

## **Executive Summary**

# Delivering connectivity confidence in hotels and conference venues

Exploring the business case for 5-bar mobile connectivity inside.

# Can't get a signal inside?

Look at any mobile coverage map of the UK and, outdoors, you'll find figures typically exceeding 90% connectivity when it comes to 4G, and the growing penetration of newer, ultra-fast 5G coverage. Inside it's often a different story.

According to the UK's telecom regulator OFCOM, thick walls, steel window frames, ceilings and pillars can impair indoor coverage. At the same time, buildings in the 'shadow' of others can find their mobile signals blocked. The result: users can't make or take calls or access their mobile apps.

Poor mobile phone coverage doesn't just create frustrations for hotel guests, conference delegates, concession partners and staff alike. Areas of poor or non-existent connectivity can compromise the smooth running of front and back-of-house operations and disrupt the handling of mobile payment solutions. In today's hyper-competitive hospitality market, where reputations and bookings can be impacted by negative online reviews, 5-bar connectivity is now a commercial necessity.

Just like power and water, mobile communication is now considered a utility. Everyone has an expectation and need for reliable indoor coverage.

> Achieving 5-bar connectivity in your building is easier than you think, with an In-Building Solution from Cellnex UK, the Indoor Coverage Experts.

In-building solutions can be deployed during construction or retrofitted during building refurbishment, and in parts of the building or across the entire venue as required.

# In-building connectivity explained

A popular, high value in-building connectivity option is a distributed antenna system (DAS).

Here, a network of radio units and small antennas is connected back to a technical room that houses the mobile network operator's (MNO) equipment. The antennas then distribute the signal around the building – filling mobile coverage gaps and delivering the fast and reliable 4G or 5G connectivity that users need.

# Smart venues are connected

#### Meet guest expectations

with 5-bar connectivity throughout your hotel or venue

## Build brand enable guests to socialise their experiences online

#### Work securely

ensure guests can securely connect their laptops and tablets

#### Never miss a moment

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by helping guests stay connected to family and friends



of missed or dropped calls and slow mobile internet

## **Deliver new services**

such as in-app or web-based restaurant reservations, spa bookings, remote check-in/check-out



## **Generate revenues** through affiliate programmes

and promotions to guests' mobile devices

#### **Boost rental opportunities**

ensure mobile connectivity for third-party retail and leisure tenants

# Winning the expectations game

Business and leisure customers have high expectations when it comes to mobile phone coverage and data speeds. If guests can't stay connected to family, friends or work colleagues, their experience will be compromised.

Today's conference delegates and business professionals depend on their smartphones for far more than just voice calls alone. Alongside accessing a host of business apps, they're using their phones to view and respond to emails and securely access important documents and files.

5-bar connectivity is also an operational 'must have' for hotels and conference venues. From powering a new generation of 'smart' in-room amenities and revenue-generating branded apps, through to enabling staff and suppliers to stay connected, mobile coverage and capacity matters.

All too often, however, people struggle to get a signal, and can't make a call or check an email or mobile app. This can prove highly frustrating and disruptive for guests, delegates, event organisers and staff.

# Cellnex UK In-Building Solutions

Achieve connectivity confidence with a broad range of cost effective, in-building options from Cellnex UK, the Indoor Coverage Experts.



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As a neutral host – an independent provider working with all mobile operators – we can deliver fast, reliable in-building connectivity from all four UK mobile operators as an end-to-end service.

Plus Cellnex UK is continually innovating our solutions as technologies evolve. For example, we've developed a platform and solutions to meet the new Joint Operator Technical Specifications (JOTS) Neutral Host In-Building (NHIB) architecture which is further reducing the costs of delivering connectivity. We will engage with mobile operators and third-party suppliers on your behalf as your single point of contact, with network management and 24x7x365 monitoring delivered as standard.

Purpose-built 4G/5G solution

Coverage from **all UK Mobile Network Operators** 

**High data speeds** and coverage throughout your venue

Tailored to meet your **specific needs** 

Fully managed solution supported over its whole life Flexible commercial models

to suit your business



Cellnex is a UK Critical National Infrastructure Provider and one of Europe's leading telecommunication companies. As the Indoor Coverage Experts, our in-building solutions are deployed in hospitality venues, commercial real estate, retail outlets, transport hubs and more.

Find out how to get 5-bar connectivity in your venue, book a meeting with our in-building experts at: In-BuildingSolutions@cellnextelecom.co.uk

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