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ABSTRACT

It is crucial for management executives to lead the business in the right direction during a crisis. The study aimed to identify the most influential variable that will lead to satisfaction and loyalty intention, and examine the influence of service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, and values, on satisfaction and loyalty intention of luxury hotels' customers during the Covid-19 situation. This research focuses on any person who is living in Thailand and aged 20 years old and above, who previously booked and stayed, visited, or received service at luxury hotels in Thailand, within the past 16 months since the first Covid -19 outbreak in Thailand. A quantitative research method has been used and 400 samples were collected in this study. The findings showed that service quality, hygiene/cleanliness, and brand trust have a significant impact on customers' satisfaction. Brand trust is the most influential variable that will lead to satisfaction and loyalty intention, followed by service quality, and hygiene/cleanliness.

KEY WORDS: / Service Quality/ Physical Environment/Hygiene/Cleanliness

/ Brand Trust/ Values/ Customers' Satisfaction/ Loyalty Intention

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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Every business including the hotel business has been enduring more than the low season they have ever imagined. Starting from the first quarter of 2020 where it was the first pandemic outbreak in Thailand. The government has been implementing several strategies to stop the spread of Covid-19 starting from ordering to temporarily close some premises in Bangkok such as massage parlors, cinemas, fitness centers, pubs, bars, sports venues, fresh markets, shopping malls, amusement parks, and all educational institutes (BMA Data Center, 2020).

Hotel businesses were not also an exception. The government ordered to temporarily close some hotels in Chonburi, Phang Nga, and Phuket on April 3rd, 2020 (Bangkokbiz News, 2020). For the hotels in Bangkok, the governor of Bangkok had ordered the hotel's restaurant to be able to service the hotel in-house guests only from March 22nd, 2020 – April 12th, 2020 (Thairath Online, 2020).

Even though the government announced some relief measures that allowed some businesses to operate and welcome customers at their premises, there are some restrictions to operate under the circumstance such as the limited time and the limited number of customers to be in the premises at a time. For example, restaurants were allowed to operate until 11.00 p.m. for take-away and delivery service, and were allowed to provide dine-in service until 9.00 p.m. according to Bangkok Metropolitan Announcement on June 14, 2021 (Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration on the order to temporarily close the place No. 32, 2021)

A lot of businesses still experienced a great loss due to the inability to operate to their full capacity. The businesses have to adapt to a lot of changes and some of them could not tolerate the loss and need to shut down the business eventually. Not only businesses but also every person needs to adapt to this situation where the government has announced some regulations and restrictions to prevent the spread of covid-19. Many people are more aware of their daily routine to maintain their health

safety.

Before the pandemic, the criteria for choosing particular luxury hotels may be varied among individuals. Some of those factors could be facilities, service quality, hygiene, atmosphere, personalization of services, design, and decoration (Baber Ruturaj, 2017). Nevertheless, during the Covid-19 situation, customers might change their key factor on decision making to select the luxury hotels that they are going to visit. Therefore, the management might need to choose the right strategies that would help them to go through this situation by serving what customers are searching in this situation.

This research will be advantageous to the hotel industry. To understand the most influential factor that will lead to customers satisfaction, and loyalty intention when selecting luxury hotels during the Covid-19 situation.

1.2 The Scope of This Study

Luxury hotels are suffering from this pandemic situation where people are afraid to go and spend their time outside of their homes as they used to. In order for luxury hotels to maintain their businesses and survive during the pandemic situation, it is important for them to understand the factors that will influent customers to choose luxury hotels during this situation.

This study was conducted during the outbreak of Covid-19 where there are certain government regulations that limit the travelers to travel across particular areas or provinces, and limit the travelers to travel across countries. Therefore, this study is limited to only luxury hotels in Thailand. This study will examine which variables are the most influential to revisit intention and satisfaction of luxury hotels customers during Covid-19. There are 7 main variables that are going to be explored in this study which are service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, values, customers satisfaction, and loyalty intention.

1.3 Research Questions

1) What is the most influential factor that will lead to satisfaction and

loyalty intention of luxury hotel's customers during Covid-19 situation.

2) Do service qualities, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, and values have an impact on satisfaction and loyalty intention of luxury hotel's customers during Covid-19 situation.

1.4 Research Objectives

- 1) To identify the most influential factor that will lead to satisfaction and loyalty intention of luxury hotel's customers during Covid-19 situation.
- 2) To examine the influences of service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, and values on satisfaction and loyalty intention of luxury hotel's customers during Covid-19 situation.

CHAPTER II LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Luxury

Luxury may have various definitions among different researchers. Luxury hotels have been defined as a hotel that offers a luxurious experience to customers)Landman, n.d(. Moreover, there are some characteristics that differentiate luxury hotels from others such as superior layout, building or interior design, luxury features of hotel's rooms, amenities, and facilities, exclusive guest activities; spa service, fitness and pool, childcare center, babysitting, or personal assistant, and impressive dining service; variety choices of international breakfast, lunch or dinner courses, and room service.

One researcher claimed that the definition of luxury differs from one person to another person, and each person may perceive the core value of the "luxury" products or services differently depending on their perception (Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015). The study from (Truong & Mccoll, 2011) suggested different points of view that the consumption of luxury products or services is considered as a behavior to help humans to satisfy their self-esteem needs.

According to the study, one researcher had categorized the definition of luxury into four categories which are "luxury as a brand", "luxury as luxe product features", "luxury as non-necessities", and "luxury as the power to pursue your passions" (Chu, 2014). It is obvious that luxury hotels fall into the first category. This category referred to an action that a luxurious product or service is consumed by consumers.

The next category defines luxury as a luxury feature of products which refers to a specific feature of a product or service which in this study refers to the design of the hotels, decorations, and the fanciness of hotel amenities, and facilities (Chu, 2014).

"Luxury as non-necessities" refers to something that is beyond human basic needs (Chu, 2014). The basic needs that are provided in the hotel industry could be food, accommodation, safety, and security. On the other hand, luxury hotels could provide

something above the basic needs such as a personal butler, or free internet access in all areas. Moreover, the study from (Nubani, 2001) supports the idea of (Chu, 2014) which stated that the definition of luxury at the end of the nineteenth century was defined as luxurious enjoyment and gorgeous food or environments beyond the basic needs of life.

The last category defines the word "Luxury" as an ability to pursue an individual passion. In other words, luxury is the behavior of purchasing or consuming luxury services or products to gain more comfortable or convenience in life such as spa service, or valet parking (Chu, 2014).

According to)Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015(, price is an outstanding factor that sets luxury hotels apart from non-luxury hotels. Nevertheless, according to (Wu & Yang, 2018) stated that most luxurious product is unnecessary, high quality, and high prices, this confirms the luxury concept of)Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015(. In this study, luxury refers to something that is beyond human basic needs and has a high price.

2.2 Service quality

Service quality has different definitions depending on each organization. However, service organizations define the word service quality as a metric for determining how well a service satisfies a customer's expectations (Ghobadian, Speller, & Jones, 1993). The study also introduced the link between service excellence, customer satisfaction, and repurchase intention. If the consumers are not happy with the service they have received, they will spread negative feedback to more than three people. Hence, the study also implied that low service quality affects the sustainability of current customers and the ability to gain potential customers (Ghobadian, Speller, & Jones, 1993).

Another researcher also agreed with (Ghobadian, Speller, & Jones, 1993) that service quality should meet and exceed customers' expectations while also meeting their needs and requirements (Edvardsson, 1998).

Also, the early study in 1979 suggested that perceptions and trust were closely linked to the concept of service quality. (Santos, 2003). This study also refers to the concept of "total service quality" which has been introduced in a later study in

1982 as a customer's perception of the gap between the expected and perceived service. (Santos, 2003).

Another later study stated that the degree of differences between consumers' expectations for service and their actual impressions of performance is referred to as service quality. (Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015). The study also developed the definition of service quality as an evaluation of the actual service received, compared to the expectation of what the customers should receive (Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015).

Another study also supports the idea of (Ghobadian, Speller, & Jones, 1993) that the definition of service quality should be defined as the difference between what clients expect and what they get (Todua & Jashi, 2016).

In the more recent study suggested that service quality refers to something that is tangible such as hotel facilities, amenities, equipment, and employees (Karyose & Astuti, 2017). The study also stated that in accordance with service quality, hotel staff should be able to represent to customers a sense of dependability, responsiveness, assurance, and empath. For example, reliability; staff should be able to provide service as promised and maintain customers' satisfactory level at all times; responsiveness, in which the staff react or respond to customers' needs and help them responsively, assurance; the staff should have knowledge, ability, politeness, and trustworthiness to provide high quality of service that is free from doubt, risk and harm, and empathy; which refers to an act of relationship building, effective communication, personalize service" (Karyose & Astuti, 2017). Therefore, in this research, the performance of providing a service in a luxury hotel that is consistent with clients' expectations is referred to as service quality.

2.3 Physical environment

The early study introduced the concept of the physical environment as layout, style, color, lighting, and furnishers (Bitner M. J., 1990). Another researcher introduced the new term of the physical environment as "servicescapes" representing the physical environment where the service occurs (Bitner M. , 1992). The study from (Countryman & Jang , 2006) suggested that the definition of the physical environment

should be something related to the sense of "taste, touch, sight, smell, and sound." According to (Ali, Amin, & Ryu, 2015), agree to the concept of (Bitner M., 1992) that the physical environment is where the service occurs.

According to the research stated that physical environment can be defined as a service provider-created environment that includes the general layout, design, décor, and aesthetics (Ali, Omar, & Amin, 2013). Also, according to (Cetin & Walls, 2015), suggested that to stimulate the customers' intention to explore, an organization should provide the right scenery and environment. The study also stated that the physical environment could stimulate customers' internal responses such as their cognitive, emotional, and physiological. Moreover, (Cetin & Walls, 2015) also stated that the variety of tempo and rhythm of different music can affect the consumption and purchase intention of alcohol.

Some researchers suggested that the physical environments affect customers' behavior toward each other (Walls, Okumus, Wang, & Kwun, 2011). Moreover, (Ali, Amin, & Ryu, 2015) also introduced the idea that physical environment impacts their purchase intention and satisfaction. Also, (Cetin & Walls, 2015) supported the concept of (Ali, Amin, & Ryu, 2015) that the physical environment affects the duration spent and purchase intention.

In this study, physical environment refers to the overall external and internal layout, building, decorations, surrounding, lighting, temperature, scent, and something that affect the sense of seeing, smelling, hearing, and touching.

2.4 Hygiene/Cleanliness

During a pandemic situation, it is vital for every business to focus on hygiene as the first priority in daily operation in order to gain revenue or maintain the competitive advantages of the organization. According to the previous study suggested that the primary factor that travelers will consider when choosing hotels is hygiene and cleanliness (Jiang & Wen, 2020). During this difficult period, it is unarguable that the first priority of the customer's concern is hygiene wherever they are going to visit. Moreover, the study from (Yu, Seo, & Hyun, 2021) suggested that the hotels can develop the hygiene and sanitization process and use it as a unique selling point to

promote during the pandemic situation. The study also introduced that travelers are more than willing to pay extra for "enhanced guestroom disinfection" (Jiang & Wen, 2020). By enhancing hygiene awareness could help to produce a positive image or trust for customers during the pandemic situation. So, the customer feels safer and more comfortable visiting the hotels.

According to the study, hygiene in the hospitality industry refers to the hygiene throughout the service area, including the hallway, reception area, waiting area, rooms, and employee dress (Khalilur Rahman, Newaz, Hemmati, & Mallick, 2021). Furthermore, (Yu, Seo, & Hyun, 2021) also presented a similar concept as (Khalilur Rahman, Newaz, Hemmati, & Mallick, 2021) stated that hygiene in the hotel refers to the service areas utilized by customers such as lobby, toilet, rooms, restaurants, staff's hygiene; uniform, hands, and hair, and areas or equipment; such as computers, tables, and chairs. These criteria have a big impact on a customer's decision to visit a hotel or not, how long they would spend their time, whether they will recommend this hotel to others or not.

In this study, hygiene refers to the presentation cleanliness and sanitization in all area of the hotels including the personal hygiene of the staff.

2.5 Brand Trust

Brand trust is also one of the most vital factors for every successful business aimed to achieve. In the early study, trust was defined as the expectation of reliability in another person's words or promises either verbal or written declarations (Rotter, 1967). Another researcher also agreed with (Rotter, 1967), the study suggested that trust refers to the degree of a person's confidence and the will to act according to another person's words, behaviors, and decisions (McAllister, 1995).

While in the context of branding, trust has been defined as customers' willingness to respond to a brand's capacity to deliver on its stated promises. (Moorman, Zaltman, & Deshpande, 1992). The study from (Chaudhuri & Holbrook, 2001) agree with the concept of (Moorman, Zaltman, & Deshpande, 1992) stated that the definition of band trust can be defined as customers' perception and evaluation toward the brand capability to deliver its promise (Chaudhuri & Holbrook, 2001). The later study from

(Hidayanti, Nuryakin, & Farida, 2018) also supported the brand trust concept of (Moorman, Zaltman, & Deshpande, 1992) and (Chaudhuri & Holbrook, 2001) stated that customers' readiness to believe without a doubt that a brand will deliver on its promises and achieve positive benefits for them is known as brand trust.

Moreover, another researcher suggested that trust includes the feeling of reliability toward the organization, without that feeling leads to an interruption or hesitation toward the purchase intention (Zaren & Ali, 2021). Nonetheless, the study of (Afzal, Khan, Rehman, Ali, & Wajahat, 2010) introduced that brand loyalty is influenced by brand trust. because it generates continuing process the maintenance and continuation of a relationship. Also, in a recent study defined brand trust as "loyalty and truthfulness" (Minnifield, 2017). In this study, brand trust refers to the reliability and the willingness of customers to undoubtedly believe that the brand will perform in accordance to their promised statement.

2.6 Values

Values differ from one person to another person. One person's valuable perception of something might not be valuable for another (Rahman, 2014). According to the study, value has been defined by psychologists as the relationship between wants, needs, interests, preferences, and motivations (Lee, 1993). Values are desired goals with varying degrees of significance that act as supervisory principles in people's life (Schwartz, 1992).

The common nature of values can influence countless beliefs, attitudes and behaviors (Rahman, 2014). The study also suggested that there are some similarities and differences of the characteristics of values as follow;

- Values are beliefs that are inextricably related to feelings.
- Values can be the desired objectives that a person aimed to achieve.
- Values can act as a primary factor in decision-making.
- Values can be ranked by the level of significance or priorities of each individual.
 - Values can have a big impact on how people think and act.

According to the study, "values represent basic individual motivations" (Sortheix & Lönnqvist, 2014). The researcher also stated that values are not dependent on times and situations. They can help to identify what is vital for each person and guide to choices selection and behavior. In this study, value refers to individual beliefs, desires, and preferences.

2.7 Customer's Satisfaction

One of the most crucial aspects that every business aims to achieve is customers satisfaction. There are several different definitions of customers satisfaction. In the early study, customers' satisfaction has been defined as customer satisfaction response, which is both an appraisal and an emotional reaction to a service (Rust & Oliver, 1994). Another researcher supported the satisfaction concept of (Rust & Oliver, 1994) stated that the term "satisfaction" refers to an emotional reaction to a product or service that has been acquired (Dharmesti & Nugroho, 2013). Also, the study of (Han & Hyun, 2017) showed a similar concept suggested that affective responses/experiences following a cognitive expectations disconfirmation process across prior expectation and perceived performance of a product/service and its features are measured by satisfaction (Han & Hyun, 2017).

According to the study stated that when evaluating the actual experience of quality or performance after utilizing items or services, satisfaction is defined as the formation of expectations for the products or services prior to purchase (Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015). The study of (Zapata-Aguirre, Moreno-Izquierdo, & Gabriel Brida, 2016) showed a similar concept of (Lu, Berchoux, Marek, & Chen, 2015) stated that the term "satisfaction" refers to an assessment of a product or service that results in a satisfactory level of fulfillment, whether it is low or high.

The satisfaction concept of (Azman Ismail, 2016) suggested that generally the concept of customers satisfaction can be defined as "a difference between customers' expectations and experience performance after using a service or product at a certain period" (Azman Ismail, 2016). Also, (Karyose & Astuti, 2017) supported a similar concept that satisfaction is the personal feeling toward the perceived performance by comparing the former expectation and perceived performance. The recent study also

stated that customer satisfaction is based on the product's performance, as well as the customer's perceptions and expectations (Abadi, Nursyamsi, & Syamsuddin, 2020).

In this study, customers' satisfaction refers to a comparison of a customer's past expectations and their actual experience with a product or service, and whether the experience met the expectation or not.

2.8 Loyalty Intention

One of the most challenging goals for organizations is not only getting new customers but also retain the current customers' base. The definition of loyalty can be described as a behavior of repeating purchases of a certain product or service (Lim Y., 2013). The study of (Almohaimmeed, 2019) also agrees with the same concept of customers' loyalty that it is the customers' willingness and intention of repeating a purchase and referring a new customer.

Moreover, the study of (Lim Y., 2013) also indicated that behavioral and attitudinal loyalty are the two dimensions of loyalty that can be classified. An act of repeating a purchase can be described as behavioral loyalty, while commitment refers to attitudinal loyalty.

Loyalty intention refers to the willingness of a customer to invest or to stay with the brand that takes good care of them and offers great values in long term, even if the best price is not offered (Akarapanich, 2006). Loyalty intention can be described as a part of the satisfaction, revisit or repurchase intention, and products/services/brands recommendation (Ekiz, 2012).

Nevertheless, some studies suggested that customers satisfaction has a significant impact on their intention to be loyal to a brand. (Park, Jun, & Park, 2017). Hence, customers' willingness to revisit or repurchase a product or service, as well as promote it to others, is referred to as loyalty intention in this study.

CHAPTER III METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Methodology

The purpose of this study is to examine the key variables: service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, and values have an influence on luxury hotel' customers satisfaction and lead to loyalty intention. This study will use the quantitative approach to do the data collection. Since this study is conducted during Covid-19 situation. The online surveys will be created by using 'google form' to gather information from 400 respondents. The questions will be provided in both Thai and English language.

3.1.1 Sampling

As the survey will be distributed online, so the respondents in this study should be a person who is able and willing to participate in doing the online questionnaire. Also, the respondents should be any person who lives in Thailand aging 20 years old and above, and previously booked and stayed, visited, or received services at luxury hotels during the Covid-19 situation or for the past 16 months since the first Covid-19 outbreak in Thailand.

3.1.2 Research Instrument

The survey is separated into 3 main sections. The first section is the screening questions consisted of 3 questions to ensure that the respondent is appropriate with this research, and help to eliminate respondents who have no experience with luxury hotels during Covid-19, and age under 20 years old. The screening question will also help the researcher to have the precise data relevant to the study to generate a better result of the analysis.

The second section is intended to study the respondents' level of agreement towards questions they were asked. The survey consists of 7 topics in accordance with

the independent and dependent variables which are service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, values, customers' satisfaction, and loyalty intention. The questions in each topic consisted of 6 questions with 1-5 scales of the answer (1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = indifference, 4 = agree and 5 = strongly agree). The respondents should choose only 1 answer.

The third section is about the respondents' demographic information, such as gender, age, income, and occupation. This information enables the researcher to clarify which group of people get the most influenced by which variables that lead them to have satisfaction and loyalty intention.

3.2 Data Collection

Primary data will be collected from 400 respondents for further analysis. The online questionnaire should provide clear information and instruction. However, the contact information of the author will be provided to ensure that the respondents have a clear understanding of the information and questions of the questionnaire. Statistical Package Social Science (SPSS) will be used to analyze data.

CHAPTER IV FINDINGS

According to the survey, 400 samples were collected. The respondents are categorized into four categories based on their demographic factors as in the table below;

4.1 Demographic Factors of Respondents

4.1.1 Gender

Table 1: Frequency - Gender

	Gender						
		A.			Cumulative		
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Percent		
Valid	Female	316	79.0	7 9.0	79.0		
1//	Male	84	21.0	21.0	100.0		
	Total	400	100.0	100.0	n ///		

In terms of gender, most of the respondents; 316 persons (79 percent), are female, and another 84 persons (21 percent) are male.

4.1.2 Age Range Table 2: Frequency - Age

	Age						
					Cumulative		
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Percent		
Valid	20-30	167	41.8	41.8	41.8		
	31-40	206	51.5	51.5	93.3		
	41-50	27	6.8	6.8	100.0		
	Total	400	100.0	100.0			

Most of the respondents are in the range of 31 - 40 years old which are accounted for 51.5 percent or 206 persons. The rest of them are in the range of 20 - 30 years old, and 41-50 years old which are accounted for 167 persons (41.8 percent), and 27 persons (6.8 percent).

4.1.3 Occupation
Table 3: Frequency - Occupation

Occupation Cumulative Valid Percent Percent Frequency Percent 22 5.5 Valid Student 5.5 5.5 282 70.5 70.5 76 Employee 24.0 100.0 Businessowner 96 24.0 Total 400 100.0 100.0

For occupation, most of the respondents, 282 persons (70.5 percent) are employee. The other 96 respondents (24 percent) are businessowner. The rest are student, which are accounted for 22 persons (5.5 percent).

4.1.4 Income

Table 4: Frequency - Income

Income

	0)	777	8) P		Cumulative
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Percent
Valid	Less Than 15,000	9	2.3	2.3	2.3
	THB				
	15,000-30,000 THB	64	16.0	16.0	18.3
	30,001-50,000 THB	150	37.5	37.5	55.8
	50,001-100,000 THB	106	26.5	26.5	82.3
	More Than 100,000	71	17.8	17.8	100.0
	THB				
	Total	400	100.0	100.0	

The monthly income of the respondents is varied. The majority of 150 respondents (37.5 percent) have a monthly income in the range of 30,001 - 50,000 THB, 106 respondents (26.5 percent) have 50,001 - 100,000 THB, 71 respondents (17.8 percent) earn more than 100,000 THB, 64 respondents (16 percent) have a monthly income in the range of 15,000 - 30,000 THB, and only 9 respondents (2.3 percent) have a monthly income in the range of less than 15,000 THB.

4.2 Service Quality

4.2.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 5: Service Quality – Descriptive Analysis

#	Service Quality		Std. Deviation
1.	The hotel's staffs provide a thorough service.	4.76	.520
2.	The hotel's staffs provide service with a professional manner.	4.84	.430
3.	I always get personalized service from the staff at this hotel.	4.51	.901
4.	The staffs at this hotel are willing to respond to my request.	4.79	.498
5.	The staffs in this hotel attentively provide service.	4.80	.507
6.	Whenever I think about this hotel, I appreciate its exceptional	4.71	.566
	service quality.		
	Overall Se <mark>rvice Quality</mark>	4.74	.459

Table 6: Service Quality - Reliability Test

Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Service Quality	.870	.897	6

There are six main attributes for service quality. The Likert scale of 1-5 was used to determine the respondents' level of agreement, of which 1 represents strongly disagree, and 5 represents strongly agree. The "The hotel's staffs provide service with a professional manner" is the output which represents the highest mean (mean = 4.84), followed by "The staffs in this hotel attentively provide service" (mean = 4.80), "The staffs at this hotel are willing to respond to my request" (mean = 4.79), "The hotel's staffs provide a thorough service" (mean = 4.76), "Whenever I think about this hotel, I appreciate its exceptional service quality" (mean = 4.71), and "I always get personalized service from the staff at this hotel" (mean = 4.51). So, the average mean of

the service quality variable is 4.74. Moreover, the reliability analysis result showed the Cronbach's Alpha value of .870, which means that the variable is reliable and consistent.

4.2.2 Differences between Groups

4.2.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

There are differences between the variable and the respondents in different groups including gender, and occupation.

4.2.2.1.1 Gender

Table 7: Service Quality - Gender

Service Quality

// A.V. ///	Gender	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
The hotel's staffs provide	Female	316	4.87	.402
service with a professional manner.	Male	84	4.71	.505
The staffs at this hotel are willing to respond to my request.	Female	316	4.83	.446
	Male	84	4.63	.636
The staffs in this hotel attentively provide service.	Female	316	4.84	.446
	Male	84	4.64	.670
Whenever I think about this hotel, I appreciate its exceptional service quality.	Female	316	4.76	.532
	Male	84	4.52	.649

Table 8: Service Quality - Independent Sample T-Test

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equality of Means	
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
The hotel's staffs provide service with a	Equal variances assumed	.000	.002	.159
professional manner.	Equal variances not assumed		.009	.159
The staffs at this hotel are willing to respond to my request.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.001	.198
	Equal variances not assumed		.008	.198
The staffs in this hotel attentively provide service.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.002	.196
	Equal variances not assumed		.013	.196
Whenever I think about this hotel, I appreciate its exceptional service quality.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.001	.239
	Equal variances not assumed		.002	.239

The result showed that sig. value is .000 (sig. <.05), which means that there is a difference between male and female respondents. Also, the mean of female respondents shown in the table represented the higher mean of female respondents (4.87, 4.83, 4.84, and 4.76) than the male. Therefore, this can be concluded as female

respondents tend to consider about service quality more than male respondents when selecting luxury hotels.

4.2.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups)
4.2.2.2.1 Occupation

Table 9: Service Quality – Occupation

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni

Dependent Variable	(I) Occupation	(J) Occupation	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sig.
The hotel's staffs provide service with a professional	Employee	Student	.355	.008
manner.	Businessowne	r Student	.365 [°]	.010
The staffs at this hotel are willing to respond to my request.	Employee	Student	.403	.009
The staffs in this hotel attentively provide service.	Employee	Student	.399	.013
Whenever I think about this hotel, I appreciate its exceptional service quality.	Employee Businessowne	Student r Student	.557 ⁻	.001

^{*.} The mean different is significant at the 0.05 level

In terms of occupation, the respondents who are employees and businessowners tend to consider about service quality more than the respondents who are students when selecting luxury hotels during Covid-19.

4.3 Physical Environment

4.3.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 10: Physical Environment - Descriptive Analysis

#	Physical Environment	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	The hotel lighting is appropriate, not too dark and not too bright.	3.90	.942
2	The hotel temperature is comfortable, not too cold and not too	4.08	.886
	hot.		
3	The hotel provides great choices of amenities and modern	4.22	.945
	facilities.		
4	The hotel architecture is impressive (building, layout, design).	4.16	1.024
5	The colors of the wall and floor are complementary and	3.73	1.128
	coordinating.		
6	The hotel provides spacious room with impressive design and	4.43	.705
	decoration.		
	Overall Physical Environment	4.09	.737

Table 11: Physical Environment - Reliability Test

Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
	Аірпа	Otaridardized items	14 Of Itellia
Physical Environment	.835	.857	6

The physical environment also has six attributes, and the Likert scale of 1 – 5 was also used to determine the respondents' level of agreement (1 represents strongly disagree, and 5 represents strongly agree). The element that represents the highest mean is "The hotel provides spacious room with impressive design and decoration" (mean = 4.43), followed by "The hotel provides great choices of amenities and modern facilities" (mean = 4.22), "The hotel architecture is impressive (building, layout, design)" (mean = 4.16), "The hotel temperature is comfortable, not too cold and not too hot" (mean = 4.08), "The hotel lighting is appropriate, not too dark and not too bright" (mean = 3.90), and "The colors of the wall and floor are complementary and coordinating" (mean = 3.73). Also, the average mean of the physical environment is 4.09. Nonetheless, the reliability analysis also presented the Cronbach's Alpha value of .835, which represented that the variable is reliable and consistent.

4.3.2 Differences between Groups

4.3.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

The result showed that the variable and the respondents have significant differences in terms of the respondents' gender, age, and income.

4.3.2.1.1 Gender

Table 12: Physical Environment – Gender

Physical Environment

	Gender	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
The hotel lighting is	Female	316	3.78	.928
appropriate, not too dark and not too bright.	Male	84	4.39	.836
The hotel temperature is	Female	316	4.00	.903
comfortable, not too cold and not too hot.	Male	84	4.39	.745
The colors of the wall and	Female	316	3.57	1.129
floor are complementary and coordinating.	Male	84	4.33	.896

Table 13:Physical Environment – Independent Sample T Test

Independent Samples Test

	•			
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equ	ality of Means
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
The hotel lighting is appropriate, not too dark	Equal variances assumed	.314	.000	618
and not too bright.	Equal variances not assumed		.000	618
The hotel temperature is comfortable, not too cold	Equal variances assumed	.731	.000	396
and not too hot.	Equal variances not assumed		.000	396
The colors of the wall and floor are complementary	Equal variances assumed	.001	.000	767
and coordinating.	Equal variances not assumed		.000	767

For physical environment, male respondents tend to have a higher mean than female respondents as follows; the first two elements have an equal mean of 4.39 which are "The hotel lighting is appropriate, not too dark and not too bright" and "The hotel temperature is comfortable, not to cold and not too hot", followed by "The colors of the wall and floor are complimentary and coordinating" (mean = 4.33). Consequently, this can be concluded as male respondents tend to consider about the physical environment more than female respondents.

4.3.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups)
4.3.2.2.1 Age

Table 14: Physical Environment - Age

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni

Dependent Variable	(I) Age	(J) Age	Mean Difference (I- J)	Sig.
The colors of the wall and floor are complementary and coordinating.	20-30	31-40	.294 [*]	.036

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

The respondents who are 20 - 30 years old tend to consider about the hotel's physical environment in terms of "the colors of the wall and floor are complementary and coordinating" more than respondents who are 31 - 40 years old (Sig. = 0.036).

4.3.2.2.2 Income

Table 15: Physical Environment - Income

Multiple Comparisons

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Dependent Variable	(I) Income	(J) Income	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sig.
The colors of the wall and	15,000-30,000 THB	Less Than 15,000 THB	384	1.000
floor are complementary and	d	30,001-50,000 THB	.539°	.012
coordinating.		50,001-100,000 THB	.549*	.019
	1	More Than 100,000 THB	.594*	.020

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

In terms of income, the result showed that the respondents whose monthly income are 15,000 - 30,000 THB tend to consider about the physical environment in terms of "the colors of the wall and floor are complementary and coordinating" more than those group of people whose income are 30,001 - 50,000 THB (Sig. = 0.012), 50,000 - 100,000 THB (Sig. = 0.019), and more than 100,000 THB (Sig. = 0.020).

4.4 Hygiene/Cleanliness

4.4.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 16: Hygiene/Cleanliness - Descriptive Analysis

#	Hygiene/Cleanliness	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	This hotel provides clean in-room facilities (i.e., desks, chairs, sofas,	4.83	.422
	beds, mirrors, and closets).		
2	This hotel provides clean hotel's amenities and facilities in all public	4.77	.536
l	area.		
3	This hotel provides clean restaurant facilities (i.e., tables and chairs)	4.77	.509
	using disinfectants.		
4	This hotel provides clean environment and implement social	4.74	.582
	distancing measure in all area.		
5	The hotel staff wear masks at all times while on duty.	4.88	.396
6	The hotel staff wear gloves at all times while on duty.	4.55	.863
	Overall Hygiene/Cleanliness	4.76	.424

Table 17: Hygiene/Cleanliness - Reliability Test

	Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Ι	Hygiene/Cleanliness	.835	.857	6

There are six attributes for hygiene/cleanliness. The Likert scale of 1-5 was used to determine the respondents' level of agreement. The element that showed the highest mean is "The hotel staff wear mask at all times while on duty" (mean = 4.88), followed by "This hotel provides clean in room facilities i.e. desks, chairs, sofas, beds, mirrors, and closets" (mean = 4.83), there are two elements that have the same mean of 4.77 which are "This hotel provides clean hotel's amenities and facilities in all public area" and "This hotel provides clean restaurant facilities (i.e. tables and chairs) using disinfectants", then "This hotel provides clean environment and implement social distancing measure in all area" (mean = 4.74), and "The hotel staff wear gloves at all times while on duty" (mean = 4.55). The average mean of hygiene/cleanliness is 4.76. Also, the reliability analysis represented the Cronbach's Alpha result of .835 (higher than 0.6), so the variable is reliable and consistent.

4.4.2 Differences between Groups

4.4.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

There are differences between the variable and the respondents in different groups including gender, age, and occupation.

4.4.2.1.1 Gender

Table 18: Hygiene/Cleanliness - Gender

Hygiene/Cleanliness

	Gender	Mean	Std. Deviation
This hotel provides clean in-room facilities (i.e., desks, chairs, sofas, beds, mirrors, and closets).	Female Male	4.89 4.64	.347 .594
This hotel provides clean hotel's amenities and	Female	4.82	.478
facilities in all public area.	Male	4.57	.682
This hotel provides clean restaurant facilities (i.e.,	Female	4.82	.469
tables and chairs) using disinfectants.	Male	4.58	.605
This hotel provides clean environment and	Female	4.81	.508
implement social distancing measure in all area.	Male	4.49	.752
The hotel staff wear masks at all times while	Female	4.91	.354
on duty.	Male	4.79	.517
The hotel staff wear gloves at all times while	Female	4.64	.795
on duty.	Male	4.21	1.019

Table 19: Hygiene/Cleanliness - Independent Sample T-Test

Independent Samples Test

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equa	ality of Means
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
This hotel provides clean in-room facilities (i.e.,	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.243
desks, chairs, sofas, beds, mirrors, and closets).	Equal variances not assumed		.001	.243
This hotel provides clean hotel's amenities and	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.251
facilities in all public area.	Equal variances not assumed		.002	.251
This hotel provides clean restaurant facilities (i.e.,	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.233
tables and chairs) using disinfectants.	Equal variances not assumed		.001	.233
This hotel provides clean environment and	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.319
implement social distancing measure in all area.	Equal variances not assumed	- M	.000	.319
The hotel staff wear masks at all times while	Equal variances assumed	.000	.010	.126
on duty.	Equal variances not assumed		.038	.126
The hotel staff wear gloves at all times while	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.422
on duty.	Equal variances not assumed		.001	.422

For gender, the result showed that sig. = .000 (sig. < .05) which means that there is a significant difference between male and female respondents on all elements of hygiene/cleanliness. Moreover, it also showed that female respondents have a higher mean (4.89, 4.82, 4.81, 4.91, and 4.64) than male respondents. Therefore, this can be concluded as female respondents tend to consider about hygiene/cleanliness more than male respondents.

4.4.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups)
4.4.2.2.1 Age

Table 20: Hygiene/Cleanliness – Age

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni

Dependent Variable	(I) Age	(J) Age	Mean Difference (I- J)	Sig.
The hotel staff wear gloves at all times while on duty.	41-50	20-30 31-40	.434 [*] .311	.046 .231

 $^{^{\}star}.$ The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

In terms of age, the respondents who are 41 - 50 years old tend to consider about hygiene/cleanliness in terms of "the hotel staff wear gloves at all times while on duty" more than the respondents who are 20 - 30 years old (Sig. = .046).

4.4.2.2.2 Occupation

Table 21: Hygiene/Cleanliness - Occupation

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni				
Dependent Variable	(I) Occupation	(J) Occupation	Mean	
			Difference (I-J)	Sig.
This hotel provides clean in-	Employee	Student	.324*	.015
room facilities (i.e., desks,		Businessowner	.137°	.033
chairs, sofas, beds, mirrors, and closets).				
This hotel provides clean	Employee	Student	.385	.030
hotel's amenities and			(A ;)	
facilities in all public area.		~		
This hotel provides clean	Employee	Student	.503°	.004
environment and implement		Businessowner	.232°	.004
social distancing measure in				_11
all area.				
The hotel staff wear masks	Employee	Student	.338*	.005
at all times while on duty.				//
1\ _\	Businessowner	Student	.323°	.015
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^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

For the occupation, generally, the respondents who are employees tend to consider about hygiene/cleanliness more than the respondents who are students and businessowners. However, the respondents who are employees (sig. = .005) and businessowners (sig. = .015) tend to consider about hygiene/cleanliness in terms of "the hotel's staff wear masks at all times while on duty" more than the respondents who are students.

4.5 Brand Trust

4.5.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 22: Brand Trust – Descriptive Analysis

#	Brand Trust	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	This hotel's brand always meets my expectations.	4.73	.563
2	The hotel has high reputation.	4.77	.522
3	I feel that a hotel carrying the same brand	4.68	.630
1	guarantees satisfaction.		
4	I feel confident with this hotel brand.	4.76	.525
5	I trusted the hotel and its staff.	4.73	.559
6	I feel safe staying/receiving service at this hotel.	4.78	.501
	Overall Brand Trust	4.74	.470

Table 23: Brand Trust - Reliability Test

Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Brand Trust	.926	.927	6

There are six elements for brand trust. The result showed the Cronbach's Alpha value of .926, which represented the variable's reliability and consistency. The Likert scale level of agreement of 1 -5 was used to determine the level of agreement of the respondents (1 represents strongly disagree, and 5 represents strongly agree). The element that has the highest mean is "I feel safe staying/receiving service at this hotel" (mean = 4.78), followed by "I feel confident with this hotel brand" (mean = 4.77), "I feel confident with this hotel brand" (mean = 4.76), two elements that have an equal mean of 4.73 which are "This hotel's brand always meets my expectations" and "I trusted the hotel and its staff", and "I feel that a hotel carrying the same brand guarantees satisfaction" (mean = 4.68). The average mean of the brand trust variable is 4.74.

4.5.2 Differences between Groups

4.5.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

For brand trust, there are significant differences among the respondents group including gender, and occupation.

4.5.2.1.1 Gender

Table 24: Brand Trust - Gender

Group Statistics

Gender	Mean	Std. Deviation
Female	4.79	.531
Male	4.52	.630
Female	4.85	.424
Male	4.48	.719
Female	4.77	.529
Male	4.37	.847
Female	4.82	.467
Male	4.51	.649
Female	4.79	.505
Male	4.50	.685
Female	4.83	.430
Male	4.60	.679
	Female Male Female Male Female Male Female Male Female Male Female Female	Female 4.79 Male 4.52 Female 4.85 Male 4.48 Female 4.77 Male 4.37 Female 4.82 Male 4.51 Female 4.79 Male 4.50 Female 4.83

Table 25: Brand Trust - Independent Sample T Test

Independent Samples Test

	Į.	Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equality of Means	
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
This hotel's brand always meets my expectations.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.264
	Equal variances not assumed		.001	.264
The hotel has high reputation.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.372
	Equal variances not assumed	(6)	.000	.372
I feel that a hotel carrying the same brand	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.400
guarantees satisfaction.	Equal variances not assumed		.000	.400
I feel confident with this hotel brand.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.308
	Equal variances not assumed	有到了	.000	.308
I trusted the hotel and its staff.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.291
	Equal variances not assumed		.000	.291
I feel safe staying/receiving service	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.237
at this hotel.	Equal variances not assumed		.003	.237

In terms of gender, the significant were found on all elements (sig. < 0.05). The mean of each attribute of male respondents (4.52, 4.48, 4.37, 4.51, 4.50, 4.60) is lesser than female respondents. Therefore, when selecting luxury hotels, male tend to consider about brand trust lesser than female.

4.5.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups) 4.5.2.2.1 Occupation

Table 26: Brand Trust - Occupation

Multiple Comparisons

Dependent Variable	(I) Occupation	(J) Occupation	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sig.
The hotel has high reputation	Employee	Student	.430°	.008
I feel that a hotel carrying the same brand guarantees satisfaction.	Employee	Student Businessowner	.645° .228°	.000 .011
I trusted the hotel and its staff.	Employee	Student	.416	.021

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

For occupation, the significant differences are found on "The hotel has high reputation", "I feel that a hotel carrying the same brand guarantees satisfaction", and "I trusted the hotel and its staff" Moreover, the result also showed that in terms of "The hotel has high reputation" and "I trusted the hotel and its staff", the respondents who are employees tend to consider about brand trust more than the respondents who are students (sig. =.008, and sig. = .021). However, in terms of "I feel that a hotel carrying the same brand guarantees satisfaction" represented that the respondents who are employees tend to consider about brand trust more than the respondents who are students (sig. = .000) and businessowners (sig. = .011).

4.6 Values

4.6.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 27: Values – Descriptive Analysis

#	Values	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	I choose this hotel because I would like to have	4.62	.650
2	fun and enjoyment. I choose this hotel because I would like to reward	4.65	.661
3	myself. I choose this hotel because I would like to be self-	4.51	.708
4	fulfilled. I choose this hotel because I would like to have	4.04	.937
5	more exciting experience in life. I choose this hotel because I would like to have	2.46	1.602
	the feeling of being more differentiated from others.		
6	I choose this hotel because I would like to have more social recognition.	2.22	1.607
	Overall Values	3.75	.678

Table 28: Values - Reliability Test

Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Values	.665	.682	6

There are six elements for values. The Likert scale level of agreement of 1 -5 was used to determine the level of agreement of the respondents (1 represents strongly disagree, and 5 represents strongly agree). The attribute which represented the highest mean is "I choose this hotel because I would like to reward myself" (mean = 4.65), followed by "I choose this hotel because I would like to have fun and enjoyment" (mean = 4.62), "I choose this hotel because I would like to be self-fulfilled" (mean = 4.51), "I choose this hotel because I would like to have more exciting experience in life" (mean = 4.04), "I choose this hotel because I would like to have the feeling of being more differentiated from others" (mean = 2.46), and "I choose this hotel because I would like to have more social recognition" (mean = 2.22). The table also showed the Cronbach's Alpha value of .665. The value is higher than 0.6, which means that the variable is usable for reliability and consistency.

4.6.2 Differences between Groups

4.6.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

In terms of values, there are significant differences among the respondents group including gender, income, and occupation.

4.6.2.1.1 Gender

Table 29: Values - Gender

	Gender	Mean	Std Deviation
	Gender	wean	Old. Deviation
I choose this hotel because I	Female	4.67	.573
would like to have fun and	Male	4.40	.852
enjoyment.			
I choose this hotel because I	Female	4.73	.548
would like to reward myself.	Male	4.38	.930
I choose this hotel because I	Female	2.12	1.500
would like to have the	Male	3.76	1.276
feeling of being more			
differentiated from others.			

Table 30: Values - Independent Sample T Test

	Independent Sa	mples Test		
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equa	ality of Means
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
I choose this hotel because I would like to have fun and enjoyment.	Equal variances assumed Equal variances not assumed	.000	.001 .007	.269
I choose this hotel because I would like to reward myself.	Equal variances assumed Equal variances not assumed	.000	.000	.347 .347
I choose this hotel because I would like to have the feeling of being more differentiated from others.	Equal variances assumed Equal variances not assumed	.007	.000	-1.645 -1.645

There are significant differences on three elements for gender. Female respondents tend to consider about values in terms of "I choose this hotel because I would like to have fun and enjoyment" (mean = 4.67), and "I choose this hotel because I would like to reward myself" (mean = 4.73) more than male respondents. However, male respondents tend to consider about values in terms of "I choose this hotel because I would like to have the feeling of being more differentiated from others" (mean = 3.76) than female respondents.

4.6.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups) 4.6.2.2.1 Income

Table 31: Values – Income

I choose this hotel because I would like to have the feeling of

Dependent Variable

being more differentiated from others.

I choose this hotel because I Less Than 15,000 THB 30,001-50,000 THB 1.916 0.005 would like to have more social 50,001-100,000 THB 1.700 0.021 recognition.

More Than 100,000 THB 1.692 0.026

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni

For income, the respondents whose income are lesser than 15,000 THB tend to consider about values in terms of "I choose this hotel because I would like to have the feeling of being more differentiated from others" more than the respondents whose income are 30,001 - 50,000 THB (Sig. = 0.013) and 50,001 - 100,000 THB (Sig. = 0.034). Nevertheless, the respondents whose income are lesser than 15,000 THB also tend to consider about values in terms of "I choose this hotel because I would like to have more social recognition" more than those whose income is 30,001 - 50,000 THB (Sig. = 0.005), 50,001 - 100,000 THB (Sig. = 0.021), and more than 100,000 THB (Sig. = 0.026).

4.6.2.2.2 Occupation

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Table 32: Values - Occupation

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni		-		
Dependent Variable	(I) Occupation	(J) Occupation	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sig.
I choose this hotel because I would like to reward myself.	Employee	Student	.779°	.000
	Businessowner	Student	.667*	.001
I choose this hotel because I	Employee	Student	.504°	.032
would like to be self-fulfilled.	Businessowner	Student	.635°	.005
I choose this hotel because I	Student	Employee	1.197°	.020
would like to have more social recognition.				

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

In terms of occupation, the respondents who are employees and businessowners tend to consider about values in terms of self-rewarding and self-fulfillment more than the respondents who are students. On the other hand, the respondents who are students tent to consider about the values in terms of social recognition by staying or visiting the hotel more than the respondents who are employees and businessowners.

4.7 Customers Satisfaction

4.7.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 33: Customers Satisfaction - Descriptive Analysis

#	Customers Satisfaction	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	I am satisfied with the hotel's staff.	4.76	.520
2	I am satisfied with the hotel's service quality.	4.78	.509
3	I am satisfied with the hotel hygiene/cleanliness	4.80	.475
	procedures for both hotel staff, service procedures		
	and facilities.		
4	I am satisfied with my decision to visit this hotel.	4.80	.498
5	I think I did the right thing when I chose to stay	4.81	.498
	in/receive a service at this hotel.		
6	I feel that my experience with this hotel has been	4.74	.570
	enjoyable.		
	Overall Customers Satisfaction	4.78	.436

Table 34: Customers Satisfaction - Reliability Test

Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Customers Satisfaction	.924	.925	6

Customers' satisfaction variable also consists of six components. The result showed the Cronbach's Alpha of .924, which represented that the variable is reliable and consistent. The Likert scale level of agreement of 1 -5 was used to determine the level of agreement of the respondents (1 represents strongly disagree, and 5 represents strongly agree). The component with the highest mean is "I think I did the right thing when I chose to stay in/receive a service at this hotel" (mean = 4.81), followed by two components presented with an equal mean of 4.80 which are "I am satisfied with the hotel hygiene/cleanliness", "I am satisfied with my decision to visit this hotel", "I am satisfied with the hotel's service quality" (mean = 4.78), "I am satisfied with the hotel's staff" (mean = 4.76), and "I feel that my experience with this hotel has been enjoyable" (mean = 4.74). the result also presented the overall customers' satisfaction mean of 4.78.

4.7.2 Differences between Groups

4.7.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

In terms of customers' satisfaction, there are significant differences among the respondents group including gender, and occupation.

4.7.2.1.1 Gender

Table 35: Customers Satisfaction - Gender

Customers Satisfaction - Gender

	Gender	Mean	Std. Deviation
I am satisfied with the	Female	4.80	.493
hotel's staff.	taπ. Male	4.58	.585
I am satisfied with the	Female	4.83	.469
hotel's service quality.	Male	4.63	.617
I am satisfied with the hotel hygiene/cleanliness	Female	4.85	.417
procedures for both hotel staff, service procedures and facilities.	Male	4.62	.619
I am satisfied with my	Female	4.85	.439
decision to visit this hotel.	Male	4.64	.652
I think I did the right thing	Female	4.84	.481
when I chose to stay in/receive a service at this hotel.	Male	4.68	.541
I feel that my experience with this hotel has been	Female	4.78	.534
enjoyable.	Male	4.57	.664

Table 36: Customers Satisfaction - Independent T Test

Independent Samples Test

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equa	ality of Means
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
I am satisfied with the hotel's staff.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.001	.217
	Equal variances not assumed		.002	.217
I am satisfied with the hotel's service quality.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.002	.195
	Equal variances not assumed		.008	.195
I am satisfied with the hotel hygiene/cleanliness	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.229
procedures for both hotel staff, service procedures and facilities.	Equal variances not assumed		.002	.229
I am satisfied with my decision to visit this hotel.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.001	.205
	Equal variances not assumed	141	.008	.205
I think I did the right thing when I chose to stay	Equal variances assumed	.000	.009	.160
in/receive a service at this hotel.	Equal variances not assumed		.015	.160
I feel that my experience with this hotel has been	Equal variances assumed	.000	.003	.210
enjoyable.	Equal variances not assumed		.008	.210

There are differences on all elements of the customers' satisfaction variable. The result showed that sig. = 0.00. Also, the male respondents have a lower mean than female respondents as shown in the above table accordingly 4.58, 4.63, 4.62, 4.64, 4.68, 4.57. The result showed that male respondents tend to have lower customers satisfaction than female respondents.

4.7.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups)
4.7.2.2.1 Occupation

Table 37: Customers Satisfaction - Occupation

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni				
Dependent Variable	(I) Occupation	(J) Occupation	Mean	
			Difference (I-J)	Sig.
I am satisfied with the hotel's	Employee	Student	.621°	.000
staff.	Businessowner	Student	.510°	.001
I am satisfied with the hotel's	Employee	Student	.444*	.004
service quality.	Businessowner	Student	.385*	.029
I am satisfied with my	Employee	Student	.465*	.002
decision to visit this hotel.	Businessowner	Student	.396*	.018
I feel that my experience	Employee	Student	.600°	.000
with this hotel has been	Businessowner	Student	.510°	.005
enjoyable.				

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

For occupation, the differences were found on four elements which are "I am satisfied with the hotel's staff", "I am satisfied with the hotel's service quality", "I am satisfied with my decision to visit this hotel', and "I feel that my experience with this hotel has been enjoyable." The result represented that the respondents who are employees and businessowners tend to have customers' satisfaction more than those who are students.

4.8 Loyalty Intention

4.8.1 Descriptive Statistic & Reliability Test

Table 38: Loyalty Intention - Descriptive Analysis

#	Loyalty Intention	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	I will say positive things about this hotel to other people.	4.77	.495
2	I will recommend this hotel to those who seek my advice.	4.78	.517
3	I will consider this hotel as the first choice.	4.57	.772
4	I will continue visiting this hotel in the future.	4.66	.671
5	I am willing to maintain my relationship with this hotel brand.	4.65	.710
6	I am a loyal customer of this hotel brand.	4.45	.948
	Overall Loyalty Intention	4.65	.595

Table 39: Loyalty Intention - Reliability Test

	Variables' Name	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
İ	Loyalty Intention	.921	.923	6

There are six elements of loyalty intention. The reliability analysis represented the Cronbach's Alpha result of .921 (higher than 0.6), so it represented that the variable is reliable and consistent. The Likert scale level of agreement of 1 -5 was used to determine the level of agreement of the respondents (1 represents strongly disagree, and 5 represents strongly agree). The element that presented the highest mean is "I will recommend this hotel to those who seek my advice" (mean = 4.78), followed by "I will say positive things about this hotel to other people" (mean = 4.77), "I will continue visiting this hotel in the future" (mean = 4.66), "I am willing to maintain my

relationship with this hotel brand" (mean = 4.65), "I will consider this hotel as the first choice" (mean = 4.57), and "I am a loyal customer of this hotel brand" (mean = 4.45). At the end of descriptive analysis table presented the overall customers' satisfaction mean of 4.78.

4.8.2 Differences between Groups

4.8.2.1 T-Test Analysis (differences between two groups)

For loyalty intention, there are significant differences among the respondents group including gender, age and occupation.

4.8.2.1.1 Gender

Table 40: Loyalty Intention – Gender

Loyalty Intention - Gender

	Gender	Mean	Std. Deviation
I will say positive things	Female	4.81	.476
people.	Male	4.61	.538
I will recommend this hotel to those who seek	Female	4.83	.476
my advice.	Male	4.61	.621
I will consider this hotel as the first choice.	Female	4.67	.694
as the first choice.	Male	4.20	.929
I will continue visiting this hotel in the future	Female	4.73	.607
noter in the luture	Male	4.40	.823
I am willing to maintain my relationship with this	Female	4.73	.649
hotel brand.	Male	4.36	.845
I am a loyal customer of this hotel brand.	Female	4.55	.891
this noter brand.	Male	4.06	1.057

Table 41: Loyalty Intention - Independent Sample T Test

Independent Samples Test

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances	t-test for Equality of Means	
		Sig.	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference
I will say positive things about this hotel to other	Equal variances assumed	.000	.001	.200
people.	Equal variances not assumed		.002	.200
I will recommend this hotel to those who seek my advice.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.001	.219
	Equal variances not assumed		.003	.219
I will consider this hotel as the first choice.	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.469
	Equal variances not assumed		.000	.469
I will continue visiting this hotel in the future	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.326
	Equal variances not assumed		.001	.326
I am willing to maintain my relationship with this	Equal variances assumed	.000	.000	.371
hotel brand.	Equal variances not assumed		.000	.371
I am a loyal customer of this hotel brand.	Equal variances assumed	.014	.000	.491
	Equal variances not assumed		.000	.491

In terms of gender, significant differences were found on all components of the loyalty intention variable with the value of sig. = 0.00 (sig. < 0.05). It implied that there are significant differences among respondents' gender and the level of their agreement toward each component of loyalty intention. Male respondents represented the a lower mean than female respondents as shown in the above table (4.61, 4.61, 4.20, 4.40, 4.36, 4.06). Therefore, male respondents tend to have lower loyalty intention than female respondents.

4.8.2.2 Anowa Test (differences between two or more groups)

4.8.2.2.1 Age

Table 42: Loyalty Intention - Age

Bonferroni	Multiple (Comparisons	5	
Dependent Variable	(l) Age	(J) Age	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sig.
I will consider this hotel as the first choice.	41-50	20-30	410*	.031

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

For age, the result showed that there are differences among the respondents' age group and their opinion toward loyalty intention. The respondents who are 41 - 50 years old tend to have more loyalty intention in terms of the intention to consider the hotel as their first choice than the respondents who are 20 - 30 years old (Sig. = .031).

4.8.2.2.3 Occupation

Table 43: Loyalty Intention - Occupation

Multiple Comparisons

Bonferroni								
Dependent Variable	(I) Occupation	(J) Occupation	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sig.				
I will say positive things about	Employee	Student	.566°	.000				
this hotel to other people.	Businessowner	Student	.469°	.002				
I will recommend this hotel to	Employee	Student	.451°	.004				
those who seek my advice.								
I will consider this hotel as the	Employee	Student	.742°	.001				
first choice.	Businessowner	Student	.698*	.004				
I will continue visiting this hotel	Employee	Student	.998*	.000				
in the future.	Businessowner	Student	.833°	.000				
I am willing to maintain my	Employee	Student	.900*	.000				
relationship with this hotel	Businessowner	Student	.802*	.000				
brand.								
I am a loyal customer of this	Employee	Student	.827°	.004				
hotel brand.	Businessowner	Student	.729°	.024				

^{*.} The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

The significant differences were found on all elements for occupation. The respondents who are employees and businessowners tend to have more loyalty intention than the respondents who are students.

4.9 Correlations Analysis

Table 44: Correlations Analysis

	Correlations									
		Service_ Quality	Physical_ Environment	Hygiene_ Cleanliness	Brand_Trust	Values	Customers_ Satisfaction	Loyalty_ Intention		
Service_Quality	Pearson Correlation	1	009	.687**	.754**	.001	.735**	.736**		
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.858	.000	.000	.989	.000	.000		
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Physical_Environment	Pearson Correlation	009	1	009	.057	.442**	.065	02		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.858		.863	.257	.000	.196	.64		
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Hygiene_Cleanliness	Pearson Correlation	.687**	009	1	.752**	029	.715**	.688**		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.863		.000	.560	.000	.000		
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Brand_Trust	Pearson Correlation	.754**	.057	.752**	1	.000	.781**	.783**		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.257	.000		.998	.000	.000		
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Values	Pearson Correlation	.001	.442**	029	.000	1	.055	.060		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.989	.000	.560	.998		.276	.190		
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Customers_Satisfaction	Pearson Correlation	.735**	.065	.715**	.781**	.055	1	.802*		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.196	.000	.000	.276		.00		
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	40		
Loyalty_Intention	Pearson Correlation	.736**	023	.688**	.783**	.066	.802**			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.641	.000	.000	.190	.000			
	N	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		

^{**.} Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Correlation analysis is used to understand the relationship among many variables including service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, values, customers' satisfaction, and loyalty intention of the luxury hotel customers' when selecting luxury hotels during Covid-19.

According to the Correlations analysis, the result showed that all variables have a significant relationship to each other's (Sig. (2 tailed) < 0.05), except the physical environment (Sig. (2 tailed) = 0.858) and values (Sig. (2 tailed) = 0.989) which show that there is no relationship.

4.10 Regression Analysis

Table 45: Regression - Customers' Satisfaction

	ANOVAb							
М	odel	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.		
1	Regression	51.887	5	10.377	169.972	.000a		
	Residual	24.055	394	.061				
	Total	75.943	399					

a. Predictors: (Constant), Values, Brand_Trust, Physical_Environment, Hygiene_Cleanliness, Service Quality

b. Dependent Variable: Customers_Satisfaction

	Coefficients ^a									
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients						
	// All	В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.				
1	(Constant)	.486	.168		2.896	.004				
	Service_Quality	.266	.043	.280	6.231	.000				
	Physical_Environment	.015	.019	.025	.786	.432				
	Hygiene_Cleanliness	.235	.046	.228	5.083	.000				
	Brand_Trust	.368	.046	.397	7.965	.000				
	Values	.031	.020	.048	1.518	.130				

a. Dependent Variable: Customers_Satisfaction

Firstly, the result showed that service quality, hygiene/cleanliness, and brand trust have a significant effect on customers' satisfaction (Sig. < 0.05). While, physical environment (Sig. = .432) and values (Sig. = .130) have no significant effect. In addition, brand trust is the variable that has the strongest effect on the customers' satisfaction (Beta = .397), followed by service quality (Beta = .280), and hygiene/cleanliness (Beta = .228).

Table 46: Regression – Loyalty Intention

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.802ª	.643	.642	.35562

a. Predictors: (Constant), Customers_Satisfaction

ANOVAb

M	odel	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	90.694	1	90.694	717.141	.000a
	Residual	50.334	398	.126		
	Total	141.028	399			

a. Predictors: (Constant), Customers_Satisfaction

b. Dependent Variable: Loyalty_Intention

Table 47: Regression – Loyalty Intention (cont.)

Coefficients^a Model Standardized Unstandardized Coefficients Coefficients Std. Error Beta (Constant) -.579 -2.954 .003 1.093 .041 26.779 .000 .802 Customers_Satisfaction

Secondly, another set of independent and dependent variables revealed a substantial relationship between customer satisfaction and loyalty intention. The result showed that customers' satisfaction has a strong significant effect on loyalty intention (Sig. < 0.05) (Beta = .802).



a. Dependent Variable: Loyalty_Intention

CHAPTER V DISCUSSION

5.1 Relationship

5.1.1 Service Quality

The findings revealed that the quality of service has a substantial impact on customer satisfaction. Particularly, when there is a higher degree of service quality, there is also a higher level of client satisfaction. The previous study (Murrar, Batra, & Rodger, 2021) verified the finding that customer satisfaction is influenced by service quality in a positive and significant way. Moreover, the result of this study is corresponded with the past research (Lin, Luo, Cai, Ma, & Ke, 2016) that the quality of service has a positive impact on client satisfaction. In addition, previous findings (Wong, Rasoolimanesh, & Sharif, 2020) also showed the correlated result of a positive relationship between service quality and customers' satisfaction.

5.1.2 Physical Environment

According to the research, the physical environment showed a great influence on customers' satisfaction, and an indirect impact on loyalty (Bagyalakshmi & Nusrah, 2020). While the result of this research suggested that there is no relationship between the physical environment component and customers' satisfaction component. Another past study (Han, Moon, & Hyun, 2019) also reflected the supportive result as (Bagyalakshmi & Nusrah, 2020), which suggested that the physical environment both in-door and out-door positively impact customers' satisfaction. On the other hand, the result from (Choi, 2014) suggested a partially support that the hotels' room design and social component present a significant impact while public area design and the atmosphere does not have impact to hotels' customer satisfaction.

5.1.3 Hygiene/Cleanliness

The result showed that hygiene/cleanliness positively influences customers' satisfaction. The finding is in line with the earlier research, that the state of cleanliness has a considerable impact on consumer satisfaction. Moreover, the result was also confirmed by a previous study (Yu, Seo, & Hyun, 2021) that the overall hotel hygiene has a significant impact on customers' satisfaction. Another study (Gu, 2008) also provided a consistent result, which stated that hygiene or cleanliness is has a substantial impact on customers' satisfaction.

5.1.4 Brand Trust

In terms of the brand trust variable findings, the result suggested that customers' satisfaction was positively influenced by the brand trust. This result was in line with the previous findings (Maghzi, Abbaspour, Eskandarian, & Hamid, 2011), which stated that brand trust presented a significant impact to customers' satisfaction. In addition, (WigunaMaha Diputra & Yasa, 2021) customers' satisfaction was significantly and positively influenced by the brand trust. In other words, customers will be more satisfied with a brand if they have more trust in it.

5.1.5 Values

In this study, there was no significant impact between values and customers' satisfaction. While the past research (Bloemer & Dekker, 2007) stated that values have effect on customers' satisfaction. Furthermore, (Nguyen, Vo, & Quy, 2021) also proposed that personal values have a significant effect on customers' satisfaction. The contrast results might come from different situation. As this study was conducted during Covid – 19 pandemics, so customers might perceive other factors to have more influence on their expectation and satisfaction.

5.1.6 Customers' Satisfaction

The result showed that all variables including service quality, hygiene/cleanliness, and brand trust except physical environment and values, have a strong impact on customers' satisfaction. However, the previous research (Zhong & Moon, 2020) suggested that service quality and physical environment positively influent customers' satisfaction. Another study (Maghzi, Abbaspour, Eskandarian, & Hamid,

2011) stated that service quality, brand trust, and customer satisfaction presented a very high correlation value of 0.01 which means that variables have a strong relationship toward each other. Moreover, it also suggested that service quality and brand trust presented a significant impact on customers' satisfaction. In addition, (OA, 2017) also affirmed that customers perceived hygiene/cleanliness as a significant factor toward their satisfaction, this can be concluded that hygiene has a significant impact on customers' satisfaction.

5.1.7 Loyalty Intention

Customers' satisfaction has a substantial impact on loyalty intentions, according to the findings of this study. The result was consistent with the previous research (Bagyalakshmi & Nusrah, 2020) which suggested that customers' satisfaction and loyalty intention have a significant relationship toward each other. In other words, the higher the customers' satisfaction level, the higher the customers' loyalty intentions level will be. The result also supported by previous findings (Zhong & Moon, 2020) that the customers' satisfaction provides a positive influence on customer loyalty. Moreover, (Sankpal & Upamannyu, 2014) suggested that customers' satisfaction presented a significant influence on loyalty intention.

5.2 Differences Among Respondent Demographics Group

5.2.1 Service quality

The differences were found on gender and occupation components in the current study. The result showed that the female respondents consider about service quality more than male respondents. The result is consistent with (Kwok, Ahmad, & Zainab, 2016) that female clients have more consideration toward service quality aspect than male clients. The previous research (Hagan, 2015) also confirmed that there were significant differences among respondents' gender and their opinion toward service quality aspects. Particularly, females tend to have more concern toward the service quality more than males. For occupation, the result showed that the respondents who are employees and businessowners have more concern about service quality than students. The past research (Caruana, 2002) showed a confirmation result, which suggested that

there are considerable disparities in respondents' occupations and their views on service quality. It also stated that people working in different occupation could also be in a different social class, which could cause them to have a different level of expectation in service quality.

5.2.2 Physical Environment

Gender, age, and income are the aspects that the differences were found. In this study, the result showed that male respondents tend to consider about the physical environment more than female respondents. The result is in line with the past study (Teeroovengadum, 2020) that the physical environment component is more important to male respondents than female respondents. Another previous research (Chow, Lau, Lo, Sha, & Yun, 2007) presented the consistent result that male participants concern more about the physical environment factor than females. In terms of age, younger participants showed more concern about the physical environment of the hotels more than older participants. The result is consistent with past research Lim, Bennett, & Dagger, 2008(, which stated that customers at a younger age tend to consider more about the physical environment factor. Specifically, there were significant differences among the participants' age group and their opinion toward the physical environment aspect. For income, the current findings showed that there were substantial differences in the individuals' income levels and attitudes about the physical environment. Particularly, people with lower income consider about physical environment factor more than people with higher income. However, the past findings (Lim, Bennett, & Dagger, 2008) presented that there was no significant difference among participants' income level and their opinion toward the physical environment factor.

5.2.3 Hygiene/Cleanliness

The current study presented the significant differences among three main demographic groups which are gender, age, and occupation. The finding showed that female respondents have a higher mean than male respondents. In other words, female respondents consider about hygiene/cleanliness more than male respondents. The result was correlated with the past research (Barber & Scarcelli, 2010), which stated that females considered about hygiene and cleanliness of the place they are going to visit

more than males. Another study (Zemka, Neal, Shoemaker, & Kirsch, 2015) also affirmed the result that woman participants have more consideration toward the hygiene factor than men. For age, the outcome is also in line with past research) Zemka, Neal, Shoemaker, & Kirsch, 2015(, which stated that tourists whose age are in the group of 32-52 years old tend to have more concern about hygiene/cleanliness when staying at a hotel. The result implied that older tourists concern more about hygiene and cleanliness than younger tourists. Specifically, there are differences among participants' age group and their opinion toward hygiene/cleanliness factor. In terms of occupation, employees have more concern about hygiene/cleanliness in terms of hotel staff wearing a mask at all times while on duty more than students and businessowners.

5.2.4 Brand Trust

The present study showed that female respondents have more consideration toward brand trust attribute than male respondents. However, past research (Lien, Wen, Huang, & Wu, 2015) suggested that male customers consider about brand trust component more than females. While another research (Maghzi, Abbaspour, Eskandarian, & Hamid, 2011) suggested that there were no differences between gender and brand trust attribute. The difference was also found on the occupation attribute of the current study. The result was affirmed by previous research (N., SB, & A., 2015), which stated that working women have more consideration toward brand trust than a housewife. In other words, the respondents' occupation has significant differences toward brand trust factor.

5.2.5 Values

Female respondents consider about values in terms of enjoyment and self-rewarding more than male respondents. While male respondents consider about values component in terms of being more differentiated from others more than female respondents. The result is consistent with past research (Inouye, Chi, & Bradley, 2014), which stated that female tourists concern more about values in terms of emotional satisfaction such as joyfulness, excitement, and fulfillment. Whereas, male tourists consider more about values in terms of social benefits than females. In terms of income, significant differences were also found on participants' income level and their attitude

toward the values variable. The past study (Inouye, Chi, & Bradley, 2014) confirmed that people with a higher income have more consideration about values, whether products or services received will be able to fulfill their values or not. For occupation, the current study showed that there were significant differences among respondents' occupation and their opinion toward values attribute. While the past study (Lee, 1993) suggested that occupation and values variables had no significant differences on their hotels' selections. The contrasting result of occupation factor could be about the position level. The position level of the samples in the past research were top management and middle management, while the current study's samples were students, employees, and businessowners.

5.2.6 Customers' Satisfaction

For gender, the result showed that female respondents have more customers satisfaction than male respondents. The result is linked with the previous research (Kwok, Ahmad, & Zainab, 2016), which suggested that female customers showed more satisfaction than male customers. In terms of occupation, employees and businessowners have more customers satisfaction than students. In other words, respondents with different occupations tend to have a different level of opinion toward the customers satisfaction aspect. On the other hand, a previous study (Raza, Siddiquei, Awan, & Bukhari, 2012) suggested that there was no significant difference between participants' occupation and the satisfaction variable.

5.2.7 Loyalty Intention

The differences were on gender, age, and occupation attribute. For gender, female respondents showed more loyalty intention than male respondents. In terms of age, older participants at the age of 41-50 years old have more loyalty intention than the younger participants. However, the difference was not significant. The last aspect is occupation. The current study suggested that employees and businessowners have more loyalty intentions than students. The past study (do Valle, Silva, Mendes, & Guerreiro, 2006) presented a contrast result that demographic factors including gender, age and occupation have no significant difference toward loyalty intentions. Raquel & Alonzo

(2019) also stated that there is no significant relationship between demographic factors and loyalty intentions (Raquel & Alonzo, 2019).

5.3 Conclusion

This study's objective is to identify the most influential factor that will lead to satisfaction and loyalty intention of luxury hotel's customers during the Covid-19 situation. Nevertheless, the goal of this research is also to examine at the influences of service quality, physical environment, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, and values on satisfaction and loyalty intention of luxury hotel's customers during the Covid-19 situation.

The result of this study presented that brand trust, service quality, and hygiene/cleanliness have a positive influence on customers' satisfaction, while physical environment and values have no influence on customers' satisfaction when selecting luxury hotels during Covid-19. In addition, loyalty intention is positively influenced by customers' satisfaction.

Moreover, this study focuses on the differences of four main demographical elements which are gender, age, income, and occupation, and their level of agreement toward each question of each variable.

For gender, female respondents tend to consider about service quality, hygiene/cleanliness, brand trust, and tend to have more customers' satisfaction and loyalty intention more than male respondents. While male respondents tend to consider about the physical environment more than female respondents. For values, female respondents tend to consider about the values in terms of enjoyment and self-rewarding more than male respondents. However, male respondent tends to consider about values in terms of being more differentiated from others than female respondents.

In terms of age, the respondents who are 20 - 30 years old tend to consider about the hotel's physical environment more than those who are 31 - 40 years old. Also, the respondents who are 41 - 50 years old tend to consider about hygiene/cleanliness and have loyalty intention more than the respondents who are 20 - 30 years old.

Occupation is the next element. The respondents who are employees and businessowners tend to consider about service quality, hygiene/cleanliness (in terms of

the hotel's staff wearing masks at all times while on duty), values (in terms of self-rewarding and self-fulfillment), and have customers' satisfaction and loyalty intention more than those who are students. The result also showed that respondents who are employees tend to consider about hygiene/cleanliness, and brand trust (in terms of "brand guarantees satisfaction") more than those who are students and businessowners. Additionally, respondent who are employees tend to consider about brand trust in terms of brand reputation and trustworthy staff more than those who are students. While the respondents who are students tent to consider about the values in terms of social recognition more than those who are employees and businessowners.

For income, the respondents whose monthly income are 15,000 – 30,000 THB tend to consider about the physical environment more than those whose income are 30,001 – 50,000 THB, 50,000 – 100,000 THB, and more than 100,000 THB. Moreover, the respondents whose income are lesser than 15,000 THB tend to consider about values more than those whose income are 30,001 – 50,000 THB, and 50,001 – 100,000 THB, and more than 100,000 THB.

5.4 Recommendations

This section will provide recommendations for hotel management executives to be able to adjust the management strategy when experiencing similar situations in the future.

The first significant factor is brand trust. During Covid – 19 pandemics where hygiene/cleanliness is the most significant and primary factor for customers; however, the result of this study showed that brand trust has the strongest influence for customers when selecting luxury hotels, followed by service quality, and hygiene/cleanliness. Customers perceive that the brand would ensure their expectations and satisfaction. Therefore, the management should make sure that the hotel standard is met and has been maintained at all times.

Secondly, the hotel's marketing sales and marketing team might focus more on targeting female customers as the result showed that female customers tend to have a more positive influence on customers' satisfaction and loyalty intention. For the age group, they could focus more on people who are 41 - 50 years old since they have more

loyalty intention than those who are 20 - 30 years old. In terms of target occupation, they should focus more on customers who are employees and businessowners since they have more customers' satisfaction and loyalty intention than those who are students.

5.5 Limitation

Similarly, there are some limitations in this study as in other studies. The sample collected in this study presented the number of 79 percent or 316 female respondents, which could cause a sexual bias result. Moreover, this study conducted during the fourth wave of Covid – 19 pandemics in Thailand when the case went up to around 10,000 new cases every day, this could be one factor that affect customer criteria which was strongly influenced by brand trust, service quality, and hygiene/cleanliness. However, if this study were conducted during the first wave in 2020; especially during the last quarter, where people are more relaxed toward the situation as there were no new case at that time, the criteria would be difference. Some participants may not have the same understanding of the luxury hotels context that luxury hotels will provide unparallel experiences and services that is beyond human basic needs. Moreover, some respondents may consider the physical environment factors as a pre-visit factor, while the current study required the respondents to consider the physical environment as a post-visit factor.

5.6 Future Research Directions

Improving the limitations would help the researcher to see in different dimensions. Firstly, collecting an equal number of the male and female respondents could help to better examine the relationship among gender toward each variable in terms of whether different gender generates the same or different result. Secondly, researchers could conduct the study in different stages and compare the results. For example, the first stage could be conducting during the first stage where the first outbreak occurred, then during around the end of the first outbreak, during the third wave, and the fourth wave. By conducting the study in different period of time could provide the insight of consumer behavior at the different period of time, and the hoteliers

would know which variable is the greatest influence on each period. By conducting study at different periods, researchers should consider different variables for each period such as price, promotions, offers, and locations. Lastly, researchers should conduct a qualitative survey along with a quantitative survey to get the customers insights with a deeper understanding of their thought and decision-making criteria.



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