



LIAMOL
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EXECUTIVE GUIDE

Hospitality Technology Leadership Guide

Strategic insights for technology leaders driving
digital transformation and operational excellence.



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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 01

Leadership framework

This guide brings strategy, architecture, guest experience, data, AI, security, supplier choices, delivery and value measurement into one executive technology agenda. Use the sequence to identify dependencies and govern decisions consistently.

EXECUTIVE TAKEAWAY

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 02

Guide structure

This leadership guide moves from business outcomes and strategic architecture through delivery, governance, value and the executive action plan. Use it to make better technology decisions across the hospitality estate.

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 03

Executive summary

Hospitality technology is no longer an IT-only concern. It influences revenue, guest experience, operating cost, asset value, cyber risk and the ability of an organisation to scale.

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 04

Start with business outcomes

Define commercial and operational outcomes before selecting technology. Typical outcomes include reducing cost per occupied room, increasing direct revenue, improving productivity, strengthening resilience and creating a better guest journey.

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Build the technology strategy

A technology strategy should describe the desired future state, the gap between today and that future, decision principles and the roadmap for closing the gap.

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 06

Establish a technology blueprint

Create a single landscape view showing major systems and how information moves between them. Include PMS, booking, CRM, revenue, finance, HR, guest experience, access, buildings and analytics.

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 07

Cloud & SaaS architecture

Cloud and SaaS can reduce infrastructure burden and accelerate innovation, but moving to the cloud does not automatically create good architecture. Assess identity, availability, data, integration, backup and exit strategy.

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 08

Integration & API strategy

Integration is the connective tissue of modern hospitality technology. Define system-of-record ownership for reservations, guest identity, room status, rates and financial transactions.

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LEADERSHIP INSIGHT 09

The digital guest journey

Map discovery, booking, pre-arrival, check-in, arrival, stay, requests, payment and post-stay. Identify where guests repeat information or encounter friction.

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PMS & core hospitality platforms

The PMS is critical, but should not automatically become the centre of every technology decision. Evaluate operational fit, APIs, data access, ecosystem, resilience, user experience, cost and roadmap.

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Booking, distribution & direct revenue

The direct booking journey is both a commercial channel and a technology experience. Website, booking engine, rates, inventory, payments, CRM and marketing data should work together.

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Data & management information

Good decisions depend on trustworthy data. Define common metrics, ownership and calculation rules before building dashboards.

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AI strategy for hospitality

AI should begin with practical use cases rather than hype. Prioritise prediction, automation, search, summarisation and decision support where they create measurable value.

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Agentic AI & automation

Agentic systems can move beyond generating answers to taking controlled actions across workflows. Begin with bounded workflows where permissions and outcomes are clearly defined.

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Smart hospitality & IoT

Smart hospitality connects physical environments with digital systems. The opportunity includes room controls, energy, maintenance, security, access, occupancy and operational intelligence.

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Building management systems

Building systems affect energy cost, comfort and asset performance. Consider BMS, HVAC, lighting, metering and access as part of the wider digital estate.

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Cyber security & resilience

Hospitality operates across guest, colleague, payment, operational and building environments. Focus on identity, segmentation, patching, backups, monitoring, supplier risk and recovery testing.

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Identity & access management

Centralised identity reduces risk and improves control. Joiners, movers and leavers should follow consistent processes, with strong authentication and regular access reviews.

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Technology vendor selection

Evaluate vendors on business fit, architecture, integration, security, support, roadmap, commercial model and exit options - not only features.

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Technology due diligence

Technology due diligence establishes what exists, what works, what is supported, what is exposed and what investment is required. Review contracts, licences, interfaces, controls and technical debt.

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Digital transformation roadmap

Sequence the roadmap around dependencies and capacity: stabilise foundations, simplify and integrate, improve experience, introduce intelligence and automate, then optimise continuously.

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Governance & decision making

Technology governance should make decisions faster and clearer rather than create bureaucracy. Establish principles for architecture, security, data, integration, suppliers and investment.

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People, operating model & change

Transformation succeeds when operating processes and behaviours change with the systems. Define ownership for platforms, integrations, data and service performance.

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Measuring technology value

Create a technology scorecard connecting investment to business performance. Measure availability, conversion, productivity, support demand, project delivery, energy, integration reliability and cyber maturity.

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Technology investment planning

Separate mandatory investment from strategic investment. Build multi-year views of licences, implementation, integration, hardware, support and internal resource.

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The executive technology review

A useful executive review answers five questions: Where are we now? What is working? What is risky? Where should we invest? What decisions are required?

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A practical 90-day action plan

Days 1-30: document the estate, dependencies, contracts, risks and pain points. Days 31-60: define architecture, outcomes, quick wins and workstreams. Days 61-90: agree governance and priorities.

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Leadership checklist

Before approving a major initiative, confirm the outcome, ownership, architecture fit, data ownership, security, integration, supplier terms, adoption plan, measurable value and exit path.

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Closing perspective

Cloud platforms, connected buildings, data, AI and automation increasingly converge. The best organisations create coherent architecture, governance and an operating model to use them well.

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About Liamol

Liamol is an independent hospitality technology consultancy helping owners, operators, investors and leadership teams make smarter technology decisions.

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Next steps

If your organisation is evaluating AI, planning a transformation, reviewing its technology estate or developing a smart-building strategy, begin with an independent assessment.

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