

# 2023 Maldives Hotel Industry Survey of Operations

2022 Calendar Year



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## Foreword by Horwath HTL Asia Pacific









Horwath HTL is pleased to present the 2023 Maldives Hotel Industry Survey (Calendar Year 2022). This year's study attracted a total of 24 participating hotels, which accounted for 2,355 keys. We are excited to continue growing the reach of this study. Tourist arrivals to the Maldives in 2022 achieved a 26.7 percent YoY increase to 1.68 million, representing 98 percent of the historical peak of 1.7 million in 2019. It is worth noting that Chinese tourists, who accounted for 16.7 percent of 2019 arrivals, remained nearly absent in 2022. Among survey participants, occupancy remained the same as in 2021 at 55 percent, with ADR soaring by 21 percent YoY from USD 732 to USD 883 in 2022.













Horwath HTL maintains cautious optimism on the future potential of the Maldives and its trajectory of recovery. The resumption of China's outbound travel in 2023 should boost tourism, while the resorts continue to face challenges due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and uncertain global economic landscape. Lastly, I would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation to all survey participants for your longstanding support of this publication. We are grateful for any feedback or comments you may have to offer that will assist us in continuing to improve the utility of this survey.

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## Explanation of Terms & Bases Used

Item	Description
<b>Rooms Revenue</b>	Revenues obtained from guests' accommodation rented on a part-day, full-day or longer period basis.
<b>Food Revenue</b>	Revenue derived from the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages in restaurants, in-room dining, mini bar, banquets and/or catering.
<b>Beverage Revenue</b>	Revenue derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
<b>Other Operated Departments Revenue</b>	Revenues generated from laundry, health centre, swimming pool, valet and other operated department revenues not mentioned.
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	Revenues related to a third party or revenues that do not incur any direct operating expenses, including foreign currency transaction gains (losses), income from rental of stores and showcases, commissions, cancelation penalties, cash discounted earned, etc.
<b>Cost of Food Sales</b>	Includes cost of food and non-alcoholic beverages served to guests, together with transportation and delivery charges, at gross invoices price less trade discounts. The cost of employees' meals is charged to the appropriate department and does not constitute a part of the cost of food sold.
<b>Cost of Beverage Sales</b>	Represents the cost of alcoholic beverages served to guests or used in the preparation of mixed drinks, at gross invoice price less trade discounts, plus import duties, transportation and delivery charges. The cost of employees' beverages is charged to the appropriate department and does not constitute a part of the cost of beverage sold.
<b>Cost of Other Operated Departments Sales</b>	Represents the cost from laundry, health centre, swimming pool, valet and other operated department revenues not mentioned.
<b>Payroll &amp; Related Expenses</b>	Comprises of expenses associated with salaries, wages and bonuses and payroll-related expenses for employees. Also included are the employee benefits such as social insurances, medical allowance, vacation and holiday pay, goods and services to employees free of charge or at markedly reduced price, employee' meals.
<b>Rooms Other Expenses</b>	Represents non-payroll expenses for the room department, including the expenses of cable/satellite, television, cleaning supplies, commissions, complementary services and gifts, guest supplies, linen, printing and stationery, royalty fees, equipment rentals, corporate office reimbursable, etc.
<b>Food and Beverage Other Expenses</b>	Represents non-payroll expenses for food and beverage department, including china and glassware, cleaning supplies, decorations, guest supplies, laundry, linen, music and entertainment, menus and beverage lists, silver and uniforms.
<b>Other Operated Departments Other Expenses</b>	Represents non-payroll expenses for all other operated departments, including laundry supplies, health centre and swimming pool supplies, etc.
<b>Undistributed Expenses</b>	This classification is used for (1) administrative and general expenses, (2) sales and marketing expenses, (3) information and telecommunications systems expenses, (4) utilities costs, and (5) property operation and maintenance expenses. Each of these can be considered as an individual entity. The

	<p>explanations of each category expense are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Administrative and general expenses</b> include cash overages or shortages, commissions on credit cards, collection charges, executive office expenses, general insurance, postal charges, legal expenses, trade association dues, travelling expenses, accounts and consultants' fees.</li> <li>• <b>Sales and marketing expenses</b> include advertising, sales, promotion, merchandising, public relations and research, plus applicable travel and entertainment expenses and supplies.</li> <li>• <b>Information and telecommunications systems</b> expenses include cost of phone calls, internet services, software licenses and maintenance, software as a service fee, hosting storage fees and technical support fees.</li> <li>• <b>Utilities expenses</b> which include the cost of electrical power, fuel, steam and water.</li> <li>• <b>Property operation and maintenance expenses</b> include the cost of repairing buildings, electrical and mechanical equipment and fixtures, floor coverings, furniture, grounds and landscaping plus the cost of electric bulbs, mechanical supplies and removal of waste matter.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Three levels of profit in this study</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First level is the Departmental Profit/Loss.</li> <li>• Second level is the Gross Operating Profit (sum of department profits less undistributed operating expenses).</li> <li>• Third level is the Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (Gross Operating Profit less management fees and non-operating income and expenses).</li> </ul>



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