

Hotels can now manage Expedia bookings through Amadeus Property Management System

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Amadeus Property Management System (PMS) now connects to ExpediaQuickConnect which allows hotels to sell inventory on Expedia direct from the PMS and save time: bookings from Expedia are automatically transferred into Amadeus PMS

Amadeus, a global leader in technology and distribution solutions for the travel and tourism industry, today announced a new direct connection between the Amadeus PMS and Expedia. The initiative is part of Amadeus' ongoing commitment to open up new sales channels to the hotel industry. Nearly 32.5 million potential guests visit Expedia sites every month and in 2007 Expedia sold travel products and services worth more than \$17 billion. The solution allows hotels to sell their rooms on Expedia direct from their Amadeus PMS.

Amadeus PMS now provides hotels with a single point from which they can manage their rates, availability and inventory on Expedia. This allows them to easily adjust room availability and pricing according to demand, and enables the use of dynamic pricing to optimize rate management and occupancy levels. 6,700 hotels in 75 countries currently use the Amadeus PMS.

Richard Kürzl, head of PMS division, Amadeus Hospitality Business Group said: 'We are seeing property management systems converging with distribution, and distribution channels proliferating. In this environment, it makes sense for independent hotels and smaller chains to manage their distribution directly from the PMS. This solution gives them that facility and opens up one of the largest distribution channels for them.'

About Amadeus

Amadeus is the chosen technology partner for providers, sellers, and buyers of travel. The company provides distribution, IT and point-of-sale solutions to help its customers adapt, grow and succeed in the fast changing travel industry. Customer groups include travel providers (airlines, hotels, car rental companies, railway companies, ferry lines, cruise lines, insurance companies and tour operators), travel sellers (travel agencies) and travel buyers (corporations and travelers). Solutions are grouped in four solution categories - Distribution & Content, Sales & e-Commerce, Business Management and Services & Consulting.

Amadeus has central sites in Madrid (corporate headquarters & marketing), Nice (development) and Erding (Operations - data processing centre) and regional offices in Miami, Buenos Aires and Bangkok. Amadeus maintains customer operations in 76 countries covering more than 215 markets. Amadeus employs over 7,800 employees worldwide, representing 95 nationalities.

More information about Amadeus is available at: www.amadeus.com

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