

Hotelbeds Group: Ranked top travel company to work for

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- Hotelbeds Group is the highest placed travel company to appear in Actualidad Económica's annual ranking '*Las mejores empresas para trabajar*' (Best companies to work for) ahead of both Amadeus and Iberia, the only other two travel companies to appear in the list.
- Hotelbeds Group has jumped 20 places to position 52 compared to last year, in a list that selects the very best companies to work for from all sectors in Spain.
- This result is particularly impressive in a year when Hotelbeds Group went through a sale process.

Palma de Mallorca, 25 July 2016 – Expansion's respected business magazine 'Actualidad Económica' has ranked Hotelbeds Group, the leading provider of services to the travel trade and the world's bedbank, in the top position among travel companies in its ranking of the '*Las mejores empresas para trabajar*' in Spain (The best companies to work for).

Only three travel companies appear in the top 100, with Hotelbeds Group ahead of the other two, Amadeus and Iberia, in a list that does not feature any of Spain's hotel chains, tour operators or travel agency networks, either traditional or online.

The ranking assesses the quality of 500 companies in Spain, that were later analysed by external experts and consultants until coming up with the top 100 list. The questionnaire is based on a wide range of criteria including talent management, remuneration, environment, social policies, training and assessment by its employees. Hotelbeds Group scored highly in all categories ensuring its strong position in the list. The magazine highlighted specific examples of Hotelbeds Group's commitment to creating a great place to work for its employees including its bus service, car sharing system and its clear focus on lowering the environmental impact of its operations.

This result is particularly relevant in a year in which Hotelbeds Group experienced change due to the sale initiated by TUI Group, that generated massive interest from a wide range of bidders. In April 2016, European private equity firm Cinven and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board announced an agreement to acquire Hotelbeds Group in a deal that is due to be approved by the regulatory authorities before the end of September 2016.

Joan Vilà, CEO of Hotelbeds Group stated: *"We are really proud to be ranked as the leading travel company to work for in Spain. It's testament to our dynamic culture and excellent workforce that, despite this challenging year due to the sale process, we've still managed to jump 20 places up this prestigious ranking compared to last year."*

The magazine placed KPMG in its first position, followed by BAT and Gas Natural who respectively occupy the second and third positions of the ranking.

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