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This sample sub-unit report is based on the results of a single department in comparison to the organization total. Sub-unit reports can contain all the questions in the survey or just a relevant sample.

These reports are especially useful when line managers are responsible for action planning.

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## Action Planning Tips: Interpreting and Using Your Employee Survey Results

The guidelines for survey analysis are designed to help you and your hotel utilize your employee survey findings to build on your hotel's specific strengths and to assist you in identifying and addressing your areas for improvement. We have created a four-stage process of (1) Understanding, (2) Interpreting, (3) Planning and (4) Taking Action to help you get the most value from your employee survey

#### Stage 1 - Understanding

As a first step, carefully review this report to get an overall understanding of your survey results and their meaning. The goal of this step is to get a balanced and complete view of what your employees are telling you. This is the "Just the facts" stage of the process. Tips for gaining a good understanding of your results include:

Read through the report with an open mind. Try to avoid over-reacting to the results - whether they are positive or negative - or leaping immediately to conclusions or solutions.

Pay close attention to each of the following as you review the report:

"Big picture" measurements such as your level of overall job satisfaction, where your employees fall in the Loyalty Matrix and your hotel's performance on the Engagement Index - these are broad measures of your workplace environment. Note that, on the Engagement Index, the average of all hotels in the USA is 70 so see where you stand on this important score. If you fall below 70, you should look for opportunities focused on the engagement related questions and the actions you as leaders should consider moving forward.

On the 5-point scale questions - look at the overall distribution of responses, the top 2 score for each and how your organization compares to the Survey total. These scaled questions provide the specific details that produce the "big picture" scores.

Particular measures to examine include your Work Profile scores, including job definition and workload, where your hotel stands on the Satisfaction Profile and Communications.

Read the open-end (write-in) comments, which are distributed throughout your report. Try to get a sense of the themes and issues that employees mention and see how these comments relate to the numerical results. It is important, though, to avoid obsessing over any comments that are hyper-critical, factually inaccurate, mean-spirited or unfair. When reading the comments, remember that some employees' perceptions and attitudes can be quite different from that of other employees but this difference doesn't make those comments less valid or meaningful. The key is to use the comments as "colour commentary" to help you understand the numeric results and to pay close attention to the issues or concerns that keep coming up.

#### Step 2 - Interpreting

Once you have a solid general understanding of your results, you need to identify the key issues that will guide your action planning. This is the "What does it mean?" stage of the process. Tips for interpreting your findings include:

Categorize the findings. A useful way to organize the findings is to identify:

Strengths - your organization's top scores overall and top comparative scores against the benchmarks

Areas for improvement - your organization's lowest scores and lowest comparative scores against the benchmarks

Find recurring themes. Look for patterns in the strengths, areas for improvement and open-ended comments. If there are high scores/praise surrounding a topic, it is probably a key strength and a foundation on which your hotel can build. In contrast, if an issue/problem comes up again and again in a negative light, it is probably something that needs to be addressed.

When interpreting your survey findings, also keep in mind what other factors may be impacting your results. These can include both internal factors such as recent leadership changes or one-off situations in your hotel (like a negotiation year) and external influences such as your local economic conditions or recent events in your area.

#### Step 3 - Planning

Once you have identified your hotel's strengths and areas for improvement you need to plan how you are going to respond to this information. This is the "What are we going to do about it?" stage of the process. Tips for successful planning include:

Prioritize which of the areas for improvement you plan to target. It is generally best to choose a few key things to fix (3-4 items) rather than trying to tackle too many issues at once.

Decide on the process. Will the items on the improvement list be handled from the GM level or through task forces/committees or some combination of these? It is important to match the approach you take to both the culture of your hotel and the type of change that needs to be made.

Set goals for each change that you intend to make. Setting appropriate goals maximizes the chance of success and enables you to determine if progress is being made. A good general goal-setting framework is the **SMART** acronym, in which each goal is:

Specific Measurable Attainable Relevant Time Bound

#### Step 4 - Taking Action

Once your priorities have been set and your plans for improvement are in place, you are ready to take action. This is the "Getting results" stage of the process. Tips for successfully carrying out your change initiatives include:

Communicate with your employees on a regular basis to let people know what is going on. This can include sharing the results of the survey, alerting employees to planned changes and soliciting input/feedback from them when needed. Move the change initiatives forward. This usually means that the individuals and committees tasked with making changes have meetings/deadlines to help things from bogging down and allow any needed course corrections as the changes are implemented.

Monitor progress. The "M" and "T" parts of the SMART goals are critical here. Be sure you have decided how you are going to measure progress toward each goal, when the measurements will occur and when you expect the overall goal (and any sub-goals along the way) to be achieved. Keep in mind that you should also monitor measures outside of your survey scores for evidence of improvement. These can include your hotel's overall occupancy, your guest satisfaction scores (GSS) and your employee turnover rate.

Celebrate success. Both when sharing the initial survey results and when reporting on change initiatives, do not focus solely on problems and challenges. Also highlight the strengths, progress and improvements that your hotel has achieved, even if there is still further work to be done.

### JOB SATISFACTION AND LOYALTY

5. Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with your job at this time?

 Your
 Hotel
 US
 US

 Group
 Total
 Hotels
 Employees

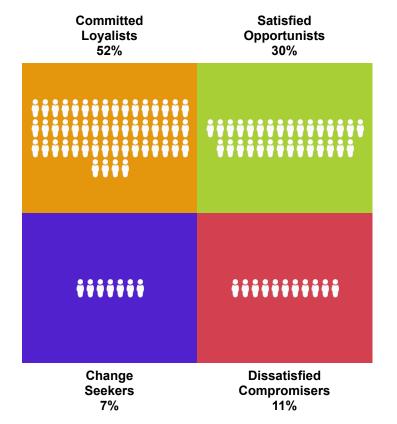
 2018
 68%
 67%
 56%

Percentages above represent top 2 box scores which are "Extremely satisfied" and "Very satisfied" combined

■ Extremely satisfied ■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Not very satisfied ■ Not at all satisfied

15%

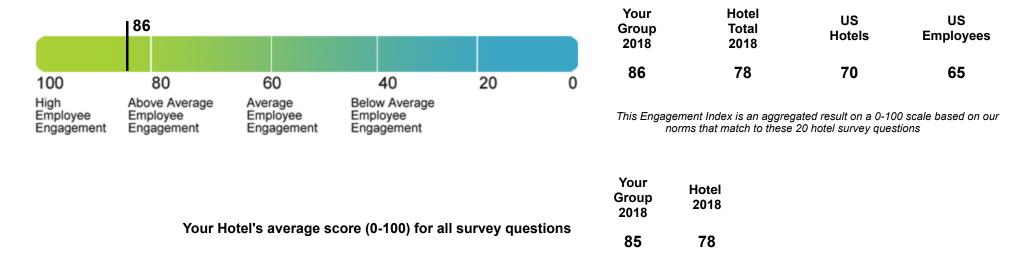
52%



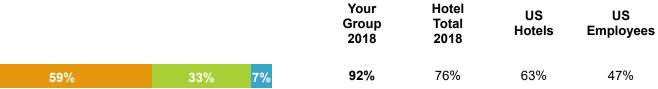
	Your Group 2018	Hotel Total 2018	US Hotels	US Employees
Committed Loyalists Extremely/Very satisfied and plan to stay more than 2 years	52%	54%	56%	50%
Satisfied Opportunists Extremely/Very satisfied and plan to stay less than 2 years	30%	15%	10%	7%
Change Seekers Somewhat/Not very/Not at all satisfied and plan to stay less than 2 years	7%	15%	19%	15%
Dissatisfied Compromisers Somewhat/Not very/Not at all satisfied and plan to stay more than 2 years	11%	16%	15%	28%

### **ENGAGEMENT & PROGRESS**

#### U.S. HOTEL ENGAGEMENT BENCHMARK = 70

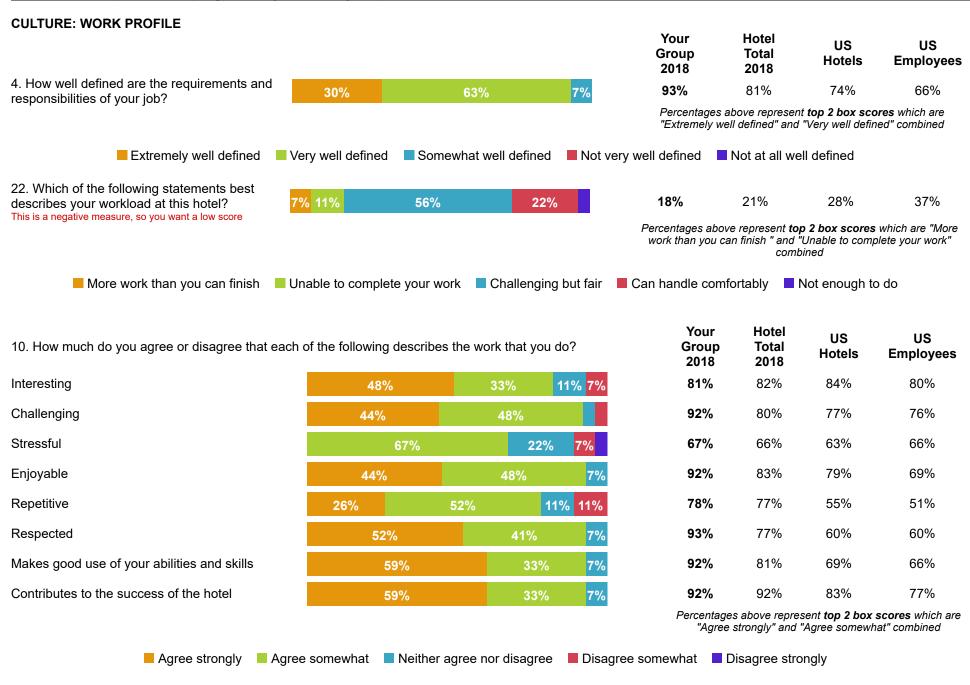


26. How much do you agree or disagree that, in the past 12 months, your experience of working at this hotel has improved and that the hotel is moving in a positive direction overall?



Percentages above represent **top 2 box scores** which are "Agree strongly" and "Agree somewhat" combined

■ Agree strongly ■ Agree somewhat ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree somewhat ■ Disagree strongly



## **CULTURE: SATISFACTION PROFILE**

Your Hotel								
8. How extigined are you with each of the following appears of your job?							US Employees	
Senior management (GM/Executive Committee members)	41%	44%	11%	85%	73%	50%	38%	
Your immediate supervisor - this is the person who supervises your work on a daily basis	48%	44	% <mark>7%</mark>	92%	75%	60%	53%	
The overall work environment/culture at this hotel	52%	33%	15%	85%	69%	61%	46%	
Your physical working conditions	33%	41%	26%	74%	69%	64%	58%	
Your opportunities for advancement	27%	50%	19%	77%	54%	44%	36%	
The amount of ongoing training and development you receive	33%	44%	19%	77%	59%	46%	39%	
The level of reward and recognition at this hotel	33%	33%	<b>22% 7%</b>	66%	55%	38%	32%	
This hotel's IT services and support	19%	50%	19% 8%	69%	52%	N/A	N/A	
This hotel's commitment to the local community	35%	46%	19%	81%	66%	N/A	N/A	
The tools/equipment/resources available to you	41%	44%	<mark>7%</mark>	85%	62%	48%	43%	
Your opportunity to make suggestions and be involved in your work	48%	37%	11%	85%	67%	62%	50%	
This hotel's attention to safety	56%	26%	15%	82%	73%	61%	64%	
The division of work within your department/hotel	48%	37%	15%	85%	66%	51%	45%	
This hotel's commitment to customer/client service	63%	%	33%	96%	81%	71%	57%	
Your work schedule	44%	44%	7%	88%	72%	71%	61%	
The people you work with/your co-workers	67	%	26% <mark>7%</mark>	93%	77%	73%	64%	
Your opportunity to learn new skills and grow	37%	44%	11%	81%	65%	51%	48%	
This hotel's commitment to environmental/green practices	48%	37%	15%	85%	63%	N/A	N/A	
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## **CULTURE: LEADERSHIP EVALUATION**

16. In your judgment, how good a job is SENIOR MANAGEMENT (GM/Executive Committee members) doing in each of the following aspects of this hotel?

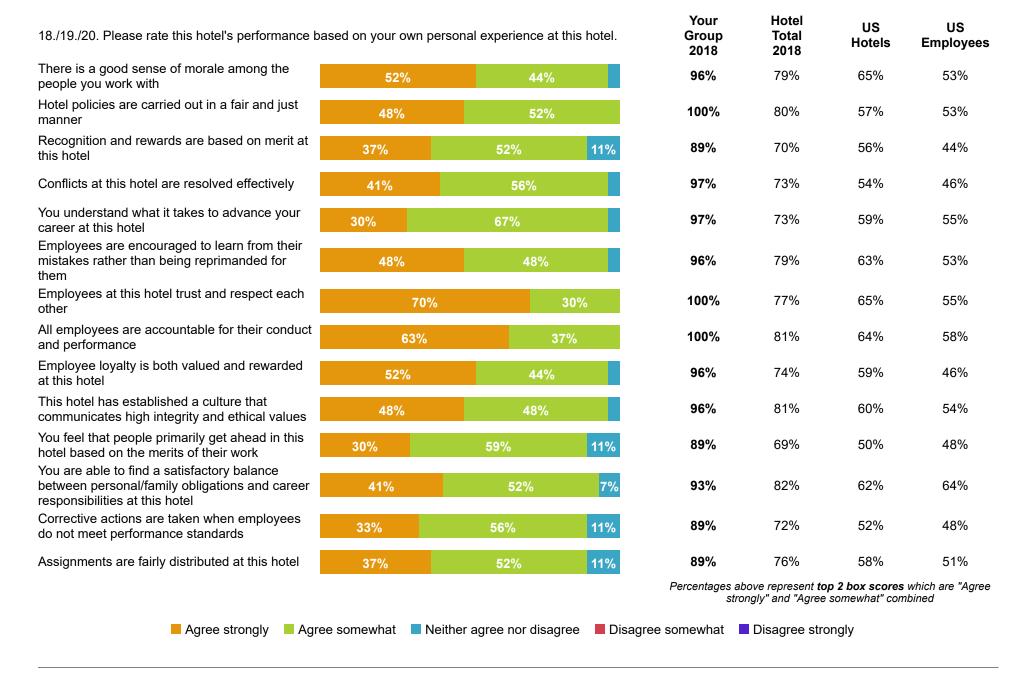
	Your Group 2018	Hotel Total 2018	US Hotels	US Employees
Managing the hotel for profitability and growth	89%	76%	47%	39%
Conducting business in an open and honest manner	85%	73%	49%	38%
Treating employees with respect and dignity	85%	71%	44%	38%
Promoting strong customer/client relations	89%	75%	58%	43%
Encouraging opportunities for career growth among employees	74%	59%	41%	30%
Having a clear vision of the hotel's future	85%	68%	50%	39%
Supporting the necessary investment in renovations and/or product development	82%	63%	45%	36%
Being accessible to employees	85%	67%	48%	30%
Understanding the need for employees to balance their personal/family responsibilities with their work	78%	66%	37%	33%
Clearly recognizing excellent performance by employees	81%	61%	39%	28%
Caring about what is on employees' minds	77%	58%	34%	24%
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17. Please rate how good a job your IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR is doing in each of the following areas:

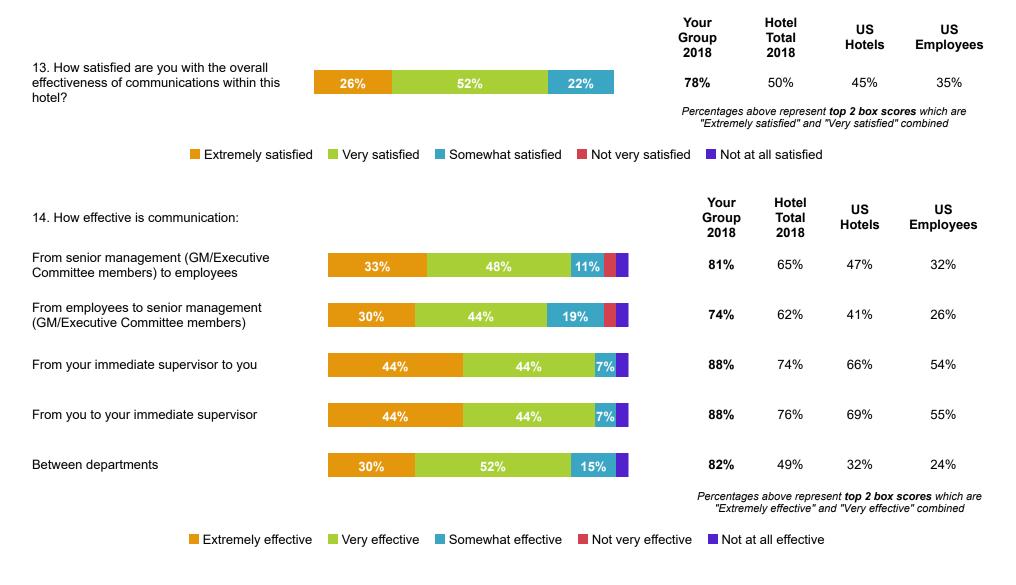
	Your Group 2018	Hotel Total 2018	US Hotels	US Employees
Treating employees with respect and dignity	86%	73%	52%	46%
Developing a cohesive team environment	85%	68%	49%	40%
Encouraging opportunities for career growth among employees	85%	61%	44%	38%
Implementing programs and processes to achieve continuous improvement	85%	61%	44%	38%
Conducting business in an open and honest manner	85%	70%	55%	43%
Promoting strong customer/client relations	89%	73%	57%	46%
Being accessible to employees	85%	74%	57%	48%
Understanding the need for employees to balance their personal/family responsibilities with their work	85%	73%	51%	45%
Resolving employee problems, complaints and grievances	78%	66%	47%	39%
Clearly recognizing excellent performance by employees	77%	65%	49%	39%
Providing clear direction, coaching and feedback	85%	65%	46%	39%
Assigning work fairly	77%	65%	48%	40%

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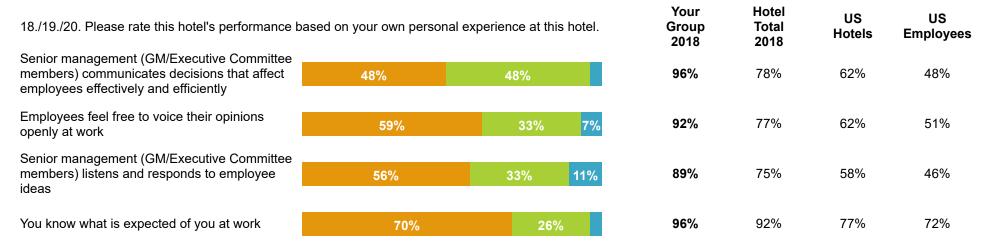
#### **CULTURE EVALUATOR**



#### **COMMUNICATIONS**



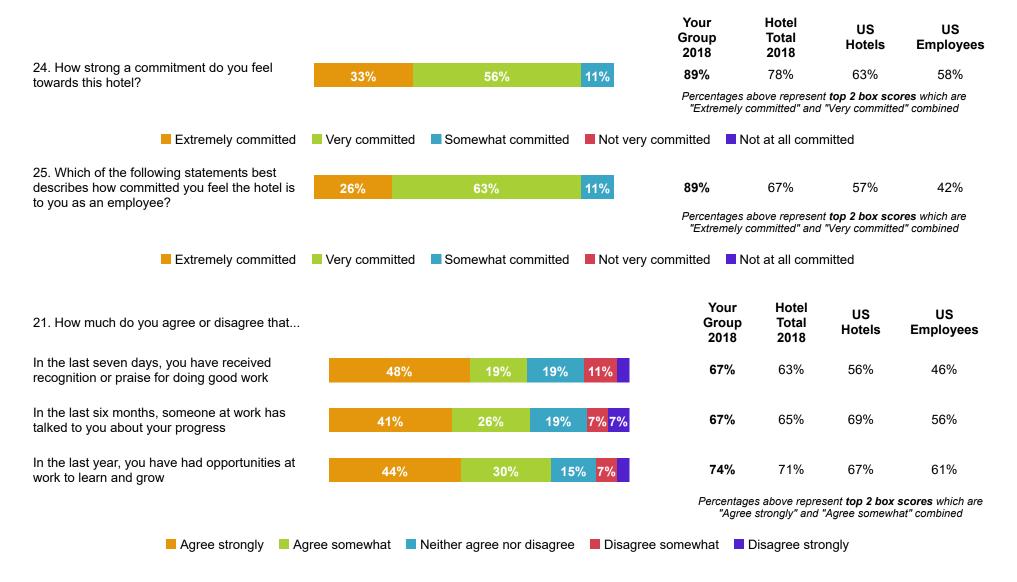
#### **COMMUNICATIONS EVALUATOR**



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#### COMMITMENT



## **COMMITMENT EVALUATOR**

18./19./20. Please rate this hotel's performance b	Your Group 2018	Hotel Total 2018	US Hotels	US Employees			
You are given the chance to learn new skills at this hotel	44%	48%		92%	75%	63%	60%
You feel secure in your position at this hotel	52%	44%		96%	86%	68%	62%
You have the materials and equipment you need to do your work right	44%	44%	11%	88%	82%	72%	66%
You have adequate authority to carry out your work	33%	63%		96%	87%	81%	71%
You feel proud to work at this hotel	78	%	22%	100%	86%	67%	59%
At this hotel, you feel motivated to do your work well	41%	48%	<mark>7%</mark>	89%	85%	58%	60%
You believe that your career goals are being satisfied at this hotel	37%	48%	15%	85%	70%	58%	55%

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#### **COMPENSATION**

