central America RevPAR grew by 2.5%.
- South America experienced a 3.3% dip in demand during the same period, and in combination with a steep fall in rates, the region's RevPAR dropped by -28.0%.
- While demand and supply in the Caribbean have changed at similar paces between April 2015 and March 2016, an emphasis on ADR led to a 2.5% RevPAR boost.

Hotel Construction Costs

Country	Mid market – low
	USD per sqm
Anguilla	2,200 - 3,000
Antigua & Barbuda	2,600 - 3,300
Bahamas	1,600 - 5,100
Barbados	1,800 - 2,800
Bermuda	3,100 - 3,700
Brazil	850 - 1,200
British Virgin Islands	3,000 - 4,300
Cayman Islands	2,600 - 3,700
Cuba	2,400 - 3,400
Dominica	2,100 - 2,700
Dominican Republic	1,300 - 2,600
Grenada	2,600 - 3,300
Guadaloupe	2,700 - 3,300
Haiti	1,100 - 1,700
Jamaica	1,700 - 2,300
Martinique	2,700 - 3,300
Montserrat	2,300 - 3,200
Netherlands Antilles	1,600 - 2,400
Panama	2,100 - 2,900
Puerto Rico	2,500 - 3,100
St Kitts & Nevis	2,600 - 3,200
St Lucia	2,300 - 2,900
St Vincent & The Grenadines	2,000 - 2,500
Trinida & Tobago	1,800 - 2,700
Turks and Caicos Islands	1,800 - 2,700
US Virgin Islands	3,700 - 4,600

Source: Rider Levett Bucknall

- Many of the islands have seen construction activity levels come back in most sectors.
- Fragility still remains with public debt and finance being a challenge to many projects. Steady (if modest) construction inflation is being seen in most countries.
- Inevitably there is variance across the island economies.
 Construction growth is most balanced in the Bahamas,
 Haiti and Jamaica with all sub-sectors of construction activity reporting various stages of growth.

Mid market – high	Luxury
USD per sqm	USD per sqm
2,600 - 3,900	3,000 - 4,900
2,900 - 4,600	3,300 - 5,900
2,200 - 6,200	2,800 - 7,400
2,300 - 3,700	2,700 - 4,500
3,400 - 4,300	3,700 - 4,900
950 - 1,700	1,050 - 2,200
3,900 - 5,500	4,900 - 6,700
2,900 - 3,800	3,100 - 4,000
2,700 - 4,000	3,000 - 4,700
2,400 - 3,100	2,700 - 3,500
1,600 - 3,200	1,900 - 3,900
2,700 - 3,600	2,900 - 3,900
3,200 - 4,200	3,600 - 5,000
1,500 - 2,300	2,000 - 2,900
2,100 - 3,100	2,600 - 3,900
3,200 - 4,200	3,700 - 5,000
2,700 - 4,100	3,200 - 5,100
2,000 - 3,700	2,400 - 4,900
2,500 - 3,600	2,900 - 4,400
3,200 - 4,000	4,000 - 4,900
3,000 - 4,200	3,400 - 5,200
2,900 - 3,600	3,400 - 4,300
2,300 - 2,900	2,500 - 3,300
2,500 - 3,500	3,100 - 4,300

2,300 - 3,200

4,600 - 5,700

2,700 - 3,700

5,600 - 6,800

These costs have been prepared from a survey of Rider Levett Bucknall offices. Costs are expressed per square metro of goss internal floor area. The costs include FR&E, but exclude operator's stock and equipment. Fees, land costs and local taxes (NAT or similar) are also excluded. Costs are generally based on constructing international hotels to international specifications. Data is prepared to highlight key cost trends and differences between markets. Users should verify the suitability of general cost data to their specific circumstrances. Exchange rates and inflation can distort generic data, for specific project guidance please contact Rider Levett Buchail.

Transaction Tracker

Region	Hotel	
Single Asset Transac	ctions	
Barbados	Waves Hotel & Spa	
Cayman	Treasure Island Resort	
Jamaica	Breezes Montego Bay	
Mexico Puerto Rico	Casa Grande Ciuda Juarez City Express Chihuahua City Express Junior Chihuahua Courtyard by Marriott Chihuahua Hampton by Hilton Chihuahua Arriva Express Plaza del Expo Staybridge Suites Expo Hampton by Hilton Hermosillo Holiday Inn Reynosa Industrial El San Juan Resort & Casino San Juan Beach Hotel	
US Virgin Islands	Ritz-Carlton St Thomas	
Region	Hotel ent Projects	Opening
Antigua Bermuda Costa Rica Cuba Jamaica Mexico Nicaragua	Labahia Hotel Resort St Regis Resort & Golf Rosewood Resort Suntime International Courtyard by Marriott Sofitel Mexico Reforma Hyatt Hotel	2018 2018 2018 tbc 2015 2017 2016

Source: Whitebridge Hospitality

Other deals of note included: The Cove (Bahamas)
acquired by Enchantment Group; Fiesta Americana
Monterrey and Cencali Villahermosa (Mexico) acquired
by FibraHotel; Grand Pineapple Resort (Antigua)
acquired by Elite Island Resorts.

Location	No. of Keys	Total Price	Per Key	
St James	70	18,000,000	257,000	
Grand Cayman	288	15,500,000	54,000	
Montego Bay	124	7,800,000	63,000	
Chihuahua	145	6,900,000	48,000	
Chihuahua	104	5,400,000	51,000	
Chihuahua	105	2,200,000	21,000	
Chihuahua	152	14,400,000	95,000	
Chihuahua	190	19,700,000	104,000	
Guadalajara	181	8,600,000	48,000	
Guadalajara	117	8,200,000	70,000	
Hermosillo	151	11,100,000	74,000	
Poniente	95	7,200,000	76,000	
San Juan	387	71,000,000	183,000	
San Juan	96	20,000,000	208,000	
St Thomas	180	64,000,000	356,000	
 Location	No. of Keys	Total Price	Per Key	
Friars Hill	120	52,000,000	433,000	
St George's	122	120,000,000	984,000	
Papagayo	130	115,000,000	885,000	
Hemingway Marina	600	150,000,000	250,000	
Kingston	130	22,000,000	169,000	
Mexico City	297	137,000,000	461,000	
Managua	140	20,000,000	143,000	

 Corporate deals included: Soros Fund Management's USD300m investment in Fen Hotels of Argentina; AccorHotels' 30% investment in Oasis Collections in Argentina (an online holiday rental business, operating in 18 destinations across LatAm, USA and Europe).

Prices have been rounded where appropriate. We do not warrant the accuracy of this data which was obtained from publicly available sources and reported in industry journals. Conversions to USD were made according to the exchange rate at the time of the announcement.

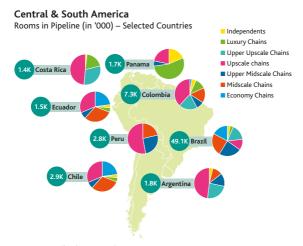
HOTEL DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE ANALYSIS

Introduction

The Latin America & Caribbean region (the LAC region) was the only region in the world to witness an actual decline in demand in 2015 (-1.2%) and yet there are worrying signs that development activity is continuing unabated.

Latin America

The graphic below summarises the pipelines of key countries in Central & South America, by quality grading (in 000s).



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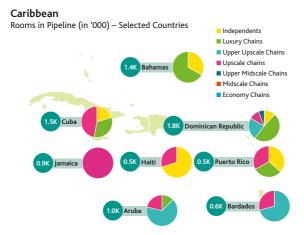
Based on the foregoing we would highlight the following:

- Brazil has by a huge margin the largest number of hotel keys in development at present (just below 50,000 keys), of which circa 50% are in the Midscale segments. The vast majority of the pipeline will be branded and only a small proportion will be Luxury hotels.
- Columbia has the second largest pipeline (over 7,000 keys), of which circa 60% are in the Upscale and Upper Upscale segments.
- Panama stands out from the rest, given the very high proportion (over 50%) of Luxury keys in development.
 It will be interesting to see how a country that is still emerging as a tourist destination absorbs this concentrated increase in Luxury hotel supply.

Caribbean

According to the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO), the region recorded a second consecutive year in which the growth of total stopover arrivals to the Caribbean (7%) surpassed that of world tourism growth (4%) in 2015. The key drivers behind such a recovery are: sustained economic recovery in their main markets (USA, UK), a strong US dollar and dramatic declines in oil prices.

The graphic below summarises the pipelines of key island nations, by quality grading (in 000s).



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Based on the foregoing we would highlight the following:

- Overall it is interesting to note the lack of Midscale and Economy projects in the region. Perhaps a market opportunity for the creative developer?
- Dominican Republic has the largest pipeline at present, which is probably to be expected given it is one of the largest islands in the region.
- Bahamas is evidently basking in a wave of high quality hotel development, whereby over 60% of new supply is in the Luxury segment.
- Barbados surprisingly has no Luxury hotel projects at present.



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