LONDON LUXURY HOTELS

COMPETITIVE BENCHMARKING ANALYSIS

MOBILE WEBSITES AND APPS

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Competitive Benchmark Analysis



Case	Aspect focus	Legend
Hotels	• Homepage	Good practice
Mobile website and Apps	 Search and Select 	Room for improvement
	 Entering Details 	e Poor
		Interesting / Noteworthy



Why

Competitive analysis is a necessary part of the design process that will help me gain valuable insight into the market, identify the strengths and weaknesses of the hotel apps, and develop effective product strategies. The insight gained through competitive analysis research will help me develop a better product and more effective UX design.

Objectives and tasks

To identify 4 websites/apps of direct and indirect competitors to my future product in order to understand the strengths and weaknesses of my competition; learning what works and what doesn't while identifying established conventions.

Analyse the following aspects of each app/mobile website.

> Homepage > Search and Select > Input information > Complete the Reservation

The usability in each website will be evaluated by completing the tasks below.

> Find a room for 2 adults and 2 childreen for 2 nights with breakfast > Complete the room reservation

Review each website and app by taking screenshots with plenty of commentary to explain the design and flow and why these are relevant and worth noting.

Competitors

1. Corinthia – Mobile App		Luxury, Traditional, Boutique
2. The tree House	e + c treehouse	Luxury, Trendy, Sustainable
3. The Goring thegoring.com	The Goring	Luxury, Traditional, Classic
4. Edition Hotels editionhotels.com/london/		Boutique, Luxury, Trendy

Homepage - Corinthia





Search and Select - Corinthia



CORINTHIA HOTELS

1. This screen appears straight after the first screen where the user entered the location. Dates are easily clickable in the calendar. And it's easy to add the amount of guests with options to select multiple rooms.

2. The option to view hotels could be introduced earlier. Although entering the dates is easy, this process could be introduced once the user had a chance to check the chosen hotel and rooms. This step here feels out of place and would fit better as screen 3 and not 2 as mentioned on the previous page.

3. Is there a reason for Promo code to be presented so early in the searching process? This could be included at the end once the user has selected the room and is ready to book.

4. Although this screen is neat and uncluttered, ideally it could include a few more options to better tailor the search such as options for flexible dates.



Search and Select - Corinthia





1. Upon inputting dates and number of guests the app shows the user the accommodation available, it is assertive in how it only displays the rooms available, however, as a constraint, it omits the various types of accommodation on offer. To view the different accommodations the user needs to go back to the Homepage and search for it.

OUR ROOMS

2022/11/18 - 2022/11/20 | 4 guests | 2 room

Corinthia London

12:32

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Whitehall Place, London, SWIA 2BD, United Kingdom



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2 guests : Select room 2

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ROOM 1 958.50 GBP

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OFFERS

2. Good visibility of what is being booked and at what price.



3. Options for amending dates manually at every point of the process.

4. Comprehensive breakdown of facilities and amenities available at the accommodation. Good visibility of price and discount. CTA button located at the bottom right of the section secures good flow.

5. No option for breakfast available or extras. As a luxury service, an extra set of options could be included here for a better tailored bookina.

6. Persistent Bottom Nav bar anchored allow the user to navigate the app.

Entering Details - Corinthia





Booking Summary - Corinthia



HOTELS 1. Clear booking summary with information on deposit and cancellations.

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17:40 ...| 🎓 🔳 SUMMARY \times Room 1 Guests 2 Adults Deluxe King Room type Rate type Corinthia DISCOVERY Members rate. Cancellations Cancel by 12AM on 02/13/23 to avoid a penalty charge. Deposit Policy A deposit is not required for guarantee of your reservation Daily rate: 2023/02/13 Total Subtotal Taxes and fees Grand total

2. Check in/out times could also be included here.

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Assessment - Corinthia



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Strengths

Effective calls to action Useful and relevant content Intuitive navigation and search Quick and easy checkout process

Opportunities

More options to add extras or include breakfast

Weaknesses

Minimal and stripped back design could compromise information

Threats

Competitors copying features or ideas

Overall Assessment

Good Practice

- Stripped back with information neatly organised.
- Only useful and relevant information.
- Uncluttered menus and accessible information.
- Intuitive and easy to navigate flows.
- Consistent premium look and feel throughout the entire flow from Homepage to the booking completion.
- Process flows seamlessly and consistently through the booking process.
- Good use of white space.

Needs Improvement

- Minimal style could mean that important or relevant information can go amiss such as check in and check out times.
- No breakfast option available or accessible throughout the booking process.
- Messages about member discounts but no apparent CTA to help users find the 'Become a Member' section.
- Flow could be improved and the order in where the screens appear could be revised.

Homepage - Threehouse



treehouse

1. Sleek and modern branding, playful language and typeface. Carousel with images show versatility of the place. Discover more button takes the user to sections with offers available. Each offer is displayed in a separate section in an organised manner.





VIEW DETAILS 5

3. Inconsistent suit of icons. Even thought the Branding conveys a playful look and feel, the visual language would be more consistent if a suit of icons was created for the brand. The current icons display variation of line thickness, some are solid and some are outlined. Icons are too detailed and might confuse the user.

4. Good segmentation structure. When scrolling down the page reveals a lot of information, the content is well-organised and segmented by Sleep, Eat and Drink, Offers, Events and a map to indicate where the hotel is located.

5. Interesting CTA - clicking on it takes the user to a section to all rooms available with filters to refine the search. I wonder if the choice of colour is dubious as the red can be alarmist. However, the arrow icon indicates that the element is clickable.

2. Persistent bottom Nav bar anchors the site and offers interaction.

Homepage - Threehouse





4. The hamburger menu expands displaying an array of sections. These sections can also be expanded by clicking on the arrow. This navigation bar menu ensures the information is displayed at users will - keeping the vast site content well-organised.

5. International feature with language option.

Search and Select - Threehouse





Search and Select - Threehouse



Ø+ ⋒ treehouse LONDON 1. After a lot of scrolling, the user might find an option that suits their needs. Lots of info on the chosen accommodation. ΗĦ KING & TWO TWIN BEDS £1238 GBP £866 GBP Avg/Night PAY NOW - NONREFUNDABLE - SAVE 30% **2.** Booking options available. £1238 GBP £990 GBP Avg/Night PAY LATER - FLEXIBLE 24-HOUR CANCELLATION £1281 GBP £896 GBP Avg/Night FOR 2 **3.** Nice to see room details expand and shrink when clicked on. Visible CTA button.



4. CTA button to skip add-ons at the top of the page.

5. Add-ons are cluttering the page and slowing down the booking process. It also makes the site feel very salesly.

Entering Details - Threehouse



1. Easy to enter details in input fields, system is intuitive, and error message only shows when input hasn't been completed.

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2. Dropdown menu is not customised by region at first - The country field automatically updates when inputting the phone number.

3. Nice to see a field for special requests. It adds a personal touch.



Assessment - Threehouse



Strengths

Unique concept Effective calls to action Useful and relevant content Intuitive navigation

Weaknesses

Showing rooms/info that do not match my search

Lengthy checkout process Add-on may look salesly

Opportunities

Offer membership or loyalty credits

Threats

Relaxed look and feel (icons) might miss the mark on the luxury market

Overall Assessment

Good Practice

- Information is neatly organised
- Only useful and relevant information.
- Uncluttered menus and accessible info.
- Intuitive and easy to navigate.
- Consistent playful look and language throughout the site.
- Thourough information and detail.
- Plenty of options available such as breakfast, late checkout etc.

Needs Improvement

- Showing all rooms and without filtering the info to match selection.
- Too many steps to finalise the booking
- Too many add-ons and offers lowers the percieved value of the Brand.
- Flow could be streamlined by only showing rooms available based on the number of guests and dates.
- Site can look and feel cluttered in some sections.

Homepage - The Goring

section.





Search and Select - The Goring E. **4.** Nice to have the hamburger menu available in \equiv The Goring case the user wants to move away from this page. Clicking on the logo also takes the user back to *** the Homepage. Header also indicates selected Your stay: 22 Nov - 24 Nov 2022 Guests: 2 Adults. 2 Children Ř dates and guests, so the user can keep track on what is being booked. The Goring SELECT ROOM The Goring BOOK a STAY Show Filters **5.** Great feature, in this section is possible to November 2022 0 select a room based on rates, dates, features etc. Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1. When clicking on 'Book a Stay' Adults this tiny calendar pops up. It feels 14 15 16 17 18 19 stiff and very small on mobile. 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 Depending on the users fingers 27 28 29 30 CHECK AVAILA anatomy the selection of dates CALL OUR TEAM: +44 (0) 20 7396 9000 6. No photo - This section looks neglected and can prove a burdensome task. does not build credibility or convey luxury. This feature is prone to cause W accessibility issues. GORING GIFTS The Goring has a thoughtful range of gifts nd voucher GARDEN FAMILY ROOM READ MORE 1 King Garden Family Suites have the luxury of delightful garden views and two Щ. bedrooms THE GORING Room details COCKTAIL BAR Flexible Advance Purchase Rate With its inviting ambience, The Goring Deposit Required Cocktail Bar is perfect for a relaxed evening Book in advance and enjoy a discount on your rate. Full non-refundable drink in luxury five-star surroundin prepayment is required READ MORE £2,653 Per Night Including VAT 2. CTA buttons that do not W look like buttons. AFTERNOON TEA **3.** Inviting call to action might The Goring Rate go amiss. We celebrate this much-loved English

 \checkmark Free cancellation up to 14:00 1 day before arrival

Guaranteed with Credit Card

Simply our best available rate without breakfast, but including VAT, WiFi and newspaper

£3,074 Per Night

Including VAT

tradition.

FIND OUT MORE

BOOK NOW

7. Good communication and clear message on cancellations and flexible prices when paying a deposit.

Search and Select - The Goring





1. When clicking on the top menu the user is taken to a comprehensive and easy to use calendar. This section should have been offered ealier on in the selection process on the Homepage, instead of the tiny calender that popped when clicking on book a stay.

Would be interesting to understand why this screen is only available when the user edits the original dates, instead of making it available when the user first inputs their dates.





Entering details - The Goring





		YOUR STAY
	[■] The Goring	Check-in Check-out After 15:00 Before 12:00
The Goring	£5.306.00 ×	Tue, 22 Nov 2022 - Thu, 24 Nov 2022 2 Adults, 2 Children
0	< GUEST DETAILS	<u>Garden Family Room</u> Flexible Advance Purchase Rate
	CONTACT INFO * Required	2 Nights ∨
	Prefix *	+ Add a Room
	Surname * Joyce	
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	Aland Islands	
	Albania Algeria	
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	TRANSPORTATION (OPTIONAL)	
[PAYMENT INFORMATION	
2. Clear communication on when payment is due.	£5,306.00 due 15 November 2022 (hotel local time) Please provide a valid payment method.	
	VISA Director Director Contesto	
-	Card Number *	

3. Booking summary before payment and chance to edit the stay. Nice to see check-in and Checkout times.

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£5,306.00

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Assessment - The Goring



The Goring

Strengths

Classic Branding conveying luxury

Quick and easy checkout process

Weaknesses

Ineffective or concealed calls to action

Confusing structure and navigation

Lengthy checkout process

Outdated design (photo missing)

Opportunities

To increase the number of add-ons or special requests

New design trends to better convey messages

Threats

Competitors have better sites

Overall Assessment

Good Practice

- Homepage contain relevant information
- Uncluttered menus and accessible info.
- Consistent traditional boutique branding look and language throughout the site.
- Comprehensive Booking summary.
- Quick and easy checkout process.

Needs Improvement

- Calendar might present accessibility issues
- No section for special requests or to book breakfast
- Too many steps to vfinalise the booking
- Content on the hamburger menu is not well-organised and might be confusing.

Homepage - The Edition

EDITION*

1. Sleek and aesthetically pleasing imagery really conveys the premium and dreamy concept of the brand.

2. Destination Menu takes the user to specific destination sites.

3. Destination here is also clickable and a drop-down menu appears with clickable destinations (cities) that will take the user to their specific city/hotel site.

4. CTA button is placed in thumb zone and will take the user to a booking page.

The arrow icon is also a great indication that there is more content to be explored down the page.





5. Part of Marriott hotels, the Edition segment position themselves as a modern, unique luxury brand. The language throughout the site is young and fresh. On the homepage there is information about their concept to create unique places for unique experiences, collaborations with artists, musicians and exclusive events reinforcing their editorial, fashionable vibe.

6. Drop-down menu in the section Dining and Entertainment where is possible to select bars or restaurants.

Good indication of Carousel with Arrows and navigation dots. Colourful, eye catching imagery — images are clickable and will open and extra tab with a page on that specific restaurant/bar.

7. Homepage sections are very general including information on the Hotel concepts, dining and entertainment, offers, what is on the press etc. The content is quite broad - leveraging on luxury lifestyle with a section showcasing the hotels own products.

Homepage - The Edition



1. Specific and unique London Logo indicates well where the user has landed. The destination option is still available should the user change their mind on which site to visit. Easy to navigate, the homepage offers plenty of opportunities to make a booking.

2. Arrow pointing down in the Menu button is a good indication that the Menu contains additional info such as location and maps etc.

The reserve button takes the user to a calendar for availability.

The difference in colour - Menu being white and Reserve Black can serve as indicator that the menu is a dropdown section and reserve is an action button.

3. View Rooms and & Suite takes the user to a page where they can view all rooms in the hotel, with comprehensive information on each room and plenty of eye-catching imagery. It is also possible to reserve the room from that section.



THE NEW GENERATION OF LUXURY

The London EDITION offers both a reinvention of its landmark building and the luxury hotel experience. Located in Fitzrovia on the edge of Soho, the boutique hotel blends thoughtful design and intuitive service with excellent dining and nightlife in a space that boldly brings together the past with the present.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Oak floors, wood-paneled walls, custom furnishings and evocative photography from Hendrik Kerstens create a cabin-like feel, akin to that of a private yacht, in each of the 173 guest-moms and suites.

VIEW ROOMS & SUITE



EDITION EXPERIENCES

Exclusive hotel offers highlight dining at Berners Tavern, bespoke cocktails at the Punch Room, specially crafted experiences for kids and the city itself, from luxury shopping to iconic sights.

VIEW SPECIAL OFFERS



WHAT'S ON AT THE LONDON EDITION

The London EDITION offers a carefully curated program of cultural events and happenings. Click through to the Happenings page to see what's on and to reserve your space.

VIEW HAPPENINGS

EXCLUSIVELY

4. Relevant content with plenty of beautiful images accompanying each section. The Homepage looks sleek and easy to navigate.

CTAs are easy to find and identify including highly related text.

Search and Select - The Edition



Search and Select - The Edition



1. Good indication on which site the user is (London) with options to see location, phone number as well as more specific features on the top menu. It is also possible to track dates and edit them if needed.

2. Payment options available and option to see a breakdown of the cost with fees.

3. The icon here indicates more photos of the room but when clicked it takes the user to a Room Details section with comprehensive information on the room. The same section is reached when clicking on Room Details below. Perhaps the choice of icon should be revised?

4. Transparent information on payment details and discount for members.





Entering details - The Edition



Assessment - The London Edition



EDITION*

Strengths

Unique concept Effective calls to action Useful and relevant content Intuitive navigation and search Quick and easy checkout process

Opportunities

More effective marketing tactics

Weaknesses

Ineffective or concealed calls to action in some sections

Broken features

Threats

Competitors copying features or ideas

Overall Assessment

Good Practice

- Consistent verbal and visual language across the sites.
- Consistent branding with modern and vibrant imagery.
- Neat organisation of content
- Intuitive and easy to navigate.
- Clear language and detailed information.
- Choose room features section adds a touch of personality.

Needs Improvement

- Signing up for membership feature could be more prominent/readily available.
- My dates are flexible feature is broken.
- Clickable section on Flexible dates can be missed as there is no indication these section can be actionable.

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	CORINTHIA HOTELS	treehouse	The Goring	EDITIONN*
Good Practice	 Clear Brand and Identity Visible and clear bottom navigation bar Good use of icons and imagery Straigthfoward Navigation and flow Drop Down and expandable Menus 	 Clear Brand and Identity Persistent bottom Nav bar Good segmentation structure Expandable menus International feature (Language and currency) Reviews and Maps 	 Clear Brand and Identity Expandable menus International feature (Languages) 	 Clear Brand and Identity Quick and easy navigation Relevant content with plenty of beautiful images Clear CTAs
Room for Improvement	 Flow and screen order CTA or indication on how to become a member is missing 		• Content in menus could be revised to organise the information better	
Poor	• Flow	• Inconsistent suit of icons	 CTA buttons that do not look like buttons Difficult to find address and location 	
Interesting / Worth noting	• Fading copy indicates there is more copy prompting the user to click and expand the copy field	• Interesting choice of colour (RED)	• CTAs message is clear but lack in visual clue	• Segmentation helps organising content

	CORINTHIA [®] HOTELS	treehouse	The Goring	EDITION *
Good Practice	 Full map of the area Easy to select dates and navigate Persistent Bottom Nav bar 	 Progress indicator feature Persistent bottom Nav bar Booking and payment options available Flexible Dates option Options to brinf children and pets Booking options available Expandable menus 	 Detailed filters to help search Expandable menus International menu with options for language and currency 	 Calendar and selection section is easy to use Flexible dates options against a list of prices Payment options available Select room features option Transparent information on payment
Room for Improvement	 Flow and screen order CTA or indication on how to become a member is missing 	• Add-ons are clutter the page	• CTA buttons that do not look like buttons	• No indication of interaction with price rows in flexible dates section
Poor	• No option for flexible dates	 Inconsistent suit of icons Shows all rooms availiable with no consideartion for the size of the party 	 Calendar is too small and difficult to select dates Photo of the room missing - makes the site look abandoned No options to select breakfast 	• My Dates are flexible feature is broken
Interesting / Worth noting	 Promo code can be added Interesting use of white space 		• Good communication and clear message on cancellations and flexible prices when paying a deposit.	 Segmentation helps organising content Choice of icons

	CORINTHIA HOTELS	treehouse	The Goring	EDITIONN*
Good Practice	 Quick and easy to enter details Contact details will auto-fill when user signed up to the membership Back arrows on top bar Options for special requests Persistent Bottom Nav bar 	 Quick and easy to enter details Options for special requests Comprehensive and detailed booking summary 	 Quick and easy to enter details Clear rules on payment Booking summary before payment and edit button easily available 	 Quick and easy to enter details Persistent editable top section/menu
Room for Improvement	• More info in the Confirmation and Payment section	• One currency option only	• CTA buttons that do not look like buttons	• Option to sign in for faster booking (but no clue on how to sign up)
Poor	• No option for breakfast or add-ons			
Interesting / Worth noting		• Country field automatically updates when inputting the phone number		 Segmentation helps organising content Choice of icons

THANK YOU!