# GLOBAL HOTELS AND RESORTS ANALYSIS

**RIT BUSINESS** ANALYTICS COMPETITION 2024





### TEAM **BUSINESS AS USUAL**





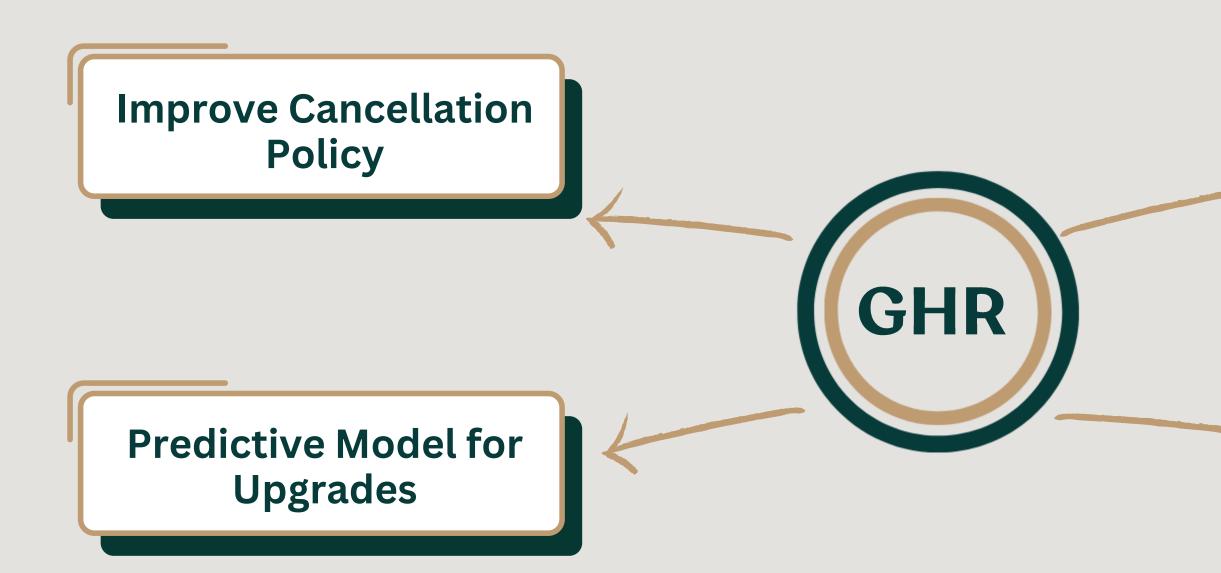
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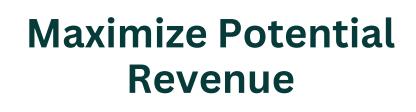


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### MEET OUR CLIENT







### **Exact Cost Calculation** for Free Upgrades

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#### Data Preparation

Handling null values & creating new features

### 02

#### **Revenue Calculation**

Upgrade loss, Cancellation loss & Revenue

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#### **Predictive Model**

Predicting Upgrades using CatBoost Model

### 04

#### **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation factors & our recommendations

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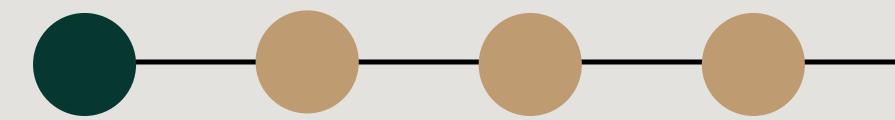
#### Maximizing Potential Revenue

Exploring other areas to increase revenue

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### Conclusion

Q&A Time



## Data Preparation

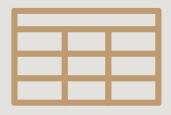


### DATASET





Dataset consists **94,364** rows and **28** columns documenting booking reservations at GHR. Dataset contains booking reservations spanning from **Q4 of 2015 - Q4 of 2017** 



#### Dataset contains columns such as ReservedRoom, ADR, LeadTime, MarketSegment etc.

## DATA CLEANING

+Column Name	Null Values Count
AssignedRoom BookingCompany BookingDistributionChannel BookingParking Country DepositType NumberOfChildren ReservedRoom TravelAgent	7   89634   5   12   243   4   2   10721
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## FEATURE ENGINEERING

#### LengthOfStay

=StayInWeekendNights + StayInWeekNights

### is\_family

0 : No babies/children 1: either baby/children

#### **TotalGuests**

=NumberOfChildren + NumberOfBabies+ NumberOfAdults

#### is\_upgraded

0: not upgraded 1: upgraded

### Length\_of\_stay\_category very short, short, medium, long

lead\_time\_category very short, short, medium, long, very long



### DepartureDate = ArrivalDate + LengthOfStay

### **ADR\_category** very\_low, low, medium, high

### MarketCategory Business / Leisure



### Revenue Calculation



### POTENTIAL REVENUE

**Potential Revenue = Revenue Gain** (from hotel stays + from non-refundable cancellations) -Revenue Loss from free upgrades - Revenue Loss from last-minute cancellations.



### UPGRADES

### What is an Upgrade?



**Room Type A** (Reserved)

### **Reasons for Free Upgrade**

Overbooking

### Special Occasions

**Room Type G** 

(Assigned)

# WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN UPGRADE LOSS?

### Scenario



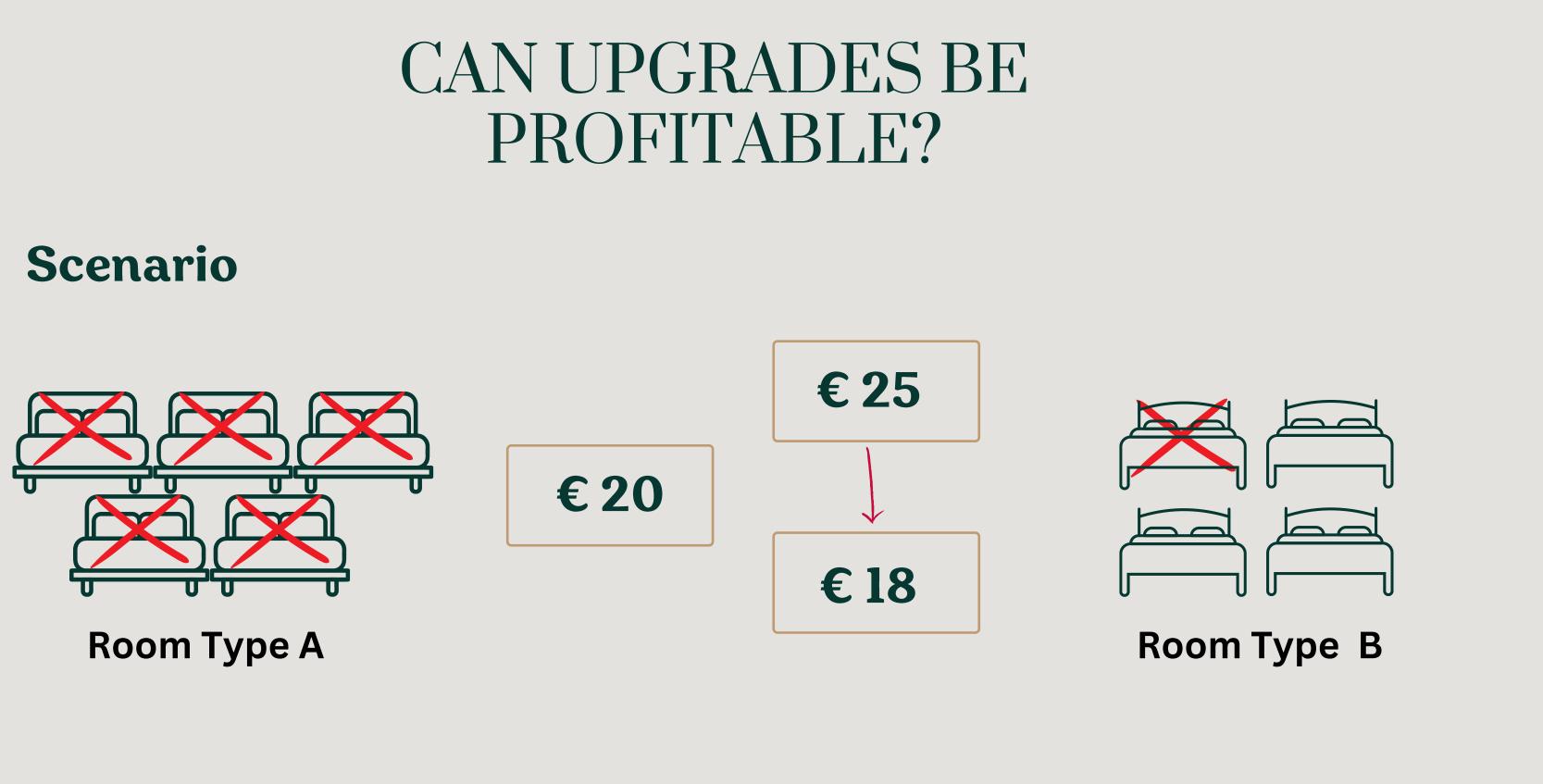
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**Room Type A** 



### Room Type G

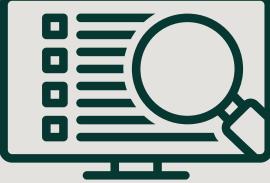


### HOW DO WE ESTABLISH TYPICAL SELLING PRICE?

### Scenario



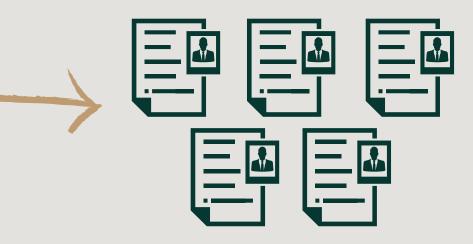




**Booking attributes** 

Booking Date : 10/20/2016 Total Guests : 3 Deposit Type : Non-refund Market Segment : Online TA **Previous Bookings** 

We use **Spearman's Rank Test** to identify which Booking attributes influence the ADR most.



**Average ADR** 

We calculate the Average ADR of these similar bookings to establish what the typical selling price was.

## CANCELLATION LOSS

	Advance Cancel	Last I
No Deposit	0	(ADR
Refundable	0	(ADR
Non-Refund	-(ADR * LengthOfStay)	-(ADF

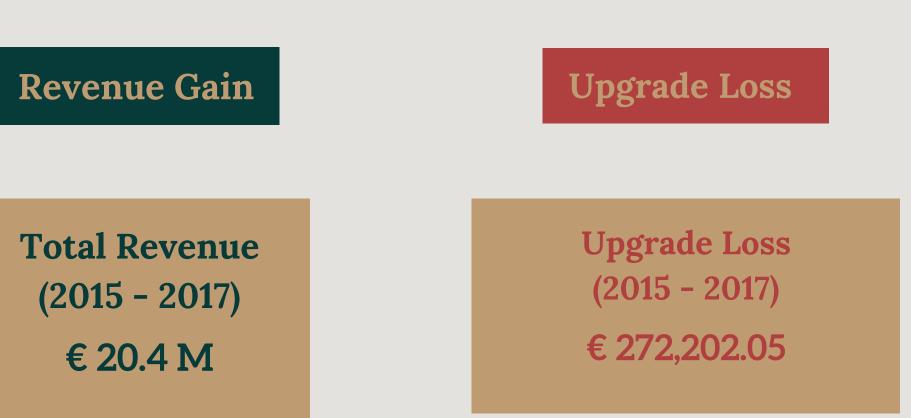
### Minute Cancel

### \* LengthOfStay) - ADR

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### R \* LengthOfStay)

### LET'S TALK MONEY





€18,923,101.80 is the Potential Revenue (2015-2017) of GHR.



#### **Cancellation Loss**

**Cancellation Loss** (2015 - 2017) € 1.2 M





## Predictive Model



### WHAT ARE WE PREDICTING?

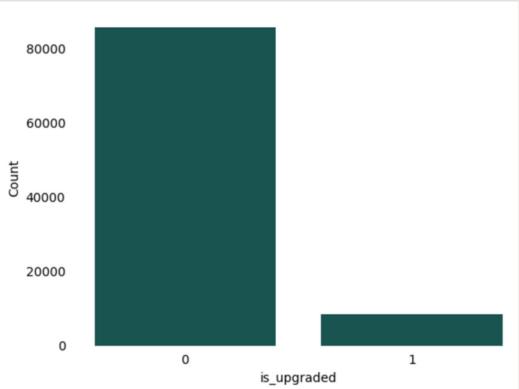
### We are predicting instances where a customer will be upgraded.

is\_upgraded

0:not upgraded 1: upgraded



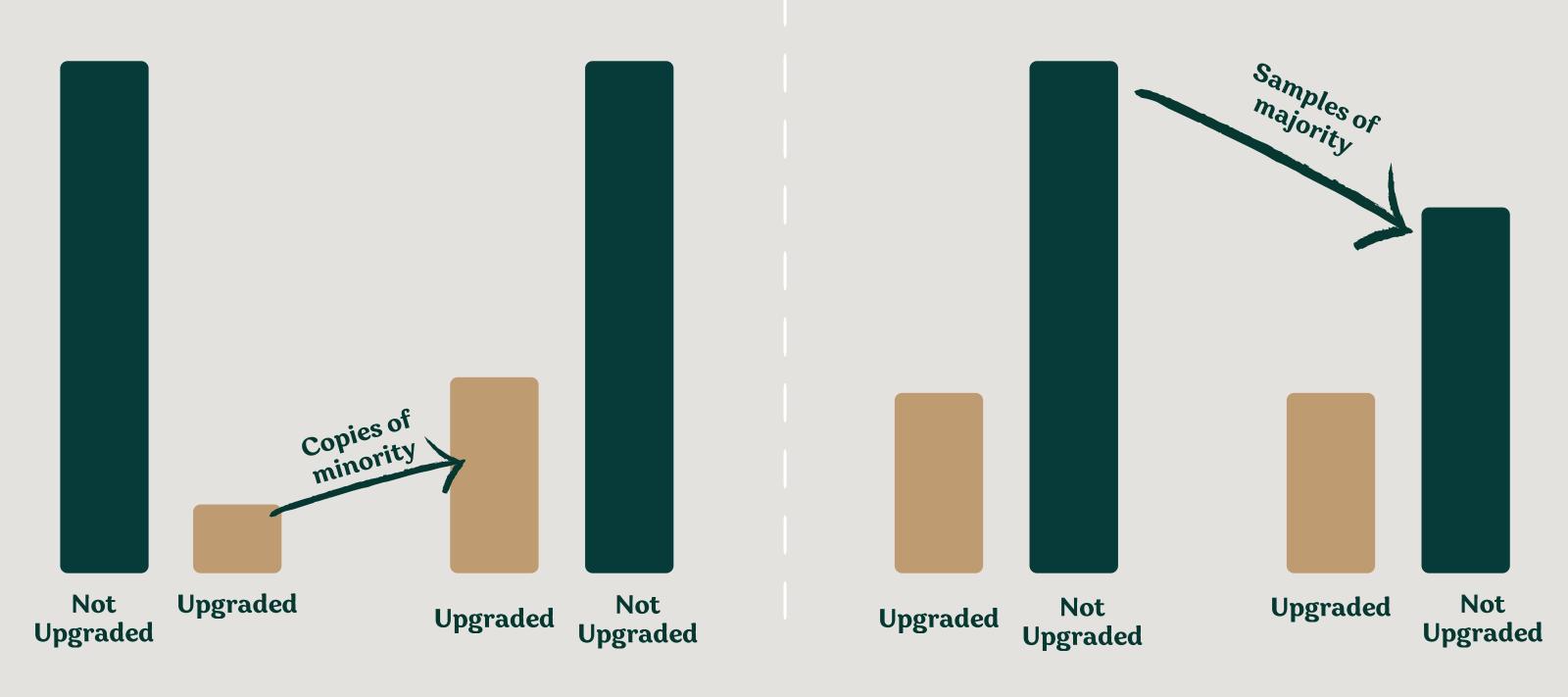
### **Data Imbalance**





### HANDLING DATA IMBALANCE

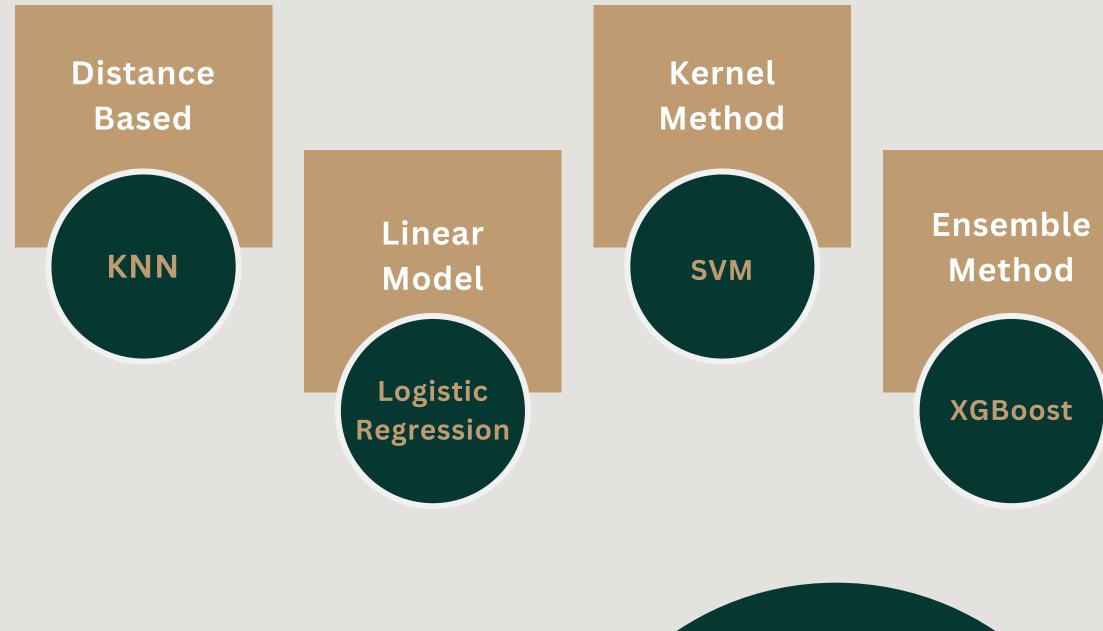
### Oversampling



### Undersampling



### MODEL SELECTION



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CatBoost F1:0.40



#### Ensemble Method

AdaBoost

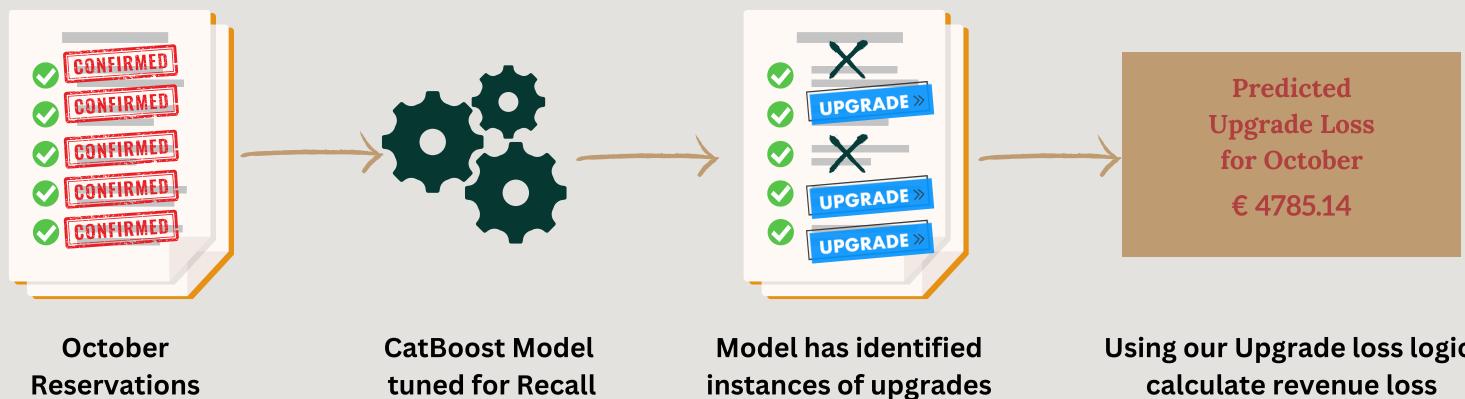
#### Ensemble Method

CatBoost



### HOW CAN GHR USE THIS **PREDICTIVE MODEL?**

Application 1: Optimizing Overbookings (Model tuned for Recall)



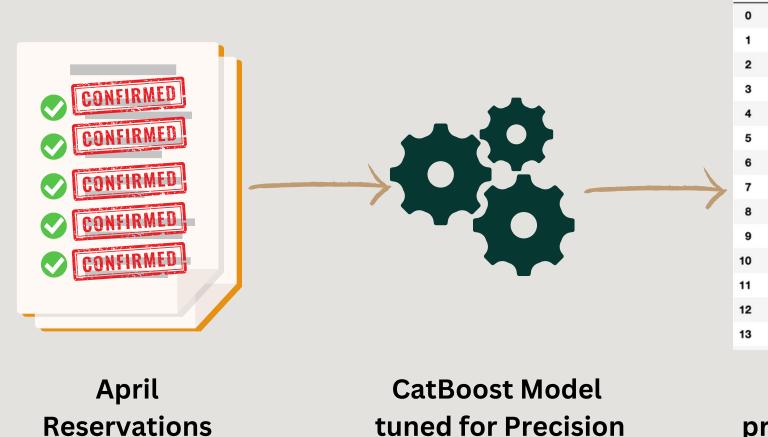
Compare this Revenue loss with previous months to optimize overbooking.

Using our Upgrade loss logic, calculate revenue loss



## HOW CAN GHR USE THIS PREDICTIVE MODEL?

**Application 2: Improve Preparedness (Model tuned for Precision)** 



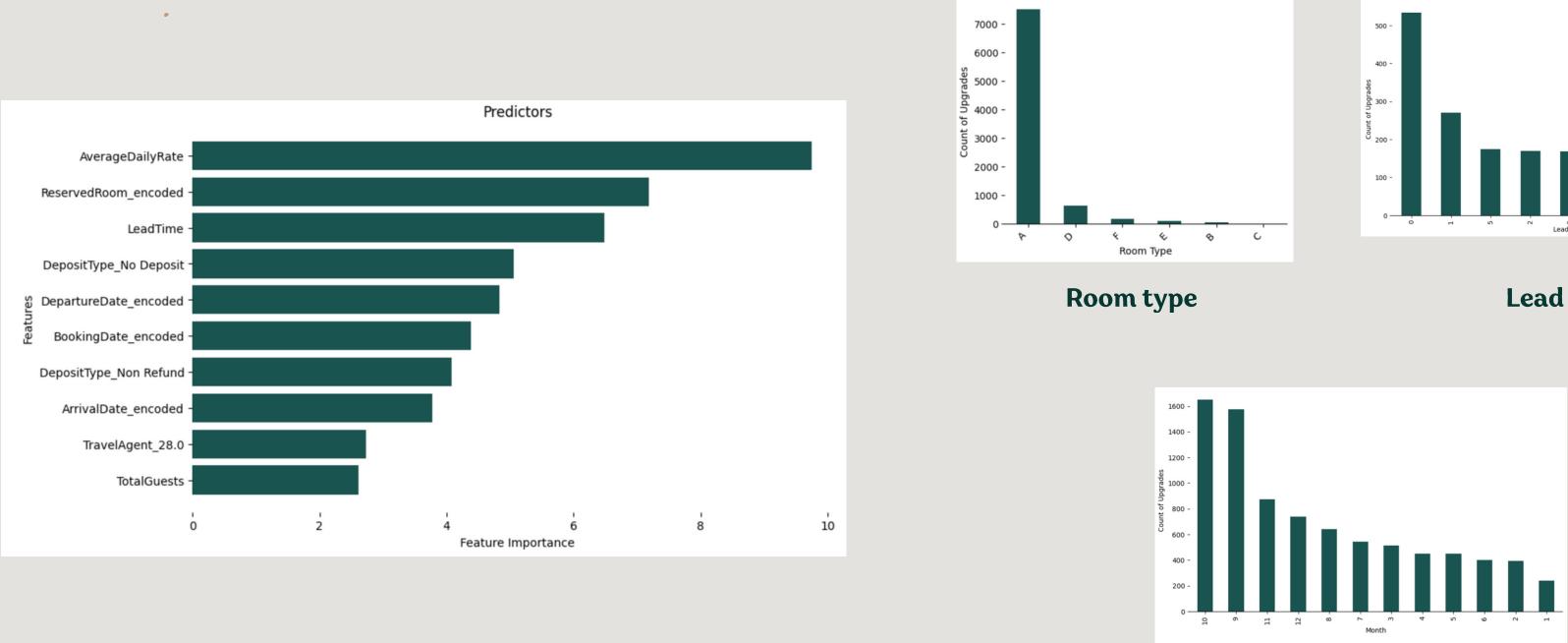
For reservations with really high probability of getting upgraded, GHR can ensure resource allocation and strategic planning for the customer's arrival.

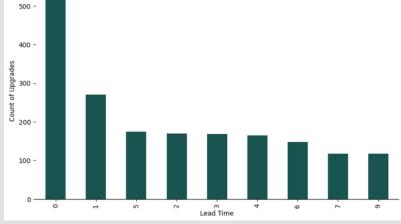
	Prediction	Probability of 0	Probability of 1
0	0	0.791363	0.208637
1	0	0.939221	0.060779
2	0	0.861911	0.138089
3	0	0.424198	0.575802
4	0	0.857650	0.142350
5	1	0.295073	0.704927
6	0	0.978967	0.021033
7	0	0.941276	0.058724
8	0	0.915708	0.084292
9	0	0.572325	0.427675
10	0	0.744215	0.255785
11	0	0.981132	0.018868
12	0	0.918251	0.081749
13	1	0.301987	0.698013

#### **Model outputs** predictions as well as probabilities



## MODEL EXPLAINABILITY





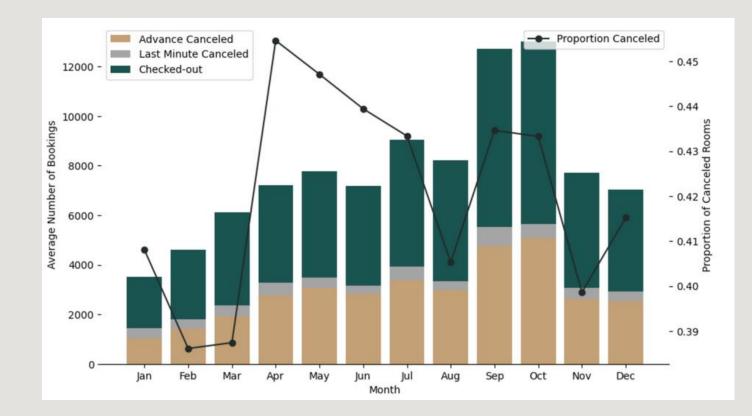
**Lead Time** 

Month





### A. Timing



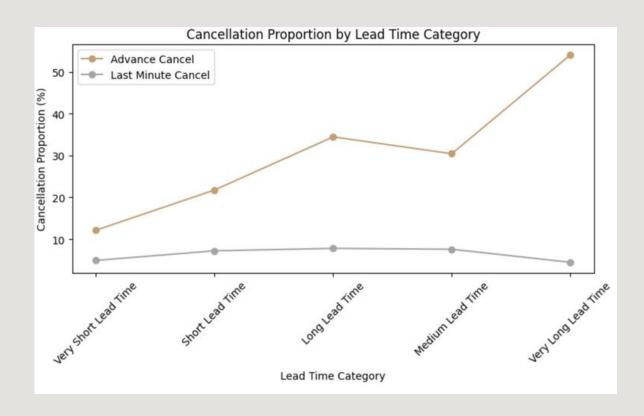
### April-June

has the highest proportion of cancellations.



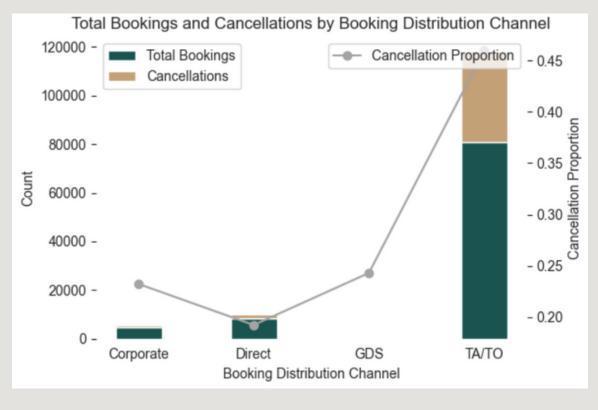
Longer Lead times leads to higher advance cancellations.

**Canceled proportion** 



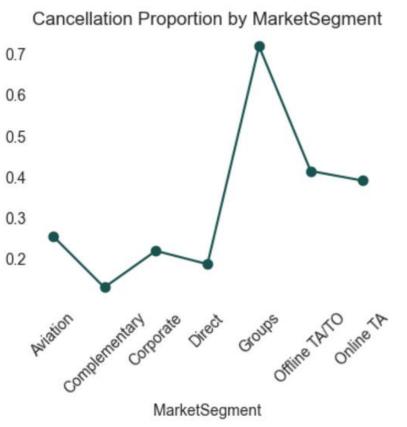
#### Lead Time proportion

#### **B. Market Segment**



**BDC Cancellations** 

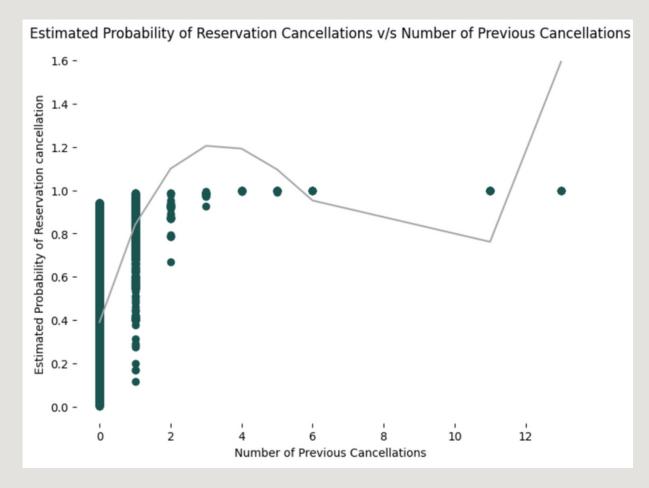
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#### Market Segment Cancellations

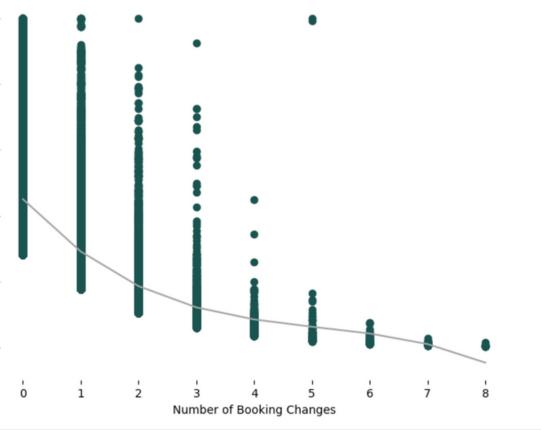


#### **C.** Customer



- 0.0 Estimated Probability of Reservation - 0.0 - 0.0 - 0.0

**Previous cancellation Analysis** 

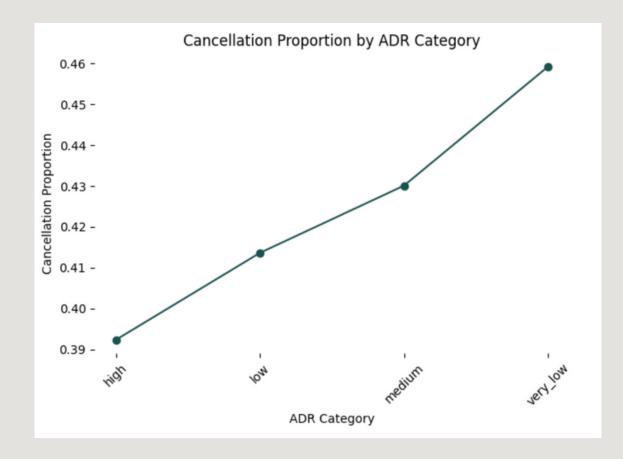


Estimated Probability of Reservation Cancellations v/s Number of Booking Changes

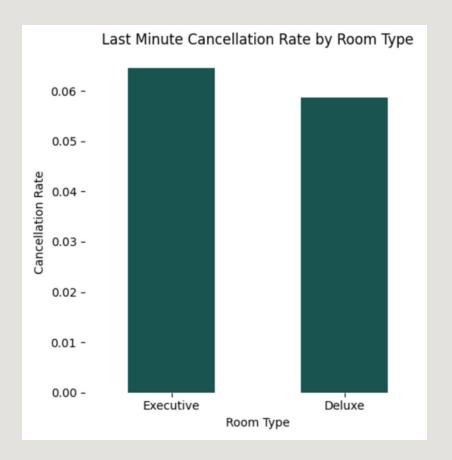
#### Booking changes v/s cancellations



#### **D.** Money



**ADR Category Cancellations** 



#### Last Minute Cancellations v/s RoomType

## **OUR RECOMMENDATIONS**

# **NON-REFUNDABLE RATES**

Introduce more Non-refundable rates, offering a 10-20% discount from April to June.



#### **RE-NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS**

To address the surge in OTA cancellations, GHR should renegotiate contracts with high-cancellation booking companies.



#### **VOUCHERS**

For customers with refundable deposits, who cancel last minute, GHR can return that deposit as a voucher.



#### PHASED DEPOSIT SYSTEM LOYALTY POINT SYSTEM

For group bookings, Implement Phased deposit system starting with a small deposit & followed by incremental payments closer to the arrival date.



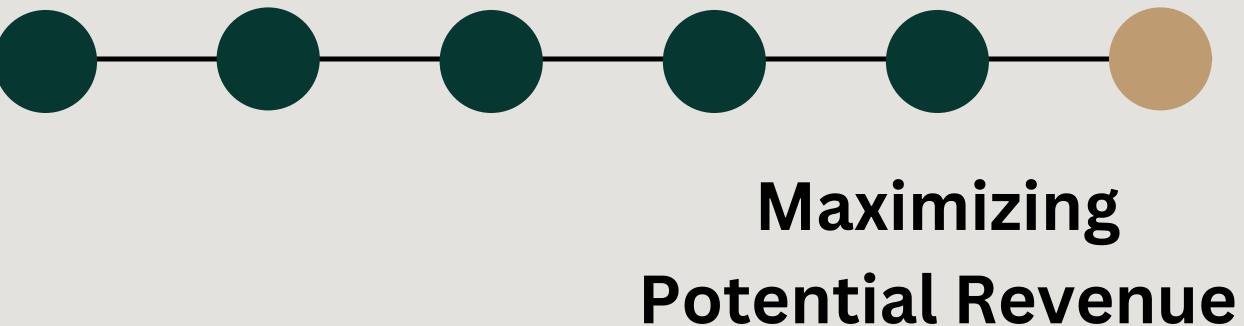
### **ADDITIONAL FIXED FEE**

For bookings with longer length of stays, and customers seeking a fully refundable option for advance cancellations.

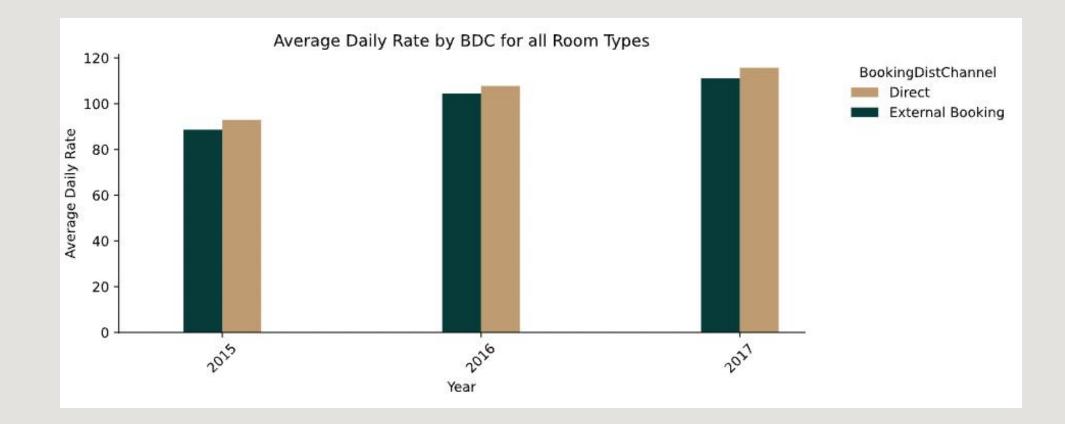


- Guests earn points with each
- successful booking, redeemable
- for future stays.





### **REFINING ADR**



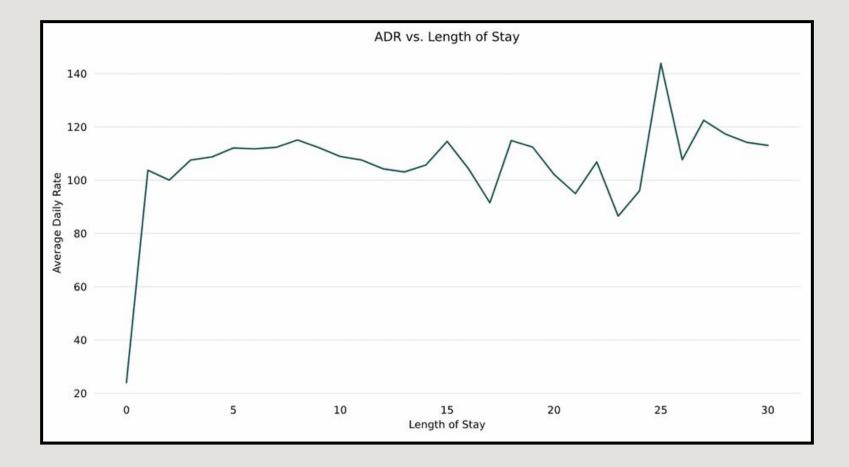
#### **Rate Parity Analysis**





Take advantage of recent change to Portuguese competition law & lower direct booking prices.

### IMPROVING ROOM OCCUPANCY

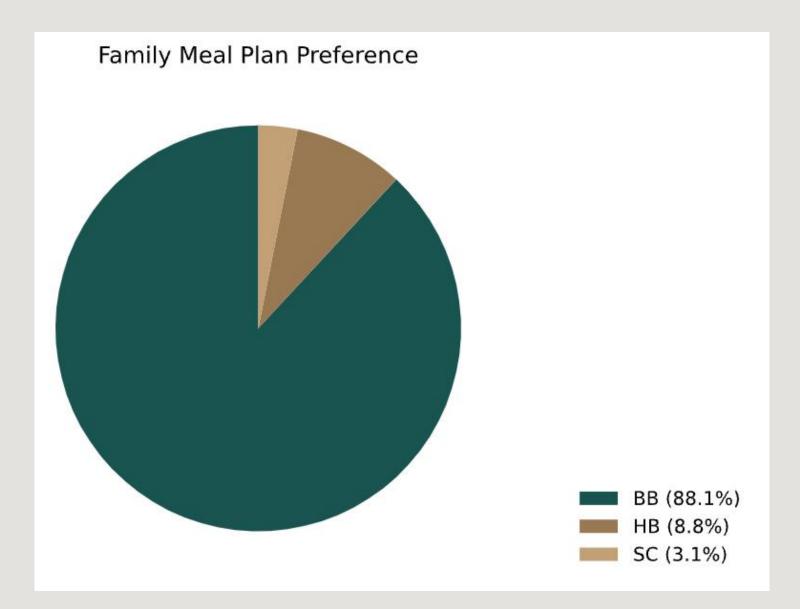


#### Length of stay analysis



Partner with local events, and offer discounted passes along with the room rates.

### IMPROVE RESOURCE PLANNING



#### Family meal plan analysis



Offer discounted meal plans for families which will be a compelling option, offering them convinience of pre booked meals. R.I.T



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