

H Mark Hotels & Resorts

CASE STUDY



INTRODUCTION

H Hotels & Resorts Management has a collection of 4 hotels and resorts internationally including The H Hotel (Dubai), The H Resort (Seychelles), CentreVille Hotel & Experiences (Montenegro) and Villa Diyafa in (Morocco). With a diverse portfolio, the H Hotels & Resorts management team were looking for a partner to aid them with website re-design and development services for each property. During our initial conversations with the client, it soon became clear that the reason for this request was to address the issue that there distinct lack of results from search and PPC campaigns driven in the form of direct bookings and revenue generated through their websites.

The lack of results were compounded further by Online Travel Agencies (OTAs) such as Booking.com and Expedia who's share of room bookings for the group was increasing monthly. The revenue generated by these OTAs comes at a high cost with an average of 22% paid out in commissions for every booking generated through these websites. Rather than simply re-build each website, we recommended an alternate path to the group based on analysis of each website in the form of (a) user data, (b) user experience, (c)analysis of the booking engine environment and user experience on this platform, which was licensed by the Hotels from Synexis - a third party booking engine provider that ultimately held the keys to conversion, and (d) a search/SEO audit.

Finally, we suggested that analysis and data should only dictate whether they needed to rebuild each website at considerable cost - or simply amend their existing websites (to save both time and cost) to take into consideration the insights from the audit and user experience analysis above. The client agreed that this was a far more sensible approach with potential cost and time savings on offer and therefore, the objectives, scope of work and budgets were agreed as per the following.

O1 OBJECTIVES

Overarching Objective:

Lessen the dependency on OTA by each hotel and reduce OTA commissions for each of their properties and to create a blueprint for future properties added to the group.

Other Key Objectives

- Increasing website UX
- · Increasing organic traffic and decreasing bounce rate
- Increasing conversion rates
- Increasing conversion volume

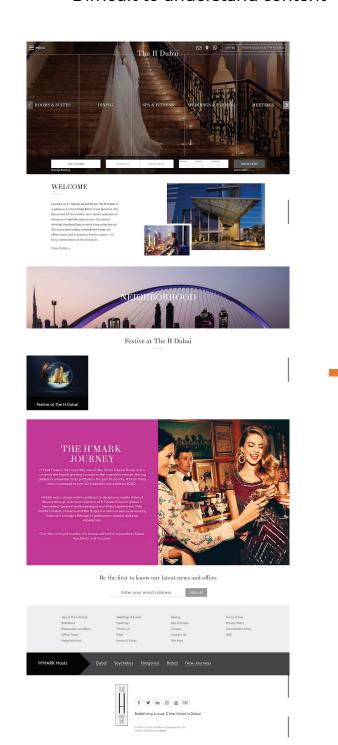
02 THE PROCESS

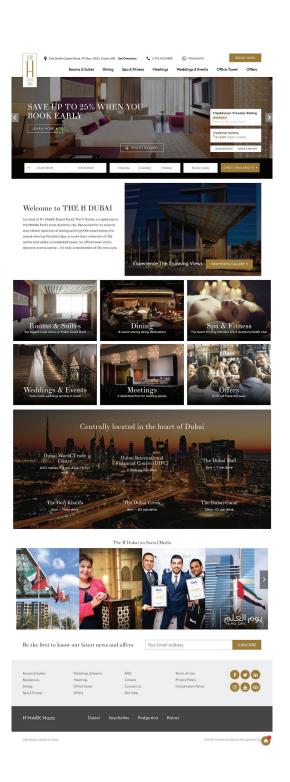
- Installation of tracking tools (heat-mapping, session recordings, analysis tools)
 on websites
- 2. Validation/fixing on tracking / revenue data within Google Analytics to create accurate benchmarks
- 3. In-depth analysis of current website behaviour focusing on website structure / flow, user experience and website content to identify;
 - a. Traffic and data validation
 - b. Conversion obstacles
 - **c.** User behaviour (by geography / language)
 - d. Content weaknesses / gaps
 - e. Website strengths & opportunities
 - f. Lead generation possibilities
- **4. Redesign and optimisation of websites** on existing framework with the above data and insights in mind
- 5. Comparison of performance and data
- 6. Improve and optimise



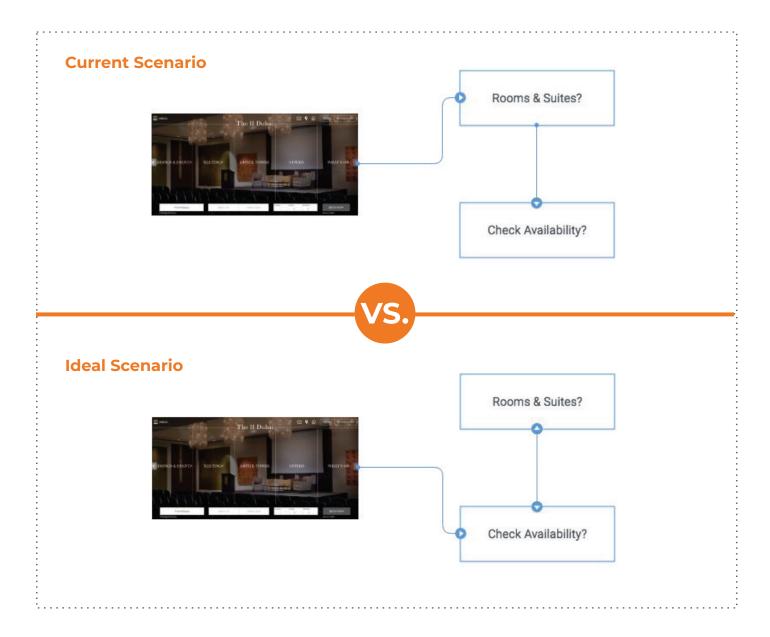
A total of **63 issues** were identified that impacted conversion and a number of updates were made to the site both structurally and aesthetically to address issues that include but are not limited to the following;

- Confused and over-extended user journey
- Disjointed conversion path
- Difficult to understand content
- Booking engine challenges
 - Alternative stay options
 - Incorrect error messaging





04 HYPOTHESIS & CHALLENGE CONVENTION



With **57**% of website traffic typically from visitors who have visited an OTA site previously, we recommended shortening the conversion path and instead educate visitors why they should book direct and then show them the prices / benefits of doing so.

THE H HOTEL DUBAI 3 MONTH COMPARISON

Reduction in pages per session was a result of visitors finding more relevant information faster.





Overview by Source

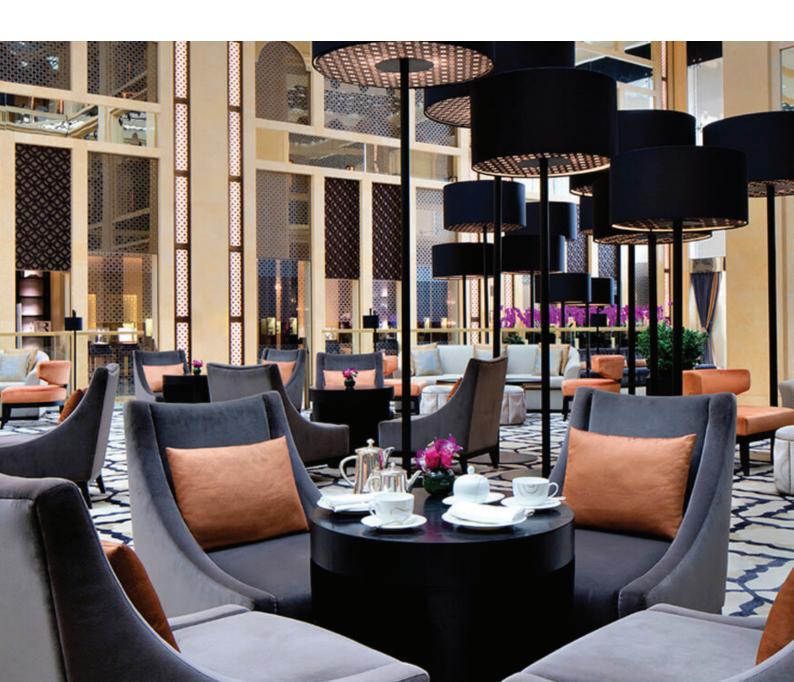
		Acquisition			Behaviour			
	Default Channel Grouping	Users ② ↓	New Users ?	Sessions ?	Bounce Rate	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration	
		7.65% a 26,642 vs 24,749	6.05% a 25,922 vs 24,444	6.34% • 33,267 vs 31,283	2.73% • 47.23% vs 48.56%	4.77% ▼ 2.84 vs 2.98	21.64% • 00:02:01 vs 00:02:34	
1.	Organic Search							
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	18,400 (68.57%)	17,600 (67.90%)	23,011 (69.17%)	45.71%	2.92	00:02:05	
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	17,861 (70.85%)	17,254 (70.59%)	22,385 (71.56%)	44.12%	3.06	00:02:29	
	% Change	3.02%	2.01%	2.80%	3.60%	-4.63%	-15.69%	
2.	Direct							
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	7,268 (27.09%)	7,307 (28.19%)	8,625 (25.93%)	50.14%	2.50	00:01:36	
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	6,062 (24.05%)	6,033 (24.68%)	7,244 (23.16%)	61.80%	2.47	00:02:19	
	% Change	19.89%	21.12%	19.06%	-18.86%	0.95%	-31.08%	
3.	Referral							
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	615 (2.29%)	537 (2.07%)	930 (2.80%)	46.02%	4.16	00:04:21	
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	779 (3.09%)	675 (2.76%)	1,099 (3.51%)	41.77%	5.06	00:06:53	
	% Change	-21.05%	-20.44%	-15.38%	10.19%	-17.82%	-36.85%	
4.	Social							
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	387 (1.44%)	360 (1.39%)	416 (1.25%)	64.66%	2.13	00:00:52	
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	471 (1.87%)	449 (1.84%)	510 (1.63%)	67.25%	2.03	00:01:04	
	% Change	-17.83%	-19.82%	-18.43%	-3.85%	4.85%	-19.01%	
5.	(Other)							
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	163 (0.61%)	118 (0.46%)	285 (0.86%)	60.35%	3.00	00:02:54	
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	37 (0.15%)	33 (0.14%)	45 (0.14%)	77.78%	2.38	00:03:02	
	% Change	340.54%	257.58%	533.33%	-22.41%	26.17%	-3.97%	

During the redevelopment stage, Nexa optimised the website structure and website content for SEO purposes, which had an instant impact.



KPIs = Increase in Conversion Rates and Increase in Transaction Volumes

Revenue and Average Order Value are market dependent and outside of Nexa's area of impact.





THE H HOTEL SEYCHELLES **OVERVIEW**





Welcome to H Resort

Located in Beau Vallon Beach one of the most Juvurious neighbourhoods in the picturerage island of Mahé and only 10 min from Victoria the capitals, if min to have September National Park and 20 to Seychelies international Airport.
Beau Vallon Beach has Sim of white sand beach and turquoise water and it is the only serimorbe beach in Hathe all year.

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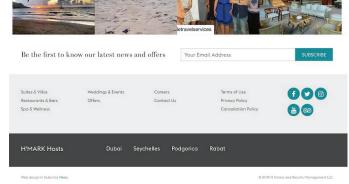


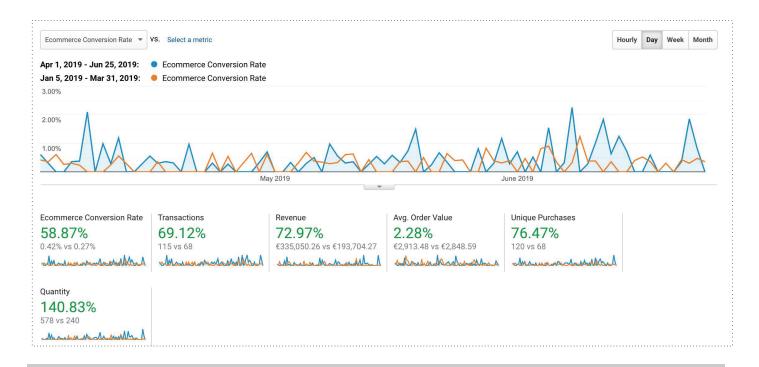






The H Resort on Social Media





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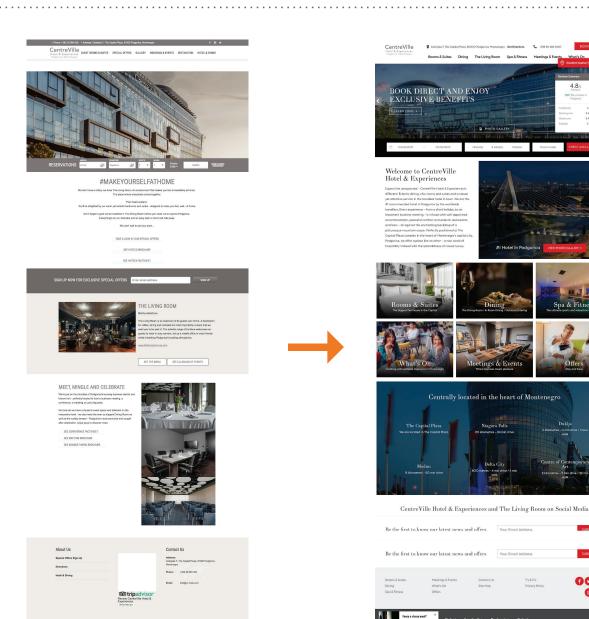


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		Acquisition			Behaviour		
	Default Channel Grouping	Sessions ? ↓	% New Sessions	New Users ?	Bounce Rate	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration
		33.47% ★ 26,568 vs 19,906	1.41% • 69.98% vs 69.01%	35.35% ± 18,593 vs 13,737	12.61% • 32.03% vs 36.65%	8.40% 4.16 vs 3.83	9.81% • 00:03:19 vs 00:03:40
1.	Organic Search						
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	18,563 (69.87%)	66.49%	12,342 (66.38%)	30.00%	4.49	00:03:43
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	14,919 (74.95%)	66.21%	9,878 (71.91%)	31.03%	4.23	00:04:08
	% Change	24.43%	0.42%	24.94%	-3.31%	6.27%	-10.17%
2.	Direct						
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	6,047 (22.76%)	80.57%	4,872 (26.20%)	35.79%	3.34	00:02:20
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	3,487 (17.52%)	77.46%	2,701 (19.66%)	54.23%	2.66	00:02:13
	% Change	73.42%	4.01%	80.38%	-34.01%	25.53%	5.41%
4.	Social						
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	916 (3.45%)	86.79%	795 (4.28%)	40.39%	3.11	00:01:47
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	782 (3.93%)	81.71%	639 (4.65%)	53.45%	2.31	00:01:50
	% Change	17.14%	6.21%	24.41%	-24.43%	34.34%	-2.58%
5.	(Other)						
	01-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	15 (0.06%)	60.00%	9 (0.05%)	33.33%	2.73	00:02:55
	03-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	1 (0.01%)	100.00%	1 (0.01%)	0.00%	5.00	00:04:51
	% Change	1,400.00%	-40.00%	800.00%	œ%	-45.33%	-39.86%



Website Sessions 14-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019: • Users 16-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018: • Users February 2019 March 2019 Sessions Pages/Session Bounce Rate Users New Users 40.74% 31.70% 28.53% 45.05% -19.07% 52.75% vs 65.18% 6,633 vs 4,713 4,990 vs 3,789 4,857 vs 3,779 2.83 vs 1.95 My como hospo SAMMANAMAN sandaman sans



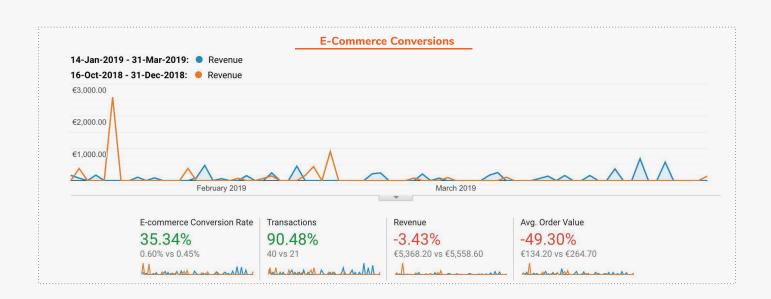


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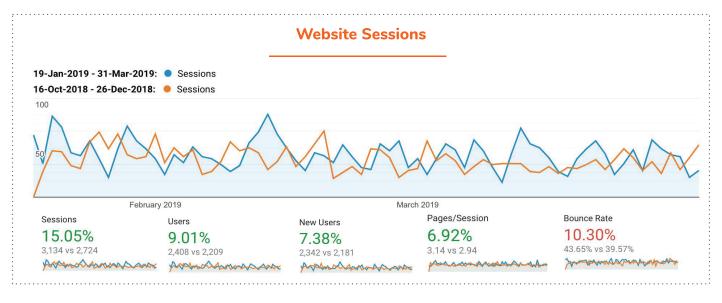
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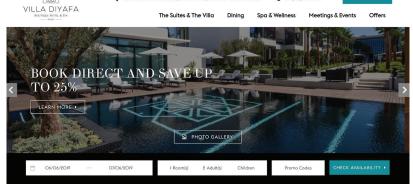
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1.	Organic Search							
	14-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	2,306 (45.27%)	2,168 (44.61%)	3,114 (46.95%)	42.13%	3.05	00:02:04	
	16-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	1,869 (48.67%)	1,846 (48.82%)	2,378 (50.46%)	53.36%	2.27	00:01:58	
	% Change	23.38%	17.44%	30.95%	-21.05%	34.57%	4.66%	
2.	Direct							
	14-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	2,073 (40.69%)	2,044 (42.06%)	2,452 (36.97%)	63.83%	2.47	00:01:38	
	16-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	1,583 (41.22%)	1,579 (41.76%)	1,858 (39.42%)	79.12%	1.59	00:01:08	
	% Change	30.95%	29.45%	31.97%	-19.33%	55.27%	44.20%	
3.	Referral							
	14-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	438 (8.60%)	383 (7.88%)	771 (11.62%)	56.16%	3.25	00:03:12	
	16-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	238 (6.20%)	211 (5.58%)	295 (6.26%)	67.46%	1.90	00:01:41	
	% Change	84.03%	81.52%	161.36%	-16.75%	70.99%	90.98%	
4.	Social							
	14-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	271 (5.32%)	261 (5.37%)	285 (4.30%)	65.61%	2.32	00:00:42	
	16-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	149 (3.88%)	145 (3.83%)	181 (3.84%)	74.03%	1.53	00:01:16	
	% Change	81.88%	80.00%	57.46%	-11.37%	51.32%	-44.33%	
5.	(Other)							
	14-Jan-2019 - 31-Mar-2019	6 (0.12%)	4 (0.08%)	11 (0.17%)	18.18%	3.09	00:00:50	
	16-Oct-2018 - 31-Dec-2018	1 (0.03%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.02%)	0.00%	4.00	00:03:04	
	% Change	500.00%	∞%	1,000.00%	œ%	-22.73%	-72.68%	



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Welcome Villa Diyafa Hotel

Villa Diyafa is a boutique luxury hotel located in the embassy district of Rabat. True to the name Diyafa, which is derived from the Arabic word hospitality, the team ensures that every experience and interaction is truly a memorable one. Inspired by the life and art of historic influencer Zyriab, the interiors at Villa Diyafa are breathtaking and pay tribute to his beautiful vision. His influence is obvious in every space within the hotel mixing contemporary moroccan architecture with andalusian touch and has been heralded internationally for its spectacular design concept. Renowned for its tailor made unmatched style of service, its thoughfully designed interiors and generous spacious accommodation. The Villa Diyafa offers a peaceful experience of unparalleled luxury in Morocco for those genuine discret travellers. It boasts IO beautifully appointed suites and a distinguished private villa as well as an intimate selection of dining experiences. The leisure facilities at Villa Diyafa include a traditional Moroccan spa and hammam, a state-of-the-art fitness facility and a 25 metre swimming pool surrounded by luscious sculptured gardens and water features. It's a perfect place for hosting small corporate meetings, retreats and







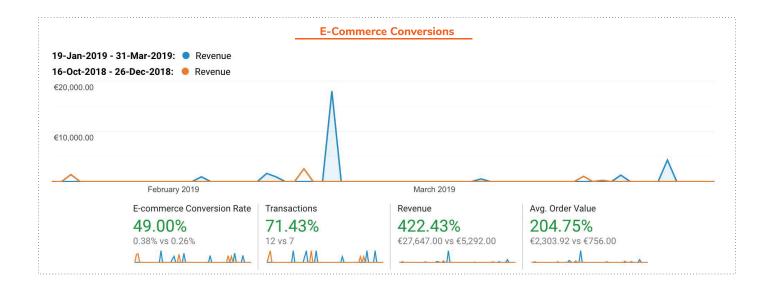


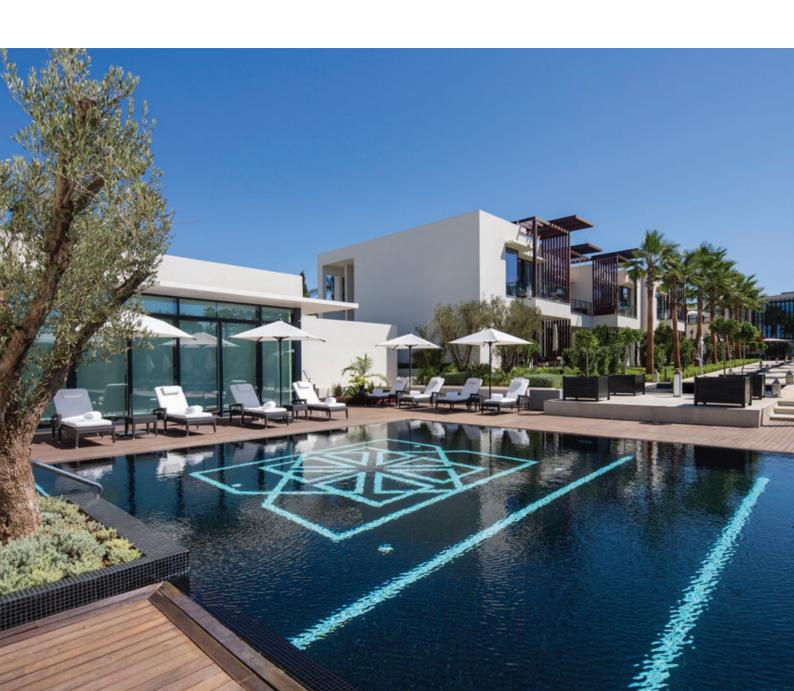
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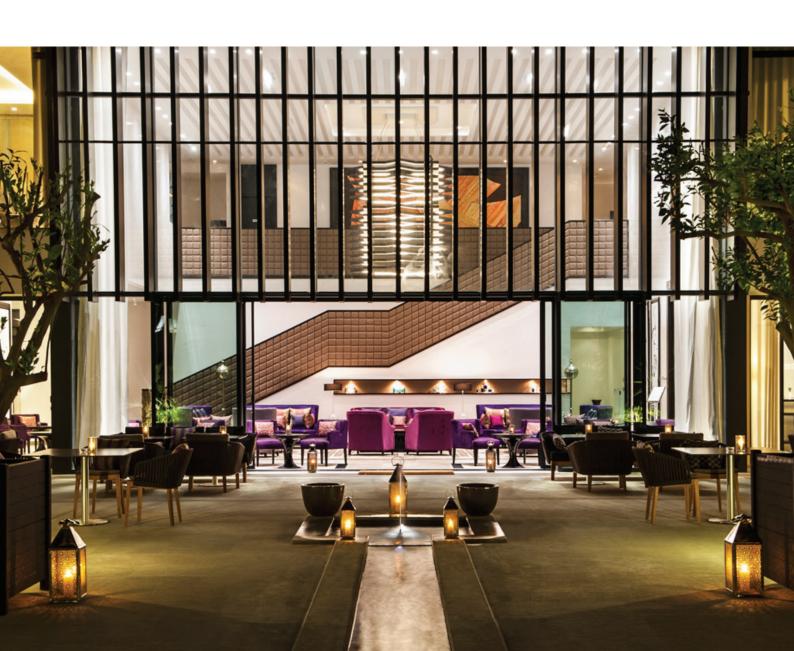


The following recommendations are now in progress:

Lessen the dependency on OTA by each hotel and reduce OTA commissions for each of their properties and to create a blueprint for future properties added to the group.

Other Key Objectives:

- Additional language pages based on traffic and conversion data
- Marketing Automation assessment to convert more visitors into direct bookings
- Content creation, area / regional guides for data collection and to support future marketing automation activities





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