# UK Hotel Dashboard



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Key Hotel trading metrics, quarterly

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### LONDON

Key Performance Indicators (% Change versus 2024)

Rolling 12 Months

April-March 2024/25

# Occupancy

73.1% 0.7% 81.4%

### **ADR**

£198 -2.3% £243

### **RevPAR**

£145 -1.3% £198 3.1%

### **TRevPAR**

£196 -1.1% £256 2.9%

### **GOPPAR**

£57 -8.0% £107

GOP %

29% -2.2% 42% 0.2%

#### Glossary

ADR – Average Daily Rate POR / PAR– per occupied / available room

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2.7%

-0.3%

3.3%

RevPAR / TRevPAR – Rooms revenue / Total Revenue per available room GOP – Gross Operating Profit

F&B – Food and Beverage

POM - Property, Operations & Maintenance

S&M - Sales & Marketing

Variance in Occupancy and GOP shown as a % Point Change

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#### Q1-2025 - A CHALLENGING START TO THE YEAR

At 73%, the London hotel market averaged less than one percentage point uplift in its occupancy versus Q1-2024. But whilst most hotels recorded only marginal movements in occupancy, only London's Luxury hotels saw occupancy rise by 1.4 percentage points to reach almost 65%, yet at this level remains seven percentage points lower than compared to Q1-2019.

A further sign of softening demand was evident from the weakening ADR. Far greater price sensitivity was endured by select service and upper-midscale hotels impacting on their achieved ADR, whilst upper-upscale and luxury hotels cushioned the fall through a strong mix of corporate and leisure demand, and greater opportunity to deliver on experience-driven hospitality.

With a subdued Q1 performance, particularly in the ADR, RevPAR has declined. Whilst London's luxury and upper-upscale hotels limited the decline to less than 2% year-on-year (y-o-y), a far more challenging trading market existed for the upper-midscale and select service hotels, with RevPAR having declined between 4.5% and 7.7%.

#### RISING PAYROLL COSTS - THE GREATEST COST BURDEN IN Q1

For Q1-2025, total payroll costs increased y-o-y by 4.6% PAR across all London hotels. Payroll costs derived from the Rooms and F&B departments increased by 3.3% PAR, by contrast the increase in non-departmental payroll costs (A&G, S&M and POM) was considerably greater, rising by 8.2% PAR. Q1-2025 payroll costs equated to 34.6% of total revenue, rising by 1.9 percentage points, a function of the increased cost and total revenues declining.

With the forthcoming increases to UK National Insurance and the National Living Wage taking effect from April, major hotel operators are forecasting that payroll costs are set to increase further, by around 5%.

### OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES TEMPER THE INCREASE IN DEPARTMENTAL COSTS

With limited opportunity to drive revenue growth, Q1 performance suggests that despite rising payroll costs, operators have been proactively managing their cost base. Streamlining processes and having a technology-powered, data driven approach is supporting operational efficiencies. Key areas include reviewing commissions, booking channels and supply chains.

Improving operational efficiency is shown to have tempered the increase in departmental costs, with rooms departmental costs rising by 1.4% PAR, and by 1.3% PAR in F&B costs. Overall, total departmental costs across all London hotels increased by 1.4% PAR and combined with falling revenues, the Q1 departmental operating margin declined by one percentage point year-on-year, equating to 56% of total revenue.

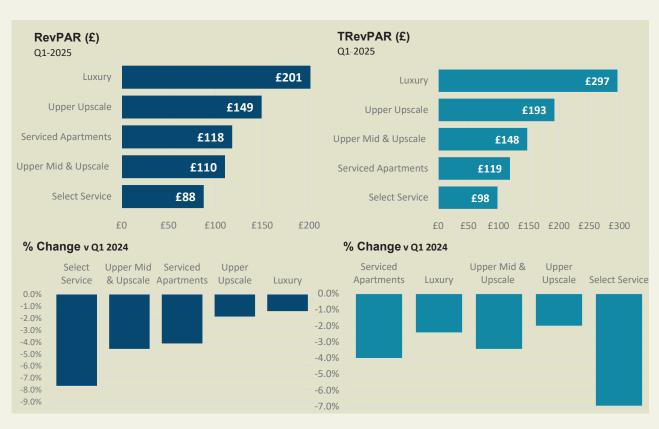
Undistributed operating expenses (excluding payroll costs and utilities) have increased by 3.2% PAR y-o-y. The greatest cost efficiencies were made within A&G, whilst IT and S&M continued to see increased levels of investment. Once the continued efficiencies made from lower utility costs were reflected, total undistributed expenses (excluding payroll costs) were held level y-o-y.

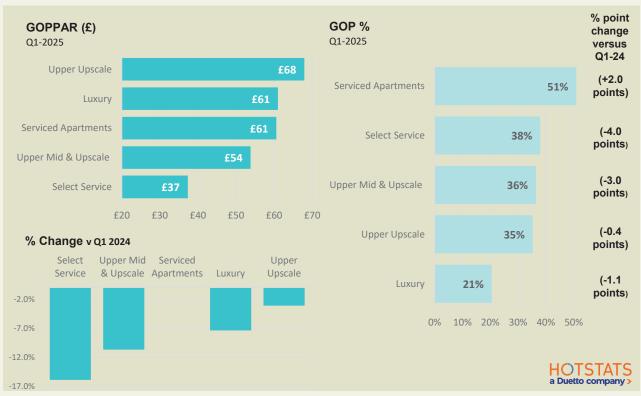
#### RISE IN PAYROLL COSTS AND FALLING REVENUES EQUATE TO LOWER PROFITS

For the first time since the start of the pandemic recovery, the sector has experienced a y-o-y decline in Q1 profitability, with strong variation in GOPPAR declines between the segments and GOP margins also negatively impacted.



# **London – Hotel KPIs**

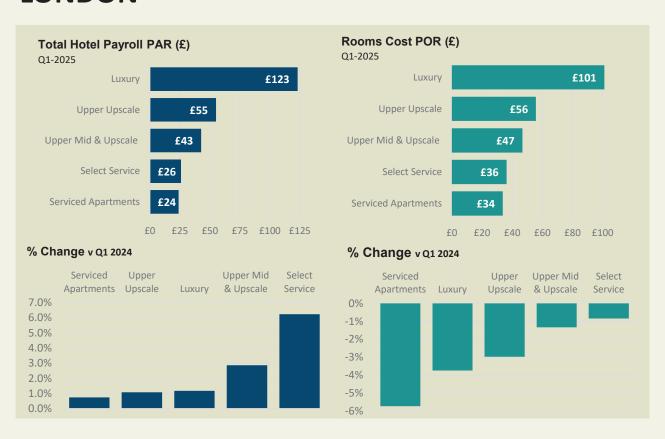


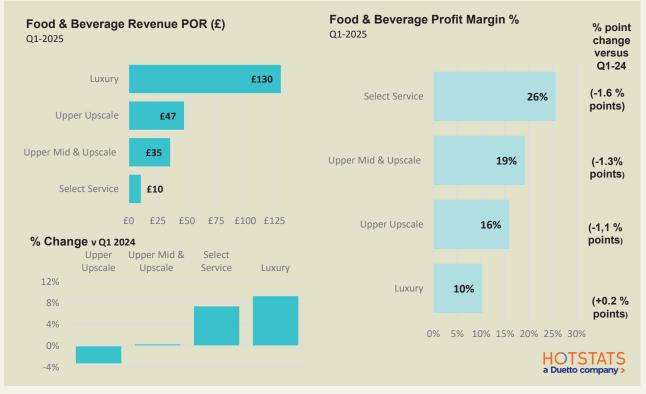




# **Departmental Metrics**

### **LONDON**









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Key Performance Indicators (% Change versus 2024)

Q1-2025		Rolling 12 Months April-March 2024/25	
Occupancy			
67.4%	0.3%	75.1%	1.1%
ADR			
£91	0.1%	£105	2.1%
RevPAR			
£61	0.5%	£79	3.5%
TRevPAR			
£97	1.0%	£121	3.8%
GOPPAR			
£19	-5.4%	£37	4.7%
GOP %			
19%	-1.3%	30%	0.3%

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#### MARGINAL Q1 REVENUE GROWTH FOR REGIONAL UK HOTEL MARKET

Growth rates of the regional UK hotel market took a profound downward turn to almost flatline in Q1-2025, indicative of the trajectory of the wider UK economy, with lower GDP growth now forecast. Increases in supply in mature hotel markets, such as Manchester and Glasgow, along with subdued levels of demand all contributed to the static performance.

Across all datasets, Q1 occupancy levels remained just ahead of Q1-2024 year, to reach 67.4%, whilst there was some downward movement in the ADR for certain segments, but with a few exceptions. Golf & Spa hotels continued to outperform the regional market, with ADR growth of 4.2%, and Select Service hotels achieved positive ADR growth of 1%. Meanwhile, for Serviced apartments the trade-off for a marginal increase in occupancy to 76%, resulted in its ADR to fall by 1%.

#### TREVPAR OUTPACES REVPAR GROWTH

Whilst RevPAR growth levels languished, the uplift in TRevPAR growth by comparison, was much higher, with the increased revenues coming from enhanced leisure spend. Golf & Leisure revenues increased y-o-y by 6% PAR, evidence that consumers continue to consistently prioritise travel and experiences above other consumption.

#### PAYROLL COSTS RISE 4.9% YEAR-ON-YEAR

For Q1-2025, payroll costs increased year-on-year by 4.9% PAR across all regional hotels, with departmental operating payroll, S&M and POM payroll recording the highest increases. Whilst revenues were only marginally up in Q1, the share of payroll costs to total revenue increased by more than one percentage point to 36.6%.

#### NON-PAYROLL EXPENSES RISE FURTHER IMPACTING ON MARGINS

In Q1-2025, departmental Rooms costs increased by 4.5% PAR, whilst F&B costs increased by 2.5% PAR. Overall, total departmental costs increased by 3.5% PAR, which in turn impacted on operating margins, as such the total departmental operating margin declined by more than one percentage point to 50.1% of total revenue.

Undistributed operating expenses (excluding payroll costs and utilities) increased by 2.7% PAR y-o-y, with increased costs coming predominantly from Sales & Marketing. However, once efficiencies made from lower utility costs were taken into consideration, total undistributed expenses (excluding payroll costs) increased marginally by less than 0.5% PAR.

For the 12-month period ending March-25, utility costs have declined by 3.8% PAR y-o-y, equating to 7.7% of turnover (5.9% in 2019).

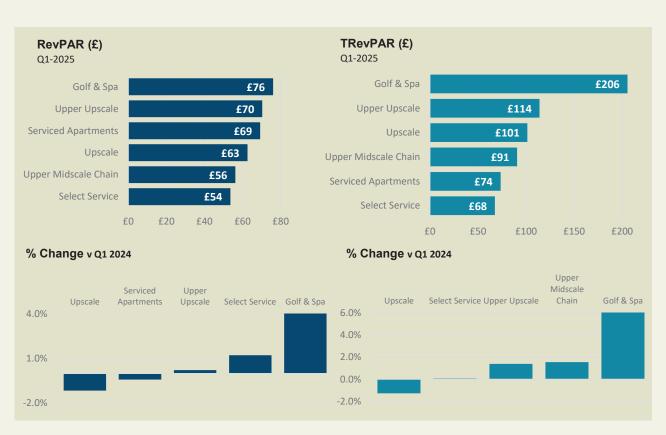
#### COSTS RISING AT FASTER PACE THAN REVENUE GROWTH LEADS TO **GOPPAR DECLINES**

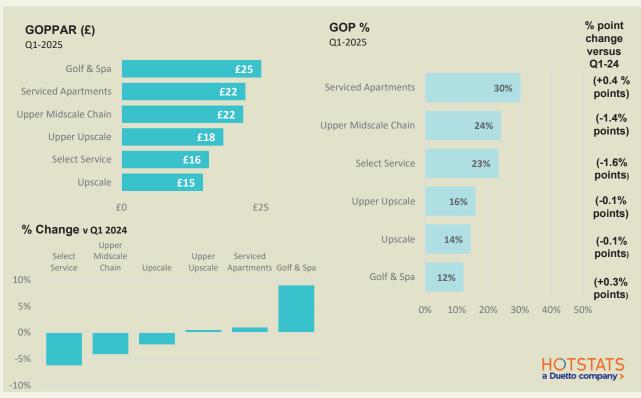
With limited revenue growth and rising costs, Q1 GOPPAR has declined as an average across the total regional market by 5.4% PAR, along with the profit margin reducing.

Significant variation in GOPPAR performance exists across the regional market. Select Service and Upper-Midscale hotels have endured the toughest trading environment, with y-o-y Q1 GOPPAR declining between 4% and 6%. By contrast Golf & Spa hotels have continued to see robust growth in profits, up 9% PAR, and its GOP margin increasing to above 12%, returning to 2019 profit levels.



# Regional UK - KPIs

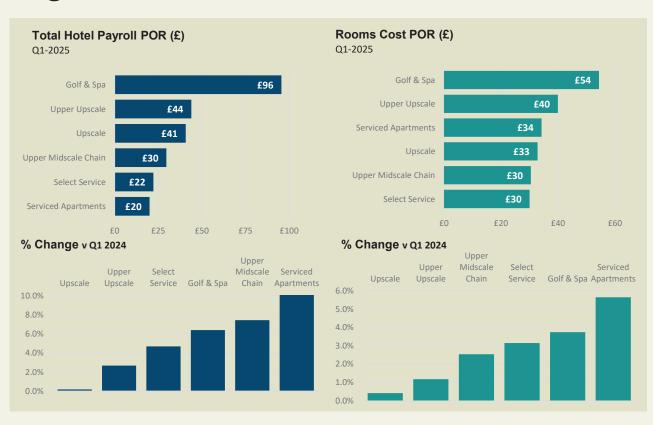


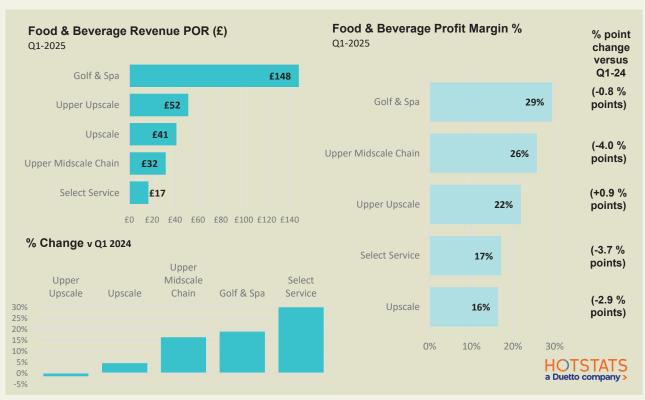




# **Departmental Metrics**

## **Regional UK**







# **UK Hotel Investment**



# Q1-2025

Volume: £800 Million

**Hotels transacted: 50+** 

Rooms: 4,600

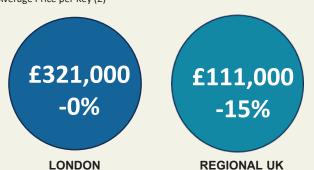
**Market Share:** 

> London 60%

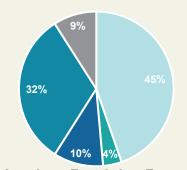
#### **Hotel Class:**

> Luxury & Upper-Upscale - 62%

#### Going Concern Hotel Transactions, March YTD 2025 v 2024 Average Price per Key (£)



#### Geographical capital flows March YTD 2025



■ UK ■ North America ■ East Asia ■ European ■ Other

### YTD-2025 – Av. transaction price per room by capital flow (£)





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