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REPUTATION DAMAGE
As noted in the Willis Hotel and Leisure industry autumn 2010 newsletter, 30% – 40% of a business’s worth is accounted for by reputation. The loss of this reputation will have a financial impact on reservations, occupancy, ability to maintain Average Daily Rate and RevPAR at a hotel.

BOARDROOM CONFIDENCE
Shareholders and members of the board are increasingly seeking reassurance from their senior management team that they have the right protection in place should their hotel experience a crisis situation. Designed by Willis in conjunction with Lloyd’s insurer Kiln, the Hotel Reputation Protection product delivers protection for hotels which become involved with an incident that gets reported in any public communication or medium which leads to or is likely to lead to a loss of RevPAR.

HOTEL REPUTATION PROTECTION: KEY FEATURES

CRISIS MANAGEMENT COSTS
Crisis management costs for an approved professional who assists with handling the incident with the media.

This section of the insurance coverage is provided on a sliding scale, commencing with 100% in week one and reducing over time as the incident and media reporting becomes controlled.

LOSS OF REVPAR
Cover is provided for loss of RevPAR which directly results from the incident, protecting the hotel’s financial loss caused by the adverse media coverage.

POLICY LIMIT
The insurance product allows sectionalised individual limits for crisis management and loss of RevPAR with an overall aggregate of up to €25,000,000 within the policy period.

POLICY PERILS
Incidents which are covered by this policy include:
— Death of a guest
— Permanent physical disablement of a guest
— Food-borne illness caused by malicious or accidental contamination
— Outbreak of Norovirus
— Outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease

EXCLUSIONS
— Any loss arising out of the Insured’s wilful, deliberate, malicious, fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal act.
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