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**PART 1**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project attempts to study the service quality of hotel industry with help emerging trends of technology. Service quality is the degree and direction of discrepancy between consumers' perceptions and expectations in terms of different but relatively important dimensions of service quality. The important finding of our study is that in case of reliability, the customers are satisfied the maximum considering the various types factor such swot analysis and pestle analysis. And other part is study of how impact emerging technology in hotel industry.

This project also study of customer satisfaction level increase when new technology enter in the hotel industry. The hotel industry is a multibillion-dollar industry with a large circle of activities which includes accommodation, restaurants, events, theme parts, transportation, cruise line tours, and tourism and when enter the new technology in this industry so change the experience of service in hotel.

So this project all about study of impact of new technology in the hotel industry with help various types advance technology. And also study about future trend in hotel industry because of when in India all the technology enter so this technology how impact of whole hotel industry.

In this project divided three types factor analysis and this factor are helping to understand hotel industry.

# **DESCRIPTION OF HOTEL INDUSTRY**

This project study covers the **A STUDY ON LEVERAGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HOTEL INDUSTRY** in India. The hotel industry in India is a mature industry marked by intense competition where an increase in market share typically comes at a competitor price. The Indian industry hotel industry is on roll. At present this industry has a supply of 1, 25,000 roomsin India. The data available with the world travel and tourism council India indicates that Indiarank 18 in business travel, and should rank among the top 5 with in decade. It is a estimated the demand is going to exceed supply by at least 100 per cent over the next two years. With such demand-supply disparity, room rates in Indian hotels are likely to rise by 25 per cent annually, with occupancy rates rising to 80 per cent, over the next two years. With the commonwealth Games 2010 around the corner in the country, there is a huge demand for roomsin the national capital. India ranks first with regards to tourism fair attendance. Despite short and medium terms set backs, tourism revenues are expected to rise by 42 per cent between 2007 and 2017. The medical tourism in India also does not lag behind. The country today rankssecond in medical tourism because of its highly advanced treatment technologies wooing a large number of patients from various countries.

India’s share in international tourism and the hospitality market is expected to increase over the long term. New budget and star hotels are being set up in the country. Many foreign hospitality players are heading towards Indian markets. But recent few year various changes in the Indian hotel industry with changes of technology so hotel industry in India segment into various types of hotels like economy hotel, mid and upper mid-scale hotels, and luxury hotel.

# **Technology in the hotel industry**

According to industry experts, the new trends in the hospitality industry will completely reshape the way hotels are serving their guests.

Today, in this world of technology, guests are getting used to these advanced facilities. And so, they’re expecting the same with the hotel industry.

Therefore, with the tremendous changes in the taste and expectations of guests, all hotels) are actively looking into the new techniques to offer the optimal guest experience.These facts cannot be avoided and inadvertently, you as a hotelier ought to focus on the latest hotel trends which you know will help in your hotel’s growth.The trends in the hospitality industry will help you improve loyalty and communicate better with the guests than ever before.

**1.** **To identify various AI tools and their implications in luxury hotels.**

## Various types of technology in the hotel Industry

* Cloud migration
* Service automation through AI
* Going touch less
* Wireless mobile device for staff
* Predictive analytics
* Sociallistenin

### Cloud Integration

**Cloud computing in hotel industry:**

Cloud computing is the delivery of computing services—including servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, and intelligence—over the Internet (“the cloud”) to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale.

Implementing cloud-based software can make your operations more efficient, save time for hotel industry employees, and create more positive guest experiences. If you’re still using traditional software that’s installed on hotel computers, it’s time to consider switching to modern, cloud-based software that’s constantly innovating. In addition to enjoying all the benefits of a cloud-based system, you may even save some money in your IT budget! And since cloud-based software doesn’t require a lengthy installation process, your hotel can implement a new system seamlessly. While you can’t control the weather, you can use the cloud to help you meet your hotel goals

## Benefits of cloud computing in hotel industry

* Avoids costly and painful installations
* Requires minimal upfront investment
* Offers the ability to cancel at any time (plus has lower switching costs for buyers)
* Eliminates negative depreciation (in fact, the software gets better with age, since updates can be made at any time).

### Service automation through AI

A robot with a tray in a room

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Automation continues to be a trend that is changing the way guests are served. With the advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI), hotels are looking at new ways to interact with guests digitally while freeing up hotel staff to work on other tasks. This also improves the travel experience as language differences can be eliminated, ensuring clear communication with travellers wherever they may be from.

Creating a realistic human experience has been a challenge for developers in the past, but it is evolving every day. While many people are put off by the idea of talking to software that can understand language and respond easily, the day is coming where the difference between a real human and a computer will be indistinguishable. As long as room service and clean towels arrive promptly.

**AI trend in present scenario:**

* Use Chatbot translators
* Make reviews actionable
* Feature smart event diagramming
* Make hiring smarter
* Have robots check-in guests
* Predict utilities usage

### A person holding a cell phone Description automatically generatedGoing touch less: A machine with a qr code Description automatically generated

As important as automation and self-service has become, the pandemic has illuminated the need to reconsider how guests can interact with amenities. From motion sensors that turn on lights, to voice-activated control of appliances, advancements in IoT devices and natural language processing (NLP) has given hotels and the developers who serve them, the toolkit to tie these emerging technologies with their integrated guest applications providing futuristic experiences. Even existing features like digital room keys that allow guests to unlock doors using their phones are gaining renewed interest. Reducing contact with commonly touched interfaces allows guests to stay safe and housekeeping staff to sanitize and prepare rooms faster.

All of this can also be integrated into the property's communication system providing administration staff greater visibility to what's going on across the hotel. As these devices work in concert to care for guests and accelerate service, new options emerge for staffing, customization, and experiential design.

*Wireless mobile device for staff***:** Already popular in the hospitality space and other industries in Europe, [SIP-DECT](https://www.mitel.com/mitel-sip-dect) is a mobility-enabling alternative to VoWLAN (VOICE OVER WIRELESS LAN) and radio-based networks that's starting to get attention in North America. And recently many luxuries hotel uses this technology in the India. Various hotel like **TAJ HOTEL, THE OBERIO HOTEL, THE LAKE PLACE** it is a using this type technology in the Indian hotel industry. Many SIP-DECT setups bring the kind of features usually found on a fixed network to mobile workers all over your hotel or campus without tethering them down to specific locations. Since hotel service staff, like housekeeping, valet, concierge, and event staff are often on the go, SIP-DECT is a natural fit for hoteliers.

### Predictive analytics:

It's been said that knowledge is power. As more technology is added to improve the guest experience, the software and devices will produce more and more data about how guests interact with staff and the amenities throughout the campus. Based on when lights or the TV turn on, staff can know the average time a guest wakes up. With the mobile app on the devices, and IoT sensors throughout the hotel, staff can know how long it takes to get from any room to the lobby. These profiles can be saved and follow guests as they go from property to property, adapting their experience to be more consistent regardless of where they stay.

A group of people looking at a diagram

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The era of big data started years ago, but as more industries learn the insights that can be gathered by collecting and analyzing data, the small tweaks information can provide can be the difference between a guest thinking all hotels are largely the same, to one flag standing out, one property becoming a preferred place to stay, one that gets recommended to other.

**SWOT+C analysis of Hotel Industry**

A hotel SWOT analysis is a tool used in hotel management that hotels employ in order to evaluate their internal opportunities (strengths and weaknesses) as well as external opportunities and threats to their business. It is useful to detect opportunities ahead of time and plan how to approach bottlenecks proactively. This tool contributes value by allowing for a more accurate decision-making process that helps building a solid strategy for your business.



**STRENGTHS**

These are areas where you have a tangible and intangible edge over your competitors in the industry. They are those qualities your hotel possesses that distinguish you from your competitors. In the hotel business, strengths are mostly any of the following:

• Hotel’s location

• Internal resources

• Accessible hotel management system

• User-friendly online booking

• A safe and serene environment

• Brand reputation

• High-Profit margins

• Tangible assets (such as capital, proprietary, intellectual propriety, etc.)

• Well-trained and skilled staff

• World-class service delivery

• Full flexibility and independence

• Employment for peoples

**WEAKNESSES**

Weaknesses are things that your hotel lacks. Whether you believe it or not, certain areas of your hotel aren’t levelling up on some functionalities it requires. Here are some common examples of weaknesses you can find in the hotel business:

• The extremely high price of products and services

• High-cost structure

• Unclear selling proposition

• High setup cost

• Low online reviews

• Lack of certain essential facilities

• Absence of in-room technologies

• Inexperienced staff

• Outdated websites

• Budget limitations

**OPPORTUNITIES**

In the hotel industry, there are numerous opportunities that you can use to up your game against your competitors huge Scope for Technology.

Yes, it’s a key strength of the hotel industry as the technology still can be said to be underexplored in hospitality and travel.

Doing a SWOT analysis for your hotel business around technology would open an ocean of opportunities.

• Utilising Artificial Intelligence in customer support (Chatbots)

• Upgrading the Property Management System

• Greater use of Automation for check-in and check out

• Using Robotics for automatic some part of service

• Blockchain for an enhanced payment security

• Cloud technology for saving on server resources

• Augmented and Virtual Reality helps in richer consumer experience.

**THREATS**

Although threats are usually beyond your control, if they are not attended to, they can harm overall service Delivery, operations, and the revenue generation of your hotel. For example, in most countries like the United States, hotels are usually flooded with guests during the holiday season. Here’s a list of common threats that hotels face:

• High turnovers during holidays

• Parking Area Theft

• Pandemics

• High taxes

• Rigid labor market

• Safety Emergencies

• Disorderly conduct

• Intense competition in the industry

• Terrorism and political uneasiness

**Challenges**

Leveraging AI in luxury hotels can significantly enhance guest experiences and operational efficiency. However, several challenges need to be addressed to achieve seamless integration. Here are ten challenges, contextualized with examples from top hotels:

1**. Data Privacy and Security**: Collecting and using guest data to personalize experiences can raise privacy concerns. For instance, the Ritz-Carlton's use of AI to remember guest preferences requires stringent data protection measures to prevent breaches.

2. **High Implementation Costs**: Implementing advanced AI systems involves substantial investment. The Peninsula Hotels, known for their innovative use of technology, have faced high costs in integrating AI-driven concierge services and room controls.

3. **Integration with Existing Systems**: Integrating AI with legacy systems can be complex. For example, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts might struggleto seamlessly integrate AI with their existing property management systems and customer relationship management tools.

4**. Maintaining Human Touch:** Balancing AI with the personal touch that luxury hotels are known for is challenging. Mandarin Oriental's use of AI for personalized recommendations must be carefully managed to ensure it complements rather than replaces human interaction.

5**. Staff Training and Adaptation**: Employees need to be trained to work alongside AI technologies. At the St. Regis, staff must learn to use AI tools effectively without losing the personal service touch that defines the brand.

6. **System Reliability and Maintenance**: Ensuring AI systems are reliable and regularly maintained is critical. The Waldorf Astoria’s AI-driven room service system requires constant updates and troubleshooting to function flawlessly.

7**. Guest Acceptance and Trust**: Some guests may be wary of AI. The Burj Al Arab, known for its opulence, has to ensure that their AI applications, such as virtual assistants, are perceived as enhancing the luxury experience rather than intruding on privacy.

**Benefits of SWOT analysis in the hospitality industry**

SWOT analysis is generally accepted in any business venture, and hotels are not left.

• It allows you to plan and approach problems proactively

• It guides you towards making an accurate decision that will contribute to building a solid strategy for your hotel business.

• It helps you pinpoint where your strengths lie, and you can leverage them positively.

• It gives you insight into newer opportunities in the industry

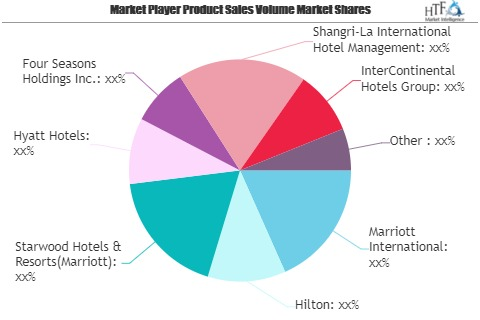
• You discover newer ways to detect, minimize or avoid threats and their impact.

**Luxury Hotel Market Leaders**

1. ITC HOTELS
2. Marriott International Inc
3. Accor S.A.
4. Belmond Ltd.
5. Hyatt Corporation

**Luxury Hotel Market Shares**

While there is a nice spread of accommodation options in the luxury hotel industry, it should come as no surprise that there are a few key players that dominate the market. In fact, the top four luxury hotel groups hold an impressive 25% of the market. These hotel groups are:

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* Marriott International Inc.
* Hilton
* Hyatt Hotels Corporation
* Four Seasons Hotels Holdings Inc.

All of these names should sound familiar as they have hotels located all across the globe. From luxury hotels in New York to remote island resorts in the most tranquil locations. Although they dominate 25% of the market, they are not the only big players in the game. These are the 12 most influential companies in the luxury hotel industry:

* Marriott International Inc
* Hilton
* Starwood Hotels & Resorts
* Hyatt Hotels
* Four Seasons Holdings Inc.
* Shangri-La International
* InterContinental Hotels Group
* Mandarin Oriental International
* The Indian Hotels Company Limited
* Jumeirah International LLC
* Kerzner International Resorts
* ITC Hotels Limited

It seems that the one key factor in ensuring a large portion of the market is being in the industry for a long time. That’s what all the above companies have in common, and it’s allowed them to completely dominate the global luxury hotel market.

**Countries Luxury Hotel Market Share**

While there are certain companies that tend to dominate the luxury hotel market. Similarly, there are also countries that seem to have the biggest portion of the global luxury hotel market. The [United States luxury hotel](https://luxuryhotel.com/in/west-usa/) market is by far the biggest, with shares of around 30%. While Europe and China share the next biggest portion of 35% combined.

By looking at these stats, we can easily see where much of the wealth in the world is coming from, and where it is being spent. While the recent pandemic may have affected the luxury hotel industry quite dramatically, it didn’t stop travelers from vacationing in their own country for very long.

**PART-II**

# **The Global Scenario of Hotel Industry**

The global hotel industry is experiencing a significant recovery and growth trajectory, fueled by various factors, including economic stability, technological advancements, and evolving consumer preferences. In 2023, the global lodging industry demonstrated resilience as revenue per available room achieved a full recovery. By November, **RevPAR (Revenue per available room)** had reached impressive levels ranging from 94% to 121% of 2019 levels across regions, with the Middle East, Europe and the Americas leading the way.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionized various industries, and the luxury hotel segment is no exception. In the competitive landscape of the global hospitality market, luxury hotels are leveraging AI to enhance guest experiences, streamline operations, and maximize revenue. This paper explores the diverse applications of AI in luxury hotels, examines global trends, addresses implementation challenges, and highlights future prospects.

* AI Applications in Luxury Hotels
* Personalized Guest Experience

**2.To analyse the competitive scenario of the luxury hotel industry in context to AI tools.**

## AI-driven Personalization:

Luxury hotels use AI to offer personalized services to their guests. AI algorithms analyze data from guest interactions and preferences to create tailor-made experiences. For example, AI can recommend activities, dining options, and amenities based on previous stays.

* **Chatbots and Virtual Assistants:**

AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants are increasingly used to provide 24/7 customer service. These systems can handle common inquiries, make reservations, and offer concierge services, enhancing the overall guest experience.

* **Operational Efficiency:**

Automation of Routine Tasks.AI enables the automation of numerous routine tasks in luxury hotels, such as check-in and check-out processes, room service orders, and billing. This not only improves efficiency but also allows staff to focus on more complex and personalized guest interactions.

* **Smart Room Technology:**

Smart rooms equipped with AI can adjust lighting, temperature, and entertainment options based on guest preferences. Voice-activated assistants like Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant are integrated into rooms to provide convenience and a touch of modern luxury.

* **AI in Housekeeping and Maintenance:**

AI-driven systems can predict maintenance needs and optimize housekeeping schedules. For instance, AI can alert staff when maintenance is required in a room or when certain amenities need replenishing, ensuring a seamless guest experience.

* **AI in Customer Relationship Management (CRM):**

Luxury hotels use AI-enhanced CRM systems to manage guest relationships more effectively. These systems track guest preferences and behaviors, enabling hotels to engage with their guests in a more personalized and meaningful way.

* **Data Analytics for Targeted Marketing:**

AI analyzes vast amounts of data to identify trends and target potential customers with precision. This allows luxury hotels to create highly personalized marketing campaigns that resonate with their target audience, increasing booking rates and brand loyalty.

## Revenue Management and Pricing:

* **Dynamic Pricing Models**

AI enables luxury hotels to implement dynamic pricing strategies that adjust room rates based on real-time demand and market conditions. This ensures optimal pricing, maximizing occupancy and revenue.

* **AI in Forecasting Demand:**

By analyzing historical data and current trends, AI can accurately forecast demand, allowing hotels to optimize staffing, inventory, and marketing efforts.

* **Optimizing Revenue Streams:**

AI assists in identifying and optimizing various revenue streams beyond room bookings, such as food and beverage services, spa treatments, and event hosting.

## Adoption Trends Worldwide:

* **North America:**

North America leads in AI adoption in luxury hotels, with many establishments integrating advanced technologies to enhance guest experiences and operational efficiency.

* **Europe:**

European luxury hotels are increasingly embracing AI, focusing on personalized services and sustainability. The region is also witnessing significant investments in AI-driven marketing and customer engagement.

* **Asia-Pacific:**

The Asia-Pacific region is rapidly catching up, with countries like China and Japan investing heavily in AI technologies for the hospitality sector. The focus is on creating futuristic, tech-savvy hotel environments.

* **Emerging Markets:**

Emerging markets are slowly adopting AI in luxury hotels, driven by the need to compete with global brands and improve service standards. However, challenges such as high costs and lack of expertise remain significant barriers.

## Challenges in Implementing AI:

* **High Initial Investment:**

The implementation of AI technologies requires substantial upfront investment, which can be a deterrent for many luxury hotels, especially those in emerging markets.

* **Data Privacy and Security Concerns**:

With AI systems handling vast amounts of personal data, ensuring data privacy and security is a major concern. Luxury hotels must comply with stringent data protection regulations to build and maintain guest trust.

* **Skill Gap and Training Needs:**

The successful implementation of AI in luxury hotels necessitates a skilled workforce capable of managing and maintaining these technologies. This requires significant investment in training and development.

## Case Studies and Success Stories:

### Leading Luxury Hotel Chains:

Prominent luxury hotel chains such as Marriott, Hilton, and Four Seasons have successfully integrated AI to enhance guest experiences and streamline operations. These case studies highlight the benefits and ROI of AI investments.

### Innovative AI Solutions in Practice:

Examples of innovative AI solutions include AI-powered concierge services, robotic butlers, and personalized marketing campaigns. These initiatives have demonstrated significant improvements in guest satisfaction and operational efficiency.

**Future Outlook:**

* **Emerging AI Technologies:**

The future of AI in luxury hotels will see the adoption of more advanced technologies such as machine learning, robotics, and augmented reality. These innovations will further enhance guest experiences and operational capabilities.

* **Long-term Benefits and Sustainability:**

AI promises long-term benefits for luxury hotels, including cost savings, increased efficiency, and enhanced guest satisfaction. Moreover, AI can contribute to sustainability efforts by optimizing energy usage and reducing waste.

* **Predictions for the Luxury Hotel Segment:**

Experts predict that AI will become an integral part of the luxury hotel industry, driving innovation and setting new standards for guest experiences. Hotels that leverage AI effectively will gain a competitive edge in the global market.

# **⁠3.To analyze the role of AI in strengthening the customers’ experience.**

# **Overview of the Luxury Hotel Segment in India**

The luxury hotel segment in India represents a dynamic and rapidly evolving market. Known for its opulent offerings and exceptional service standards, this sector caters to affluent travelers seeking exclusive experiences. Despite its growth potential, the market faces several challenges that necessitate innovative solutions to maintain competitive advantage.Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force across various industries, including hospitality. In luxury hotels, AI technologies are revolutionizing operations, enhancing guest experiences, and optimizing revenue management. As the industry adapts to changing consumer preferences and market dynamics, AI offers critical tools for maintaining and enhancing service quality. This document aims to explore the role of AI in addressing the challenges faced by the luxury hotel segment in India. It will examine specific AI applications, highlight key challenges, and provide case studies of successful implementations. Additionally, it will discuss future trends and offer strategic recommendations for leveraging AI in this competitive market.

## AI Applications in Luxury Hotels

* **Operational Efficiency**

AI-driven automation streamlines various operational processes, such as check-ins, room service, and housekeeping. Predictive maintenance systems can forecast equipment failures, reducing downtime and ensuring smooth operations.

* **Revenue Management**

Dynamic pricing algorithms powered by AI help hotels optimize room rates based on demand forecasts, competitor pricing, and market conditions. This ensures maximum occupancy and revenue.

* **Marketing and Customer Engagement**

AI analytics provide insights into customer demographics and preferences, enabling targeted marketing campaigns. Social media sentiment analysis helps hotels gauge customer feedback and adjust strategies accordingly.

**Challenges in the Indian Luxury Hotel Market**

1. Economic and Political Factors:

Economic fluctuations and political instability can impact travel patterns and hotel occupancy rates. Luxury hotels must navigate these uncertainties to maintain profitability.

1. Competition and Market Saturation:

The influx of new luxury hotels increases competition, making it essential for existing players to differentiate themselves through unique offerings and superior service.

1. High Customer Expectations:

Affluent travelers demand exceptional service and personalized experiences. Meeting these high expectations consistently is a significant challenge for hotels.

1. Regulatory and Compliance Issues

Adhering to local regulations and maintaining compliance with international standards is crucial for luxury hotels. This includes health and safety regulations, data protection laws, and environmental sustainability standards.

1. Security and Safety

AI-powered surveillance systems enhance security by monitoring premises in real-time and detecting unusual activities. Biometric authentication and facial recognition technology ensure secure access to hotel facilities.

## Addressing Market Challenges with AI

1. **Optimizing Operations and Reducing Costs:**

Automation and predictive analytics reduce operational inefficiencies and lower costs, allowing hotels to invest in enhancing guest experiences and maintaining competitive pricing.

1. **Improving Marketing Strategies:**

AI-driven marketing tools enable hotels to craft targeted campaigns that resonate with their audience, driving higher engagement and conversion rates.

1. **Ensuring Compliance and Enhancing Security:**

AI technologies assist in monitoring regulatory compliance and enhancing security protocols, ensuring guest safety and adherence to legal requirements.

## *Case Studies of AI Implementation in Indian Luxury Hotels*

**Taj Hotel:**

Taj Hotels leverage AI for personalized guest services, using chatbots to assist with bookings and virtual concierges to provide tailored recommendations. Their AI-driven analytics also optimize pricing strategies and enhance operational efficiency.

**Oberoi Hotels:**

Oberoi Hotels utilize AI for predictive maintenance and operational automation, ensuring seamless guest experiences. Their AI-powered CRM systems analyze guest data to offer customized services and promotions.

**ITC Hotels:**

ITC Hotels employ AI for dynamic pricing and revenue management, maximizing occupancy and revenue. Their AI-enabled security systems enhance guest safety, and personalized marketing campaigns drive customer engagement.

## Future Trends and Opportunities

* **Emerging AI Technologies in Hotel Industry:**

Innovations such as AI-powered robots for room service, advanced sentiment analysis tools, and augmented reality experiences are set to transform the luxury hotel industry further.

* **Potential for Growth and Expansion:**

As AI technology evolves, luxury hotels in India have significant opportunities for growth. Embracing these technologies will be crucial for staying ahead in the competitive market.

* **Strategic Recommendations for Luxury Hotels:**

- Invest in AI-driven guest personalization tools to enhance customer satisfaction.

- Implement predictive analytics for efficient operations and cost management.

- Leverage AI in marketing to create targeted, high-impact campaigns.

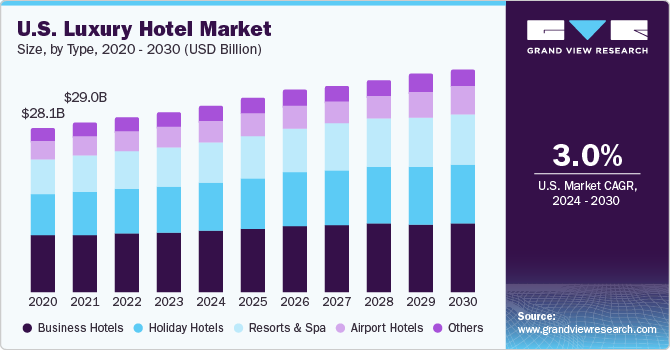
- Ensure robust AI-enabled security measures to maintain guest trust and compliance.

**Luxury Hotel Competitiors**

Luxury hotels can be broken down into different categories, and each of these categories performs slightly differently in the global luxury hotel market. These are the different segments of the luxury hotel industry:

* *Business Hotel*
* *Suite Hotel*
* *Airport Hotels Segment*
* *Resorts Hotel*

While all of these segments are on the increase, some are outperforming others. In terms of earnings, suite hotels have an impressive 40% of the market.



**Luxury Hotel Market Trends**

**Increasing Digitization of Services and Online Booking on Apps and Websites**

Luxury hotels take direct bookings on their own hotel brand sites. Hilton launched a campaign aptly called 'Stop Clicking Around,' alluding to the well-known statistic that global travelers browse an average of 38 websites before booking. Apps are increasingly important in the way hoteliers manage the services they provide to their customers and can now control many aspects of the guest cycle and experience. The trend toward digital and contactless services gained new momentum in 2020. Traditionally, customer-facing services are being given an overhaul, owing to the more widespread use of technology-assisted options, such as mobile check-in, contactless payments, voice control, and biometrics. Consumers who have become accustomed to unlocking their smartphones and laptops using facial and fingerprint recognition will soon come to expect the same convenience in accessing their hotel rooms.

## Final Thoughts on Luxury Hotel Industry Statistics

While it’s quite clear that luxury hotels aren’t going anywhere anytime soon. It’s also apparent that they will need to adjust to the changing travel climate, and consumers are now coming to expect this from their stays.

These statistics give us good insight into how the luxury hotel industry is doing, and it’s safe to say it’s going to be around for many years to come

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