

Property/Distribution Solution Workgroup

Charter & Objectives

This workgroup is achieving integration of the key systems that manage distribution for hotels, including property management systems, revenue management systems, and central reservations systems, which act as the repository for the inventory status of external distribution channels (GDS, Internet, and other), and intermediaries (switches, caches, representation companies, and the like). The workgroup utilizes specifications developed by the OpenTravel™ Alliance.

Business Benefits

- By developing once, vendors can achieve basic connectivity to a large number of systems in a reduced timeframe.
- Eliminates manual entry of reservations and rates into the PMS.
- Enables hotels to automatically push yield controls into distribution channels in real time, without the need for custom interfaces
- When rebranding forces adoption of a new PMS or CRS, full channel connectivity can be quickly restored.
- Provides facilities to eliminate data duplication and redundant entry of data.

Past & Planned Deliverables

- HTNG Property/Distribution Solution specification 2.0 (the basis of the 2008A certification product specification) includes BAR profile, STATS profile, Error Handling, Reservation delivery (including Shared Reservations), Group Booking Messages, rate updates, and availability updates.
- Development of Pull Messages, common WSDL format and Real Time Availability message, are targeted for future releases (2008B and 2009A).

Participants

Agilysys
 AltiusPar
 Amadeus Hospitality
 BearingPoint
 Cenium AS
 Computer Sciences Corporation
 CTF Hotels
 Easy (Ez) Revenue Management Solutions
 Fairmont Raffles Hotels International
 Global Hyatt Corp.
 Golden Tulip Hospitality Group*
 IDeaS
 InterContinental Hotels Group
 Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group
 Mascon Global Limited*
 Maxim Revenue Management Solutions
 MICROS Systems
 Multi-Systems, Inc.
 Newmarket International*
 OpenTravel™ Alliance
 PAR Springer-Miller Systems
 Passkey*
 Pegasus Solutions
 Rainmaker Consulting*
 SoftBrands
 SynXis
 TravelCLICK
 Trust International

*Not a voting member of the workgroup, but participates on the workgroup's Message Definition Team.

Certification

The HTNG Property/Distribution Solution 2008A specification was released for vendor certification in June 2008. The following products were certified to the 2007A version as of June 6, 2008:

- Easy (Ez) Revenue Management Solutions Ltd. - **EasyRMS Internet Product Suite** ASP Version Release Date 02-Mar-2007
- IDeaS, Inc. - **IDeaS V5i** Version 3.1
- PAR Springer-Miller Systems - **SMS|Host V16.0** with SMS|Diplomat v2.3 and DipHost v2.3
- Trust International Hotel Reservation Services GmbH - **Trust Voyager** & Trust Connect v1.0