HOSPITALITY, HOTELS & TOURISM

MORE INTELLIGENCE. MORE HUMAN HOSPITALITY.

AI, guest experience, changing travel, loyalty and the next operating model.



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THE BUSINESS PROBLEM

“We need a keynote that connects AI and changing traveller expectations to better guest experiences while keeping hospitality human.”

THE CLIENT NEEDS MORE THAN A TRENDS SPEECH.

Guest expectations are becoming faster, more informed and increasingly AI-mediated. Hotel and tourism organizations must modernize operations while preserving the human service that creates trust and differentiation.

PRESSURE 1

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PRESSURE 2

THE HUMAN ADVANTAGE

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PRESSURE 3

SMARTER OPERATIONS AND TEAMS

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PRESSURE 4

DESTINATIONS, MEETINGS AND EXPERIENCES

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ONE CONNECTED STORY. FIVE PRACTICAL MOVES.

A tailored keynote built around the decisions this audience must make next.

01	How travel and hospitality expectations are being rewritten
02	AI from discovery and booking to staff copilots and operations
03	Why human trust and experience remain the true advantage
04	New economics of hotels, cruises, meetings and destinations
05	A practical change agenda for the front line and leadership

THESE FORCES DO NOT ARRIVE SEPARATELY.

They collide in strategy, finance, operations and the day-to-day reality of people.

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TEN CLIENT ENVIRONMENTS. TEN DIFFERENT PROBLEMS.

Why a decades-long client record matters more than a generic industry-trends keynote.

EXPERIENCE, NOT NAME-DROPPING

Each of the next ten pages explains a real engagement, the audience or client context, the strategic challenge, the keynote messages and why that experience matters to a future client. These are historical speaking examples, not claims that clients deployed the technologies discussed.

Where the published record is incomplete, the scope is limited accordingly. Any adjacent-industry engagement is clearly labeled.

01 FAIRMONT HOTELS | GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Global hotel managers and senior executives | Whistler, British Columbia

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

A global hospitality brand wanted its leadership to rethink how to stay relevant and innovative in a fast-changing travel industry, beyond routine improvements.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

Masters in Business Imagination; questioning assumptions, creativity and innovation; the pace of traveller change and the leadership need to imagine a different future.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

The clearest direct hotel leadership proof: a sector-specific executive retreat centered on business imagination and transformation.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

02 ROYAL CARIBBEAN | GLOBAL LEADERS

Senior cruise and travel executives from around the world | 2019

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

Cruise leaders wanted a broad but relevant perspective on how technology, consumer behaviour and new services could reshape the experience economy.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

25 Trends for 2025; the Jetsons arriving early; intelligent systems, connectivity, digital expectations and innovation at the speed of changing travel.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Direct cruise-industry leadership experience that links high-touch travel service with fast-changing technologies.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

03 CRUISE LINES INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Cruise-industry leaders and partners | Miami | 2015

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

A travel industry adapting to mobile-first guests needed to understand personalization and connectivity across the complete guest journey.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

The future of travel; seamless connected experience from booking to disembarkation; IoT-enabled ships and digital service opportunities.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Demonstrates direct industry-association experience rather than merely speaking about cruises from outside.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

04 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONFERENCE CENTERS

Meeting venue and conference-centre industry | 2010

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

Physical meeting venues confronted virtual meeting tools, changing planner expectations and new demands for flexibility.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

The future of meetings; innovation in conference facilities; venue differentiation, partnerships and business-model change.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

A direct meetings-industry example with implications for hotel event revenue, conference space and group business.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

05 ILLINOIS CONFERENCE & VISITORS BUREAUS

Convention and destination-marketing professionals | 2010

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

Destination organizations needed to adapt as online discovery and the way visitors planned travel began changing quickly.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

The future of tourism; innovation in destination marketing; changing channels, digital traveller expectations and local industry coordination.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Direct destination-marketing evidence that complements the hotel and cruise engagements.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

06 PASSKEY CORPORATE HOUSING FORUM

Hotel-event managers, meeting planners and convention bureaus | Baltimore | 2010

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

Event and lodging partners faced shortening booking windows, demand for smaller meetings, virtual alternatives and guests bypassing room blocks.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

Changing meetings economics; booking behaviour; how planners and hotels can move beyond old operating assumptions to serve new kinds of events.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

A granular commercial hospitality example, grounded in audience polling and actual event-management pain points.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

07 MEETING PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL | CHAPTER

Meetings and events industry audience | 2003

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

A professional meetings group wanted to understand the industry's future and the role of partnerships in the next business environment.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

Partnership as an innovation strategy; emerging trends in events and meetings; collaboration as a route to relevance.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Shows that the meetings-sector experience began long before recent AI and digital guest-experience discussions.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

08 KPMG | HOTEL INDUSTRY CLIENT CONFERENCE

Hotel-sector client conference booked through KPMG | mid-2000s

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

A professional-services firm sought specialized hotel-sector future insight for its clients rather than a broad technology speech.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

The archive confirms a hotel-industry keynote booking and subsequent industry-specific work; the precise presentation outline is not preserved in the cited source.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Direct hotel-sector client-conference experience, with the program detail explicitly identified as an archive limitation.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

09 BOMBARDIER | GLOBAL OPERATORS CONFERENCE

Aviation operators and customer leadership | ADJACENT travel experience

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

Airline-sector operators were considering the accelerating trends affecting aviation and the business environment surrounding travel.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

Innovation and trends in the global airline sector; future operating and customer expectations. Exact session detail requires original program confirmation.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Related transport and travel ecosystem experience; included as adjacent, not described as a hotel or tourism association keynote.

SOURCE: JIMCARROLL.COM / PUBLISHED KEYNOTE ARCHIVE

10 WALT DISNEY COMPANY | EXECUTIVE INNOVATION

Senior leadership in entertainment and experiences | ADJACENT service economy

THE CLIENT / AUDIENCE CHALLENGE

A global company built around imagination sought an outside perspective on changing trends and the need for continuing innovation.

THE KEYNOTE MESSAGES

Innovation in a world of upside-down trends; questioning assumptions and future opportunities. This is broader experience-economy work, not evidence of a hotel-specific keynote.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR A NEW CLIENT

Relevant to high-touch experience design and storytelling; explicitly identified as adjacent rather than direct hospitality-sector work.

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THE AUDIENCE LEAVES WITH A PLAYBOOK.

A shared understanding of change and a credible next move.

OUTCOME 1

CONNECT THE TRENDS

See which changes reinforce each other and why they matter to this specific industry.

OUTCOME 2

TEST OLD ASSUMPTIONS

Recognize the business models and decisions that were built for a world that no longer exists.

OUTCOME 3

DISTINGUISH SIGNAL FROM HYPE

Understand what is established, what is emerging and where scenario thinking is more useful than a claim.

OUTCOME 4

ACT WITH GUARDRAILS

Select focused experiments, decision owners, risk controls and measures for learning and scale.

THE CLIENT EMAIL. THE RESPONSE.

An illustrative inquiry and a ready-to-adapt response for the bureau.

ILLUSTRATIVE CLIENT INQUIRY

Our event includes hotel owners, brand leaders, general managers, destination marketers and meetings-and-travel executives. We need to understand how AI, digital discovery, guest personalization, labour pressures and changing traveller expectations alter the guest experience and the economics of hospitality. We want a speaker with actual experience in our world, who also understands that hospitality remains fundamentally human.

SUGGESTED BUREAU REPLY

Jim Carroll would be a strong match for your hospitality, hotels & tourism event. Rather than a generic AI talk, Jim connects the industry's operating realities to technological, customer and market change. His three-decade track record includes the ten relevant client examples in this briefing. He would tailor the program to your audience, connect the trends to your strategic choices, and close with a practical plan for responsible action.

RESEARCHED. RELEVANT. ACTIONABLE.

The future is explored from the industry outward, not from a canned slide deck inward.

STEP 1

LISTEN

Understand the event, the decision-makers, the business issues and the questions people need answered.

STEP 2

RESEARCH

Combine archival experience with the client context, industry developments and meaningful signals.

STEP 3

CONNECT

Choose examples from the right segment, separating observed evidence from plausible future scenarios.

STEP 4

DELIVER

Provide a fast, visual, memorable story that leaves a common language and a practical next move.