BUSINESS OF BARS

# Remarkable by DESIGN

Designing a REMARKABLE guest experience

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| STEP 1:  Define Touchpoints   |
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| A touchpoint is any direct contact with a customer (i.e., bar, host stand, table, etc.) |
| LIST THE TOUCHPOINTS IN YOUR VENUE:   |
| PHONE   |
| WEB   |
| PARKING LOT   |
| HOST STAND  |
| BAR   |
| TABLE   |
| WASHROOM  |
| REGISTER/PAYMENT  |
| TAKEAWAY/TO GO  |
| OTHER   |

TIP FROM THE PROS: Remember, no touchpoint is neutral. Every touchpoint has the potential to keep or break a brand promise.

# STEP 2:

### **List Desired Outcomes**

What guests want at any given point in their experience.

### OUTCOME HOW

|    | -  |
|----|----|
|    | a) |
| 1  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 2  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 3  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 4  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 5  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 6  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 7  | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 8  | b) |
|    | c) |
| 9  | a) |
|    | b) |
|    | c) |
|    | a) |
| 10 | b) |
|    | c) |
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### Example touchpoint - bar

- Feeling recognized and important / greeting in 30 sec or less
- A personalized assessment ("What brings you in to the bar this evening?", "Are you celebrating something special today?")
- A comment of appreciation ("I really appreciate you coming in today.")

### STEP 3:

### **Obstacles to Remarkable**

Carry the outcome down to compare against the obstacle.

### LIST EXPERIENCE OBSTACLES: Anything that can prohibit the ideal outcome at a specific touchpoint.

# HOW CAN WE OVERCOME THESE OBSTACLES?

|   | a) |
|---|----|
|   | b) |
|   | c) |
| 2 | a) |
|   | b) |
|   | c) |
| 3 | a) |
|   | b) |
|   | c) |
| 4 | a) |
|   | b) |
|   | c) |
| 5 | a) |
|   | b) |
|   | C) |

### Outcome example - guest feels recognized and important

- Obstacle 1: too crowded
  - Solution 1: cross train sufficient staff to support the bar during peak hours
  - Solution 2: develop a standard greeting that both meets the requirement but takes less than 30 seconds to deliver
  - Solution 3: "stacking customer strategy": greet a customer, give them a menu, and tell them you'll be right back with them / use effective customer stacking strategy

# STEP 4:

# **List Nonnegotiable Behavior**

What productive behaviors or actions (existing and new) should employees do to deliver the desired outcomes and overcome obstacles?

List the behaviors that employees must do at the touchpoint.

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3
4
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### **LEGEND**

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### Non negotiables that must happen / must not happen

- Personalized greet within 30 seconds that includes a comment of appreciation
- Offer a personal recommendation
- Personal thank-you prior to customer leaving & Invitation to return
- No mobile phones (text/call)
- Arguing with a guest
- Refusing to make/replace a drink

# STEP 5:

**Uncover Above & Beyond Experience Opportunities** 

# LIST OPPORTUNITIES employees should recognize and be prepared to deliver a great experience

### **HOW WILL THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED?**

|   | a) |
|---|----|
| 1 | b) |
|   | c) |
|   | a) |
| 2 | b) |
|   | c) |
|   | a) |
| 3 | b) |
|   | c) |
|   | a) |
| 4 | b) |
|   | c) |
|   | a) |
| 5 | b) |
|   | c) |

### Birthday

- Have a stack of birthday cards behind the bar
- Offer a nominal gift card to use on their next visit
- Stock scratchable lottery tickets

| STEP 6: Measuring Success  |
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| IN PROCESS MEASUREMENT AREAS Different areas for measuring how well the touchpoint experiences are delivered over a period of time. Use as a guide for prioritizing a few key areas for measuring success. |
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| KEY RESULTS  Bottom-line outcomes that can help quantify return on investment achieved by delivering each touchpoint experience.   |
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### Ways to measure success

- Improvement in online reviews/ratings
- Reduction in complaints at each touchpoint
- Increased staff satisfaction as obstacles are addressed/overcome
- Mystery shop scores
- Management observation
- Return customer visits
- Increase in ticket average