





### Achieving Top Block Together

Leslie O'Brien, VP/GM Operations November 20, 2013

#### WELCOME

- Objective of Today's Call
  - Increase collaboration between brands to drive consistent TOP BLOCK performance and improve customer satisfaction and loyalty
- Call Schedule for 2014
  - Calls will be held Quarterly throughout 2014
    - March 20, June 19, September 18, December 18



# Today's Agenda

- General Service Update Leslie O'Brien
- Everything in Working Order Mitch Smith
- Directions and Entry Information Tina Rosenberg, Robert Sanchez
- Providing Exceptional Housekeeping Service Greg Williams
- What's Next? / Q & A



## General Service Update

- Get connected Who's Who and how can we help each other?
- Top Block Why it's better? How to communicate the benefits effectively?
- Cartus What are the benefits (and risks) of measuring both brands together?
- How are we performing YTD?
- Let's Celebrate our Top Performers!!



### Franchise Partners

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# Top Block Scoring Review

#### Scoring Methodology







# Top Block Scoring Review

#### Top Block FAQ

#### Top Block F.A.Q.

Why dld choose to follow the Top Block methodology?

Top Block is a methodology that one of our top clients uses. After looking at the scoring methodology Oakwood saw its potential to drive continued service improvement. Top Block allows Oakwood to concentrate on service that is delivered correctly and quickly. It also enables Oakwood to set a higher standard for performance.

How Is Top than ACE

- ACE scoring tracks a guest's feedback on their stay. Low scoring gets hidden and offset by higher scores and enables
- . Top Block tracks the number of guests whose feedback on their stay is an 87% or higher.

The ACE score than Top Block - can't we just stick with ACE?

ACE is an easy come, easy go score. It doesn't account for highs or lows but merely captures an average of a guest's feedback on their

Top Block scoring is much more stringent and does not look at individual ACE scores but rather ACE scores on a whole. It is a really good thing for 60% of our customers to say that they had a Top Block Oakwood experience.

competitors' scores look better compared to Right. Not many of our competitors use Top Block. They are still advertising their averages. That is why the latest flyer and this accompanying document are being produced. It gives you the information you need to be able to explain Top Block to your clients if they ask customer service scoring questions.

with ACE or ServiceTrack change with Top Block?

No. Top Block is a different way of scoring and is in addition to the ACE survey score. It does not affect the ACE survey questions or current customer service processes.

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#### Top Block F.A.Q., Continued

Information still shows ACE acores on It. Will Top Block be added to these reports well?

Currently, Gary Reissman is working to incorporate Top Block scores on the ACE surveys.

Can I Just give a At this point in time, the explanation flyer is for internal use only. It curlous client a gives you the information necessary to prepare you to answer client questions. Sell our methodology instead of having the paper do it for



### Cartus Service Measurement

- Oakwood & ExecuStay Brands Combined for Service Measurement
  - REWARD:
    - Combining scores resulted in ExecuStay moving into Tier One
    - Tier One status results in increased RFH opportunities
      - Average increase 175 per month
    - Assumed result is occupancy increase of 20-30 per month (combined)
      - Average revenue increase \$90K \$150K per month

#### RISK:

- Failure to meet and maintain quality standards will result in both brands being penalized and dropping into Tier Two
- Lost business opportunity / fewer RFH's



### Service Results YTD Oct 2013

Top Block Service Results					
	Franchisees	Oakwood			
Top Block Score					
Sept	62	70			
Oct	63	TBD			
Customer Experience					
Sept	64	65			
Oct	62	67			
Product Quality					
Sept	58	59			
Oct	59	60			



# Top Service Providers

- Franchise Systems Top Provider
  - American Heartland
    - Gary, Mitch and Vicky Smith



- Oakwood Brand Top Provider
  - OCH San Diego
    - Tina Rosenberg, Robert Sanchez





Presented by American Heartland Mitch Smith, Revenue Manager Columbus, OH





- Everyone Must Make Service a Priority
- Prevent Problems Before the Final Inspection
  - Housekeepers must report issues/inventory needs when turning or during housekeepings.
  - Sales staff must set proper expectations and communicate any special requests to operations staff in a timely manner. Sales staff also should be offering a meet and greet.
  - Billing must make sure that we're receiving all of the bills.
  - Warehouse staff must make sure all of the items we're sending out are in good condition
  - Procurement needs to buy the right products



- Certify that Everything We Send Out is Clean and in Working Order
  - Bin system Employee must sign off that the bin is correct.
  - Remove batteries from remotes to prevent corrosion.
  - Vacuum rotation.
  - Test all electronics and reprogram them as needed.
  - Learn from common issues

#### Mind the Details

- Paying attention to the small details proves to the guest that time and effort went into the product.
- Set the clocks to the correct time and set all of the clocks to the correct time and disable the alarm
- Never assume that just because it's put away that it's clean.
- Check the DVD player for a prior guest's lost and found.
- It never hurts to test what you can, the toaster, the dishwasher, the garbage disposal, etc.

- Keep it Simple
  - If it's difficult for us to figure out we need to find a way to simplify it or explain it in an easy way.
  - Buy the right products, weigh the cost/benefit and use your own empirical data.
  - Use your experience to constantly refine your product.



- Utilize Technology and Adapt to Changes
  - We use Dropbox to upload pictures taken during the inspection.
  - Always be on the lookout for new things that may be of value to our process or to our guests.



Presented by OCH San Diego
Tina Rosenberg, District Manager
Robert Sanchez, Branch Manager





- Airport to Community Directions
  - Verified Multiple Ways to Ensure Accuracy
    - FSR or HS Associate physically drives route using GPS
      - If GPS provides incorrect information, differences communicated to guest via arrival instructions and pre-arrival call
    - Mapquest
    - Google Map
- Community Gate to Apartment Directions
  - An FSR/HS associate personally documents driving/walking directions and experiences arrival process
  - Property site maps provided with arrival instructions to familiarize the guest community layout
  - Apartment parking information kept in a community file for reference and provided to guest via arrival instructions



#### Gated Communities

- Confirm arrival time with guests
  - Property gate codes provided for late arrivals
    - Many properties have after hour security to assist with property access
    - Gate hours included in arrival instructions
  - FedEx key service also provided for late arrivals
  - DM or BM 's cell phone number is programmed to gate or call box for guest to call upon arrival if necessary. DM or BM presses required code to open the gate

#### California Traffic

- As a general rule, all field associates immediately report any changes to the commute that could affect a guest arrival. ie: freeway closure, construction.
- Additionally, office receives freeway alerts from Caltrans for planned closures and local updates



#### Communication

- High degree of communication between OCH and Home Services including daily meetings and emergency communication as necessary
- Communication with guest is a key aspect to correct arrival instructions
  - AC's will inquire as to the time of arrival and other pertinent information ensuring delivery of correct arrival instructions

#### Root Cause Analysis

- All Service Track and ACE Surveys are reviewed for unsatisfactory scoring including directions and entry instructions.
- Process immediately developed to close the gap and ensure no repeat issues



### Providing Exceptional Housekeeping Services

Presented by Oakwood Home Services
Greg Williams, Vice President, Operations





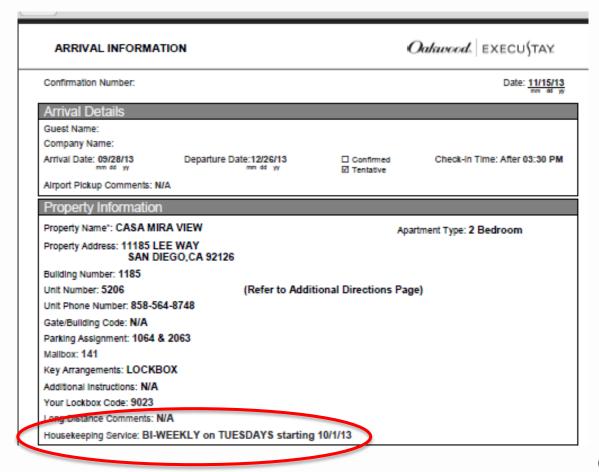
### Areas of Focus

- Inform the Guest Regarding Services Provided and Scheduled Day of Week/Start Date
- Personalize the Service
- Ensure Quality of Service
- Reward Great Performance



# Inform the Guest Regarding Services Provided and Scheduled Day of Week/Start Date

#### Arrival Information





# Inform the Guest Regarding Services Provided and Scheduled Day of Week/Start Date

#### Pre-Arrival Call

- GSR confirms housekeeping frequency and start date

#### Welcome Call

- GSR confirms housekeeping frequency and start date

Best Practice: Branch Manager confirms frequency and start date in Oscar and update Home Services comments to note any changes to schedule.





# Inform the Guest Regarding Services Provided and Scheduled Day of Week/Start Date

#### Informational Card (Pre-Visit)

- Place in welcome packet or on corner of vanity
- Available on the Print Portal/Property Materials/Housekeeping Cards (Pre-Visit) Item # PM1296





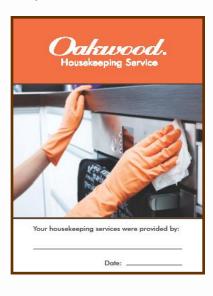
Note: Currently available in Oakwood brand only; ExecuStay brand in production



### Personalize the Service

#### Housekeeping Service Card

- To be left on the kitchen counter after each housekeeping service
- Available on the Print Portal/Property Materials/Housekeeping Cards (Post Visit) Item # PM1296E





Candies left with card on the counter or on the pillow



#### Personalize the Service

- Scheduler writes last name of guest on housekeeper schedule
  - Housekeeper can greet guest as Mr. or Ms. "Smith", etc.
- Schedule same housekeeper each visit when possible
  - Guest feels more comfortable with an associate in their unit and builds a friendly relationship.
- Go "above and beyond"
  - Ask guest, "Would you like me to check you're A/C filter or wipe down your base boards as I have an extra few minutes?" This goes a long way with the guest. Ask them how their day is going.
- Encourage/Coach housekeepers regarding communication with guests
  - Get to know names of children, pets, home towns, etc.

Best Practice: When housekeeper notices small children or infant in apartment, offer safety outlets covers free of charge.



 Branch Managers/designees perform regular housekeeping inspections utilizing housekeeping checklist (perform with the housekeeper when possible)

HOUSEKEEPING INSPECTION SUFFICIALITY				
HOUSEKEEPING INSPECTION CHECKLIST				
Apt # Assigned	l:	Date:		
The following items are to be checked off after completion.				
CHECKLIST	COMPLETED	COMMENTS		
Kitchen				
Stove top wiped				
Dishes washed				
Sink cleaned				
Refrigerator wiped (top also)				
Counters wiped				
Wall behind and adjacent to stove and refrigerator wiped				
Floor mopped				
Trash emptied				
Living Room				



- Hold training sessions with individual housekeepers/all housekeepers based on inspection results
- Train housekeepers to identify and report maintenance or product issues in the apartment
  - GSRs contact the guest i.e. "Our housekeeper noticed that a handle was broken on the dresser. Would you like us to have that replaced?"
  - Enter all such requests in Service Track

Best Practice: Housekeeper to take pictures of any/all issues reported and send to GSRs.



- Daily/Weekly meetings with housekeeping staff to discuss:
  - Any issues during previous week services
  - Discuss specific unit concerns and options to better serve
  - Review guest feedback and survey results
- Enter any relevant information regarding specific apartments into OSCAR
  - Guest preferences, pets, or other apartment related notes that will assist us with better serving that guest
- Empower housekeepers to accommodate reasonable guest requests
  - Examples: extra towels, shower curtains, etc.
  - Housekeepers record such accommodations on their schedule

Best Practice: Ensure housekeeper vehicles carry small stock of items to replace either when guest is home or when housekeeper notices something is damaged

- Use XORA as an effective tool for managing the housekeeping services
- Review cleaning times for apartments that have been serviced
  - Is adequate time being spent in each apartment to ensure quality?
- Do not overload schedules so that each unit is cleaned with quality and care
- Create schedules so that the Associate is staying within a 4 mile radius for an average of 5 housekeeping services each day.
  - If traveling further from the office, scale back the schedule as needed to ensure quality of each service.
- ➤ News Flash: New XORA enhancement Housekeeping Checklist



#### Reward Great Performance

- Enthusiastic and motivated Associates are your most important key to providing exceptional housekeeping services
- Take every opportunity to recognize and reward great performance
- ACE gift cards presented in staff meetings for great inspections or customer feedback



### What's Next / Q & A

- System integration OSCAR, Service Track, Service Reporting, Xora
- "Spotlight" system for Cartus results to increase accountability and protect
   Tier One status for everyone
- Top Defect Focus and Collaboration across both brands Together we are Better, Faster!
- Texting Program roll-out to improve guest touch points
- Improved FAQ
- Q & A



### Thank You!

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- We want your feedback and ideas for future calls!

