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Introduction

Hospitality organisations operate in dynamic and competitive landscapes. Hospitality organisations use improved service quality and continuous innovation to gain competitive advantages. This study focuses on developing a comparative analysis between H World International and Lindner Hotels & Resorts. The overall service concepts of both organisations have been analysed, and recommendations related to new service ideas for both organisations have also been provided in this study.

Company background

H World International has been rebranded or acquired by multiple organisations. The initial name of this company was Steigenberger, but this brand name was sold in 2019 to an Egyptian company. In 2016, the new name of the organisation was Deutsche Hospitality, and the company started to focus on a multi-brand strategy from this time period (Int.hworld.com, 2025). In 2019, a Chinese investment group acquired this organisation for approximately 700 million euros (Int.hworld.com, 2024). From 2014, the official name of Deutsche Hospitality became H World International. The brand is headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.

Lindner Hotels started its journey in 1973, and Otto Lindner was the founder of this organisation. And by profession, he was an architect (Lindnerhotels.com, 2025). The hospitality organisation started to expand its territory within Germany and beyond, as the brand has its presence in Switzerland and other German cities. The brand portfolio of this company is huge as it includes boutique lifestyle hotels, luxury resorts and international destination options. Providing the highest possible quality and luxury experience to the customers is the primary focus of the business organisation.

Describing service concepts

H World International applies a multi-brand strategy which is completely focused on a full-service hospitality platform. The offerings of this business organisation span the luxury to mid-scale segments. The overall portfolio of this organisation includes multiple brands like Steigenberger Icons, IntercityHotel, Steigenberger Hotels & Resorts, Zleep, MAXX and so on. Steigenberger Icons are categorised as Heritage luxury hotels of the organisation, and Intercityhotel is categorised as business-oriented or mid-scale segment of the organisation (Int.hworld.com, 2023). Delivering services through the combination of traditional European hospitality aspects and modern Digital

innovation is the main source of competitive advantage. For instance, the brand has unified booking as well as loyalty initiatives through the integration of the *H Rewards* program. The brand has a proper focus on social responsibility and sustainability as it offers green meeting concepts to have a positive influence on environmental protection.

Lindner Hotels & Resorts is focused on offering neighbourhood-style hospitality services. Modern design, local authenticity and flexibility at the three main values of the organisation (Lindnerhotels.com, 2025). Lindner Hotels & Resorts is the core brand as it includes resort hotels, city services and business-oriented Hotel services. It also has me and all Hotels, which includes boutique style lifestyle hotels in the major City locations. The luxury and resort facilities of this organisation are included in the 7Pines Hotels & Resorts brand. It also offers upscale international destination options through L-Collection (Lindnerhotels.com, 2025). The business organisation highlights that it is strongly influenced by modern trends, and the service quality and Business models are strongly rooted in entrepreneurial tradition.

Comparing key features

Both Lindner Hotels & Resorts and H World International have a strong focus on sustainability. For instance, the highly advanced room management system of Lindner Hotels & Resorts has successfully reduced energy consumption by approximately 25% compared to the level of 2006 (Lindnerhotels.com, 2025). H World International demonstrates its strong focus on social responsibility through introducing eco-friendly event technology throughout multiple brands. Both organisations follow a multi-brand portfolio. For instance, both organisations have approximately 6-7 sub-brands and both organisations cover luxury segments, mid-range segments, boutique hotels, business-oriented hotels and others. Offering the highest quality customer comfort is the focus of both organisations. Both organisations are focused on offering digital experience to their target audience. For instance, Lindner has Hotelbird technology and this technology is effective for offering automatic checking and check out facilities to the case through self-service terminal or mobile application. They can use this platform to pay through digital platforms and they can open doors through their smartphone (Hotelbird.com, 2025). H World International has strong investment in modern systems and event technology. The organisation offers hybrid and digital meeting formats to the guests.

On the other hand, H World International has proper focus on loyalty programs as the company has a unified global loyalty platform. However, Lindner has no centralised loyalty platform to

ensure repeat purchasing from the target audience. The ownership and growth strategy is completely different for both organisations. H World International is a part of a corporate investment group and it uses a mix of franchise model, lease management and rapid market expansion. However, Lindner is a family-owned business and it has a more flexible and entrepreneurial structure.

Recommending new service idea

Both organisations can introduce a smart personal well-being initiative for customers. It will be a digital app and the AI system of the application will create a completely customised staying option for customers according to their sleeping preference, dietary preferences, travel stress level, desert activities and sustainability preferences. Guests will need to complete a survey before arrival and the system will offer a highly personalized itinerary based on their expectations. Offering customised service quality is one of the main features for hospitality organisations to remain competitive. The application will also highlight live recommendations related to outdoor weather, meditation sessions and air quality. Guests will get a complete well-being report or loyalty report after leaving the hospitality organisations. It will be developed according to their capability to maintain healthy routines.

Conclusion

This study highlights that both H World International and Lindner Hotels have strong market share in Germany. Both organisations have multiple brands to meet expectations of different customer segments. How were both companies needed to provide more focus on offering customised service quality or features to the target audience. Continuous innovation can offer long term success to both brands.

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