

# Extended-Stay Hotels: One of the Fastest Growing Segments in the U.S.

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One of the most prominent developments is **Choice Hotels International, Inc.**'s mid-year 2022 agreement with **ServiceStar Capital Management** to develop at least 21 new **Everhome Suites** hotels throughout Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Florida. This deal represents the largest investment by Choice into the Everhome Suites brand in its history. While the midscale, extended-stay brand was brought to market in 2019, only one Everhome Suites was open and operational as of December 31, 2022. In addition, it is reported that over 30 other Everhome Suites hotels are in the pipeline for development over the next few years.

In addition, Choice Hotels has begun a substantial repositioning of its **WoodSpring Suites** brand. As part of the transition, **Blackstone Real Estate Partners** and **Starwood Capital Group**, which purchased **Extended Stay America** for roughly \$6 billion in 2021, acquired 111 WoodSpring Suites hotels across the U.S. from **Brookfield Property Partners** for a reported price of \$1.5 billion in early 2022. The Blackstone and Starwood Capital partnership subsequently began to transition the properties into Extended Stay America's newest brand, **Extended Stay America Select Suites**. Thereafter, Choice announced a partnership with **Noble Investment Group** in November 2022 to develop nine new WoodSpring Suites in Georgia and South Carolina, and the brand reportedly had over 200 additional hotels in its development pipeline across the U.S. as of year-end 2022. This represents a significant expansion of the brand, almost doubling the number of WoodSpring Suites hotels throughout the U.S.

**Wyndham Hotels & Resorts** has also been expanding within the extended-stay segment. In March 2022, the company announced the launch of the **Echo Suites** brand, known as "Project Echo." The economy, extended-stay prototype features 124 guestrooms that average 300 square feet. The brand launch announcement also revealed that Wyndham has partnered with **Sandpiper Hospitality** and **Gulf Coast Hotel Management** to develop 50 Echo Suites hotels, with the first property slated for completion by year-end 2023 in Plano, Texas. As of March 2023, it was reported that Wyndham has over 200 Echo Suites in the development pipeline.

## Summary

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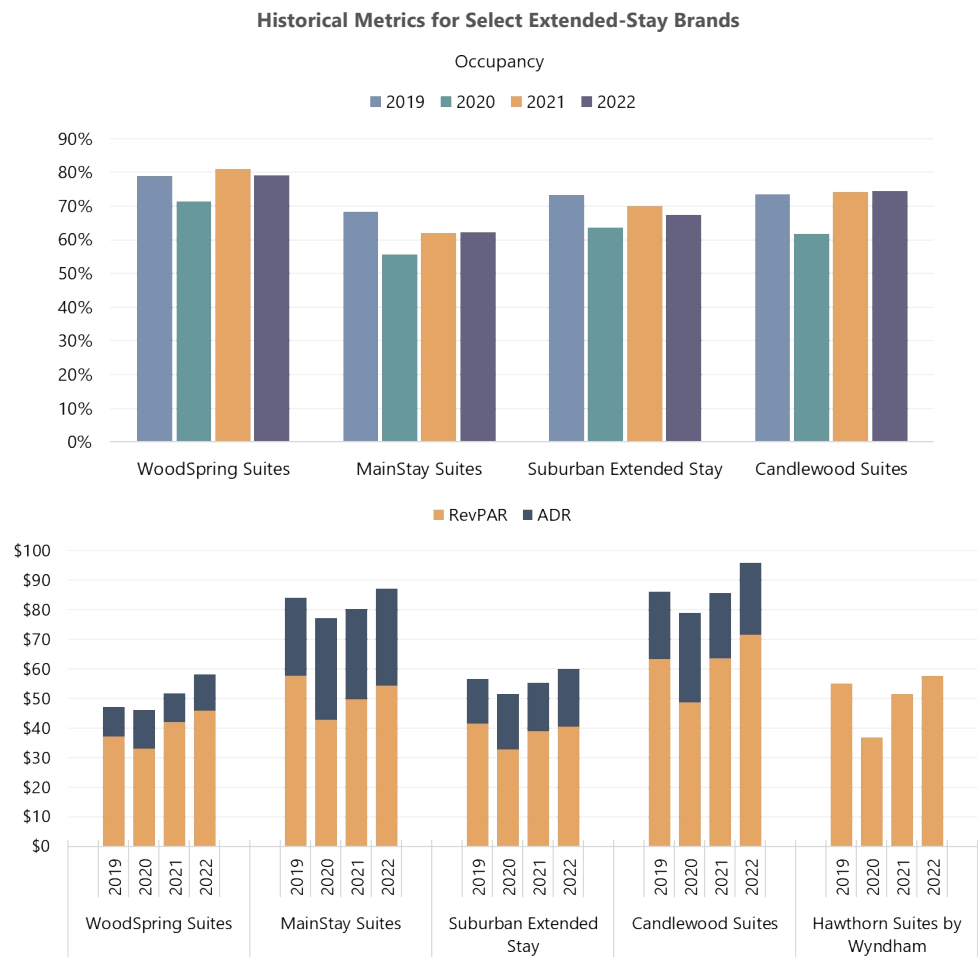
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In April of this year, **Hyatt Hotels Corporation** announced the launch of its new upper-midscale, extended-stay brand, **Hyatt Studios**. The company has over 100 letters of interest signed by various developers, and the first hotel is expected to open in 2024. The new brand will offer a complimentary grab-and-go breakfast, as well as other typical amenities, such as a 24-hour market.

The following charts illustrate the occupancy, ADR, and RevPAR levels for various midscale and economy extended-stay brands. These data demonstrate the strength of the segment, even during the significant pandemic-related downturn that occurred in 2020 and early 2021.



*Note: Occupancy and ADR data for the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham brand were not available at the time of publication.*

*Source: Choice Hotels International, InterContinental Hotels Group, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts*

The ongoing expansions of existing brands and the announcements of new extended-stay brands reflect the strong performance and stability of the extended-stay segment over the past few years, particularly during the pandemic. These brands can provide hotel developers with a low-cost option when compared to other, higher-tier brands, while typically operating at higher margins as a percentage of revenue given the extended-stay nature of the operation.

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