

Content From Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group Travels a More Cost-Efficient Path to Travelport's GDS Platforms Via XML Supplier Link Technology

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Travelport, the business services provider to the global travel industry, today announces the completion of an advanced interface between Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group's central reservations system, Curtis-C and Travelport's global distribution systems (GDS). By implementing Travelport Hotel XML Supplier Link technology, Carlson Rezidor now transmits its content directly to Travelport's Worldspan™, Galileo™ and Apollo™ GDS platforms, eliminating the costs, inefficiencies and data restrictions of routing content via a third party. The new interface also eliminates dependencies on other third parties to bring new Travelport functionality from Carlson to travel agents. This improved delivery connection provides rates, inventory and content directly to travel agencies in over 170 countries.

The proven technology reduces hotel distribution costs by supporting a single connection to all three of Travelport's GDSs. Travelport-connected travel agencies benefit from significant improvements in response times, a more efficient purchasing experience and added functionality.

The new link gives Travelport subscribers instant access to the global hospitality leader's real-time rates, availability, and rules, as well as Travelport Complete Pricing functionality, enriching the data available for Carlson Rezidor's 1,000+ hotel properties worldwide. Travelport Complete Pricing functionality enhances the agent shopping experience and boosts traveler satisfaction by avoiding pricing discrepancies for travelers at hotel check-in. The technology provides the total price for a hotel stay, including rates, taxes, surcharges and fees prior to booking.

"Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group is committed to deploying technologies such as Travelport's Hotel XML Supplier Link, which deliver substantial benefits to our organization and properties, as well as our travel agency partners and end-consumers," said Frederic Deschamps, Senior Vice President Revenue Optimization and Distribution, Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group. "Seamless integration provides streamlined booking capabilities. We are extremely pleased with the performance and reliability of the technology."

"Travelport welcomes Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group as the newest user of our Hotel XML Supplier Link technology," said Niklas Andréen, Travelport Group Vice President, Global Hospitality and Partner

Marketing. “The technology is more efficient and cost-effective in reducing hotel distribution costs, requiring only a single connection to each of our GDS platforms.”

Advanced and flexible GDS interfaces are the way of the future

Travelport is an industry leader in driving open systems platform technologies for the GDS industry, having developed flexible interface solutions for travel providers to seamlessly connect to the GDS for fast, efficient and cost-effective content distribution to travel buyers and sellers worldwide. The Travelport Hotel XML Supplier Link technology is among a growing portfolio of application programming interface (API) solutions. The portfolio also includes the Travelport Universal API™, Galileo Web Services and Worldspan XML Pro – all advanced messaging solutions allowing travel companies to create GDS interfaces for their unique travel applications.