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Strategic Leadership in the Hospitality Industry: Best Practices for Managing Large-Scale Operations

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Abstract

This study investigates strategic leadership practices within the hospitality industry, focusing on large-scale operations in Pampanga, Philippines. Recognizing the critical role of effective leadership in enhancing employee engagement, profitability, and customer satisfaction, this research highlights the transformative potential of various leadership styles, particularly transformational leadership. Utilizing a descriptive quantitative approach, the study employs a structured survey distributed to senior executives and operational managers across diverse hospitality organizations. The findings reveal that leaders who exhibit emotional intelligence, prioritize teamwork, and foster innovation significantly influence operational success and employee retention.

By employing the Input-Process-Output (IPO) model, the research identifies key leadership strategies and their impacts on organizational performance, offering actionable recommendations for practitioners and stakeholders. This study aims to contribute to the global discourse on hospitality leadership, providing insights that enhance management practices and promote resilience and sustainability in a rapidly evolving industry landscape.

Keywords: Strategic leadership, transformational leadership, multi-functional leadership, effective leadership, creativity and innovation, research and development, hospitality industry.

Introduction

In an era where global travel and tourism are integral to the world economy, the hospitality industry faces both unprecedented challenges and opportunities. To address these, strategic leadership has become increasingly essential. Effective management of large-scale hospitality operations requires not only a deep understanding of market dynamics but also a sophisticated approach to leadership that can adapt to rapid changes and foster long-term growth.

Strategic leadership in hospitality goes beyond managing daily operations; it involves anticipating future trends, fostering a resilient organizational culture, and implementing practices that drive efficiency and enhance guest experiences. Leaders must adeptly navigate complex operational landscapes, balancing high service standards with cost management and innovation.

This research aims to identify best practices for managing large-scale operations in the hospitality sector. By examining successful strategies and leadership models, the study seeks to provide valuable insights into how organizations can navigate the complexities of large-scale hospitality management. Through a comprehensive analysis of industry case studies and leadership frameworks, the research will highlight key strategies that contribute to operational excellence and sustained competitive advantage.

Understanding and applying these best practices are crucial for leaders aiming to achieve organizational success in the dynamic and competitive hospitality industry. This exploration will benefit industry professionals and contribute to the broader discourse on effective leadership in high-stakes environments.

Hospitality plays a critical role in enhancing the customer experience by not only meeting basic needs but also making customers feel genuinely valued and warmly welcomed. In a competitive market, outstanding hospitality distinguishes businesses from their competitors and helps build a loyal customer base. Creating a friendly and inviting environment fosters strong customer relationships and a sense of community, leading to repeat business and positive referrals. Additionally, the quality of hospitality reflects a brand's identity and is vital in shaping its reputation. Excellent service not only boosts brand image but also strengthens public perception, making high-quality hospitality essential for delivering memorable and enjoyable experiences in hotels, restaurants, and travel services (Ashurbeyov, 2024).

The tourism and hospitality industry significantly contribute to global economies, particularly in regions renowned for their natural beauty, such as Switzerland and parts of Germany. It acts as a key economic driver by creating jobs and generating revenue, with roles like tour guides and travel consultants rapidly emerging as travelers flock to these destinations. For instance, Germany's hospitality sector provided over 3.1 million direct jobs and 2.2 million indirect jobs in 2017. Tourism also promotes infrastructure development, enabling investments in critical projects like bridges and railways, which further stimulate regional growth. The surge in tourist activity benefits local businesses by increasing demand for services, including food production and vehicle maintenance. Additionally, tourism contributes to the economy through foreign exchange earnings and attracts foreign investment in local attractions. It also plays an essential role in preserving local art and culture by emphasizing the importance of protecting cultural and historical sites for future generations (Berlin SBI, n.d.).

According to Botshot (2023), the hospitality industry is vital to the global economy, impacting job creation, cultural exchange, and foreign currency generation. This sector supports national economies, aids in preserving cultural heritage, and drives economic growth by fulfilling travelers' desires for adventure and cultural experiences. In 2020, the hospitality industry contributed 10.4% to global GDP, with a projected 10% increase over the next decade. For example, India's tourism and hospitality sector contributed over $98 billion to its GDP in 2018, with projections reaching $194 billion by 2028. The industry provides approximately 320 million jobs worldwide in 2023, including 16.5 million in the U.S. and 39 million in India. It also supports local businesses through increased demand and revenue from tourist spending and generates substantial government revenue through taxes and fees, funding public services and infrastructure development. Furthermore, tourism plays a key role in preserving local art and culture by promoting the protection of cultural and historical sites. In 2022, India saw a 92% increase in foreign exchange earnings from tourism, reaching nearly $17 billion, with a target of $400 billion by 2047. The industry also attracts foreign direct investment and fosters infrastructure development, enhancing various amenities. Overall, the hospitality sector is crucial for global economic development and cultural enrichment (Botshot, 2023).

Overproof (2020), the hospitality industry is characterized by its diversity, encompassing a wide range of businesses, employees, and clients from various backgrounds. This diversity presents both challenges and opportunities. Embracing and integrating cultural diversity into company culture can enhance productivity, creativity, and innovation, benefiting both employees and customers. Recognizing and valuing cultural differences fosters better communication and collaboration, leading to higher job satisfaction, reduced turnover, and increased customer satisfaction.

However, managing cultural diversity involves challenges, such as employees being less likely to voice their opinions and issues related to prejudices and stereotypes. Addressing these challenges requires cultural awareness and sensitivity to avoid serious repercussions. A strong organizational culture that reflects the company's values, beliefs, and attitudes is essential for managing diversity effectively. This can be supported through a comprehensive diversity handbook, awareness of diversity policies, and regular reinforcement through meetings.

Key practices for promoting diversity include prioritizing diverse hiring, implementing inclusive policies, providing diversity training, and facilitating effective communication. Once a diverse workforce is established, proactive management is essential, involving educating leadership, creating an inclusion council, celebrating diversity, welcoming employee feedback, improving meeting effectiveness, and setting clear, measurable goals.

In the hospitality sector, which serves a multicultural clientele, embracing diversity is crucial for gaining fresh perspectives, improving communication, fostering innovation, and boosting productivity. Effective diversity management involves hiring a diverse team, establishing inclusive policies, and providing necessary training while promoting open communication and positive interactions among staff. Awareness of cultural differences helps in making informed and considerate decisions, ultimately contributing to improved market targeting, product diversity, talent acquisition, and overall company performance (Overproof, 2020).

Literature Review

Strategic leadership involves a leader's capacity to foresee and conceptualize future scenarios, adapt to changing circumstances, and empower others to implement necessary strategic adjustments (Belias & Trihas, 2022).

According to Les Roches (n.d.), leadership in the hospitality industry encompasses various roles, such as hotel general managers, senior managers in tourism or hospitality, and revenue managers. These leaders are responsible for motivating their teams, guiding them toward shared goals, and emphasizing superior customer service. Effective leaders lead by example to ensure their business exceeds customer expectations.

Leadership is crucial in the hospitality sector as it significantly impacts profitability and staff retention. Research indicates that a motivated workforce can boost profitability by up to 21%, and strong relationships between leaders and employees enhance staff loyalty, which is vital for attracting and retaining talent.

Different leadership styles can be effective depending on the leader's strengths. Team-oriented leaders excel in this sector due to its reliance on teamwork to deliver high-quality experiences. They prioritize team cohesion and clear communication. Entrepreneurial leaders are suited to handle the industry's unpredictability by fostering experimentation and learning. Innovative leaders promote creativity and productivity.

Key qualities of effective hospitality leaders include emotional intelligence for managing emotions and building strong relationships, leading by example to embody company values, and showing vulnerability to enhance trust. Passion for the industry drives enthusiasm and a positive work environment, while leveraging personal experiences ensures authentic leadership.

Successful hospitality leadership also requires skills such as effective communication, attention to detail, strong people skills, and the ability to establish and communicate shared goals. Leaders must balance accountability with autonomy, adapt to changing conditions, and foster creativity for growth. For those advancing their careers, the MBA in Hospitality Management from Les Roches offers comprehensive professional development opportunities (Les Roches, n.d.).

Transformational leadership significantly enhances employee engagement. Organizations practicing transformational leadership often experience higher levels of employee motivation, productivity, and job satisfaction. Additionally, sustainability leadership positively impacts employee engagement by fostering a sense of purpose and emphasizing environmental and social responsibility, which contributes to a supportive work environment. This approach enhances employee motivation, satisfaction, and commitment to the organization (Kumar, 2023).

The hospitality industry continues to evolve with remarkable resilience, agility, and innovation, adapting to both long-term and short-term changes. This article explores the sector's dynamic nature, its ability to navigate challenges and opportunities, and its commitment to staying current with industry trends.

Will Guidara, a best-selling author, suggests that we are entering a "hospitality economy," where core aspects of hospitality—such as exceptional service, personal interaction, tailored experiences, and memorable moments—are becoming essential across various industries.

As society rapidly advances towards greater digitalization, the hospitality sector stands out by successfully integrating technological innovations to enhance operations while maintaining the human need for genuine connections and real-life experiences (EHL, n.d.).

Technology is a pivotal force reshaping the hospitality industry, driving substantial changes through the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and smart technologies. AI is increasingly utilized to enhance guest experiences and optimize hotel operations. AI-powered chatbots provide 24/7 support for booking inquiries, room service requests, and general questions, significantly easing the workload on human staff. Additionally, AI-driven analytics offer valuable insights into guest preferences, enabling hotels to refine pricing strategies and marketing efforts. The IoT connects various devices within hotels, creating a more integrated guest experience with smart thermostats and lighting systems controlled via mobile apps or voice commands. This connectivity supports operational efficiency by allowing hotels to monitor and manage energy consumption, thus reducing costs and advancing sustainability goals. Moreover, smart technologies such as mobile check-in/check-out, keyless room entry, and in-room tablets have become standard, enhancing convenience and aligning with the increased demand for contactless interactions, a trend that surged during the COVID-19 pandemic. These advancements cater to modern travelers' expectations for efficiency and hygiene. However, the hospitality industry continues to face significant challenges, particularly with staffing shortages exacerbated by the pandemic and evolving job market dynamics (Singh, 2024).

According to Kumar (2023), transformational leadership is a style that motivates individuals to prioritize the collective good over personal interests. Grounded in the theories of Bass (1985) and Burns (1978), this approach characterizes leaders who serve as role models, inspiring their followers to pursue a shared vision with heightened trust and respect. These leaders drive their teams toward achieving common goals while fostering an environment of mutual support and commitment.

The Conceptual Model of Transformational and Transactional Leadership Behaviours and Their Impact on Knowledge Workers' Engagement in Knowledge Management Processes was examined through a quantitative approach involving 345 knowledge workers from diverse industries. The research utilized surveys to gauge participants' perceptions of both transformational and transactional leadership behaviors, as well as their inclination toward knowledge management. The results highlighted that transformational leadership behaviors, such as intellectual stimulation, individualized consideration, and inspirational motivation, positively affected workers' engagement in knowledge management. This suggests that leaders who create a supportive and empowering environment can significantly boost knowledge sharing and application among their team members. Conversely, transactional leadership behaviors, including contingent rewards and management-by-exception, were found to negatively impact knowledge management engagement, indicating that leadership styles centered on oversight and control may diminish employees' willingness to share and use knowledge (Kumar's 2023).

Effective leadership involves more than just technical skills; it requires cultivating the right attitude to build a high-performing team that excels without constant supervision. Such a team is committed, continuously learning, and striving for improvement. While technical skills can be taught, attitude develops over time. A Gallup study highlights that only 10% of individuals naturally possess the talent for effective management. Most managers must continually enhance their leadership skills and strategies to improve performance and foster collaboration. Effective leadership is crucial, as it can transform an organization from struggling due to poor planning to thrive because of strategic leadership (ClickUp, 2023).

A leadership strategy encompasses the approaches, techniques, and attitudes that leaders use to direct and inspire their teams while aligning them with the organization's objectives. It helps synchronize the organization's culture and values with its goals and impacts, fostering a significant mental and emotional influence. A well-crafted leadership strategy offers a clear vision, guiding both team members and senior management towards achieving success and enhancing productivity (ClickUp, 2023).

The guest experience in the hospitality sector pertains to the overall impression and satisfaction guests have during their stay, covering all aspects from booking to check-out, including interactions with staff, the quality of amenities, and the property's atmosphere. In a market with many accommodation options, providing an exceptional guest experience has become a key differentiator for hotels. Although surveys indicate that 74% of travelers prefer hotels, 44% of these travelers are open to alternative accommodations, such as bed and breakfasts or condotels, if they ensure a satisfactory experience. Therefore, maintaining a superior guest experience is crucial for hotels to stay competitive (Mara Solutions, 2024).

In the article *Strong Leadership—Beyond Strong Management—Can Help* (Boston University, 2020, February 21), the focus is on the critical role of effective leadership in enhancing employee retention and overall organizational performance. The piece distinguishes between management, which is concerned with efficiency and task execution, and leadership, which involves inspiring and engaging employees through a meaningful and supportive work environment. John Kotter (2001) emphasizes that while management maintains order and addresses routine tasks, leadership is crucial for navigating change and setting a strategic vision. The article highlights how successful hospitality companies like The Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants and Hilton achieve excellence by integrating both strong management and leadership practices. Supporting this view, research by Peyton and Zigarmi (2014), Zigarmi, Peyton, and Randolph (2015), and Heskett et al. (1994) shows that positive employee emotions and job satisfaction contribute to lower turnover, enhanced guest satisfaction, and increased profitability. Furthermore, a positive organizational culture not only retains existing employees but also attracts new talent and boosts the company's reputation through employee advocacy.

This study seeks to address the obstacles in leadership development within the hospitality industry in Pampanga. Progress is often impeded by managerial issues such as limited resources, time constraints, and conflicting priorities (Ko et al., 2017). These difficulties are further intensified by deeply rooted organizational cultures and resistance to change (Cater & Berry, 2018). Consequently, these barriers hinder the effective implementation of leadership development initiatives, underscoring the necessity for a comprehensive understanding of strategies to overcome these challenges. The development of transformational, resilient, and sustainable leadership in luxury hospitality firms is influenced by both internal and external factors. According to Hassanien et al. (2019), organizational characteristics such as structure, culture, and support systems, as well as external factors like industry trends, customer expectations, and regulatory requirements, significantly shape leadership development strategies.

Although this study is centered on the hospitality sector in Pampanga, its insights are intended to enrich the global literature on the hotel industry. The primary goal is to offer practical recommendations and strategies for hospitality organizations and industry stakeholders, thereby enhancing the current body of knowledge on leadership practices, sustainability, and resilience within the sector. This research specifically examines leadership strategies and their effects on organizational success in the luxury hotel segment, contributing to literature focused on this niche area. It does not aim to address other facets of the hospitality industry, such as food and beverage services or tourist attractions.

This study aims to make a significant contribution to the hospitality industry by providing valuable insights for practitioners, policymakers, and academics. It seeks to enhance leadership practices and drive organizational success within the hospitality sector in the Philippines, offering actionable recommendations for improving industry standards and achieving greater effectiveness.

Problem objective:

In the highly competitive and dynamic hospitality industry, effective strategic leadership is crucial for the success and sustainability of large-scale operations. Despite the critical role that leadership plays in shaping organizational direction, optimizing operational efficiency, and enhancing guest experiences, there is a noticeable gap in understanding and implementing best practices for strategic leadership in this sector.

Large-scale hospitality operations, such as international hotel chains and expansive resort complexes, face unique challenges including managing diverse teams, maintaining consistent service quality across multiple locations, and adapting to rapid technological advancements and shifting consumer preferences. These challenges necessitate a nuanced approach to leadership that balances strategic vision with operational pragmatism.

However, current literature and industry practices often lack a comprehensive framework for identifying and implementing best practices tailored to the complexities of large-scale hospitality operations. As a result, leaders may struggle with issues such as suboptimal resource allocation, ineffective communication strategies, and resistance to change, which can negatively impact overall performance and competitiveness.

This research aims to:

1. Address the gap by systematically examining the best practices in strategic leadership within large-scale hospitality operations.
2. Identify effective leadership strategies and their impact on operational success.

3. Provide actionable insights that can help hospitality organizations enhance their management practices, improve operational efficiency, and ultimately achieve greater success in a competitive market.

The researchers utilized the Input-Process-Output (IPO) model as their conceptual framework. This model is depicted in the figure, illustrating the study's focus on examining strategic leadership within the hospitality industry, specifically targeting best practices for managing large-scale operations. To achieve this objective, the researchers aim to gather and analyze relevant information.

Figure 1: Conceptual Framework of the Study

Conceptual Framework for Strategic Leadership in Large-Scale Hospitality Operations

1. Input:

- Best Practices in Strategic Leadership*: Collect data on existing practices and strategies employed by successful leaders in large-scale hospitality operations.*
- Leadership Strategies: *Identify various leadership strategies used in the industry and their theoretical underpinnings.*
- Operational Success Metrics: *Define and measure key indicators of operational success, such as efficiency, profitability, and customer satisfaction.*

2. Process:

- Systematic Examination: *Analyze the collected data to understand and categorize best practices and leadership strategies.*
- Evaluation of Impact: *Assess how different leadership strategies affect operational success through quantitative and qualitative methods.*
- Comparative Analysis: *Compare practices and outcomes across different organizations to identify commonalities and differences.*

3. Output:

- Effective Leadership Strategies: *Identify which strategies are most effective in enhancing operational success.*
- Actionable Insights: *Develop recommendations based on findings to improve management practices and operational efficiency.*
- Enhanced Management Practices: *Provide guidelines for hospitality organizations to adopt and adapt best practices for improved performance and competitive advantage.*

METHOD

Research Design

This study employs a descriptive research approach combined with quantitative research methods to investigate strategic leadership within large-scale hospitality operations. The primary aim is to systematically describe and analyze best practices in strategic leadership and their impact on operational success.

The descriptive research approach focuses on providing a detailed account of current leadership practices and strategies within the hospitality industry. By emphasizing systematic observation and description, this approach will help elucidate the characteristics and outcomes associated with effective strategic leadership.

To gather data, the study will use a structured questionnaire designed to quantify various aspects of leadership practices, strategies, and operational success metrics. This survey will be distributed to a representative sample of managers and leaders across diverse large-scale hospitality organizations, including hotels, resorts, and restaurants. Stratified random sampling will be employed to ensure comprehensive representation from different segments of the industry.

Quantitative data analysis involves the use of descriptive statistics to summarize and describe the data. Measures of central tendency and dispersion will be calculated to provide insights into the prevailing leadership practices and their effectiveness. Inferential statistical methods, such as correlation analysis, regression analysis, and ANOVA, will be used to explore relationships between leadership strategies and operational success, test hypotheses, and draw conclusions.

The research process will begin with a literature review to inform the development of the survey instrument and research hypotheses. Following this, the questionnaire will be designed and pre-tested for validity and reliability, with refinements made based on feedback from a pilot study. Data collection will be carried out through the administration of the survey, with efforts made to achieve a high response rate. After collecting the data, statistical software will be used to analyze the results, which will then be interpreted in the context of the research objectives.

The expected outcomes of this study include the identification of effective strategic leadership practices and their impact on operational success, along with actionable insights and recommendations for enhancing management practices in large-scale hospitality operations. This comprehensive approach will provide valuable information for improving leadership effectiveness and achieving competitive advantage in the hospitality industry.

Instrument of the Study

For this study on "Strategic Leadership in the Hospitality Industry: Best Practices for Managing Large-Scale Operations," a comprehensive survey questionnaire was developed to gather data on various dimensions of leadership practices and their impact on operational success. The questionnaire is divided into three main parts.

Part I of the survey collects demographic and background information from respondents. This section includes questions on the respondent's role and position, experience level, type of organization, and educational background. For example, participants are asked to specify their current job title, the number of years they have worked in the hospitality industry, and their highest level of education. These questions are designed to contextualize the data by understanding the respondents' professional backgrounds and organizational contexts.

Part II consists of multiple standardized instruments designed to assess different facets of leadership practices. It includes several established questionnaires and scales: Transformational Leadership Questionnaire (TLQ): This assesses aspects of transformational leadership, such as vision and inspiration, individual consideration, intellectual stimulation, and inspirational motivation; Leadership Practices Inventory (LPI): This measures specific leadership behaviors including modeling the way, inspiring a shared vision, challenging the process, enabling others to act, and encouraging the heart; Multi-Factor Leadership Questionnaire (MLQ): This evaluates various leadership styles, including transformational, transactional, and laissez-faire leadership, as well as idealized influence and contingent reward; Strategic Management Survey: This assesses strategic leadership practices related to vision formulation, strategic decision-making, and strategic implementation; Strategic Management Practices: Questions focus on strategic planning, execution, and evaluation processes; Organizational Performance Measurement: Includes metrics for operational efficiency, financial performance, and customer satisfaction; Balanced Scorecard Questionnaire: Evaluates financial perspective, customer perspective, internal processes perspective, and learning and growth perspective; Operational Efficiency: Assesses process optimization and continuous improvement; Service Quality Assessment: Measures service delivery and its impact on success; Change Management Assessment Tool: Evaluates change implementation and employee involvement; Organizational Change Readiness: Assesses preparedness and capability for managing strategic changes; Leadership Strategies: Examines strategy implementation, strategic goals, and the effectiveness of leadership styles; Employee Engagement and Development: Looks into employee engagement, training, and development opportunities; Innovation and Adaptability: Assesses how leadership encourages innovation and adapts to market changes; Communication and Collaboration: Evaluates the effectiveness of communication, collaboration, and conflict resolution.

Part III seeks to provide actionable insights by asking respondents to evaluate management practices, operational efficiency, customer experience, competitive advantage, and employee development. This part of the survey aims to gather information on how leadership strategies contribute to organizational success, the effectiveness of current management practices, and opportunities for improving operational and strategic outcomes.

Each item in the questionnaire is rated on a four-point Likert scale: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), and Strongly Disagree (SD). This format allows for a detailed quantitative analysis of responses, helping to identify patterns and correlations in leadership practices and their impacts on large-scale hospitality operations.

Respondents of the study

The study on strategic leadership in the hospitality industry included a sample of 16 senior executives and/or general managers and operational managers from large-scale hotel and resort operations. Respondents were selected based on their extensive experience in managing complex hospitality environments and their roles in strategic decision-making.

The selection process employed purposive sampling to ensure that participants had significant experience and expertise relevant to the study's focus on best practices in strategic leadership.

Demographically, the sample consisted of individuals with at least of 5 years of experience in the hospitality industry. This diversity in experience and geographic location allowed for a comprehensive exploration of effective strategic leadership practices across different large-scale hospitality operations.

Data gathering Procedures

The researchers conducted a systematic and ethical data gathering process to ensure the integrity and reliability of the study's findings. Participants were informed about the study's purpose, its voluntary nature, and the confidentiality of their responses.

A structured questionnaire was distributed to randomly selected managers, accompanied by clear instructions for completion and prompt responses to any inquiries. A designated submission point was established, and researchers were available to clarify any questions. Additionally, other participants received the survey questionnaires through Google Forms.

To accommodate participants, the data collection process was scheduled at convenient times, ensuring a comfortable environment for participants. A reminder was sent to participants to emphasize the importance of their contributions and to reaffirm the confidentiality of their responses.

Anonymity will be maintained throughout the process. Each participant was assigned a unique identifier code to dissociate their responses from personal information. Completed questionnaires were securely stored and accessible only to the researchers.

Ethical Considerations

Participation in the study is on a voluntary basis without any compensation and monetary incentives. Voluntary participation in the study is important to increase the data accuracy (McLaughlin & Alfaro-Velcamp, 2015; Radcliffe, 2013). The consent form serves to confirm the participants' agreement to participate in the study on a voluntary basis and without any financial incentives (Khan, 2014).

Ethical research requirements include obtaining informed consent from all participants in the study (Crockett et al., 2013). Each participant provided a copy of the consent form (see Appendix A). The participants may withdraw from the study at any time (McLaughlin & Alfaro-Velcamp, 2015; Newman & Glass, 2014; Yin, 2014). The consent form also contains the participants' rights and procedures to withdraw from the study at any time (Khan, 2014).

To ensure the respondent's privacy, all information provided will be kept confidential and anonymous. Personal details will not be included in any reports, and data will be securely stored and permanently disposed of when no longer needed.

Data Analysis

The researchers employed descriptive statistics to analyze the data gathered from participants. This approach facilitates the organization and summarization of data, effectively highlighting relationships between various factors within the sample or population. By utilizing these statistical techniques, the researchers can thoroughly evaluate and present the survey findings. The following table outlines the interpretation of the Likert scale data

Table 1: Likert Scale Descriptive Equivalent

Numerical Rating	Scale of Margin	Response	Verbal Interpretation
1	1.0 -1.50	Strongly Disagree (SD)	Significant negative perception
2	1.51 – 2.50	Disagree (D)	Leaning towards a negative view
3	2.51 – 3.50	Agree (A)	Positive perception
4	3.51 – 4.00	Strongly Agree (SA)	Strong positive perception

Note: Based on the research aims and the Likert scale provided, the following verbal interpretations were used:

1. ***Strongly Disagree (SD)****: Participants have a significant negative perception regarding the statement, indicating a strong rejection of the proposed idea or practice.*
2. ***Disagree (D)****: Participants generally lean towards a negative view, suggesting that they do not support the idea or practice but not as strongly as in the previous category.*
3. ***Agree (A)****: Participants tend to have a positive perception, indicating a general acceptance of the idea or practice, though not overwhelmingly so.*
4. ***Strongly Agree (SA)****: Participants express a strong positive perception, indicating a solid endorsement of the idea or practice.*

RESULTS

Part I. Demographic and background information.

Table 2: Sex

Sex	F	%
Male	9	56.25%
Female	7	43.75%
Total	16	100%

Table 2 presents the distribution of participants by sex. Out of the total 16 participants, 9 (56.25%) identified as male, while 7 (43.75%) identified as female. This indicates a higher representation of males in the sample compared to females. The total percentage adds up to 100%, confirming the completeness of the data.

Table 3: Designation/Position

Designation/Position	F	%
CEO	1	6.25%
General Manager	2	12.50%
Manager	11	68.75%
Supervisor	2	12.50%
Total	**16**	**100%**

Table 3 shows that the majority of participants hold managerial positions, representing 68.75% of the sample. The CEO and General Manager roles are less represented, with only one and two participants, respectively. The total adds up to 100%, indicating a complete distribution of positions among the participants.

Table 4: number of years in the position

Years in position	f	%
Less than 1 year	2	12.50%
1 -3	4	25.00%
4 – 5	2	12.50%

More than 6 years	8	50.00%
Total	**16**	**100%**

Table 4 provides insights into the tenure of participants in their current positions. Out of 16 individuals surveyed, 2 participants, accounting for 12.50%, have held their position for less than one year. A slightly larger group, consisting of 4 participants (25.00%), has been in their roles for 1 to 3 years. In the 4 to 5-year category, there are again 2 participants (12.50%). However, the most notable finding is that a significant portion—8 participants, or 50.00%—have been in their positions for more than 6 years. This indicates a strong prevalence of long-term experience among the participants, while those with shorter tenures represent a smaller fraction of the group.

Table 5: Type of organization

Organization	**F**	**%**
Hotel	4	25.00%
Restaurant chain	10	62.50%
Resort	2	12.50%
Conference center		
Total	**16**	**100%**

Table 5 details the types of organizations represented by the participants in the survey. Out of a total of 16 individuals, 10 participants, or 62.50%, are affiliated with a restaurant chain, indicating it as the predominant type of organization within the sample. In contrast, 4 participants (25.00%) work in hotels, while only 2 participants (12.50%) are associated with resorts. Notably, there were no participants from conference centers. This distribution underscores a significant concentration of respondents from the restaurant sector, suggesting that the insights gathered may reflect the dynamics and experiences specific to that industry.

Table 6: Number of Properties

Number of Properties	**f**	**%**
1 – 5	5	31.25%
6 – 10	3	18.75%
11 – 20	1	6.25%
More than 21 properties	7	43.75%
Total	**16**	**100%**

Table 6 presents the distribution of participants based on the number of properties associated with their organizations. Among the 16 respondents, 5 participants (31.25%) indicated that they are involved with 1 to 5 properties. A smaller group of 3 participants (18.75%) reported managing 6 to 10 properties. Only 1 participant (6.25%) falls into the category of managing 11 to 20 properties. In contrast, a significant majority 7 participants, or 43.75% are linked to organizations with more than 21 properties. This data highlights a diverse range of property management experiences among the participants, with a notable emphasis on those involved in larger-scale operations.

Table 7: Highest Level of Education

Level of Education	F	%
Bachelor's Degree	13	81.25
Master's Degree	3	18.75
Doctorate Degree		
Total	**16**	**100%**

Table 7 outlines the highest level of education attained by the participants. Out of the total of 16 respondents, a substantial majority 13 participants, or 81.25% hold a Bachelor's degree. In contrast, only 3 participants (18.75%) have earned a Master's degree, while no participants reported having a Doctorate degree. This distribution indicates a strong prevalence of Bachelor's degree holders among the respondents, suggesting a well-educated workforce with a focus on foundational higher education.

Table 8: Relevant certifications or Training in Hospitality

Relevant Certifications	F	%
Yes	15	93.75
No	1	6.25%
Total	**16**	**100%**

Table 8 displays the prevalence of relevant certifications or training in hospitality among the participants. Out of 16 respondents, a significant majority 15 participants, or 93.75% indicated that they possess relevant certifications or training. Only 1 participant (6.25%) reported not having any such certifications. This data highlights a well-qualified group, emphasizing the importance of specialized training in the hospitality sector among the majority of respondents.

Part II: Address the gap by systematically examining the best practices in strategic leadership within large-scale hospitality operations.

Table 9: Transformational Leadership

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Vision and Inspiration:			
I have a clear vision of where our organization is headed and I communicate this vision effectively to others.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
I encourage my team to think creatively and explore new ways to achieve our goals.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Individual Consideration:			
I provide personalized support and mentoring to help my team members develop their skills.	3.93	SA	Strong Positive perception
I take time to understand each team member's individual needs and aspirations.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Intellectual Stimulation:			
I challenge my team to question assumptions and consider new perspectives.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

I encourage innovative problem-solving and do not punish mistakes as long as they are made in the spirit of learning.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Inspirational Motivation:			
I articulate a compelling vision that inspires my team to work towards our goals.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
I consistently model enthusiasm and commitment to our organizational mission.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 9 evaluates the perceptions of transformational leadership among participants, focusing on various indicators related to leadership qualities. Each indicator is rated on a scale, with all mean scores falling between 3.69 and 3.93, indicating strong positive perceptions.

Vision and Inspiration is highlighted through two statements: participants feel that they have a clear vision for the organization and effectively communicate it (mean score of 3.75), and they encourage creative thinking within their teams (mean score of 3.81). Both statements received a "Strongly Agree" (SA) rating.

Under Individual Consideration, participants indicated a strong commitment to supporting team development. They rated their ability to provide personalized mentoring (mean score of 3.93) and understanding individual needs (mean score of 3.81) very positively, also resulting in "Strongly Agree" interpretations.

In the category of Intellectual Stimulation, participants expressed their willingness to challenge assumptions and promote innovative problem-solving. The mean scores for these statements were 3.81 and 3.69, respectively, both receiving "Strongly Agree" ratings.

Regarding Inspirational Motivation, participants reported their effectiveness in articulating a compelling vision and modeling enthusiasm for the organization's mission, with both statements receiving a mean score of 3.81 and a "Strongly Agree" interpretation.

The results reflect a strong consensus among participants that transformational leadership qualities are well-represented in their organizational environment, fostering creativity, individual growth, and inspiration.

Table 10: Leadership Practices Inventory (IPI)

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Model the Way:			
I lead by example, demonstrating the values and behaviors I expect from my team.	4	SA	Strong Positive perception
I am clear about my personal values and principles and how they align with our organization’s goals.	3.93	SA	Strong Positive perception
Inspire a Shared Vision:			
I engage my team by painting a vivid picture of what the future can look like.	3.83	SA	Strong Positive perception
I actively seek out and implement ideas that reflect our shared vision.	3.63	SA	Strong Positive perception
Challenge the Process:			

I seek out opportunities to innovate and improve our processes.	3.75	SA	Strong perception	Positive
I take calculated risks to drive positive change within the organization.	3.75	SA	Strong perception	Positive
Enable Others to Act:				
I empower my team members by delegating important tasks and giving them the authority to make decisions.	3.94	SA	Strong perception	Positive
I foster collaboration and trust among team members to achieve our goals.	4.00	SA	Strong perception	Positive
Encourage the Heart:				
I recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of my team members.	3.94	SA	Strong perception	Positive
I show appreciation for the hard work and dedication of others.	4.00	SA	Strong perception	Positive

Table 10 presents an evaluation of leadership practices among participants, focusing on various indicators of effective leadership. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all dimensions, with mean scores ranging from 3.63 to 4.00.

In the Model the Way category, participants emphasized the importance of leading by example. They reported a mean score of 4.00 for demonstrating the values and behaviors expected from their team, reflecting a strong commitment to modeling effective leadership. Additionally, a score of 3.93 was given for clarity regarding personal values and their alignment with organizational goals, further reinforcing the importance of integrity in leadership.

When it comes to inspire a Shared Vision, participants rated their ability to engage their teams through a vivid portrayal of future possibilities with a mean score of 3.83. However, the mean score of 3.63 for actively seeking and implementing ideas that reflect this shared vision indicates a slightly lower yet still positive perception in this area.

In the Challenge the Process dimension, participants expressed their proactive approach to innovation, with a mean score of 3.75 for both seeking opportunities to improve processes and taking calculated risks for positive change. This reflects a strong inclination towards fostering an innovative environment.

Regarding Enable Others to Act, the results were particularly favorable. Participants scored a mean of 3.94 for empowering team members through delegation and a perfect score of 4.00 for fostering collaboration and trust. This highlights a strong emphasis on teamwork and shared responsibility within the organization.

in the Encourage the Heart category, participants indicated a vigorous practice of recognition and appreciation. They reported a mean score of 3.94 for recognizing team contributions and a perfect score of 4.00 for showing appreciation for hard work. This demonstrates a commitment to celebrating achievements, which is crucial for maintaining team morale.

The findings suggest that participants perceive their leadership practices as effective and supportive, fostering an environment of collaboration, innovation, and mutual respect.

Table 11: Multi-Factor Leadership

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Transformational Leadership:			
I seek out challenging tasks for my team members to promote their personal growth.	3.94	SA	Strong Positive perception
I provide clear and inspiring goals for my team to achieve.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Transactional Leadership:			
I monitor performance and take corrective actions when necessary.	4.00	SA	Strong Positive perception
I set clear expectations and reward team members based on their performance.	3.94	SA	Strong Positive perception
Laissez-Faire Leadership:			
I avoid making decisions and providing guidance when it is required.	3.00	A	Positive perception
I leave my team to work independently without offering much direction or feedback.	2.94	A	Positive perception
Idealized Influence:			
I act as a role model for my team by maintaining high ethical standards.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
I am committed to the values and mission of our organization and demonstrate this in my behavior.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Contingent Reward:			
I offer rewards and recognition when performance goals are achieved.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
I clearly communicate the expectations and rewards associated with meeting performance targets.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 11 assesses various leadership styles as perceived by the participants, focusing on transformational, transactional, and laissez-faire leadership, as well as idealized influence and contingent reward practices. The results reveal generally strong positive perceptions, particularly in transformational and transactional leadership dimensions.

In the realm of Transformational Leadership, participants reported a mean score of 3.94 for seeking out challenging tasks that promote personal growth among team members, indicating a strong commitment to fostering development. They also rated the provision of clear and inspiring goals at 3.81, suggesting that leaders effectively motivate their teams towards achieving meaningful objectives.

The Transactional Leadership indicators received favorable scores as well, with participants giving a perfect mean score of 4.00 for monitoring performance and taking corrective actions when necessary. Additionally, a mean score of 3.94 for setting clear expectations and rewarding performance indicates that leaders in this category are attentive and responsive to their team's efforts.

In contrast, the Laissez-Faire Leadership dimension reflects a more mixed perception. Participants rated the statement about avoiding decision-making and guidance at a mean score of 3.00, indicating a positive perception but suggesting room for improvement. The related statement about leaving the team to work independently received a slightly lower score of 2.94, reinforcing the idea that more engagement and direction may be needed.

Regarding Idealized Influence, participants expressed strong positive perceptions, with mean scores of 3.81 for both acting as ethical role models and demonstrating commitment to the organization's values and mission. This suggests that leaders are viewed as exemplars of the principles they espouse.

In the Contingent Reward category, participants noted a positive perception, with a mean score of 3.62 for offering rewards upon achieving performance goals and a score of 3.88 for effectively communicating expectations and rewards. This indicates that leaders are actively recognizing and reinforcing team accomplishments.

This reflects a leadership approach that is primarily transformational and transactional, with leaders actively promoting growth and accountability, while also highlighting areas where more guidance may be beneficial.

Table 12: Strategic Management

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Vision Formulation:			
Our organization has a clearly defined strategic vision that is communicated effectively to all team members.	3.94	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leadership actively involves employees in the process of shaping our strategic direction.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Strategic Decision-Making:			
Strategic decisions are made based on thorough analysis and consideration of various alternatives.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leadership considers both short-term and long-term impacts when making strategic decisions.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Strategic Implementation:			
There is a structured approach to implementing strategic plans within our organization.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Resources are effectively allocated to ensure successful execution of strategic initiatives."	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 12 examines perceptions of strategic management within the organization, focusing on vision formulation, strategic decision-making, and strategic implementation. Overall, participants expressed strong positive perceptions across all indicators, with mean scores indicating high levels of agreement.

In the Vision Formulation category, participants reported a mean score of 3.94 for having a clearly defined strategic vision that is effectively communicated to all team members. This reflects a strong belief in the organization’s direction and clarity. Additionally, a mean score of 3.75 for involving employees in shaping the strategic direction suggests that leadership fosters inclusivity and engagement in the vision-setting process.

Regarding Strategic Decision-Making, participants rated the thorough analysis of strategic decisions with a mean score of 3.81, indicating a commitment to informed choices. Similarly, a score of 3.81 for considering both short-term and long-term impacts highlights a balanced approach to decision-making that is mindful of broader implications.

In the area of Strategic Implementation, participants again showed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.81 for having a structured approach to implementing strategic plans. This suggests that the organization prioritizes systematic execution of strategies. Additionally, the effective allocation of resources to ensure successful execution of strategic initiatives received the same mean score of 3.81, indicating confidence in the organization’s capability to mobilize resources effectively.

The table illustrate a strong strategic management framework within the organization, characterized by clear vision, inclusive decision-making, and effective implementation practices.

Table 13: Strategic Management Practices

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Strategic Planning:			
Our organization regularly updates its strategic plan to respond to changes in the external environment.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
We use a formal process for setting strategic goals and objectives.	3.50	A	Positive perception
Execution:			
Clear action plans are developed and communicated to support strategic initiatives.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Performance metrics are established to track progress on strategic goals.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Evaluation:			
We conduct periodic reviews to assess the effectiveness of our strategic plans and make necessary adjustments.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Feedback from stakeholders is systematically incorporated into strategic planning and evaluation processes."	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 13 evaluates the strategic management practices within the organization, encompassing strategic planning, execution, and evaluation. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across several key indicators.

In the Strategic Planning category, participants rated the organization's ability to regularly update its strategic plan in response to external changes with a mean score of 3.75, reflecting a strong commitment to adaptability. However, the mean score of 3.50 for using a formal process to set strategic goals and objectives indicates a positive perception but suggests that there may be room for improvement in formalizing this aspect of planning.

Turning to Execution, participants expressed strong confidence in the clarity of action plans developed to support strategic initiatives, achieving a mean score of 3.81. Similarly, the establishment of performance metrics to track progress on strategic goals received the same score, emphasizing the organization's focus on accountability and measurable outcomes in executing strategies.

In the Evaluation category, participants indicated a robust approach to assessing strategic effectiveness, with a mean score of 3.81 for conducting periodic reviews of strategic plans. Additionally, the systematic incorporation of stakeholder feedback into strategic planning and evaluation processes also received a mean score of 3.81, highlighting the organization's commitment to inclusivity and responsiveness.

The organization has established strong strategic management practices, particularly in execution and evaluation, while continuing to develop its strategic planning processes.

Table 14: Organizational Performance Measurement

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Operational Efficiency:			
We regularly assess operational processes to identify areas for improvement	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Our organization uses performance metrics to monitor operational efficiency.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
Financial Performance:			
Financial performance is tracked using key performance indicators such as revenue growth and profitability."	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
We conduct financial analysis to ensure our strategies align with financial objectives."	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Customer Satisfaction:			
Customer satisfaction surveys are regularly conducted to gauge the quality of our services.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
We analyze customer feedback to make improvements and enhance service quality	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 14 provides insights into organizational performance measurement, focusing on three key areas: operational efficiency, financial performance, and customer satisfaction. The results reveal strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Operational Efficiency category, participants reported a mean score of 3.81 for regularly assessing operational processes to identify areas for improvement, reflecting a proactive approach to enhancing efficiency. Additionally, the mean score of 3.88 for using performance metrics to monitor operational efficiency indicates a robust commitment to data-driven decision-making.

Regarding Financial Performance, both indicators received a mean score of 3.75. Participants noted that financial performance is tracked using key performance indicators like revenue growth and profitability, highlighting the organization's focus on measurable financial outcomes. Furthermore, the organization's practice of conducting financial analysis to ensure alignment with financial objectives reinforces a strategic approach to financial management.

In the Customer Satisfaction area, participants again expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.81 for regularly conducting customer satisfaction surveys to gauge service quality. Similarly, the analysis of customer feedback to drive improvements and enhance service quality also received a mean score of 3.81, underscoring the organization's commitment to responding to customer needs.

This table indicate that the organization is effectively measuring performance across critical dimensions, with a clear emphasis on operational efficiency, financial health, and customer satisfaction. This holistic approach suggests a strong foundation for ongoing improvement and success.

Table 15: Balanced Scorecard

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Financial Perspective:			
Our financial performance is measured using metrics such as return on investment and cost management.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Financial goals are aligned with our strategic objectives and regularly reviewed.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Customer Perspective:			
Customer satisfaction and loyalty are key metrics for evaluating our success.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
We use customer feedback to drive improvements in our service offerings.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
Internal Processes Perspective:			
We track key internal processes to ensure they are efficient and effective.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
Continuous improvement initiatives are implemented to optimize our internal operations.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
Learning and Growth Perspective:			
We invest in employee training and development to support our strategic goals.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Innovation and knowledge sharing are encouraged to foster organizational growth.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 15 outlines the findings related to the Balanced Scorecard framework, assessing various performance perspectives: financial, customer, internal processes, and learning and growth. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all dimensions.

In the Financial Perspective, participants reported a mean score of 3.69 for measuring financial performance using metrics such as return on investment and cost management, highlighting a solid focus on financial accountability. The alignment of financial goals with strategic objectives, reflected in a mean score of 3.75, suggests that financial planning is integral to the organization's overall strategy.

From the Customer Perspective, both indicators received a high mean score of 3.88. Participants recognized customer satisfaction and loyalty as key metrics for evaluating success, emphasizing the importance of customer-centric practices. Additionally, the commitment to using customer feedback to drive service improvements further reinforces this focus.

In the Internal Processes Perspective, participants also expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.88 for tracking key internal processes to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. This is complemented by the same score for implementing continuous improvement initiatives, indicating a commitment to optimizing operations.

In the Learning and Growth Perspective, participants rated their investment in employee training and development at 3.75, suggesting a recognition of the importance of developing human capital to support strategic goals. The same score reflects the encouragement of innovation and knowledge sharing to foster organizational growth, further highlighting a proactive approach to nurturing talent and ideas.

The findings illustrate a comprehensive and balanced approach to performance measurement within the organization, encompassing financial health, customer satisfaction, operational efficiency, and employee development, all of which are crucial for sustained success.

Table 16: Operational Efficiency

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Process Optimization:			
Our organization implements best practices to streamline operational processes.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
We regularly review and refine processes to enhance efficiency.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
Continuous Improvement:			
A culture of continuous improvement is promoted throughout the organization.	3.94	SA	Strong Positive perception
We use performance data to identify opportunities for operational enhancements.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 16 evaluates perceptions of operational efficiency within the organization, focusing on process optimization and continuous improvement. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Process Optimization category, participants reported a mean score of 3.81 for implementing best practices to streamline operational processes. This suggests a commitment to adopting effective strategies that enhance workflow. Furthermore, a slightly higher mean score of 3.88 for regularly reviewing and refining processes underscores the organization’s proactive approach to enhancing efficiency.

Turning to Continuous Improvement, participants expressed an even stronger positive perception, with a mean score of 3.94 indicating that a culture of continuous improvement is actively promoted throughout the organization. This highlights a robust commitment to fostering an environment where ongoing development is valued. Additionally, a mean score of 3.81 for using performance data to identify opportunities for operational enhancements suggests that data-driven decision-making is integral to the organization’s operational strategy.

This result reflects a strong emphasis on operational efficiency, characterized by the implementation of best practices and a commitment to continuous improvement, positioning the organization for ongoing success and adaptability.

Table 17: Service Quality Assessment

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Service Delivery:			
Our service delivery meets or exceeds customer expectations.	3.88	SA	Strong Positive perception
We have systems in place to monitor and improve the quality of service provided.	4.00	SA	Strong Positive perception
Impact on Success:			
High service quality is linked to improved customer satisfaction and business success.	4.00	SA	Strong Positive perception
We actively seek and act on feedback to enhance service quality.	4.00	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 17 evaluates perceptions of service quality assessment within the organization, focusing on service delivery and its impact on success. The results reveal strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Service Delivery category, participants reported a mean score of 3.88, indicating that service delivery meets or exceeds customer expectations. This suggests a solid commitment to maintaining high service standards. Additionally, a perfect mean score of 4.00 for having systems in place to monitor and improve service quality highlights the organization's proactive approach to ensuring quality consistency.

Regarding the Impact on Success, participants again expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 4.00 for the belief that high service quality is linked to improved customer satisfaction and overall business success. This underscores the recognition of service quality as a critical factor in achieving organizational goals. Furthermore, a perfect score of 4.00 for actively seeking and acting on feedback to enhance service quality reinforces the organization's dedication to continuous improvement based on customer insights.

These findings demonstrate a strong commitment to service quality, characterized by effective delivery systems and a strong correlation between high service quality and business success, positioning the organization for sustained excellence in customer satisfaction.

Table 18: Change Management Assessment Tool

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Change Implementation:			
Our organization has a structured approach to managing and implementing changes.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leadership effectively communicates the reasons for and benefits of changes to all employees.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Employee Involvement:			

Employees are actively involved in the change process and their feedback is considered.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
We provide training and support to help employees adapt to changes.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 18 assesses perceptions of change management within the organization, focusing on change implementation and employee involvement. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Change Implementation category, participants reported a mean score of 3.81, reflecting that the organization has a structured approach to managing and implementing changes. This suggests a commitment to orderly and effective change processes. Additionally, a mean score of 3.75 for effective communication by leadership regarding the reasons for and benefits of changes indicates that employees are well-informed, which is crucial for successful change initiatives.

Turning to Employee Involvement, participants expressed positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.69 for the active involvement of employees in the change process and the consideration of their feedback. This demonstrates an inclusive approach to change management. Furthermore, a score of 3.75 for providing training and support to help employees adapt to changes highlights the organization's dedication to facilitating a smooth transition for its workforce.

The table 18 illustrate a solid framework for change management within the organization, characterized by structured implementation and effective communication, alongside active employee involvement and support. This positions the organization well to navigate and thrive through change.

Table 19: Organizational Change Readiness

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Preparedness:			
Our organization has the necessary resources and capabilities to handle strategic changes.	3.89	SA	Strong Positive perception
We regularly assess our readiness to implement significant changes.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Capability:			
We have established processes for evaluating and enhancing our change management capabilities.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leadership is equipped to guide the organization through periods of change.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 19 evaluates perceptions of organizational change readiness, focusing on preparedness and capability. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Preparedness category, participants reported a mean score of 3.89, suggesting that the organization possesses the necessary resources and capabilities to handle strategic changes. This reflects a high level of confidence in the organization's ability to manage transitions effectively. Additionally, a mean score of 3.75 for regularly assessing readiness to implement significant changes indicates a proactive approach to preparing for potential challenges.

In the Capability dimension, participants rated the establishment of processes for evaluating and enhancing change management capabilities with a mean score of 3.69, suggesting that the organization is committed to improving its ability to manage change. Furthermore, a score of 3.75 for leadership being equipped to guide the organization through periods of change underscores the confidence in leadership's effectiveness during transitions.
The data demonstrate that the organization is well-prepared for change, with strong resources and leadership capabilities, alongside a commitment to continuous evaluation and enhancement of its change management processes. This positions the organization favorably for navigating future changes successfully.

II.2: Identify effective leadership strategies and their impact on operational success.

Table 20: Leadership Strategies

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Strategy Implementation			
Leadership strategies are clearly communicated throughout the organization.	3.63	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leadership effectively aligns strategies with day-to-day operational activities	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Strategic Goals			
Leaders set clear and measurable strategic goals for the organization.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders frequently review and adjust strategic goals based on operational performance.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 20 examines perceptions of leadership strategies within the organization, focusing on strategy implementation and strategic goals. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.
In the Strategy Implementation category, participants reported a mean score of 3.63 for the clarity of communication regarding leadership strategies throughout the organization. This suggests that while communication is strong, there may still be room for improvement. A mean score of 3.69 for effectively aligning strategies with day-to-day operational activities indicates a solid commitment to ensuring that strategic initiatives are integrated into daily operations.
Regarding Strategic Goals, participants expressed confidence in leadership's ability to set clear and measurable strategic goals, reflected in a mean score of 3.75. This underscores the importance of having defined objectives for guiding the organization. Additionally, a mean score of 3.69 for frequently reviewing and adjusting these goals based on operational performance highlights a responsive approach to leadership that adapts strategies as needed.
The data suggest that the organization's leadership is generally effective in communicating and implementing strategies, as well as in setting and adjusting strategic goals, contributing to a strong strategic alignment within the organization.

Table 21: Leadership Styles and Practices

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Leadership Style Effectiveness			
The current leadership style is effective in achieving operational success.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
The leadership style in the organization supports innovation and flexibility.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Decision-Making			
The decision-making process within the organization is inclusive of team members.	3.50	A	Positive perception
Leaders involve team members in significant decision-making processes.	3.13	A	Positive perception

Table 21 evaluates perceptions of leadership styles and practices within the organization, focusing on leadership effectiveness and decision-making processes. The results indicate generally strong positive perceptions, with some areas for improvement.

In the Leadership Style Effectiveness category, participants reported a mean score of 3.62, suggesting that the current leadership style is viewed as effective in achieving operational success. This indicates a solid foundation for leadership effectiveness. Additionally, a mean score of 3.69 for the leadership style supporting innovation and flexibility highlights the organization's commitment to fostering a dynamic and adaptive environment.

Turning to Decision-Making, participants expressed a positive perception of the inclusiveness of the decision-making process, reflected in a mean score of 3.50. While this indicates a decent level of inclusivity, it suggests there is potential for further enhancement. In contrast, the mean score of 3.13 for involving team members in significant decision-making processes indicates that this practice may be less robust, pointing to an opportunity for leaders to engage their teams more actively in critical decisions.

Table 21 suggest that while the leadership style is generally effective and supportive of innovation, there is room for improvement in enhancing team involvement in decision-making processes, which could further strengthen organizational effectiveness and employee engagement.

Table 22: Impact on Operational Success

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Operational Performance			
Leadership strategies contribute significantly to overall operational efficiency.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leadership strategies have improved key operational metrics such as productivity and customer satisfaction.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Achievement of Goals			
Leadership strategies are effective in achieving the organization's operational goals.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception

Leaders regularly align strategies with operational success and performance outcomes.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 22 assesses the impact of leadership on operational success, focusing on operational performance and the achievement of goals. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Operational Performance category, participants reported a mean score of 3.75, suggesting that leadership strategies significantly contribute to overall operational efficiency. This reflects a solid belief in the effectiveness of leadership in optimizing operations. Additionally, a mean score of 3.69 for the improvement of key operational metrics, such as productivity and customer satisfaction, highlights the positive impact of these strategies on essential performance areas.

Regarding the Achievement of Goals, participants expressed confidence in the effectiveness of leadership strategies, reflected in a mean score of 3.69 for their role in achieving the organization's operational goals. This underscores the alignment of leadership efforts with the organization's objectives. Furthermore, a mean score of 3.75 for leaders regularly aligning strategies with operational success and performance outcomes reinforces the proactive approach taken by leadership to ensure that strategies are in tune with operational realities.

The findings indicate that leadership plays a crucial role in enhancing operational success, characterized by strong contributions to efficiency, improved metrics, and effective goal achievement. This suggests that the organization is well-positioned for continued operational excellence under effective leadership.

Table 23: Employee Engagement and Development

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Employee Engagement			
Leadership strategies effectively engage and motivate employees.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders frequently provide feedback and support to employees to enhance performance.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
Training and Development			
Leadership strategies support employee training and professional development.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders invest adequately in professional development opportunities for staff.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 23 examines perceptions of employee engagement and development within the organization, focusing on leadership strategies that foster engagement and support training. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Employee Engagement category, participants reported a mean score of 3.75, suggesting that leadership strategies are effective in engaging and motivating employees. This reflects a strong belief in the ability of leadership to create an inspiring work environment. Additionally, a mean score of 3.62 for leaders frequently providing feedback and support highlights a commitment to enhancing employee performance, although there may be room for further improvement in this area.

Turning to Training and Development, participants expressed equally positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.75 for leadership strategies that support employee training and professional development. This indicates a forceful commitment to investing in the growth of employees. Furthermore, the same mean score of 3.75 for leaders adequately investing in professional development opportunities reinforces the organization's focus on nurturing talent and fostering career advancement.

The table suggest that leadership is effectively engaging employees and supporting their development, creating a conducive environment for both personal and professional growth. This strong emphasis on engagement and development positions the organization favorably for sustained success and employee satisfaction.

Table 24: Innovation and Adaptability

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Encouragement of Innovation			
Leaders encourage innovative thinking within the organization.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders frequently implement innovative ideas that improve operational processes.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Adaptability to Change			
Leadership strategies adapt effectively to changes in the market or industry.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders manage transitions and changes within the organization effectively.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 24 evaluates perceptions of innovation and adaptability within the organization, focusing on how leadership encourages innovation and manages change. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Encouragement of Innovation category, participants reported a mean score of 3.69, suggesting that leaders actively promote innovative thinking within the organization. This reflects a culture that values creativity and new ideas. Additionally, the same mean score of 3.69 for frequently implementing innovative ideas that improve operational processes underscores the effectiveness of leadership in translating innovative concepts into actionable improvements.

Turning to Adaptability to Change, participants again expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.69 for leadership strategies effectively adapting to changes in the market or industry. This indicates a proactive approach to navigating external shifts. Furthermore, the equal score of 3.69 for effectively managing transitions and changes within the organization highlights leaders' capability to guide employees through periods of change smoothly.

The result from this data suggest that the organization fosters a strong culture of innovation and adaptability, with leadership playing a crucial role in encouraging new ideas and managing change effectively. This positions the organization well for ongoing success in a dynamic environment.

Table 25: Communication and Collaboration

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Communication Effectiveness			
Leaders communicate their strategies and goals effectively to the team.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders facilitate open communication and collaboration among team members.	3.50	A	Strong Positive perception
Conflict Resolution			
Leaders handle conflicts arising from strategic decisions effectively.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders mediate and resolve disagreements that impact operational success effectively.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 25 assesses perceptions of communication and collaboration within the organization, focusing on how leaders communicate strategies and manage conflicts. The results reflect strong positive perceptions across the majority of indicators.

In the Communication Effectiveness category, participants reported a mean score of 3.75, indicating that leaders communicate their strategies and goals effectively to the team. This suggests a clear alignment between leadership and team objectives. However, a mean score of 3.50 for facilitating open communication and collaboration among team members suggests that while leaders promote communication, there may be opportunities for improvement in fostering a more collaborative environment.

In the Conflict Resolution category, participants expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.69 for leaders effectively handling conflicts arising from strategic decisions. This reflects confidence in leadership's ability to manage disagreements constructively. Additionally, a mean score of 3.75 for leaders mediating and resolving disagreements that impact operational success indicates a strong capability to address issues that could hinder performance.

The findings highlight effective communication strategies employed by leaders, alongside their strong conflict resolution skills. While communication and collaboration are generally strong, the organization could benefit from further enhancing collaborative practices to maximize team engagement and synergy.

II.3: Provide actionable insights that can help hospitality organizations enhance their management practices, improve operational efficiency, and ultimately achieve greater success in a competitive market.

Table 26: Management Practices

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Leadership Effectiveness			
The leadership team effectively communicates organizational goals and expectations.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception

Leaders provide clear direction and support for achieving departmental objectives.	3.56	SA	Strong Positive perception
Decision-Making			
Decision-making processes are transparent and involve relevant stakeholders.	3.50	A	Positive perception
Leaders are effective in making decisions that align with the organization's strategic goals.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
Management Practices			
Current management practices support employee empowerment and accountability.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
Management regularly reviews and updates practices to improve efficiency and effectiveness.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 26 evaluates perceptions of management practices within the organization, focusing on leadership effectiveness and decision-making processes. The results indicate strong positive perceptions, particularly in leadership communication and support.

In the Leadership Effectiveness category, participants reported a mean score of 3.69, suggesting that the leadership team effectively communicates organizational goals and expectations. This is complemented by a mean score of 3.56 for providing clear direction and support for achieving departmental objectives, indicating that leaders are generally supportive, though there may be room for improvement in clarity.

Turning to Decision-Making, participants expressed a positive perception of transparency, reflected in a mean score of 3.50 for decision-making processes involving relevant stakeholders. While this indicates a decent level of inclusivity, it also suggests potential for further enhancement. In contrast, a mean score of 3.62 for leaders making decisions that align with the organization's strategic goals highlights effective decision-making practices that support overarching objectives.

Regarding Management Practices, participants noted strong positive perceptions with a mean score of 3.62 for practices that support employee empowerment and accountability, as well as for regular reviews and updates to improve efficiency and effectiveness. This indicates a commitment to fostering an engaged workforce and continuously refining management approaches.

This suggest that the organization benefits from effective leadership communication and management practices, though there are opportunities to enhance transparency and stakeholder involvement in decision-making processes to further strengthen organizational effectiveness.

Table 27: Operational Efficiency

Indicators	**Mean**	**Response**	**Verbal Interpretation**
Process Optimization			
The organization continuously evaluates and optimizes operational processes.	3.56	SA	Strong Positive perception
Efficiency improvements are regularly implemented based on process evaluations.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
Resource Utilization			

Resources (staff, equipment, and budget) are effectively utilized to maximize operational efficiency.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders ensure that resources are allocated based on priority and impact on operational success.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Technology Integration			
The organization effectively integrates technology to enhance operational efficiency.	3.62	SA	Strong Positive perception
Technology solutions are regularly reviewed and updated to meet operational needs.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 27 assesses perceptions of operational efficiency within the organization, focusing on process optimization, resource utilization, and technology integration. The results reflect strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Process Optimization category, participants reported a mean score of 3.56, indicating that the organization continuously evaluates and optimizes operational processes. This demonstrates a commitment to ongoing improvement. Additionally, a mean score of 3.62 for implementing efficiency improvements based on process evaluations highlights a proactive approach to enhancing operations.

Regarding Resource Utilization, participants expressed strong positive perceptions with a mean score of 3.62 for the effective utilization of resources—staff, equipment, and budget—to maximize operational efficiency. Furthermore, a mean score of 3.69 for leaders ensuring resource allocation based on priority and impact on operational success underscores the strategic approach taken by leadership in optimizing resources.

In the Technology Integration category, participants reported a mean score of 3.62, indicating effective integration of technology to enhance operational efficiency. Coupled with a mean score of 3.69 for regularly reviewing and updating technology solutions to meet operational needs, these findings suggest a commitment to leveraging technology as a means to improve operational processes.

This table indicate that the organization is effectively focused on optimizing processes, utilizing resources efficiently, and integrating technology to enhance operational efficiency. This strong commitment to operational excellence positions the organization favorably for sustained success.

Table 28: Customer Experience

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Service Quality			
Leaders prioritize customer service quality in all operational decisions.	3.89	SA	Strong Positive perception
Employees are trained to deliver exceptional customer service consistently.	3.94	SA	Strong Positive perception
Customer Feedback			
The organization actively seeks and utilizes customer feedback to improve services.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Changes and improvements are made based on customer feedback and satisfaction surveys.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 28 evaluates perceptions of customer experience, focusing on service quality and the use of customer feedback. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Service Quality category, participants reported a mean score of 3.89, suggesting that leaders prioritize customer service quality in all operational decisions. This commitment to quality is further reinforced by a mean score of 3.94 for training employees to deliver exceptional customer service consistently, highlighting a strong focus on equipping staff with the necessary skills to meet customer expectations.

Turning to Customer Feedback, participants expressed strong positive perceptions with a mean score of 3.81, indicating that the organization actively seeks and utilizes customer feedback to improve services. This proactive approach to incorporating customer insights is essential for continuous improvement. Additionally, a mean score of 3.69 for making changes based on customer feedback and satisfaction surveys demonstrates a responsive and adaptive attitude toward enhancing customer experience.

The result suggest that the organization is committed to delivering high-quality customer service and effectively utilizing customer feedback to drive improvements. This focus on customer experience positions the organization well for building strong relationships and ensuring customer satisfaction.

Table 29: Competitive Advantage

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Market Adaptation			
The organization effectively adapts to changes and trends in the competitive market.	3.44	A	Positive perception
Leaders actively seek out and respond to emerging market opportunities.	3.50	A	Positive perception
Innovation			
The organization fosters a culture of innovation to stay ahead in the competitive market.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders encourage and support innovative ideas that contribute to competitive advantage.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Benchmarking			
The organization regularly benchmarks its performance against industry standards and competitors.	3.69	SA	Strong Positive perception
Insights from benchmarking are used to drive improvements and enhance competitive positioning.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 29 assesses perceptions of the organization's competitive advantage, focusing on market adaptation, innovation, and benchmarking. The results reflect a mix of positive perceptions across the indicators, with particularly strong views on innovation and benchmarking.

In the Market Adaptation category, participants reported a mean score of 3.44, indicating a positive perception of the organization's ability to adapt to changes and trends in the competitive market. However, this score suggests there may be opportunities for improvement in this area. Similarly, a mean score of 3.50 for leaders actively seeking out and responding to emerging market opportunities indicates a proactive approach, though it also highlights room for further development.

In contrast, the Innovation category garnered strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.69 for fostering a culture of innovation. This reflects a commitment to encouraging creative thinking as a means of maintaining a competitive edge. Additionally, leaders' support for innovative ideas, also scoring 3.69, underscores the organization's dedication to harnessing new concepts that can enhance its market position.

Regarding Benchmarking, participants expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.69 for regularly benchmarking performance against industry standards and competitors. This practice is vital for identifying areas of improvement. Moreover, a mean score of 3.75 for using insights from benchmarking to drive enhancements and strengthen competitive positioning indicates a robust approach to leveraging data for strategic advantages.

This finding suggests that while the organization demonstrates a solid commitment to innovation and effective benchmarking practices, there is potential for improvement in market adaptation. Focusing on these areas will enhance the organization's overall competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Table 30: Employee Development and Engagement

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal Interpretation
Training and Development			
The organization provides adequate training and development opportunities for employees.	3.75	SA	Strong Positive perception
Training programs are aligned with operational needs and career development goals.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Employee Engagement			
Management actively engages employees in setting goals and identifying improvement areas.	3.89	SA	Strong Positive perception
Employees are recognized and rewarded for their contributions and achievements.	3.89	SA	Strong Positive perception
Work Environment			
The work environment supports collaboration and effective teamwork.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception
Leaders create a positive and supportive work culture that fosters employee satisfaction.	3.81	SA	Strong Positive perception

Table 30 evaluates perceptions of employee development and engagement within the organization, focusing on training and development, employee engagement, and the work environment. The results indicate strong positive perceptions across all indicators.

In the Training and Development category, participants reported a mean score of 3.75, suggesting that the organization provides adequate training opportunities. A slightly higher mean score of 3.81 for alignment

of training programs with operational needs and career development goals indicates a thoughtful approach to employee growth, ensuring that training is relevant and beneficial.
Moving to Employee Engagement, participants expressed strong positive perceptions, with a mean score of 3.89 for management actively engaging employees in goal-setting and improvement initiatives. This level of engagement fosters a sense of ownership among employees. Additionally, a mean score of 3.89 for recognizing and rewarding employee contributions reinforces a culture of appreciation and motivation.
In the Work Environment category, participants reported a mean score of 3.81, indicating that the work environment supports collaboration and effective teamwork. Coupled with the same score for leaders creating a positive and supportive work culture, these findings highlight the organization's commitment to fostering a satisfying and collaborative workplace.
This data suggest that the organization excels in providing training, engaging employees, and creating a positive work environment. This holistic approach to employee development and engagement positions the organization well for enhancing employee satisfaction and performance.

In summary:

I. Address the gap by systematically examining the best practices in strategic leadership within large-scale hospitality operations.

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal interpretation
Transformational Leadership	3.17	A	Positive perception
Leadership Practices Inventory	3.88	SA	Strong positive perception
Multi-Factor-Leadership	3.68	SA	Strong positive perception
Strategic Management	2.60	A	Positive perception
Strategic Management Practices	3.76	SA	Strong positive perception
Organization Performance Measurement	3.81	SA	Strong positive perception
Balanced Scorecard	3.32	A	Positive perception
Operational Efficiency	3.80	SA	Strong positive perception
Service Quality Assessment	3.97	SA	Strong positive perception
Change Management Assessment Tool	3.75	SA	Strong positive perception
Organizational Change Readiness	3.77	SA	Strong positive perception

II.2: Identify effective leadership strategies and their impact on operational success.

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal interpretation
Leadership Strategies	3.69	SA	Strong positive perception
Leadership Styles and Practices	3.48	A	Positive perception
Impact on Operational Success	3.72	SA	Strong positive perception
Employee Engagement and Development	3.72	SA	Strong positive perception
Innovation and Adaptability	3.69	SA	Strong positive perception
Communication and Collaboration	3.68	SA	Strong positive perception

II.3: Provide actionable insights that can help hospitality organizations enhance their management practices, improve operational efficiency, and ultimately achieve greater success in a competitive market.

Indicators	Mean	Response	Verbal interpretation
Management Practices	3.60	SA	Strong positive perception
Operational Efficiency	3.67	SA	Strong positive perception
Customer Experience	3.83	SA	Strong positive perception
Competitive Advantage	3.63	SA	Strong positive perception
Employee Development and Engagement	3.83	SA	Strong positive perception

Discussion

The results indicate a strong positive perception regarding leadership's ability to articulate and communicate a clear vision. With a mean score of 3.75 for having a defined direction, and 3.81 for encouraging creativity within the team, it is evident that leaders foster an environment where innovative thinking is valued. Subsequent research showed that the interactions between leaders and their subordinates can affect perceptions, emotions, and performance, ultimately enhancing creativity by nurturing the intrinsic motivation of subordinates over time (Amabile et al., 2004; Amabile, 2012). This alignment of vision with team goals is crucial for motivating employees and ensuring that everyone is working toward a common objective.

Leaders exhibit a strong commitment to individual development, scoring 3.93 on providing personalized support and mentoring. By understanding the unique aspirations and needs of team members, leaders create a supportive atmosphere conducive to professional growth. According to Beveridge (n.d.), a few essential leadership principles can be identified, with the most notable being the importance of leaders creating an environment that allows individuals to thrive. This approach not only enhances individual skills but also strengthens team dynamics and morale.

Leaders facilitate team learning through a variety of behaviors, including asking questions, sharing information, exchanging solutions, sparking curiosity, encouraging open communication, fostering a learning culture, helping to reinterpret situations, modeling innovative thinking and actions, providing coaching, embracing change, and establishing mechanisms for learning transfer (Carmeli & Scheaffer, 2008; Edmondson, 1999, 2003; Sarin & McDermott, 2003). Among unified leadership styles, transformational leadership is likely the most aligned with team and organizational learning (Song et al., 2012). A mean score of 3.81 indicates that leaders effectively challenge their teams to question assumptions and explore new perspectives. This intellectual stimulation is vital for fostering a culture of learning and innovation. Moreover, the positive perception of error management (3.69) highlights a non-punitive approach to mistakes, reinforcing that learning is a key component of the organizational culture.

The capacity of leaders to inspire and motivate is underscored by mean scores of 3.81 in both articulating a compelling vision and modeling enthusiasm for the organization's mission. This level of inspirational motivation enhances employee engagement and commitment, driving the organization toward achieving its strategic goals. (Shin et al., 2015), When goals are well-defined, they serve as valuable guides for behaviors that are important to the organization. Clear goals not only motivate employee actions but also establish a foundation for directing, constraining, and assessing performance.

Leaders are perceived as effective role models, with a mean score of 4.00 for leading by example and clearly demonstrating values aligned with organizational goals. Such behavior builds trust and establishes a strong ethical foundation, essential for fostering a positive organizational culture.

A noteworthy score of 4.00 in fostering collaboration and trust among team members illustrates leaders' commitment to empowering their teams. By delegating tasks and allowing autonomy, leaders enhance team confidence and accountability, ultimately leading to improved operational performance.

Transformational leadership is the most significant factor in improving employees' ability to navigate various situations, as such leaders create supportive environments that help maintain optimal mental health through inspirational motivation and boost employees' confidence (Sehlstedt & Hultman, 2020). Transformational leadership aspects received strong positive feedback, transactional elements were also highlighted, particularly in performance monitoring (4.00) and setting clear expectations (3.94). This blend of leadership styles supports both individual motivation and organizational accountability, crucial for operational success.

Leaders demonstrate a structured approach to strategic planning, with mean scores ranging from 3.75 to 3.94 across various indicators. This reflects a commitment to aligning strategic goals with operational activities, which is critical for ensuring organizational agility and responsiveness to external changes.

The organization maintains a strong focus on operational efficiency, with mean scores of 3.81 and above for assessing processes and implementing performance metrics. The emphasis on continuous improvement (3.94) indicates a proactive approach to optimizing operations, essential for sustaining competitive advantage. Embracing operational efficiency results in reduced costs and a competitive edge, enhances customer satisfaction, and allows organizations to respond effectively to a swiftly evolving business environment (Villa, 2023).

The emphasis on customer satisfaction is evident, with scores of 3.81 and above across various indicators related to service quality and feedback utilization. This focus not only enhances customer loyalty but also drives business success by ensuring that services meet or exceed expectations. Service quality management includes various processes, such as maintaining and monitoring systems to achieve long-term objectives related to customer services, enabling the tracking of progress and the assessment of effectiveness (Veyrat, 2016).

Most strategies aim to create a lasting competitive advantage by securing effective market positioning—whether through a dominant scale or an appealing niche—or by developing the necessary capabilities and competencies to effectively produce or deliver offerings (Hammel & Prahalad, 2011). The organization shows a willingness to adapt to market changes, albeit with slightly lower scores (3.44 and 3.50). The commitment to fostering a culture of innovation (3.69) reflects an understanding of the importance of staying competitive in a dynamic environment.

Limitations of the Study

While this research gathered extensive information from respondents, it has some limitations. Notably, several participants from the hotel industry did not respond to our request via email. Additionally, the study was constrained by the limited number of respondents from Pampanga. Despite efforts to maximize participation, the final participant count may not fully represent the diversity of perspectives within the region. Future research should aim to expand the sample size to ensure a more inclusive and representative capture of the community's views and experiences.

Conclusion

The survey results underscore the effectiveness of leadership within the organization, characterized by a strong vision, a commitment to individual development, and a culture of empowerment. Leaders adopt various leadership styles, significantly influencing how much their subordinates pursue innovation, creativity, and engagement within the organization (Amabile et al., 2004; Panuwatwanich et al., 2008). Leaders not only inspire and motivate their teams but also foster an environment that encourages creativity and innovation. This dual focus on transformational and transactional leadership ensures that strategic goals are met while also supporting individual growth.

For hotels, it is essential to cultivate a culture of environmental awareness, offer training and resources to back green initiatives, and enable leaders to model and advocate for eco-friendly practices among staff (Elshaer et al., 2024).

According to Srivastava and Singh (2023), an organization's success is significantly influenced by its employees' organizational citizenship behavior, with leaders playing a crucial role in enhancing this positive behavior. Effective leadership helps propagate best practices among stakeholders, thereby reinforcing beneficial practices within the organization (Journal of Management Development, Business Source Elite).

Furthermore, the organization’s commitment to operational efficiency and customer satisfaction positions it well for sustained success. Moving forward, enhancing adaptability and promoting inclusive decision-making will be crucial for navigating future challenges and maintaining a competitive edge in an ever-evolving landscape.

Recommendations

The researchers suggest that to enhance communication and involvement, organizations should foster a culture of open communication by actively involving team members in decision-making processes. This approach not only improves transparency but also invites diverse perspectives, leading to more inclusive and effective outcomes. By prioritizing collaboration and valuing each team member's input, organizations can unlock greater creativity and innovation while strengthening team dynamics. Employees who receive sufficient information to perform their jobs effectively are 2.8 times more likely to be engaged with their organization and their work, leading to greater loyalty and a tendency to exceed their basic responsibilities (Blink, 2023).

Organizations should prioritize adaptability as a core value. Emphasizing flexibility enables them to respond swiftly to changing market conditions, fosters innovation, and enhances resilience. By cultivating an adaptable workforce, organizations can better navigate challenges and seize new opportunities for growth. Adaptability refers to the capability of a business and its employees to adjust their work methods and processes in response to changing conditions and challenges. Therefore, enhancing workplace adaptability entails fostering skills and a willingness to learn new approaches and redirect focus toward new objectives (Whatfix, 2021). To support this initiative, organizations can organize training sessions aimed at enhancing employees' adaptability skills. Encouraging teams to embrace change by providing resources and support will help them navigate new challenges in a dynamic market. By fostering a mindset of flexibility and resilience, organizations empower employees to effectively respond to shifting demands and capitalize on emerging opportunities.

Organizations should also enhance their innovation initiatives. In today's fast-paced business environment, continuous innovation is essential to maintain a competitive edge (Davila, Epstein, & Shelton, 2021). To foster innovative thinking, organizations should establish dedicated platforms for idea generation and collaboration. Regular brainstorming sessions and workshops can effectively harness creativity at all levels, encouraging employees to contribute their insights and solutions.

In today's competitive environment, continuous improvement through employee training and development is essential for organizational success. It is crucial to invest in customized training programs that align with both individual ambitions and organizational objectives. Such initiatives will not only enhance skills but also boost employee engagement and retention. Investing strategically in employee development and training cultivates a sense of satisfaction among staff members (Engagedly, 2023).

Employees should receive training to recognize the importance of customer feedback and learn effective methods for collecting and utilizing it. Empowering them to act on real-time feedback can significantly improve the customer experience. It's essential to develop a systematic approach for integrating customer feedback into service enhancements. Regular analysis of survey results will help identify areas for improvement, ensuring that services consistently meet or surpass customer expectations (Execs in the Know, 2024).

Furthermore, organizations should enhance their efforts to acknowledge and celebrate both individual and team accomplishments. Establishing regular recognition programs can elevate morale and foster a culture of appreciation. Research indicates that when employees feel more satisfied with their organization, they tend to be more productive and are less likely to leave. Additionally, recognizing and empowering employees can significantly boost motivation and enhance overall performance within the organization (Harvard Business Review, 2021).

Finally, it is essential to conduct regular reviews of strategic goals. Scheduling periodic assessments ensures alignment with operational performance and market trends. This proactive strategy enables the organization to remain agile and responsive to evolving changes, fostering sustained growth and adaptability.

Note: Based on the conclusion, the research objectives have been effectively addressed.

1. ***Address the gap by systematically examining best practices**: The conclusion discusses the effectiveness of leadership practices and highlights the importance of various leadership styles, which speaks to identifying best practices in strategic leadership.*
2. ***Identify effective leadership strategies and their impact on operational success**: The conclusion describes how leadership fosters innovation and engagement, which directly ties to the impact of these strategies on operational success.*
3. ***Provide actionable insights for enhancing management practices**: By emphasizing the importance of environmental awareness, training, and organizational citizenship behavior, the conclusion offers actionable insights that can help improve management practices and operational efficiency.*

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