

INNOVATIVE FORMS OF SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE HOTEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY*Sharibaeva Ulbosin Rametovna**Master's student of Karakalpak State University**(+998885252818, ulbosinsharibaeva379@gmail.com)*

Annotatsiya: Mazkur ilmiy maqolada mehmonxona va turizm biznesida xizmat ko'rsatishning innovatsion formalari nazariy, metodologik va amaliy jihatdan kompleks tahlil qilinadi. Tadqiqotda innovatsiya tushunchasining iqtisodiy mohiyati, uning xizmat ko'rsatish sohasidagi o'ziga xos xususiyatlari hamda zamonaviy raqamli transformatsiya jarayonlari yoritib berilgan. Xususan, Joseph Schumpeter tomonidan ishlab chiqilgan innovatsion rivojlanish nazariyasi asosida turizm sohasidagi yangilanish jarayonlari tahlil qilinadi.

Maqolada mehmonxona biznesida smart hotel konsepsiyasi, sun'iy intellekt, Big Data, robotlashtirilgan xizmat ko'rsatish tizimlari, CRM texnologiyalari hamda mobil platformalarning qo'llanilishi ilmiy asosda o'rganilgan. Jumladan, Hilton Hotels & Resorts va Marriott International tajribasi misolida innovatsion xizmat ko'rsatish modellari tahlil qilinadi. Shuningdek, turizm biznesida onlayn bron qilish platformalari, xususan Booking.com va Airbnb faoliyati orqali raqamli ekotizim shakllanish jarayoni ko'rib chiqiladi.

Kalit so'zlar: innovatsiya, mehmonxona xo'jaligi, raqamli turizm, smart hotel, robotlashtirish, xizmat sifati, barqaror rivojlanish, mijoz tajribasi, raqobatbardoshlik.

Аннотации: В данной научной статье комплексно рассматриваются инновационные формы обслуживания в гостиничном и туристическом бизнесе с теоретической, методологической и практической точек зрения. В исследовании раскрывается экономическая сущность понятия «инновация», а также особенности её проявления в сфере услуг. Теоретической основой анализа послужила концепция инновационного развития, разработанная Joseph Schumpeter, в рамках которой инновации рассматриваются как ключевой фактор экономического роста и конкурентоспособности.

В статье анализируются современные направления цифровой трансформации гостиничного бизнеса, включая концепцию Smart Hotel, внедрение искусственного интеллекта, технологий Big Data, роботизированных систем обслуживания и CRM-платформ. На примере международных гостиничных сетей, таких как Hilton Hotels & Resorts и Marriott International, рассматриваются модели инновационного управления сервисными процессами.

Особое внимание уделяется цифровым туристическим платформам, в частности Booking.com и Airbnb, которые способствовали формированию глобальной цифровой экосистемы туризма.

Ключевые слова: инновации, гостиничный бизнес, туристическая индустрия, цифровая трансформация, Smart Hotel, роботизация, качество обслуживания, устойчивый туризм, конкурентоспособность.

Annotation: This scientific article comprehensively examines innovative service formats in the hotel and tourism business from theoretical, methodological, and practical perspectives. The study explores the economic essence of innovation and its specific features within the service sector. The theoretical framework is based on the innovation development theory proposed by Joseph Schumpeter, which considers innovation as a key driver of economic growth and competitiveness.

The paper analyzes modern trends in digital transformation within the hospitality industry, including the Smart Hotel concept, artificial intelligence technologies, Big Data applications, robotic service systems, and CRM platforms. Innovative service management models are



examined through the experience of leading international hotel chains such as Hilton Hotels & Resorts and Marriott International.

Special attention is given to digital tourism platforms, particularly Booking.com and Airbnb, which have significantly contributed to the formation of a global digital tourism ecosystem.

Keywords: innovation, hospitality industry, tourism business, digital transformation, Smart Hotel, robotics, service quality, sustainable tourism, competitiveness.

In the 21st-century global economy, the service sector—particularly the hotel and tourism industry—has emerged as one of the fastest-growing and most strategically significant areas. According to the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO, 2023), international tourism accounted for over 10% of global GDP and employed millions worldwide, highlighting the sector's economic importance. Rapid technological advancements, intensifying competition, and evolving consumer demands have created a pressing need for innovative approaches to service delivery.

Innovation has become a decisive factor in ensuring the sustainable development of hotel and tourism enterprises. Joseph Schumpeter (1934) conceptualized innovation as a process of “creative destruction,” in which outdated technologies and service models are replaced by new, more efficient forms.[1] In the tourism sector, this concept is particularly relevant because services are intangible, produced and consumed simultaneously, and highly sensitive to consumer preferences and global trends.

Moreover, innovations in service delivery encompass not only technological upgrades but also improvements in management, marketing, and customer communication. For example, strategic frameworks such as Michael Porter's competitive advantage theory emphasize that innovation can strengthen an enterprise's market position and long-term profitability. Additionally, Buhalis and Law (2008) highlight the role of information technology in reshaping tourism operations, particularly in the areas of customer interaction, digital booking, and service personalization. [2]

This study employs a qualitative, analytical, and case study approach to examine innovative service delivery in the hotel and tourism sector. Data were collected from both primary and secondary sources, including:

International Reports and Databases: UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, OECD Oslo Manual, World Economic Forum reports.

Global Hotel Case Studies: Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Marriott International, and Japan's Henn-na Hotel.

Digital Tourism Platforms: Booking.com, Airbnb, and regional online booking services in Uzbekistan.

The methodology involved comparative analysis, descriptive evaluation, and synthesis of best practices in innovation adoption. Emphasis was placed on three key areas:

Technological Innovations: Digital transformation, artificial intelligence (AI), Big Data analytics, mobile applications, and mobile key systems.

Operational and Automation Strategies: Robotics, automated check-in/out systems, and smart service processes.

Sustainable and Green Practices: Energy-efficient technologies, waste management, and eco-friendly policies.

The analysis aimed to assess how these innovations influence service quality, operational efficiency, customer satisfaction, and enterprise competitiveness, with a focus on both global and Uzbekistan-specific contexts. [3]

The research identified several prominent trends and mechanisms in innovative service delivery:

1. Digital Transformation



Leading hotel chains increasingly utilize AI, Big Data analytics, and mobile applications to streamline operations, enhance service speed, and personalize guest experiences. For example, mobile key technology enables guests to access rooms without visiting the reception desk, improving operational efficiency and satisfaction. Marriott International has implemented predictive analytics to anticipate guest needs, such as room preferences and service requests, which increases customer loyalty.

2. Robotics and Automation

Hotels such as Japan's Henn-na Hotel have introduced robot receptionists and automated service systems. These innovations reduce dependence on human labor, lower operational costs, and provide guests with a unique, modern experience. However, effectiveness depends on balancing automation with human interaction to maintain service quality, particularly in tasks requiring empathy, problem-solving, or personalized service.

3. Digital Tourism Platforms

Platforms like Booking.com and Airbnb have transformed tourism markets into globally integrated systems. They allow tourists to make reservations online, compare prices, review ratings, and access real-time feedback. These platforms enhance market transparency, intensify competition, and improve service standards globally. In Uzbekistan, similar online booking platforms are emerging, promoting accessibility and growth in the domestic tourism sector.

4. Marketing Innovations

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies allow tourists to explore destinations virtually before traveling, accelerating decision-making and increasing marketing effectiveness. Digital advertising, social media campaigns, and data-driven customer segmentation help companies deliver targeted offers, optimizing marketing budgets and customer engagement.

5. Sustainable Development Practices

Sustainability has become an integral component of innovative service delivery. Green hotel initiatives, energy-saving systems, waste recycling, and reduced plastic use are widely implemented. These measures enhance hotel reputation, attract environmentally conscious travelers, and contribute to long-term economic efficiency. The UNWTO's sustainable tourism principles serve as a critical methodological reference for implementing such practices.

6. Economic and Operational Impact

Innovative services positively affect multiple operational and economic indicators:

Cost Efficiency: Automation and digitalization reduce operational costs.

Service Quality: Faster, more accurate, and personalized services improve guest satisfaction.

Customer Loyalty: Customer Experience Management (CEM) systems enhance repeat visitation and brand loyalty.[4]

In Uzbekistan, the adoption of innovative service delivery mechanisms holds substantial potential. Expansion of tourism infrastructure, development of digital services, and government support programs are accelerating adoption. Modern hotels in Uzbekistan are integrating mobile applications, online payment systems, and electronic booking services.

Looking ahead, AI-driven analytics and the Smart Tourism model are expected to become strategic priorities. Such innovations not only improve operational efficiency but also enhance service quality, customer satisfaction, and the overall competitiveness of tourism enterprises.

The implementation of innovative strategies in hotels and tourism also represents a broader transformation in management philosophy. Enterprises that systematically adopt technology, sustainability, and customer-centered approaches are better positioned to thrive in a competitive global environment. This alignment of technological, managerial, and ecological innovations is crucial for long-term sustainability and profitability.[5]

Innovations in the hotel and tourism sector are critical drivers of competitiveness, service quality, and sustainable development. Digital technologies, automation, advanced marketing



strategies, and eco-friendly practices enable enterprises to meet global trends and customer expectations effectively. In Uzbekistan, prioritizing innovation will strengthen the industry's global competitiveness, enhance economic outcomes, and ensure sustainable growth in the tourism sector.

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