



In a new series covering multiple supplier types, **'Hotel Owner Ones To Watch'**, we start with technology. The companies highlighted in the following pages are 10 of the most innovative firms currently working to create efficiency and bottom-line benefit for UK hoteliers.



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High Level Software is the fastest-growing hotel software company in the UK and provides the complete hotel management solution. We are a young, dynamic company delivering first-class results in software and support for our customers.

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- Rewards System

Our development has been organic and is always driven by our customers. We listen to the problems hoteliers encounter and then provide the solution. It’s hoteliers, not software developers, that understand the challenges of the industry and therefore what a system should deliver.

Our customer base has increased as our system has matured. As new features and modules have been added, so we have been able to service more and more of the marketplace. This was a deliberate decision to ‘walk before we could run’.

High Level now provides EPOS connectivity, a real-time Reporting Suite, Aggregated Logins for groups and much more. Our system caters for many different types of property, from small independents to national chains. The system is very flexible, allowing hoteliers to use it in a way that best suits them and their needs.



The benefits of the system are relevant for any property – it increases revenue, increases online presence and saves time. As a company, we like to ‘partner’ our hotels and as such, offer the following:

- Free training for any new features or new members of staff
- Unlimited users – no ‘per-license’ fee
- Free upgrades forever – our customers ‘future-proof’ themselves
- Dedicated account management
- Unlimited channel connections and room mapping

Technology moves quickly and whilst we will keep our customers and our system ahead of the curve, we like to think we offer far more than just software.

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SKY BUSINESS - Hotel 3-in-1 Package

CASE STUDY: The Courthouse Hotel, London

With 116 spacious bedrooms and suites, a trendy cocktail bar, award-winning restaurants, a gorgeous spa, fitness centre and divine roof terrace, the Courthouse hotel is renowned for intuitive service and comprehensive facilities. For general manager Francisco Ventura, providing quality entertainment is essential. “Many of our guests focus on the facilities they need, rather than price when choosing where to stay. So for us, including Sky gives us a competitive advantage.”

Sky In-Room

“Replicating a home-from-home environment is important,” says Francisco, “and it was obvious to us that a large proportion of our guests will have Sky TV in their home. Therefore, they will expect these comforts from their stay with us”. Hoteliers can offer the ultimate mix of live sport, entertainment and news programming to encourage longer stays and repeat visits.

“Sky In-Room has been a revelation for our guests. If we took it away, I think there would be uproar!”

In the bar

The Courthouse’s trendy lounge features the original prison cell blocks as cosy VIP rooms. The draw of live sport has helped increase dwell-time and sales in the bar during big sporting events. “Screening live sport not only attracts guests down



to the bar, but we’ve also noticed an increase in visitors who will come in to enjoy the atmosphere,” says Francisco. “This has resulted in an uplift in food and beverage sales during key events.”

WiFi

“Since using The Cloud WiFi from Sky, we have seen an improvement in our guests’ user experience which has led to better guest retention. The Cloud’s simple one-time registration is a key benefit because it means our guests can instantly connect to the WiFi. Other providers don’t provide this feature and we’ve seen that it can significantly reduce issues for guests and it takes the pressure off our staff.”



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Undoubtedly, our USP is our pioneering AM:PM Hotel Database, which is updated daily and features powerful interactive mapping tools. It is available online through PC, tablet or smartphone, which makes it as practical to use for an analyst or asset manager in the office as it is for a development director or hotel valuer out on the road. The AM:PM Hotel Database covers the past, present and future of hotel supply in the UK & Ireland and contains details of over 25,000 branded and independent hotels with more than 1 million rooms.



"In a short space of time AM:PM has delivered on something which, until now, has eluded the UK hotel industry: a comprehensive and accurate on-line supply database which is kept diligently up to date. We find the rapid access to reliable supply data which AM:PM facilitates to be an invaluable business tool." **Jonathan Langston, Chief Operating Officer UK, CBRE Hotels**



Prefect Controls

Designing and manufacturing cleverly simple energy controls for heating, hot water and lighting, Prefect Controls Prefectrus is perfect for multi-occupancy accommodation. It's easily installed with little disruption as existing electrical wiring within a hotel is utilised and 'wet' or electrical heating systems can be controlled. The clever part is what makes Prefectrus unique - its mains borne signalling operation means it's the only cost-effective, centrally controlled, energy management system available.

Guest comfort is paramount, but saving energy costs is just

as important if you are the one paying the bill. With Prefectrus, heating can automatically be reduced when a room is unoccupied, it can detect when a window is opened and act accordingly - guest's room can be pre-heated, automatically from the check-in desk. The cleverness doesn't end there, by choosing when to heat water and buying energy when it is most cost effective to do so, even greater savings can be made. Put simply - Prefectrus is an integrated control and monitor of heating, lighting, ventilation and other key functions from anywhere in the world with internet connection. This central control means flexibility and ultimately extensive savings in energy costs, without compromising the reputation of a hotel with a warm welcome.

"We installed Prefectrus into our 70 room hotel. I was surprised by how easy and non-invasive the fitting was and within no time we were up and running. Prefect provided superb service and training and we are now fully in control of the savings we make. We anticipate a return on investment to be around three years." **Jitesh Patel, Best Western Buckingham Hotel**

Happy Booking

Happybooking helps small hotels, hostels and B&Bs increase their profit with automated processes and extensive market insight. Happybooking can offer their clients a personal online marketing specialist, a very easy to use hotel management system, website, online booking and much more.

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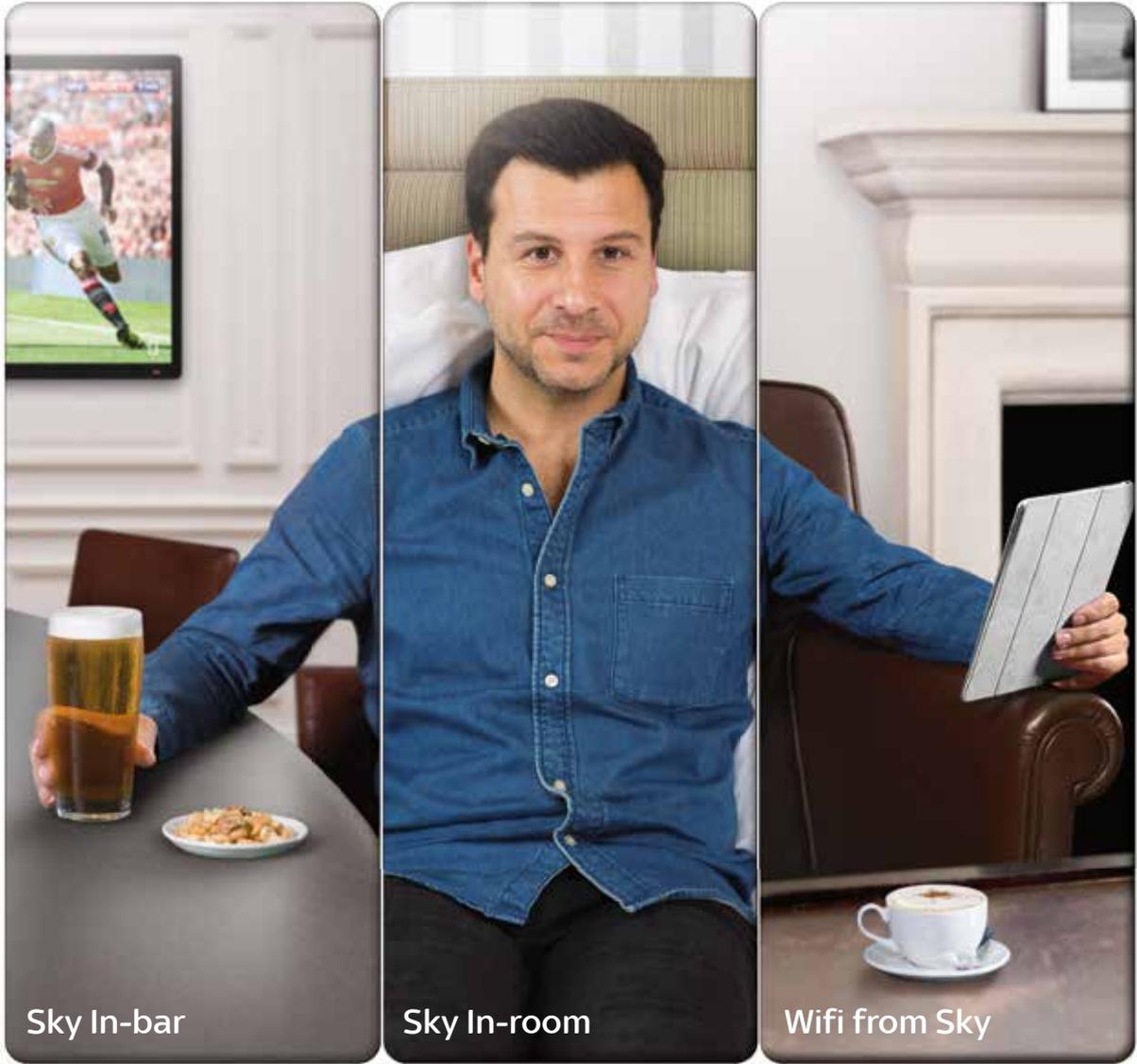
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2 Sky In-room

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JustPark

Non-room revenues are becoming increasingly important in the hotel industry. In the face of growing competition and financial instability, there is a pressing need for hoteliers to identify and optimise additional income streams. There are many ways in which hotels can boost ancillary revenue, but these strategies often overlook one of their most valuable assets - their car park.

JustPark is an online platform which allows businesses to rent out their empty parking spaces, on a long or short term basis. Hotels have made over £700,000 through the service so far, charging drivers £40 to £50 per day in high-demand locations - driving significant yield from a resource that is otherwise massively underused. With over a million users, JustPark allows hotels to reach a wider audience than any drive-up-and-pay



system. Drivers book and pay for their space online, with JustPark managing the whole process - removing the hassle and expense of dealing with cash.

One hotel in central London makes £60,000 per year through JustPark - and as it remains completely free to list your car park on the site, any earnings equate to pure profit added to your bottom line. JustPark's new dynamic pricing model recommends prices based on historic occupancy and search data, suggesting low rates to encourage drivers to park during off-peak and higher rates when spaces are in short supply.

When implemented at hotels, the model increased average daily revenues through JustPark by up to 100%. Over 275 hotels now list their parking spaces on JustPark, including the likes of Hilton, Marriott and Holiday Inn.



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- Rafi Bejerano, director at The Arch London

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- Digital marketing, search engine optimisation and advertising;
- Integration to complementary systems and components;



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About Avvio

Avvio is the premium eCommerce booking platform and digital agency for hotels, management groups and serviced apartments. Founded in 2003, Avvio has been an unrivalled leader year-on-year enabling hotels to achieve outstanding growth.

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STEP FOUR: RECEIVE

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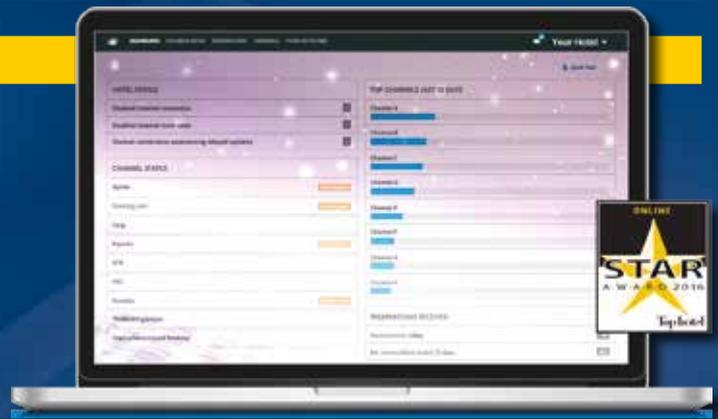
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Wi-Q

Wi-Q is the queue-busting solution that is set to revolutionise the hospitality and catering industries. Launched in 2015, the cloud-based service can be accessed via Wi-Fi or any mobile connection directly from any device, placing the menu (available in any language with options for dietary requirements), ordering and

payment capability in the customer's hands. Already earning great industry acclaim, Wi-Q recently won the Technology Innovation Award at Hotelympia 2016.

Historically, the forward thinkers in the hospitality industry have sought solutions from apps, but these can compromise on customer preferences. Consumers don't want to waste memory on storing multiple apps or the inconvenience of frequent updates and the need to log in.

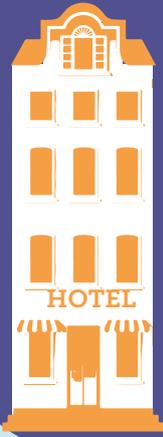
A cloud-based service, Wi-Q can be implemented with little or no capital expenditure and is available as a fully branded solution. Customers can browse the menu, place orders, add food and drink items or hotel services and pay from any mobile device or laptop with no need to register or log in. However, Wi-Q can still be integrated with any restaurant's app, website or EPOS as an opportunity to extend existing functionality.

Wi-Q is the only solution on the market to be able to offer complete integration to every venue, from point-of-sale to payment.



Are you responsible for the heating of a hotel?

Does your hotel have more than 50 rooms?



Yes

No

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No

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Would you like to **save energy?** & **reduce bills**

No

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Yes

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