

Press Release

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Accor Hospitality UK launches free payment card for British businesses

From March, British based companies will be able to pay for their hotel expenses in over 130 Accor Hotels in the UK with a new charge card – the **Accor Hospitality Business Account**.

The free card is primarily designed to enable companies to manage their Accor hotel expenditure more efficiently. It can be used to pay for accommodation, food and drink. The card covers all seven Accor brands in the UK, ranging from luxury to low-cost: five star Sofitel, upper mid-market Novotel and Mercure as well as budget all seasons and ibis and low cost Etap and Formule 1.

The card can be cleverly used in two forms – a central card, held and managed by a company administrator, or multiple cards can be issued to individual travellers within the company. Whichever options businesses choose, one invoice identifying all transactions will be sent to the company every month.

Each business account can also be easily managed online with instant access to all records over the last 12 months and reports that can be tailored to clients' needs.

The **Accor Hospitality Business Account** simplifies the process of managing expense claims that businesses have historically managed through expense claim forms or through the use of personal cards to pay for company expenses.

The card can be applied for at www.businessaccount.accorhotels.com, where an application form and details of all terms and conditions are available.

Bookings to be paid for on the **Accor Hospitality Business Account Card** can be made by calling 0871 663 0624, through Accorhotels.com or alternatively through the individual brand websites.

Jo Stevenson, Director of Sales for Accor Hospitality UK and Ireland, said, "In the difficult financial times we are experiencing, we know that controlling travel budgets is important for the majority of companies and the Accor Hospitality Business Account is designed to do just that. Because the card is free and provides an easy to use service for managing hotel expenses, we think the card will particularly appeal to SMEs. It also has the added benefit of covering all of Accor's seven brands in the UK, which means this card really does distinguish us from our competitors."

Atos Origin has developed and will operate the card scheme on behalf of Accor Hospitality.

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Accor, a major global group and the European leader in hotels, as well as the global leader in services to corporate clients and public institutions, operates in nearly 100 countries with 150,000 employees. It offers to its clients over 40 years of expertise in two core businesses:

- **Hotels**, with the **Sofitel**, **Pullman**, **MGallery**, **Novotel**, **Mercure**, **Suitehotel**, **Adagio**, **ibis**, **all seasons**, **Etap Hotel**, **Formule 1**, **hotelF1** and **Motel 6** brands, representing 4,100 hotels and nearly 500,000 rooms in 90 countries, as well as strategically related activities, **Accor Thalassa Sea & Spa**, **Lenôtre**, **CWL**.

- **Services**, with 33 million people in 40 countries benefiting from Accor Services products in employee and constituent benefits, rewards and incentives, and expense management.

Atos Origin is a leading international information technology (IT) services company, providing hi-tech transactional services, consulting, systems integration and managed operations to deliver business outcomes globally. The company's annual revenues are EUR 5.5 billion and it employs 50,000 people. Atos Origin is the Worldwide Information Technology Partner for the Olympic Games and has a client base of international companies across all sectors. Atos Origin is quoted on the Paris Eurolist Market and trades as Atos Origin, Atos Worldline and Atos Consulting.

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