#### PANEL 7B

# Innovation in Finance, Ownership & Operation: ENHANCING THE BOTTOM LINE



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### Agenda

Fed & Interest Rates

Marriot and Starwood Deal

Soft Brands

Serviced Apartments & Mixed Use

Loyalty Programs

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# Fed set to keep rates unchanged, may nod to ebbing risks

"The U.S. Federal Reserve is expected to keep interest rates unchanged...

"The Fed has held its overnight lending rate for banks at a target range of between 0.25 and 0.50 percent since it lifted the benchmark interest rate for the first time in a decade from near zero last December."

(Reuters)

Are investors skiddish about Marriott/Starwood mashup?

"After the deal is done, ownership of the combined company will be split roughly 60-40 between Marriott shareholders and Starwood shareholders, respectively."

(Fortune)



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## Is bigger always better?





#### Are Mega Hotel Brands Good for **Hotel Owners?**

#### Background

The mid-November merger of Marriott international and Starwood tributes & Resurts Worldwide shook he havis indicating and an extra the second of the second second of the second second of the second second

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## Financing Soft Brands

#### LIFE-STYLE BRANDS: [lahyf-stahyl] [brands] N.

Prescribed franchised products that are adapted to reflect current trends.

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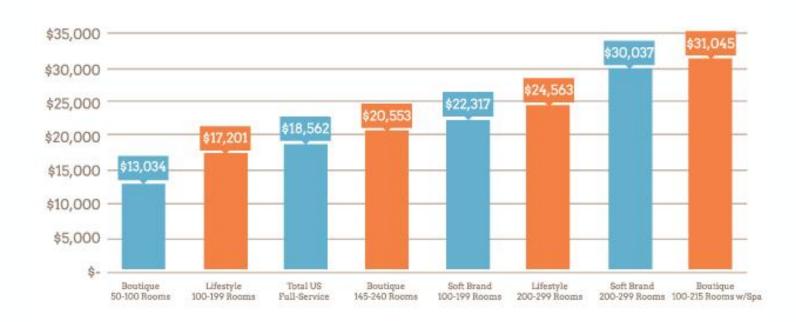
Unique in style, design-centric, either independent or affiliated with smaller brand systems.

#### SOFT BRANDS: [sawft] [brands] N.

Individualized hotels that give owners and operators the opportunity to affiliate with a major chain distribution while retaining their unique design, name and orientation.

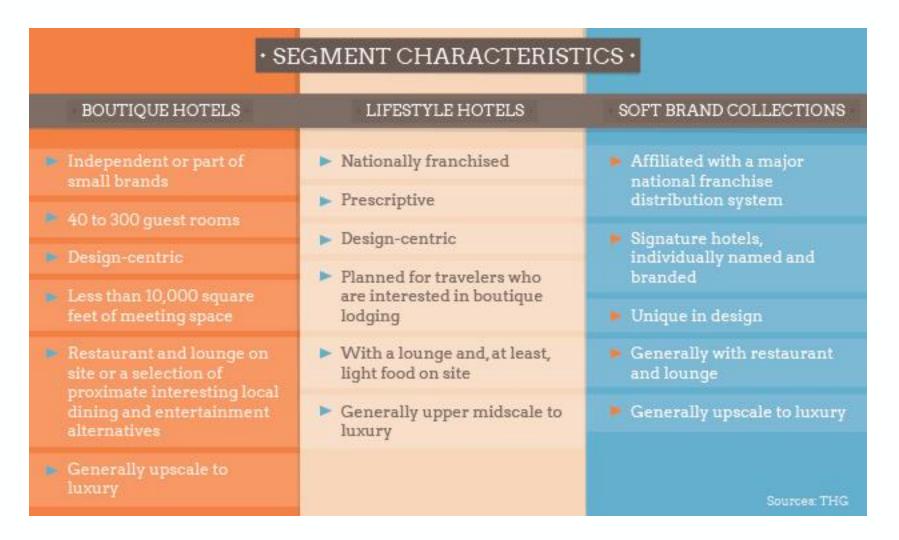
## Financing Soft Brands

#### HOTELS: NET OPERATING INCOME PER AVAILABLE ROOM



Sources: STR and THG

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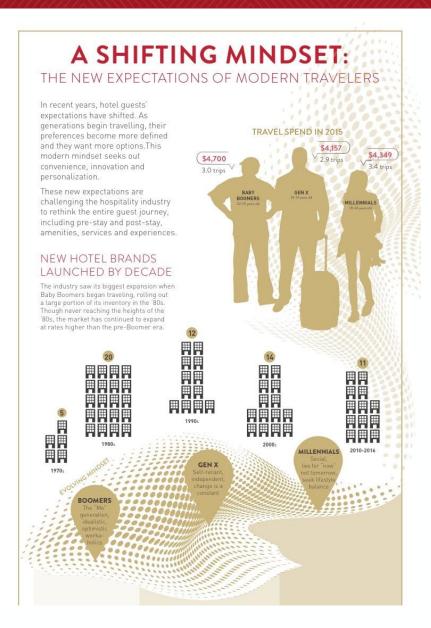


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## INNOVATION IN FINANCE, OWNERSHIP & OPERATION: ENHANCING THE BOTTOM LINE



#### AS THE MINDSET CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, SO DOES THE GUEST EXPERIENCE - Travel agents GDS Proprietary booking engines, Mobile booking - Travel agent provides Tailored CRM program, - Generic welcome/ thank you - AAA and Fodor's travel guides ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN No front desk - Large front desks and room keys LOBBY Minimal décor High-energy décor - Generic coffee machines in lobby Lounge vibe - Concierge Business center with computers - Fover with flowers Free flowing, open spaces with and printers Wi-Fi throughout ROOM/REST - Dark comforters, TVs hidden Work stations with ergonomic Smart TVs, USB ports, no desks, chair + desk, paid Internet, in large armoires. flat screen TVs poor-quality toiletries **FITNESS** - Small workout rooms - Large-scale gyms F&B Grab and go options - Room service considered luxury LOYALTY PROGRAMS - Loyalty programs become - First hotel loyalty program ubiquitous with memberships

outnumbering the world population

TripAdvisor and online review sites

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

launces in 1983

**GUEST REVIEWS** 

 Guest surveys, word of mouth between social

groups, family and friends

Obstacle-adverse and tech-friendly, today's guests expect seamless stays from booking to checkout. Brands, both new and established, continue to evolve to meet shifting mindsets and consumer preferences.

## Serviced Apartments

In recent years, the serviced apartment subsector of the hospitality industry has grown faster than any other class of temporary accommodation



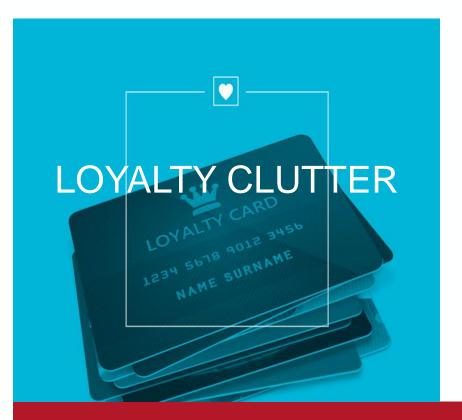
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## Is shared ownership the new mixed use and is it a long term feasible model?

In the business of vacation ownership or shared ownership, the term "mixed use property" means a resort that is part timeshare condos or timeshare units and part hotel. While once this was a rarity in vacation ownership timeshare resorts, for many developers, especially the branded hospitality providers, this has become a more typical way to develop a property. But mixed use properties can go far beyond the idea of hotel and timeshare resort combination.



### What's Next in Loyalty Programs





3 Billion loyalty members in US 319 Million in US = 29 loyalty programs per HH