



# eChannel Overview and Process Rollout

September 2012

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## PROJECT INTRODUCTION

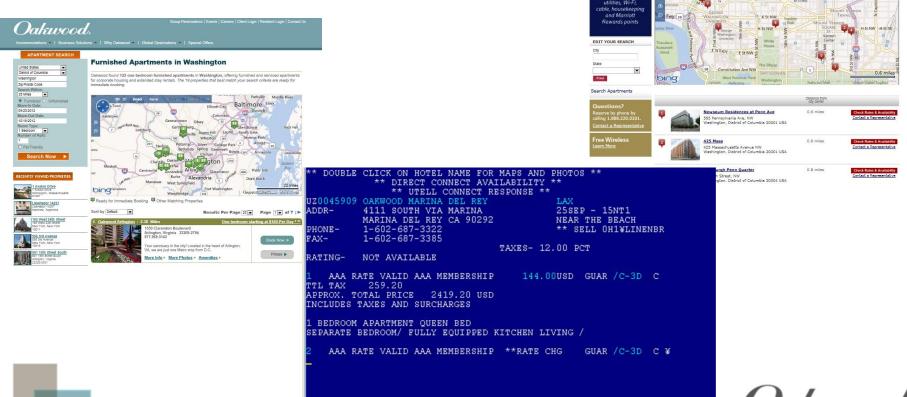




## PROJECT INTRODUCTION

#### Objectives

- Define and implement new strategies and processes for eChannels
- Align processes and resources for all brands
- Define resources, responsibilities and build team to improve focus and grow channel



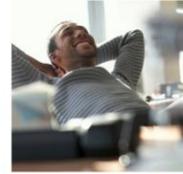
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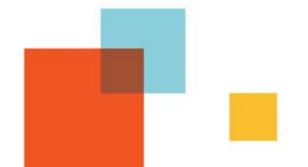








## **ECHANNEL BENEFITS**





### **BENEFITS**

# **Drive Revenue**

# Ease of Booking

# Visibility ( 24/7 Reservations

Meet Client Requirements **Booking Preference** 

Short Term Vacancy Fill











## **STATISTICS**





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## STATISTICS AUG 2012

### **Transition – June/July 2012**

- 460+ Properties
- 4 Brands
- 4 GDS Platforms
- 2 Internet Booking Engines

Brand	Revenue (USD)	# Res	Room Nights	LOS	Booking Window	2011 Total Revenue
OCH	\$379,200	75	2968	38	28	\$2.6M
OES	\$242,334	37	1823	44	37	\$18M
OAM	\$182,930	90	1231	15	25	\$2.8M
OAP	\$441,495	442	3028	7	23	\$3.8M
TOTALS	\$1.25M	644	9050	14	25	\$27.2M











## **ECHANNEL INTRODUCTION**





### **COMMON TERMINOLOGY**

#### **RVNG = PEGASUS RESERVATION SYSTEM**

 All property data, rates and availability for all electronic booking channels is maintained in this Central Reservations System (CRS).

IBE = INTERNET BOOKING ENGINE (Available on Oakwood.com and ExecuStay.com)

#### **GDS = GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS**

- Sabre
- Worldspan
- Apollo
- Amadeus

#### **ADS = ALTERNATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS**

- Non-GDS sites, exclusive of IBE (ExecuStay.com and Oakwood.com)
- Most can't book >30, but some can handle reservations over 30 nights.

#### **OTA = ONLINE TRAVEL AGENCY**

- · Expedia.com
- Travelocity,com
- Priceline.com
- Hotels.com
- Orbitz.com
- Merchant agreements can be contracted with OTAs however Oakwood/ExecuStay currently do not have any in place.
- These sites will pull retail or public rates and property information from GDS sites or from Pegasus directly (partner sites). All policies and fees outlined by Oakwood/ExecuStay are in place.
  - Worldspan sends to Expedia and Priceline
  - Sabre sends to Travelocity

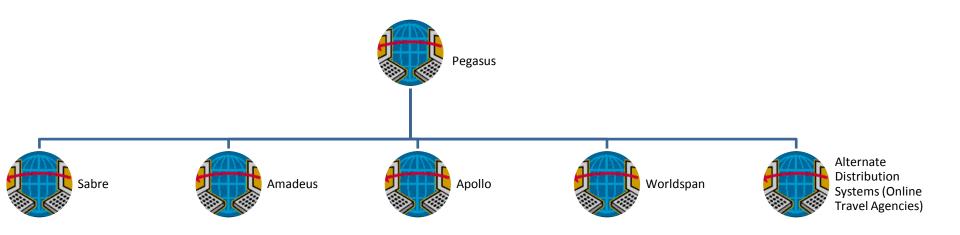
#### TMC = TRAVEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY (American Express, CWT, BCD Travel, TBiz, etc)

- TMC's typically book for their corporate accounts via GDS utilizing corporate access or rate code in order to obtain corporate negotiated/contracted rates.
  - These rates are non-commissionable

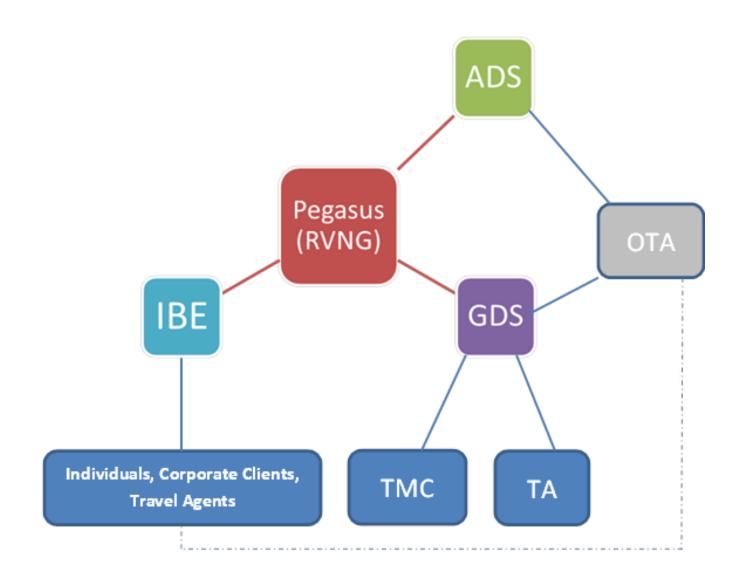
#### **GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS**

- Created originally for the airline travel industry and then adapted to include hotels
- Monthly fee must be paid by each individual user (each Travel Agent pays for their own access and ID #)
- Internet-based applications that access Pegasus RVNG for availability and rates so they can book LIVE

#### Through Pegasus, we have access to GDS and ADS



## **ECHANNEL OVERVIEW**

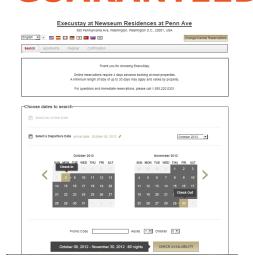


## **EXECUSTAY.COM**

		Distance from city center	
•	Newseum Residences at Penn Ave 565 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, District of Columbia 20001 USA	0.6 miles	Check Rates & Availability Contact a Representative
2	425 Mass 425 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, District of Columbia 20001 USA	0.8 miles	Check Rates & Availability Contact a Representative
3	Lansburgh Penn Quarter 425 8th Street, NW Washington, District of Columbia 20004 USA	0.8 miles	Check Rates & Availability Contact a Representative
4	Mass Court 300 Massachusetts Avenue Washington, District of Columbia 20001 USA	0.8 miles	Contact a Representative



# CHECK RATES & AVAILABILITY GUARANTEED RESERVATION







- When guests/users click on Check Rates & Availability Button, they enter the Internet Booking Engine (IBE).
- They must enter arrival and departure dates to search for availability.
- Upon selection of apartment type/rate, users complete a Guest Profile which includes Credit Card details in order to Guarantee the Reservation.
- User receives email confirmation of booking and market follows Booking
   Process to complete the paperwork, arrival instructions, etc.

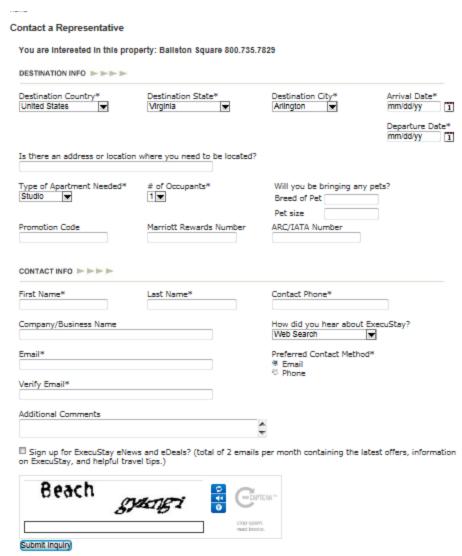


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## CONTACT A REPRESENTATIVE

#### LEAD GENERATION

- When the user clicks on Contact a Representative, a form opens
- User completes form and Submits Inquiry
- Lead Request is sent to market or WSSC
- Market responds with options to meet request





### OAKWOOD.COM

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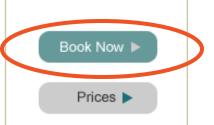
One bedroom starting at \$89 Per Day \* \*\*



9890 Washingtonian Boulevard Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878-5329 877.969.5142

Just minutes from Rockville and a quick commute to the heart of D.C., this charming mid-rise offers easy access to fun and entertainment with laid-back, r...

More Info ► More Photos ► Amenities ►



#### 5. 2320 Dulles Station Boulevard: 21.38 Miles

One bedroom starting at \$120 Per Day \* \*\*



2320 Dulles Station Boulevard Herndon, Virginia 20170 877.902.0832

Surrounded by great dining, shopping and entertainment, this property on Dulles Station Boulevard puts residents within minutes of everything.

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#### 6. 901 North Pollard Street: 4.06 Miles

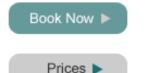
One bedroom starting at \$144 Per Day \*\*



901 North Pollard Street Arlington, Virginia 22203 877.902.0832

Soaring 24 Stories above Arlington's Skyline, you can't beat the location. The Courthouse area of Norhtern Arlington is nestled between Rosslyn and Ballston.&n...

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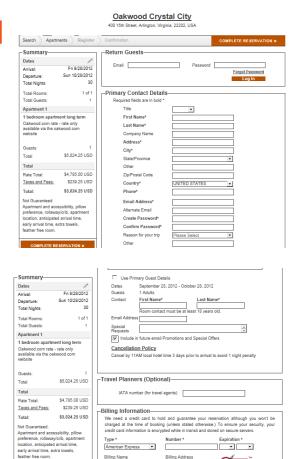


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# BOOK NOW GUARANTEED RESERVATION



- User Clicks on Book Now, they enter the Booking Engine (IBE) and see options available for their search dates at selected property.
- User selects bedroom/rate and then completes booking by filling out guest profile and entering Credit Card to guarantee reservation.





# REQUEST NOW LEAD GENERATION

- When user clicks on Request Now, they are taken to a Housing Request Form
- User completes and submits form.
- Form is received by WSSC and sent to market as lead (oppty) in Siebel.
- Market responds with available options.







### TYPICAL BOOKING POLICIES

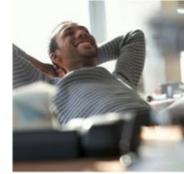
- Credit Card guarantee is required for all reservations
- 4 day advanced booking, but will vary by property
- Minimum stays will vary by property
  - ExecuStay is typically 30 nights (no MR points on <30)</li>
  - Some locations for both Oakwood and ExecuStay offer stays less than 30 nights
- 14 day cancellation with no penalty
  - Cancel less than 14 days, penalty applies
- Cancellation penalty = 7 nights + tax
- Commission paid on commissionable rate programs at a rate of 10% for the first 29 nights of stay









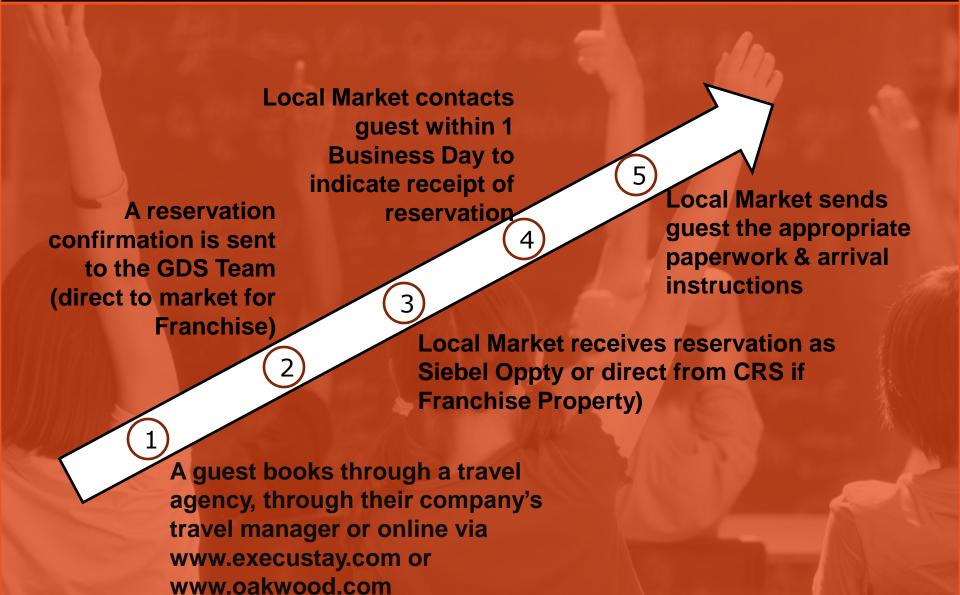


## E-BOOKING PROCESS





## E-BOOKING PROCESS AT A GLANCE



# ECHANNEL RESERVATIONS RECAP



eChannel Booking Process

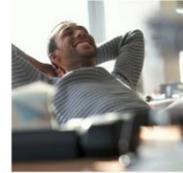
- All reservations are guaranteed at time of booking with credit card
- Market Guarantees Availability
- Local market will receive confirmation or Oppty
- Contact Guest
- Send paperwork
  - ExecuStay.com only Credit Card Authorization is needed.
  - Oakwood.com/GDS all paperwork must be sent/signed.











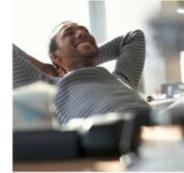
## **NEW PROCESSES**



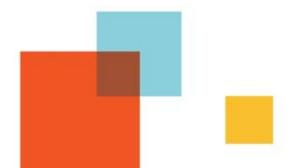








## CHANGES TO EXISTING PROPERTIES





### UPDATES FOR EXISTING PROPERTIES

Local Market Initiates Change Request

Completes and Submits Form

eChannels Team  Receives Request and Coordinates with all contacts to complete request

Local Market Validates changes

Updates to Rates, Availability and/or content for all sites (GDS, ExecuStay.com or Oakwood.com) will be centralized and coordinated through our eChannels team based at the WSSC in Phoenix.

Send all requests to

eChannels@Oakwood.com





## PROCESS FOR UPDATES



Change Request Form



Process How for Updates

Rate and Availability requests will be completed the same day of receipt for requests submitted weekdays, prior to 3 pm MST.

Requests submitted after 3 pm MST or on weekends will be processed the next business day.

Content Updates for Oakwood.com and ExecuStay.com will be deployed according to the following schedule:

Requests received by COB on Tuesday will be deployed on Friday.

Requests received by COB on Friday will be deployed on Wednesday.

RATE, AVAILABILITY AND CONTENT UPDATES FOR ECHANNEL PROPERTIES – INTERIM PROCESS FOR ALL NON-FRANCHSED PROPERTIES\*\*

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1	Identify change needed and complete Change Request form	Local Market		
2	Email Change Request form to echannels@oakwood.com	Local Market		
3	Enter any rate changes into Slebel Pricing or OLR	Local Market		
4	Review request form and determine type of change needed and systems impacted. Log request onto Tracking form.	GDS Team		
5	If the changes are for content updates to a non-GDS property, forward the form to the Web Content Editor (skip to step 9)	GDS Team		
6	If the changes are for a GDS property, update RVNG with all requested changes	GDS Team		
7	Notify Pegasus of any changes to Property Details (name, address, phone, fax, email or contact info) and Open Hospitality to changes to content, taxes, service fees or photos.	GDS Team		
8	Notify market when changes have been completed and update Tracking form	GDS Team		
9	Send content updates for Oakwood.com and ExeucStay.com to Web Content Editor	GDS Team		
10	Determine web site(s) impacted by change request	Web Content Editor		
11	Review request and update Property Profiles on Oakwood.com for Oakwood.com properties or send to eCommerce interactive for ExecuStay.com properties.	Web Content Editor		
12	Notify GDS Team when changes have been completed/update Tracking form	Web Content Editor/e Commerce Interactive		
13	Notify market when all changes are completed.	GDS Team		
14	Review and verify changes	Local Market		









## ALTERNATE PROPERTY SEARCH





# NO PROPERTY AVAILABILITY CURRENT STATE

#### Oakwood Chicago

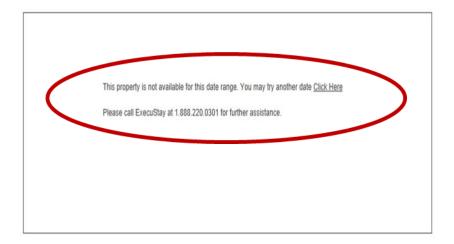
77 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60654, USA



The hotel is currently unavailable for the selected dates. You may try another date <u>Click Here</u>.

#### **Execustay at The Metropolitan at Pentagon City**

901 15th Street S, Arlington, Virginia, 22202, USA



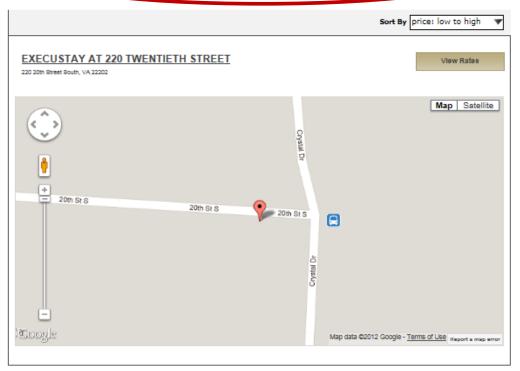


## ALTERNATE SEARCH RESULTS - FUTURE

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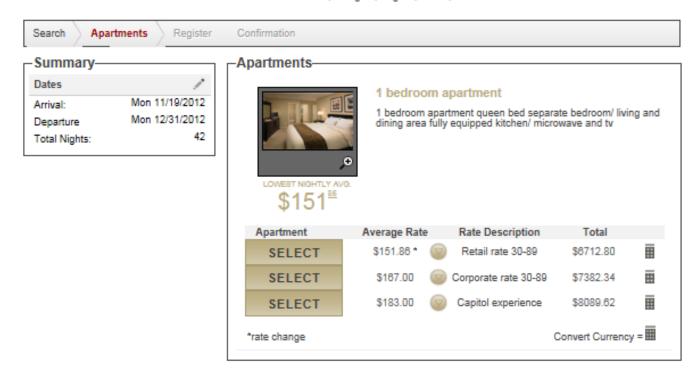




## ALTERNATE BOOKING OPTION

#### **Execustay at 220 Twentieth Street**

220 20th Street South, Arlington, Virginia, 22202, USA

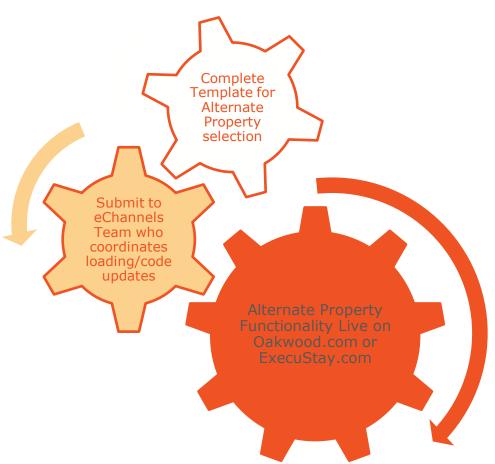




## ALTERNATE PROPERTY UPDATES

#### **ONLY For Properties Already Loaded into RVNG**

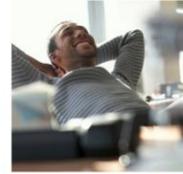












## NEW PROPERTY LOADING





# CONSIDERATIONS FOR LOADING NEW PROPERTIES TO ECHANNELS

#### **Channel Options**

#### Oakwood.com

Visibility with *Request Now* functionality (oCom)
Visibility with *Book Now* (IBE) functionality (oCom + IBE)

#### ExecuStay.com

Visibility with *Contact a Representative* functionality (eCom) Visibility with *Check Rates & Availability (IBE)* functionality (eCom + IBE)

GDS - Sabre, Worldspan, Apollo, Amadeus

<u>ADS</u> – multiple online travel agent websites (Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline, etc.)

#### **INVENTORY**

- Core Inventory
  - Year round
  - Consistent availability
- Temporary Inventory
  - Recurring or Alternative (peak season, matched/unmatched)
  - Non-recurring

#### **CLIENT/BUYER**

- Target Audience
- Individuals typically buy on company website
- Travel Managers
   (corporate travel) and
   Travel Agents (leisure
   travel) must book via
   GDS

#### **COSTS**

- One Time
- Maintenance
- Transaction



	ОСОМ	ECOM	IBE	GDS/ADS	PHOTOS
Temporary Inventory					
Recurring	Y	Υ	VACANCY FILL	MORE CONSIDERATION	STOCK
Non-Recurring	N	N	N	N	N
Core Inventory	Y	Υ	Y	MORE CONSIDERATION	CUSTOM

Inventory

CHANNEL	IBE	GDS	ADS
TYPE OF TRAVEL	Corporate	Corporate/Leisure	Leisure
BUYER	Individuals	Travel Agent	Travel Agent
	Corporate Administrator	Travel Manager	Individual
	Project Planner/Manager	Travel Management	
	Relocation Coordinator	Company	
LENGTH OF STAY	>30	<30 Travel Agent	<30
		>30 TMC	

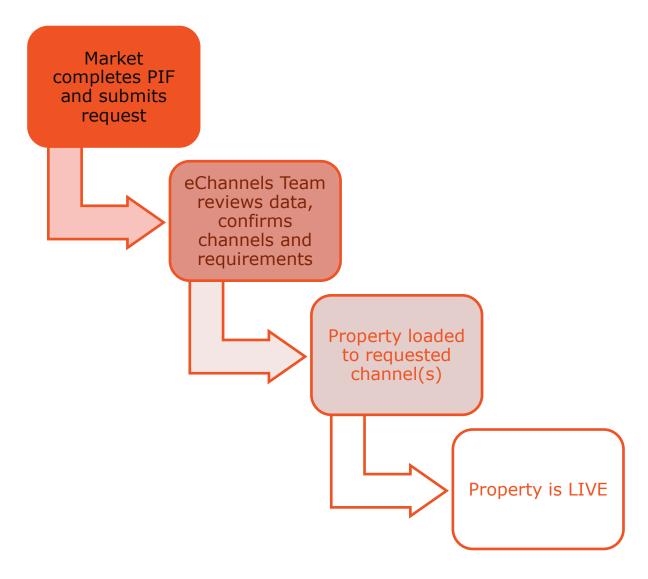
Buyer

	RVNG/GDS	IBE (oCom or eCom)	ADS
Add New Property	\$125 per property	\$85 per property/site + \$125 RVNG	NC
Maintenance	\$51 per property/month	NC	NC
Transactions	\$7.46 per net booking	\$1 per net booking	\$2.00 per net booking \$6.00 per net booking (TravelSky)

Cost



## OVERVIEW OF NEW PROPERTY LOAD





## PROCESS FOR NEW PROPERTY LOADING

NEW PROPERTY LOADING - INTERIM PROCESS FOR ALL PROPERTIES



Property formation Form (Pl



Process w\_New Property Lo

ITEM	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Identify need to load new property, send email with property name, address, channels requested and required sell date to Web Content Editor at <a href="mailto:echannels@oakwood.com">echannels@oakwood.com</a>	Local Market
2	Request is received and entered into queue based on channel(s) requested. Notify market of load date and due date for info packet	Web Content Editor
3	Complete Property Information Form (PIF) and send to <a href="mailto:echannels@oakwood.com">echannels@oakwood.com</a> (Web Content Editor). Non-franchise market builds property shell in OTIS	Local Market
4	Review request form and determine if data is complete. Log request onto Master Property File.	Web Content Editor
5	If the data is not complete, return to market and go back to step 3.	Web Content Editor
6	Complete property build in Property Profiles section on oCom for all Oakwood and ExecuStay properties.	Web Content Editor
7	Send completed property packet to appropriate contacts for channels requested. (GDS Team, eCommerce Interactive)	Web Content Editor
8	If GDS/ADS or Booking Engine requested, build property in RVNG, including rates and availability; Photos built into Image Gateway and sent to Open Hospitality for Booking Engine.	GDS Team/Pegasus/ Franchise Market
9	Notify Web Content Editor when changes have been completed.	ALL
10	Update Master Property file and if IBE requested, activate booking engine on oCom or eCom	Web Content Editor
11	Notify Market that request is complete and property is open for sale	Web Content Editor

#### Restrictions:

Maximum 10 properties per month can be loaded.

Inventory must be available to sell when property is loaded.

Market is responsible for verifying all information loaded and initiating updates to rates, availability or content.









## TRAVEL AGENT COMMISSION PROCESSING





# COMMISSION POLICY EFFECTIVE OCT 1, 2012

Action	Policy
% Commission	10% for the first 29 nights of stay
Commission Payment Processing	Non Franchisee Markets: Approvals made by GDS team for Oakwood and ExecuStay commissionable bookings  Franchisee Markets: Report sent to franchisees by GDS Team for their approval, all approved payments submitted to Home Office for final processing and charge back to the franchise
Reporting	Weekly commission report sent to Franchise markets GMs for them to validate and return to GDS Team
Communication	Updated commission policy will be added to the property content for each property in the GDS. Internally, it will be included in the new procedural roll out in Sept 2012



### TRAVEL AGENT COMMISSION PAYMENT PROCESS



- Confirmation received by eChannel Team
- If booked by TA and commissionable, add to tracking sheet

Booked Reservation

#### Validate

- Franchise Markets will receive weekly log to verify reservations
- eChannels Team will verify nonfranchise reservations

- Approved Franchise payments are sent to Home Office for payment and charge back
- Approved Non-Franchise payments are sent to CAP for processing, payment and charge back

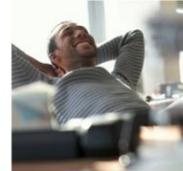
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## **NEXT STEPS**





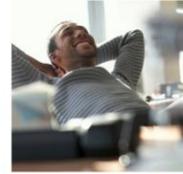
### WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

- 1. Update rates and availability for all active GDS/IBE properties
  - a. Some Oakwood rates have not been updated for next year
  - b. Some ExecuStay rates have not been updated since transition
  - c. Open inventory!!! They can't book if you don't have it open!
- 2. Alternate Property Selection for existing eChannel properties only
  - Complete the Alternate Property Template to add Alternate search results to your properties already active on GDS/IBE
- 3. Review active, core inventory properties and determine if there are new properties you want to add to any of the channels.
- 4. Update/Complete all Legacy ExecuStay data in Property Profiles

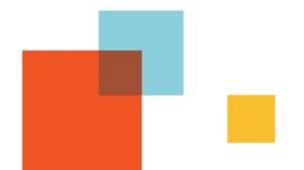








## **CONTACT US**





## **CONTACT INFO**

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GDS Specialist
GDS Coordinator

eChannel Project Manager Digital Marketing Manager





### RESOURCES

A recording of this Webinar will be posted to the Oakwood University Training Site.

All process documents and forms will be posted to THE EDGE for review and downloading





## QUESTIONS



