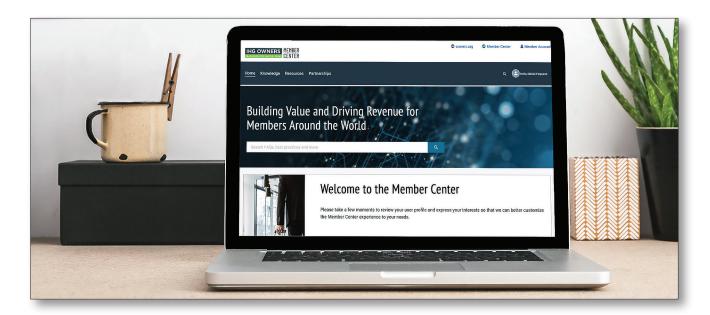
# DIGITAL MEDIA KIT



The IHG Owners Association—originally established by Holiday Inn® Founder Kemmons Wilson in 1955—was the first association of its kind in the hotel industry. Over the past six decades, it has evolved to represent the interests of owners and operators of thousands of IHG® hotels worldwide.

Membership in the Association provides hoteliers access to a wide range of exclusive tools, resources and information, all designed to help build their hospitality businesses. Through our Member Center, weekly newsletter and social media channels, the Association shares valuable information on critical hospitality issues, IHG brand updates and Association news and benefits.

Being a part of the Association's Allied Member Program unlocks a variety of digital marketing opportunities on these channels that will bring your products and services front and center to these top decision makers. Place an ad in our weekly myConnect newsletter, which boasts an open rate of nearly 50%, connect with thousands of members and nonmembers alike through our social pages or put your ad in front of more than 1,500 members looking for solutions with our latest members-only benefit, the Member Center

Allied Membership is required to participate in any of the Association's marketing programs and digital opportunities. For any questions or further information, please reach out to Carly Hunt, Regional Director, EMEAA, at carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

**NOTE:** All copy and image content must be vetted and approved by the IHG Owners Association for accuracy. Allied Members are responsible for submitting content by agreed upon deadline. Any scheduled email blasts missed due to late content submission are subject to availability for rescheduling.



# mySource Email Blast



Association mySource email blast gives you the opportunity to put the spotlight on your brand. Highlight new offers and announcements through attentiongrabbing emails to more than 5,000 hotel owners, operators and management professionals worldwide.

Each of these customized emails features a message crafted by your team and may be specifically targeted by region or brand, which generate very high open rates with proven results. Additional targeting may be available upon request, and full reporting on open and click-through rates are available post-send.

#### **File Specs**

HTML format (preferred)

- 650 pixels wide
- Allied Member must host images and links internally

Non-HTML content must be a single high-resolution JPG image

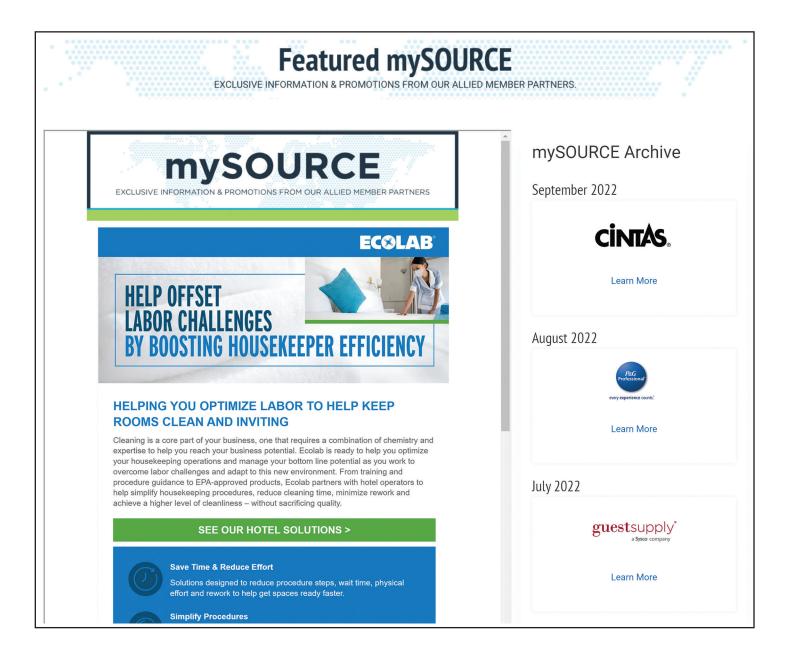
- 650 pixels wide
- Valid click-through URL

#### **Pricing**

\$2,500 per email/\$2,000 per email for 2+ emails booked at once for the same calendar year. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk

# **Featured mySource**

et more from your mySource email with the **Featured mySource**, posted on our Member Center. Your most recent mySource email will be displayed for two (2) weeks, giving members another chance to see your latest offerings! This requires no additional action from your team, as we will be using content that has already been sent to members.



#### **Pricing**

Featured mySource opportunities are assigned based on package level and availability. Limit of two (2) per month. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

# myConnect Newsletter Advertising



Issue no. 195

- Note About H-2B Visa Requireme
- HX The Hotel Experience Runs Next Week
- rtGen Payments Debuts in U.S. & Canada

Worldwide, owners are taking advantage of the period of slower business to review efficiencies, identify operational weaknesses and ensure all systems are working optimally before travel picks up once more. To offer support as you plan ahead for your growing business, we've compiled the most important updates, developments and news items affecting the hospitality industry below

- MLAC ONLY: The Association is hosting a Mexico Owner Summit next week at the Holiday Inn Puebla Finsa in Puebla, Mexico, on November 15-17, 2022, Check out the click here to register today. The Mexico Summit will bring together IHG owners from acros the country to discuss specific issues and opportunities affecting hoteliers.
- . Keep employees and guests healthy this cold and flu season with Allied Member Ecolab Learn more about the solutions, training and expertise Ecolab offers to deliver clean and healthy spaces.

#### **Government Developments**

. U.S. ONLY: Per government requirements, and to minimize risk of legal claims by H-2B workers, employees under H-2B visas need to be paid at least the wage rate specified in the job order. This wage rate must be at least the highest of the prevailing wage rate obtained from the Employment and Training Administration (for the state where the work site is located) or the applicable Federal, State or local minimum wage. Furthermore, the wage rate must be met "free and clear" without unauthorized deductions or kickbacks to the employer. For further reference, click here to view the Department of Labor's minimums by state

#### **Industry Partners**

. U.S. ONLY: A recent survey from the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) found that the majority of American travelers plan to stay at a hotel during the holiday season, a significant increase from last year, with respondents indicating that hotels will be the top choice for lodging. Read the report

#### **IHG** Information

. U.S. & CANDA ONLY: NextGen Payments (NGP) is the new payment solution brand standard for IHG Hotels & Resorts in the U.S. and Canada hotels. Easy to install with no upfront payments, NGP offers guests and hotels a simple, secure and private way to pay at IHG hotels. Operator benefits include lower transaction and support fees, now conveniently rolled into your franchise fees, thus removing the hassle of an additional separate payment of leasing agreement. To better manage delivery to hotels and ensure successful implementation, IHG is rolling it out in phases. Once your hotel is contacted to sign up, quickly to secure an activation date so your hotel can take advantage of NGP's incre security features and reduced fees. For questions, contact am











ach week, members worldwide receive myConnect, the Association's newsletter, providing a quick and easy way for them to catch up on Association and IHG updates, political developments and engaging industry news. Delivered electronically to more than 4,000 members on a weekly basis, our myConnect newsletter will now be archived on the Member Center.

## myConnect Company Highlight

Highlight your company's recent successes, announce a new promotion or share industry trends, best practices and other important updates with owners and decision makers with this new opportunity.

#### **Content Specs**

- A maximum of 45 words
- Up to 2 click-through URLs (one URL or a contact email address required before publishing)
- Limit one per quarter

## myConnect Banner Ad

A banner ad in myConnect is a highly effective way of boosting your brand and extending the reach of your message to a global audience, driving traffic and generating valuable leads.

#### File Specs

Advertisements must be in high-resolution JPG format (animation and Flash/SWF files are not accepted)

- 650 x 300 pixels
- Valid click-through URL

#### **Pricing**

\$2,000 per banner ad/\$1,500 per banner ad for 2+ ads booked at once for the same calendar year. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

# **Allied Member of the Month**

The Association's **Allied Member of the Month** program spotlights your brand across our four social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter, as well as a posting within our Member Center's Partnership section. Take advantage of this chance to connect with both members and nonmembers through these trusted channels.

Each month is dedicated to only one Allied Member, who will be given one social post within that month, which your team can then share across your own channels for additional exposure. Accompanied by an image or video of your choosing, your post should contain information about what services or products your company offers as well as a link to your company's website.

Because this copy is being used for social media, it should be as concise, dynamic and engaging as possible. Allied Members are responsible for creating and submitting content to the Association. At the end of the month, your post will be added to our Member Center communications archive, where all of your content and links will be live until the end of the year. The Association will also deliver reporting for each channel of impressions, clicks and other valuable stats.

#### **Social Media Metrics**

Social metrics are **as of November 1, 2022**. Our engaged audience and robust content results in an average of more than 50 reactions per social post across all channels.



1,604 Facebook Followers



**282 Instagram Followers** 



4,883 LinkedIn Followers



**1,020 Twitter Followers** 

#### **Content Specs**

- Copy for each channel (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter). Please be aware of post length limits for Twitter (280 characters)
- A company logo, photo and/or video link to accompany each post
- A link to your company's official website
- Feel free to use your own tracking code within the links you provide to us

Please submit all content to carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk and be sure to follow the IHG Owners Association on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

#### **Pricing**

\$2,000 for a one-month program. Limit of twelve (12) opportunities available; only one (1) Allied Member per month. First come, first served. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk

## **Educational Resources & Best Practices**

stablish your company as a subject matter expert with this exclusive opportunity on the Association's Member Center. Submit **best practices, recent whitepapers, videos and other educational content** to give members the edge they need to run their businesses efficiently and introduce your brands and services to their properties.

Content should include timely educational, practical and useful information that the member would find valuable. The overall message and tone should not be promotional in nature. Some examples of content relevant to hoteliers in 2023 include:

- Guest experience
- Labor costs
- Attracting talent
- Retaining employees
- Sustainability

#### **Content Choices**

- **Best Practices:** This is your opportunity to share best practices, tips and solutions from your industry that can help members run their hotels and businesses more efficiently.
- Case Studies: As industry experts, we want you to share valuable information and expertise you have gained in your field. Case studies can help guide members and teach valuable lessons from a trusted source.
- Whitepapers: Educate members and share the facts on your products, services and/or technology by publishing a whitepaper, such as an in-depth report or guide about a specific product or topic meant to educate its readers.
- Videos: Explainer, demo, how-to and testimonial videos featuring your company's products.
- Forms: Forms can include but are not limited to rebate forms, order forms, feedback forms, contact forms and more.

#### **File Specs**

Best practices, whitepapers, forms and other written content: PDF or Word Document

Videos: YouTube or Vimeo link and embed code

#### **Pricing**

\$1,500 per content item not included in package. Content remains in Member Center for twelve (12) months from date of listing. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

The Allied Member Program is a true win-win by allowing hoteliers looking for specific products or services to connect directly with companies that can offer support, creating connections that will flourish as members' businesses grow.

Nathan Polny
Director, Partnerships & Member Programs

# **Member Center Allied Member Spotlight**

et our members get to know you better with an **Allied Member Spotlight** article. The Association's Allied Member Spotlight has given Allied Members a more personal voice in *OWNER* magazine for many years, and we are happy to begin offering spotlights to different Allied Members each month on the Member Center. We will send you a form with a few questions to about your company and your relationship with the Association, which will then be edited into an article using your replies and featured on our Member Center's home page.

Allied Member Spotlight: Simmons Beautyrest

Last updated a year ago

Print

Read about Simmons Beautyrest's newest initiatives and how they are helping IHG owners.

Tell us a little about your company, and what projects you are currently working on

Tell us a little about your company, and what projects you are currently working on that affect IHG owners.

Providing distinctive, comfortable bedding solutions to the hospitality industry is what Beautyrest Hospitality does best. Our long-standing commitment to innovation is reflected in both the comfort and performance of the Beautyrest® Hospitality product line. We help customers fulfill their promise to deliver an exceptional and comfortable night's sleep to guests – night after night, stay after stay.

Our most recent project involved the launch of our updated hospitality product portfolio, including a refresh of our legendary Beautyrest brand. Shipping now, all

#### **Content Specs**

- Complete form provided in email
- Headshot of account representative
- High-resolution image of your company logo

#### **Pricing**

Spotlight articles are assigned based on package level and availability. Limit of twelve (12) opportunities available; only one Allied Member per month. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

# **Member Center Banner Advertising**



## **Home Page Banner Ad**

Hoteliers worldwide turn to the Association's Member Center for valuable resources and information. Have your message reach thousands of owners and operators with a banner ad on the Member Center's home page, where featured content, timely trending articles and links to resources from IHG and industry partners are front and center.

#### **File Specs**

Advertisements must be in high-resolution JPG format (animation and Flash/SWF files are not accepted)

- 1550 x 400 pixels
- Valid URL for image to link to

#### **Pricing**

\$2,000 per banner ad/\$1,500 per banner ad for 2+ ads booked at once for the same calendar year. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

#### **Interior Banner Ad**

The Member Center's Knowledge section provides members with a massive library of business-building information and resources, many of which are sourced directly from fellow owners and operators. Placing an ad in the Knowledge section can help you target your message directly to decision makers who are actively seeking solutions to their everyday problems.

### File Specs

Advertisements must be in high-resolution JPG format (animation and Flash/SWF files are not accepted)

- 1550 x 400 pixels
- Valid URL for image to link to

#### **Pricing**

\$2,000 per banner ad/\$1,500 per banner ad for 2+ ads booked at once for the same calendar year. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk

# **Hotelier Hot Topics Podcast**



To capitalize on the growing interest in podcasts, the Association debuted its new Hotelier Hot Topics podcast in 2021, creating a simple and compelling channel for members to find perspectives and market insights directly from industry-leading experts on an array of pertinent topics. Originally created as a resource for hoteliers in the EMEAA region, the podcast has expanded to a global scope. In addition to episodes covering specific market challenges and opportunities, several episodes feature profiles of IHG owners and operators, who discuss their careers and best practices. Each podcast is posted on the Member Center and is additionally available on Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts and several other channels.

Highlight your company with an advertisement in a podcast, which will be read aloud during the course of the episode. With a reliable audience of hotel owners worldwide, an ad read in Hotelier Hot Topics will put your services or products directly in front of key decision-makers.

#### **Pricing**

\$500 per podcast ad read. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.

# The Journal (EMEAA Only)



eleased quarterly, **The Journal** is an EMEAA-specific publication designed to provide regionally-focused news and developments to owners across the region. Consisting of short summaries, the publication covers updates from across the hospitality industry, IHG and the Association's Working Groups, as well as relevant Allied Member offers. Averaging

around a page and a half in length, the newsletter is structured for fast, selective reading.

A highly effective way of boosting your brand and extending the reach of the message to an EMEAA audience to drive traffic, an ad in The Journal offers the attention of a captive audience of business owners.

#### **File Specs**

Advertisements must be in high-resolution JPG format (animation and Flash/SWF files are not accepted)

- 650 x 300 pixels
- Valid click-through URL

#### **Pricing**

\$500 per banner ad. Interested parties should contact carly.hunt@ihgowners.uk.



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