Training course on Pre-Opening Strategies for New Hotels

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Tourism and hospitality	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the critical phases and interdependencies of **new hotel pre-opening project management**.
2. Develop comprehensive **branding, marketing, and sales strategies** for a successful hotel launch.
3. Formulate effective **human resources plans** for talent acquisition, training, and culture building in a new property.
4. Oversee the selection and implementation of essential **operational systems and hospitality technology**.
5. Manage **pre-opening financial planning, budgeting**, and capital expenditure (CapEx) effectively.
6. Design a compelling **guest experience** and establish high-quality service standards from day one.
7. Strategize **procurement, supply chain management**, and initial inventory build-up.
8. Implement robust **risk management, regulatory compliance**, and security protocols for a new hotel.
9. Coordinate and execute a successful **grand opening event** and initial operational ramp-up.
10. Measure and analyze **key performance indicators (KPIs)** for the pre-opening and initial operating phases.
11. Develop a blueprint for the seamless transition from the pre-opening team to the operational team.
12. Anticipate and mitigate common challenges and pitfalls in the pre-opening process.

13. Position a new hotel for immediate market penetration and sustained success.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals involved in the development, launch, and initial operation of new hotel properties:

1. **Hotel Owners and Developers:** Planning new construction or acquisitions.
2. **General Managers and Assistant General Managers:** Appointed to pre-opening teams.
3. **Heads of Departments (HODs):** Including Sales & Marketing, HR, Finance, Engineering, Rooms Division.
4. **Project Managers:** Overseeing hotel development and pre-opening phases.
5. **Hotel Consultants:** Advising clients on new property launches.
6. **Investors in Hospitality:** Seeking to understand the critical pre-opening phase.
7. **Senior Hospitality Students:** Specializing in hotel development or management.
8. **Anyone responsible for the successful launch of a new hotel venture.**

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Pre-Opening Project Management and Strategic Planning

- Understanding the Hotel Development Lifecycle and the Pre-Opening Phase.
- Key Milestones and Critical Path Analysis for Hotel Pre-Opening.
- Establishing the Pre-Opening Team Structure and Responsibilities.
- Developing a Comprehensive Master Pre-Opening Checklist and Timeline.
- Strategic Alignment of Pre-Opening Activities with Hotel Vision and Market Position.

Module 2: Hotel Branding, Marketing, and Sales Strategy

- Developing the Hotel's Brand Identity, Concept, and Unique Selling Proposition (USP).
- Crafting a Pre-Opening Marketing and Communications Plan.
- Implementing Digital Marketing Strategies: Website Development, SEO, Social Media.
- Designing and Executing Pre-Opening Sales Activities and Partnerships.
- Building a Strong Online Presence and Reputation Management Strategy.

Module 3: Human Resources and Talent Acquisition

- Strategic Workforce Planning: Defining Roles, Headcounts, and Organizational Structure.
- Developing a Comprehensive Recruitment and Selection Strategy for All Departments.
- Designing and Implementing Pre-Opening Training Programs (Technical, Service Standards, Culture).
- Creating a Positive and Engaging Onboarding Experience for New Employees.
- Establishing Performance Management Systems and Compensation Structures.

Module 4: Operational Systems and Technology Setup

- Selection and Implementation of the **Property Management System (PMS)**.
- Setting up Point of Sale (POS) Systems for F&B and Other Outlets.
- Establishing Central Reservation Systems (CRS) and Channel Management.
- IT Infrastructure Planning: Network, Telephony, Audiovisual Systems.
- Integrating Key Operational Technologies for Seamless Workflow.

Module 5: Financial Planning and Budgeting for Pre-Opening

- Developing the Pre-Opening Budget: Fixed vs. Variable Costs.
- Managing Capital Expenditure (CapEx) for FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) and OS&E (Operating Supplies and Equipment).
- Initial Operating Budget Preparation and Forecasting.
- Establishing Accounting Systems and Controls.
- Cash Flow Management during the Pre-Opening Phase.

Module 6: Guest Experience Design and Service Standards

- Defining the Desired Guest Journey and Touchpoints.
- Developing Comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for All Guest-Facing Operations.
- Training on Service Excellence, Guest Relations, and Complaint Handling.
- Designing Personalized Guest Experiences and Loyalty Programs.
- Creating a Service Culture that Aligns with the Hotel Brand.

Module 7: Procurement, Supply Chain, and Inventory Management

- Strategic Sourcing and Vendor Selection for All Operational Supplies.
- Establishing Supply Chain Logistics and Delivery Schedules.
- Initial Inventory Planning and Stocking for All Departments (Rooms, F&B, Maintenance).
- Negotiating Contracts and Service Level Agreements with Key Suppliers.
- Implementing Inventory Control Systems and Procedures.

Module 8: Risk Management, Compliance, and Grand Opening Execution

- Securing All Necessary Licenses, Permits, and Certifications.
- Implementing Comprehensive Health, Safety, and Security Protocols.
- Developing Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans.
- Planning and Executing the Soft Opening and Grand Opening Events.
- Post-Opening Performance Review, Feedback Collection, and Continuous Improvement.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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