



# ***Elevate the Direct Booking Strategy***

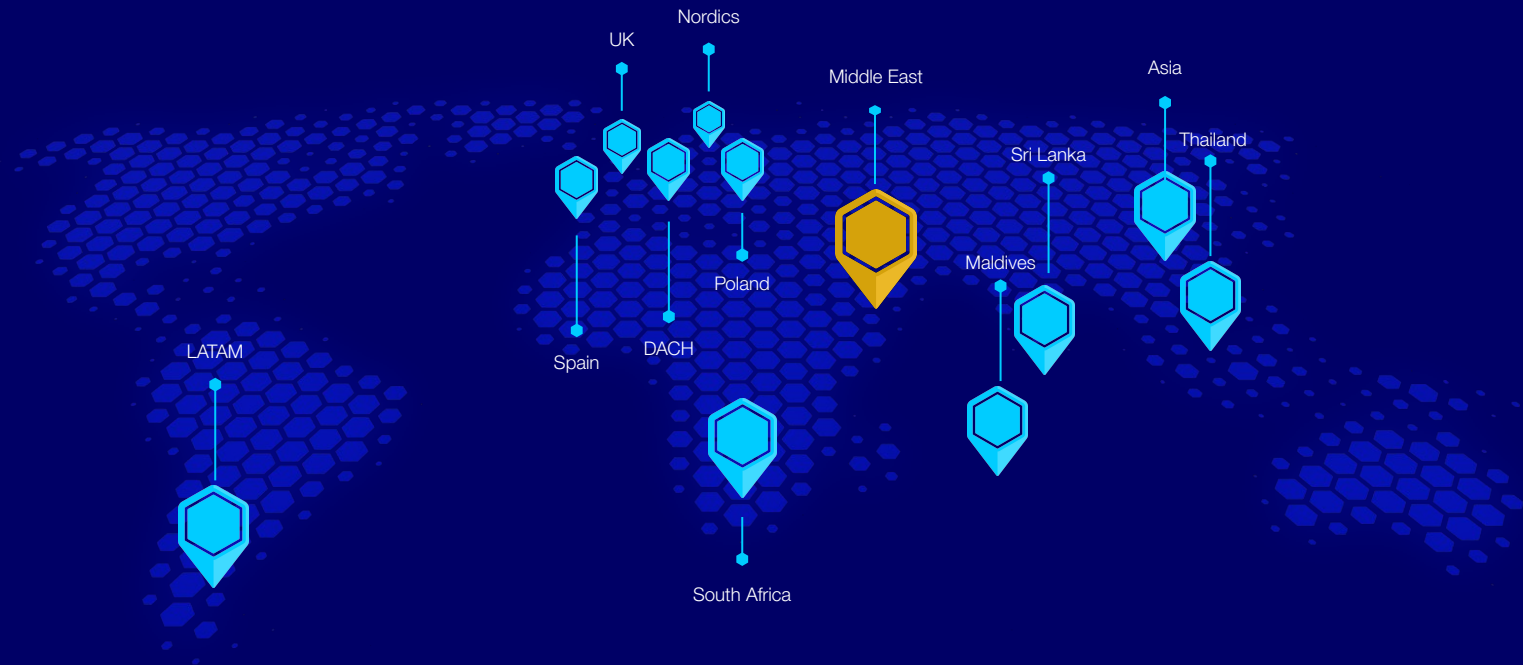
# About Profitroom

For **16 years** we have been boosting Hoteliers' profits.  
Over **4,500 hotels, resorts and hotel groups** across the world now have more business, more time and more control - all thanks to our **award-winning technology**.

Over a thousand customers across the world recommend Profitroom Booking Engine, Websites & CRM, and rate these products 4.8 as shown in the Hotel Tech Report 2025.



Serving **4,500** hotels and resorts **across the world** in **54** countries



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## HOTEL SYSTEMS

### DISTRIBUTION

SiteMinder  
RateGain<sup>®</sup> RateTiger  
TravelClick<sup>®</sup>  
Booking.com

### PMS

ORACLE<sup>®</sup>  
HOSPITALITY  
MEWS  
PROLOGICFIRST  
Smart Hospitality Solutions  
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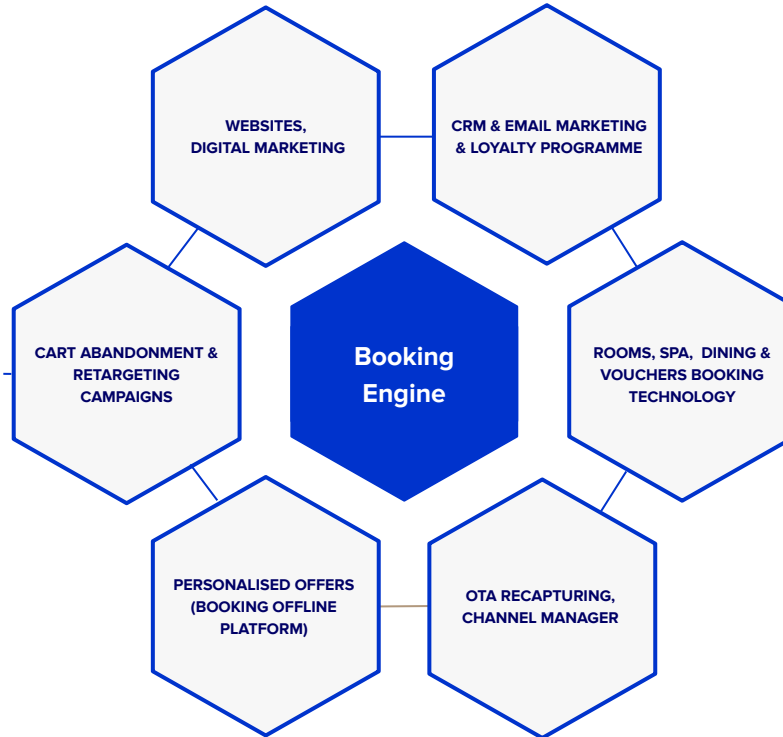
### ACTIVITIES

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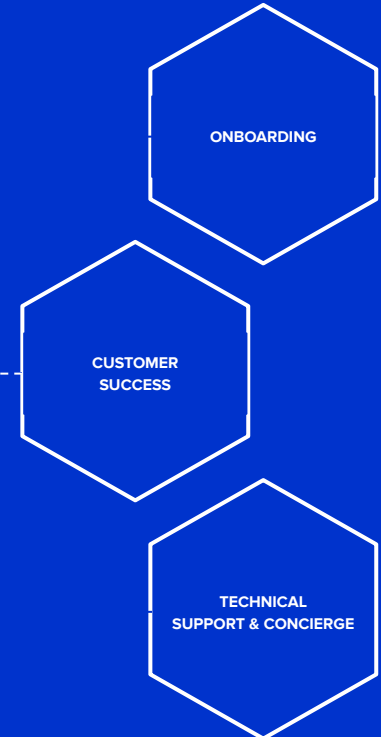
### PAYMENTS

Network<sup>®</sup>  
International Payment Solutions  
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## PROFITROOM DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PLATFORM



## PROFITROOM SERVICES



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How to Convert OTA Bookers into Direct Guests?

# 10 KEYS

to your *effective, direct* Booking Strategy

# KEY 1: INSPIRE

*Attract quality traffic and increase your brand reach*

68% of travelers  
begin their  
booking journey  
on a search engine



## SEO

Search Engine Optimization for highest rankings in search engines.



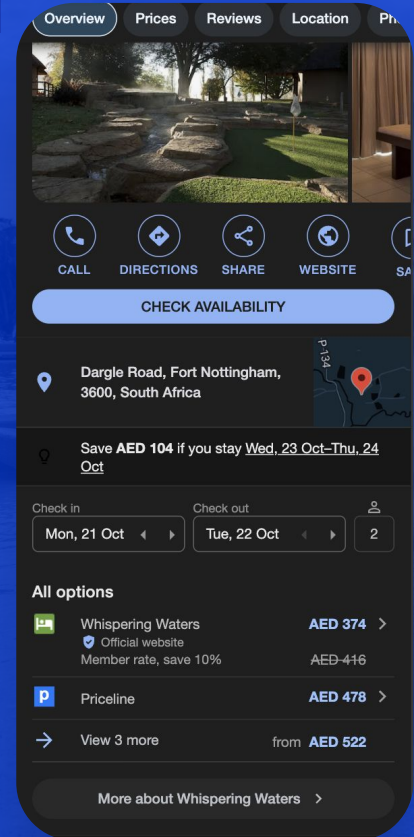
## Paid Ads

Organic & paid marketing campaigns to attract the right target audience. (+40% Traffic with Paid Campaigns)



## Social Media

Social media support for more reach and brand awareness.



## KEY 2: OPTIMISE

### *Using OTAs to Your Advantage*



#### Billboard Effect

Leverage OTA visibility to increase brand awareness.  
Encourage guests to book directly next time.



#### Rate Parity

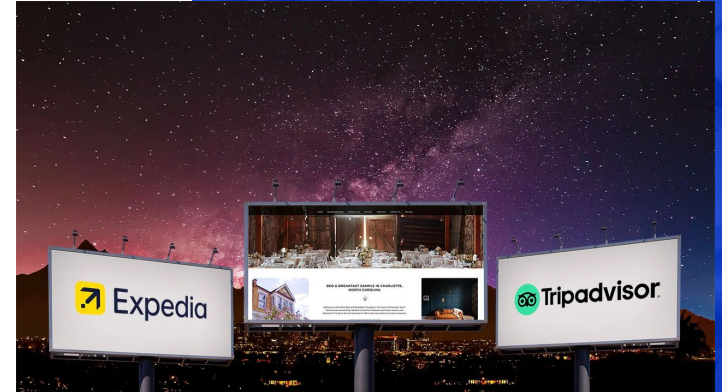
Your best price and amazing offers should always be on  
your direct channel



#### Strategic Promotions

Offers, packages, upsells and extras are all key to  
your direct booking success - (53% of travelers will  
book direct if they feel the value is better)

**75%** of  
travelers  
discover the  
Hotels website  
through OTAs



# KEY 3: SIMPLICITY

## User-Friendly Website Design

A mobile-optimized experience can boost conversions by up to **50%**



### Visual Appeal

Use high-quality images and videos showcasing your property's best features. Create an immersive experience.



### Easy Navigation

Implement a clear menu structure and intuitive booking process. Minimize clicks to complete a reservation. (61% of people will leave a site if they can't find what they're looking for in about **5 seconds**)



### Mobile Optimization

Ensure your website is responsive and fast-loading on all devices, especially smartphones.



Secure payment  
trust can boost  
conversion  
rates by **30%** or  
more

## KEY 4: REASSURE

### *Strengthen Trust on Your Direct Website*

#### Content / Reviews

Use clear, persuasive messaging and visual cues to build guest confidence during the booking process.  
**95% of travelers read reviews before booking**



#### URL

Secure and recognizable domain, with seamless masking to keep the guest journey uninterrupted.



#### Payment Gateway

Integrate secure, trusted payment providers to reduce friction and increase guest trust at checkout.



##### Pay for your reservation!

Fast online payment  
Secure payment processed by Cardstream.

£179  
Due now

##### Now you pay only a part!

Fast online payment  
Secure payment processed by Callpay Credit Card.



ZAR 7,144  
Due now

##### Pay for your reservation!

Fast online payment  
Secure payment processed by Redsys.

€170.16  
Due now

Fast online payment  
Secure payment processed by Callpay EFT.



ZAR 7,144  
Due now

# KEY 5: INCENTIVIZE

## Offer a Better DEAL on Your Website



### Exclusive packages

Go beyond room nights - Differentiate your direct offers from OTA bookings. If your site shows more value, not just parity, they'll choose you directly.



### Flexible booking policies

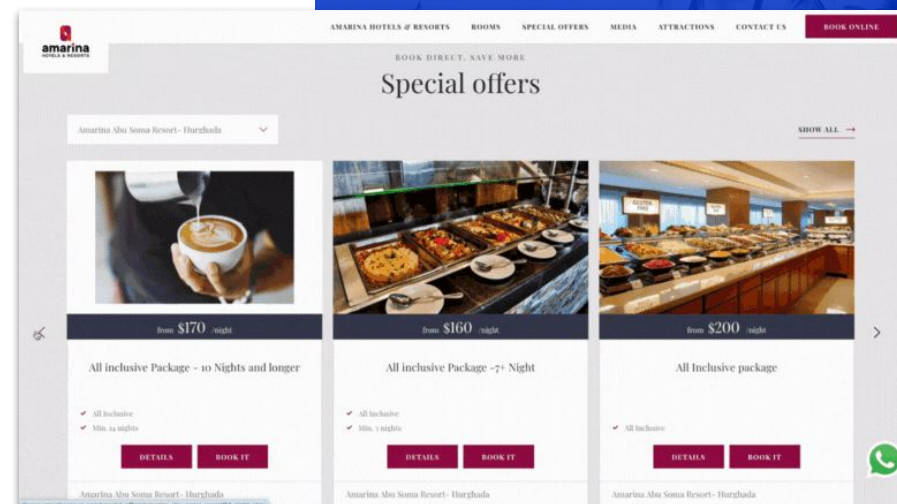
Provide added value to encourage direct reservations. Hotels with flexible terms convert up to 53% more than those with rigid conditions



### Communicate visually

Use banners, pop-ups, or rate comparison widgets that clearly show "Why Book Direct" — don't let your best offer go unnoticed.

**+41%**  
ADR with  
Packages



## KEY 6: MAXIMIZE

*Turn strategy into profit with the right tools and insights*

Extras Help  
increase the  
Revenue by  
10%

### Upsell

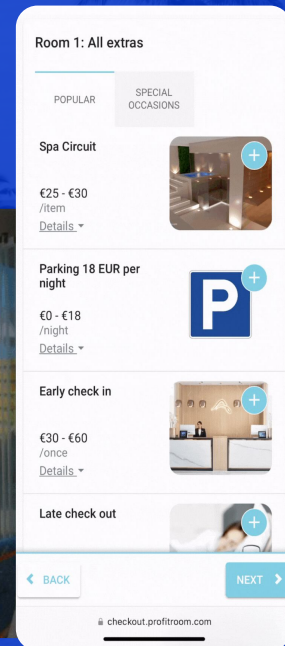
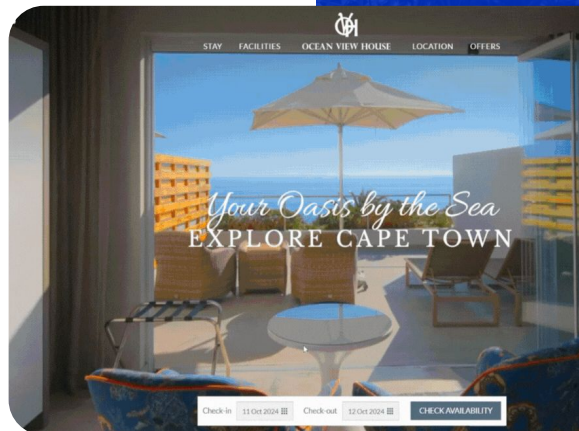
It's not just about getting the guest, it's about increasing total spend per guest. With the right tools, you can upsell before arrival, during the stay, and after departure.

### Extras and Add ons

Offer relevant extras directly on your site

### Marketing Automation

Up to 30% of total guest spend can happen before check-in if you communicate well - use automated emails or WhatsApp to prompt upgrades and add-ons at just the right time.



# KEY 7: REGAIN

*Strengthen relationships with your guests and build loyalty to bring them back.*

55% of guests choose to book direct thanks to loyalty perks



## Instant Gratification

Offer immediate perks for direct bookings, not just points for future stays.



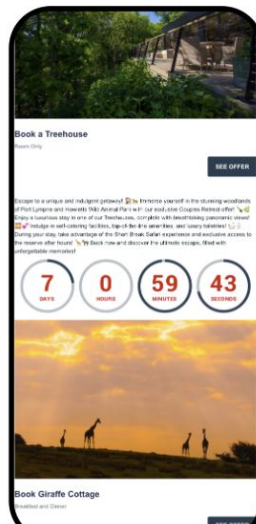
## Experiential Rewards

Provide unique local experiences or behind-the-scenes hotel tours as loyalty benefits.



## Automated re-engagement emails

Target past guests/visitors with personalized offers. New guests cost **5x more** than repeat ones



Selborne Golf Estate, Hotel and Spa

Check-in date

Check-out date

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October 2024

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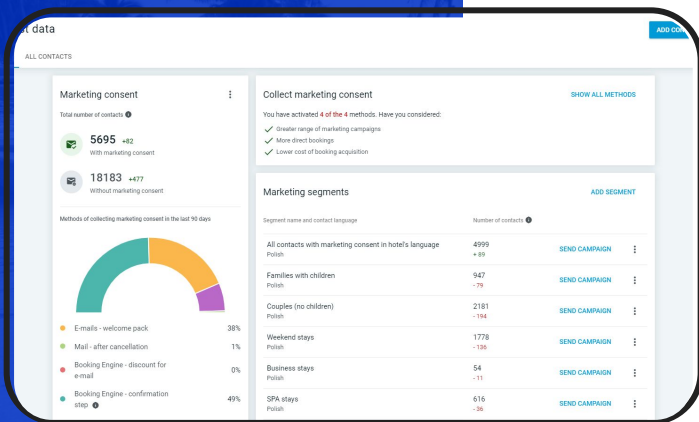
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December 2024

Approximate cheapest price in (ZAR) for a 1-night stay for 2 adults, including taxes & fees

96% of  
people don't  
book on their  
first visit



## KEY 8: TARGET

*Use data-driven marketing to attract more direct bookings*

### Centralised Database

Implement a robust CRM system to store and analyze guest data across all touchpoints.



### Segment

Personalized email campaigns can generate 6x more revenue than generic ones. "A room for your anniversary?" performs better than "Book now!"



### Target

Hotels using targeted, data-driven campaigns see up to 40% higher conversion rates and spend significantly less per acquisition



# KEY 9: MEASURE

*Measure performance, uncover insights, and optimise your strategy*



## Performance Metrics

Track key indicators like conversion rates, average booking value, and direct booking ratio.



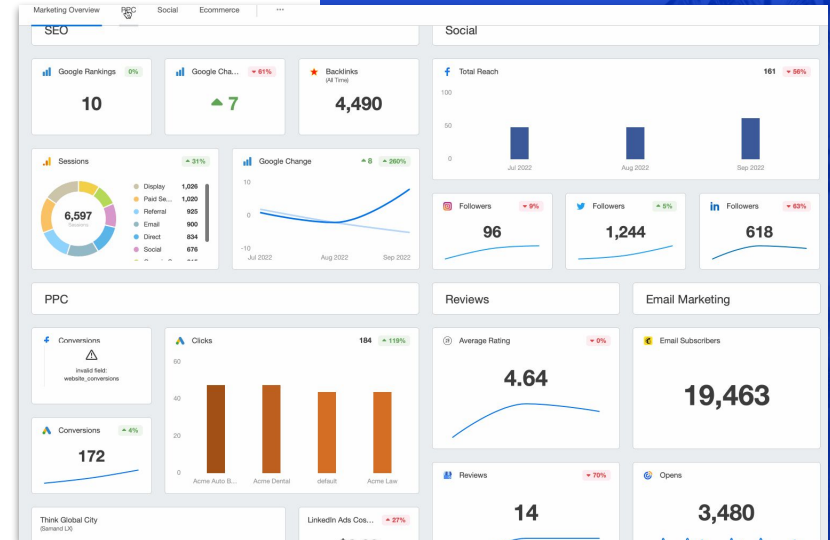
## Booking Funnel Analysis

Identify and address drop-off points in your online booking process.



## ROI Measurement

Calculate the return on investment for each marketing channel and campaign.



# KEY 10: SYNERGY - Aligning Your Team

*Unite your team around shared goals and a clear direct booking strategy*



## Unified Mindset

Foster a shared vision for direct bookings across all departments. Every team member counts!



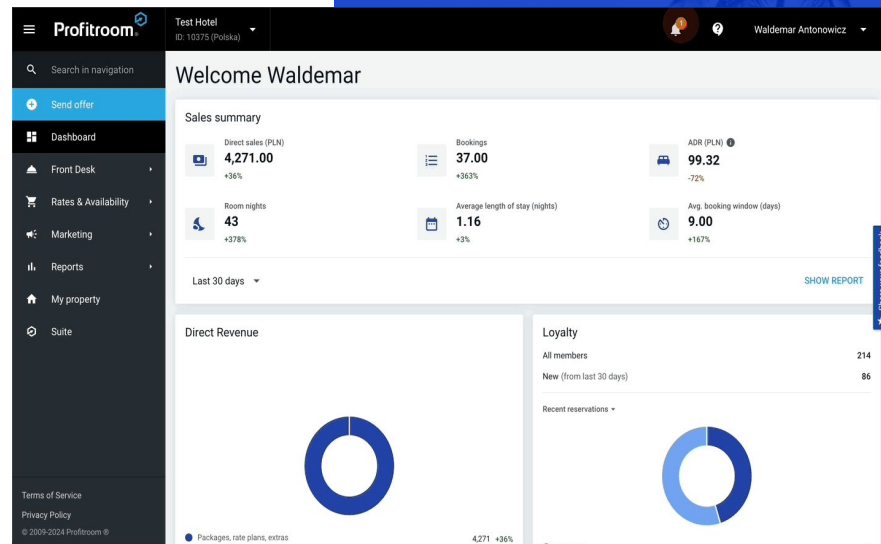
## Strategic Alignment

Ensure everyone understands the importance of direct bookings to the hotel's success.



## Equip the team with the right tools

Efficient operations and user-friendly tools to boost productivity





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