



8 ESSENTIAL TIPS

High-Season Mastery: The Ultimate Insider Strategies for Hotels

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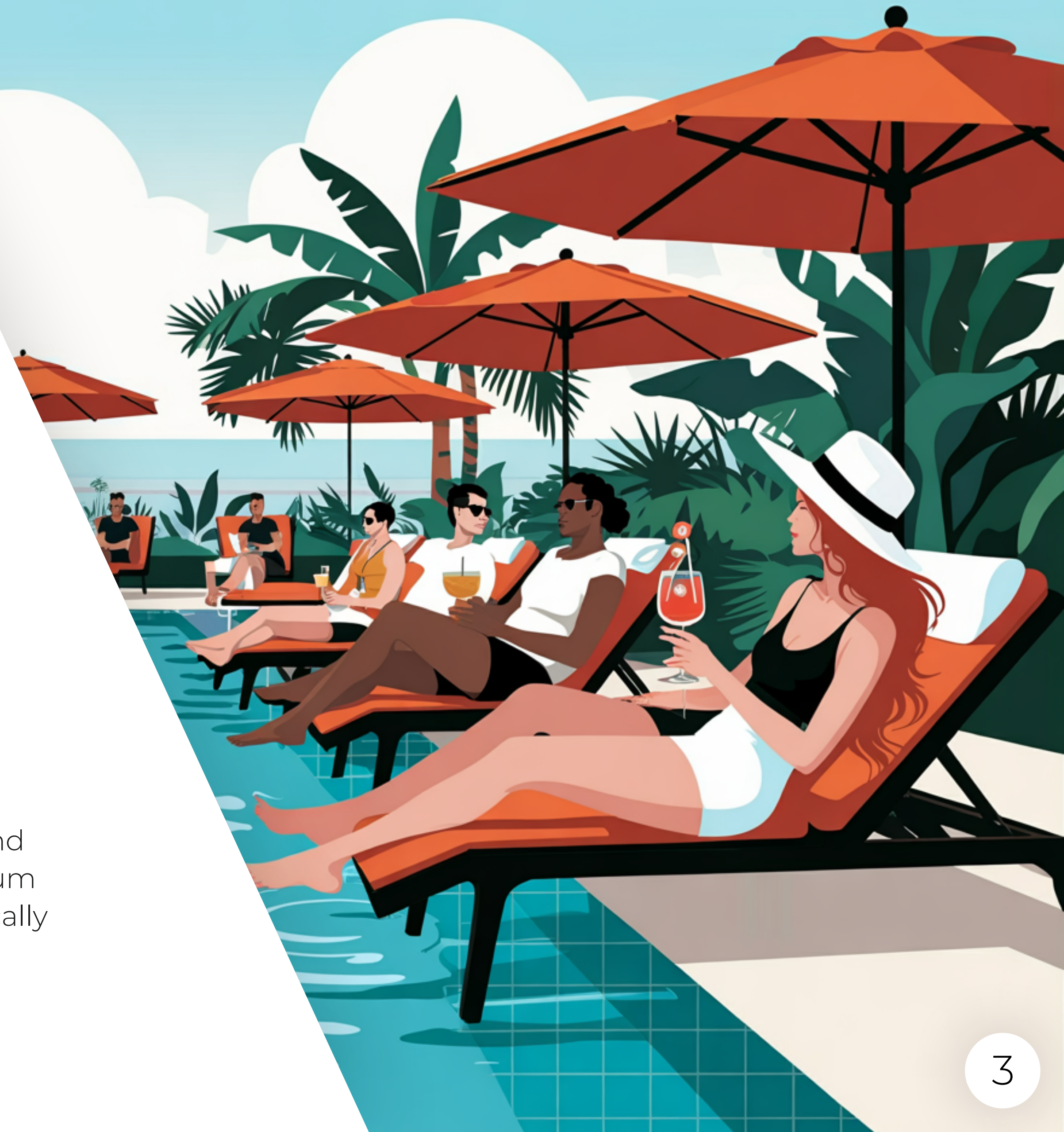
Smart Yield Management Tactics

Implement Minimum Stays with Added Perks

Instead of simply raising prices, set 2-night minimum stays on weekends, but increase perceived value by bundling attractive perks like free breakfast, discounted spa access, or welcome drinks. Guests are more willing to commit to longer stays if they feel they're getting extra benefits — and longer stays reduce operational churn, boosting profitability.

Blend Segment-Specific Pricing with Timing Specials

Don't treat all guests the same. Tailor pricing to fit different audiences: offer families early-bird discounts for longer stays and target couples with spontaneous weekend getaways at premium rates. Smart segmentation allows you to fill your hotel dynamically while protecting your average daily rate (ADR).



TIP 2.

Profitable **Temporary** Upselling Techniques

Wholesale Seasonal Rentals

Strike deals with local partners to get your hands on seasonal amenities like bikes, scooters, or kayaks before the peak hits. Offer them as exclusive rentals to guests through pre-arrival communications. It's a low-investment, high-margin upsell — and guests love the convenience of booking extras in advance.

Limited-Time Premium Room Packages

Create scarcity-driven upgrades: advertise balcony rooms, sea views, or premium suites as “limited-time offers” available only during the season. Creating a sense of urgency (“Only 5 rooms available!”) taps into guests’ fear of missing out (FOMO), encouraging immediate upgrades.



TIP 3.

Expert-Level Communication

Automate and Personalize with AI

Implement tools like runnr.ai to automate upsell offers based on booking data, guest profiles, and preferences. AI personalization ensures that guests see only the most relevant offers — making them far more likely to purchase than with generic promotions.

Highlight Scarcity Clearly

As mentioned in tip 2, guests are naturally driven by scarcity. Frame your online communication carefully: mention limited availability early and prominently (“Offer valid for the first 10 bookings!”). Scarcity increases perceived value and compels faster decision-making. Keep in mind to stay transparent and honest though, as some types of guests really don’t appreciate being pressured unnecessarily.



TIP 4.

Strategic Temporary Staffing **Hacks**

Host a “High-Season Kick-off Day”

Set aside a full day before the season starts to onboard all temporary staff together. Include crash courses on service basics, your hotel’s brand voice, upselling techniques, and cross-department workflows. A strong, enthusiastic start sets the tone for the entire season.

Use Scripts and Checklists

Make use of your PMS to provide simple, clear scripts and checklists for key interactions like check-ins, upsells, and complaint handling. Consistency is critical: even inexperienced seasonal staff can deliver a professional experience if they know exactly what to say and do.



TIP 5.

Advanced Loyalty Strategies for Repeat Business

Capture Guest Preferences Proactively

During every guest interaction, your team should discreetly gather preference information: favorite room type, preferred activities, dietary needs. Store this data in your guest profiles to tailor future marketing and create “welcome back” offers that feel personal and exclusive.

Plan Recurring Targeted Events

Host repeatable events tied to guest interests — like annual yoga retreats, foodie weekends, or family adventure weeks. Recurring, niche-focused events drive repeat visits because they create anticipation and become part of your guests’ yearly plans.



TIP 6.

Cost-Effective Temporary Staffing Sources

Leverage Student Internship Programs

Partner with hotel management schools and universities to source motivated interns. Interns often bring fresh energy, are eager to learn, and can be molded to your brand standards — all at a much lower cost than agency temps.

Offer Referral Bonuses

Encourage your year-round staff to refer friends as seasonal hires by offering attractive bonuses. Internal referrals often result in better culture fit and lower turnover compared to cold hiring.



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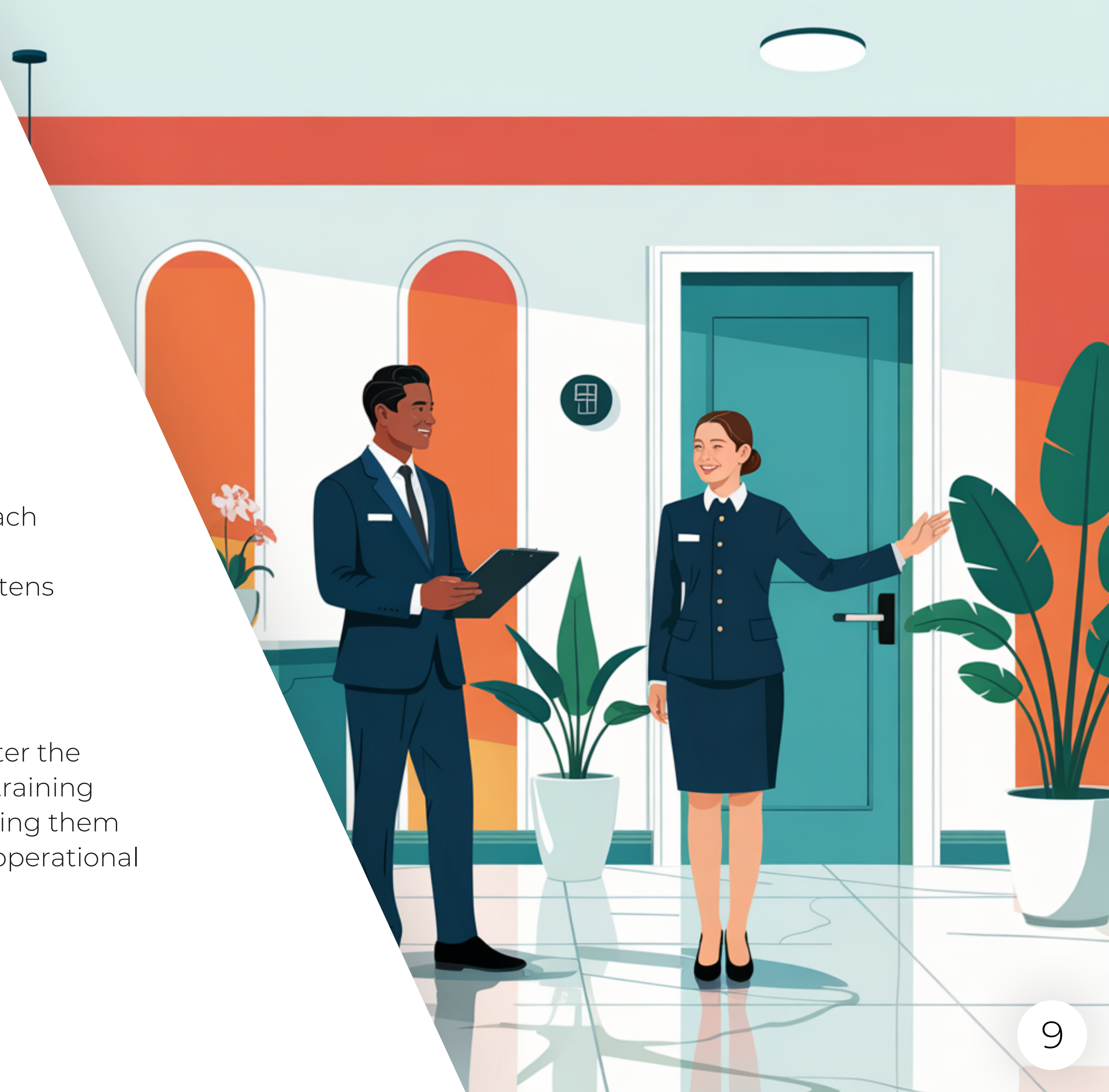
Boost Productivity with Seasonal Staff

Mentorship Pairing

Pair each seasonal employee with a full-time mentor during the first critical weeks. Mentors can quickly teach service nuances, property quirks, and brand-specific standards that formal training often misses. This shortens the ramp-up time significantly.

Stay Connected Off-Season

Maintain relationships with top seasonal staff even after the season ends. Invite them for occasional shifts, online training modules, or early hiring alerts for the next peak. Keeping them engaged saves onboarding time and helps preserve operational excellence year over year.



TIP 8.

Maximize Your Peak-Season **Momentum** Year-Round

Use High Season as a Testing Ground

Introduce new services (e.g., rooftop cocktail hours, premium room bundles) during the season to measure guest response. A high-traffic environment provides the perfect opportunity to test ideas quickly and refine offerings for long-term profitability.

Gather and Analyze Guest Feedback

Collect targeted feedback at checkout focused on seasonal amenities and experiences. Use these insights to sharpen your high-season strategy, optimize what worked, and cut what didn't, building a stronger offering for next year.

