

Hotel Expansion

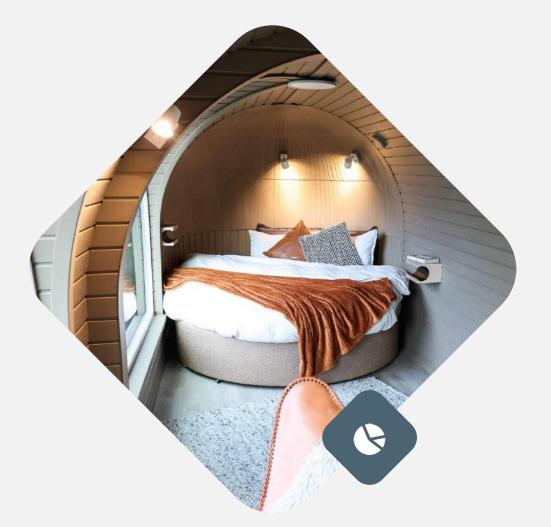
Trends, Investment & Challenges

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The best hotels are not just places to sleep — they're experiences to remember.





Overview

The accommodation market is maturing with very modest growth over the last couple of years.

6,474

24,421

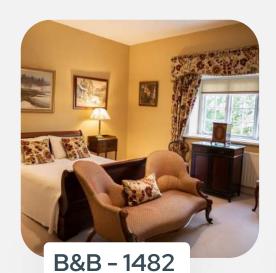
9,678

Total Premises Total Rooms Hotel Rooms



Accommodation

Hotels remain the largest and most dominant sector but there is diversification across the industry, adding lodges, pods, glamping, etc.













Market Trends

The three-star market is declining with more hotels choosing to be ungraded.



Self-Catering

Record growth with strong occupancy

B&Bs

Decline in B&Bs and Guesthouses across the country



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Guest Accommodation

Significant growth in this sector with many unusual accommodations

Hotels

Expanding into alternative options. Brands dominate new hotels



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Hotels by Grade

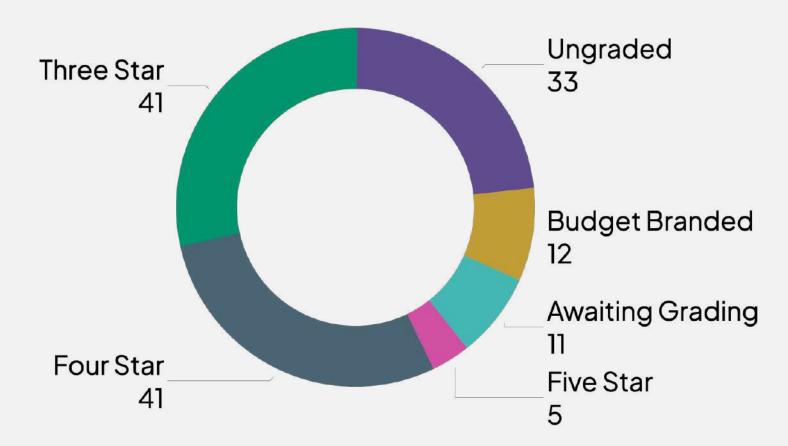
















Consolidation

Larger operators, management contracts & economies of scale

Brand

Brand affiliations offer loyalty reach & cost efficiencies





Technology

Driving efficiency and guest engagement

Polarisation

Boutique and bespoke versus branded and big

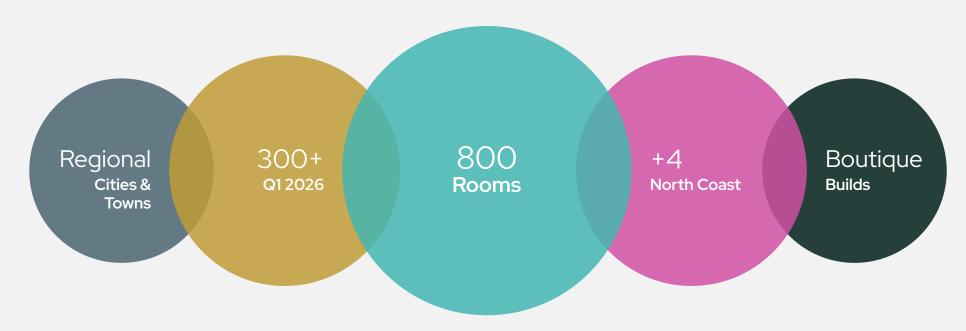


Hotel Trends

Significant cost increases means hotels must adapt to survive and grow.



Pipeline 2026-27



Derry-Londonderry

Expansion here and in Newry and Enniskillen

Quarter 1

300 rooms due in the first quarter

2026-27

Majority of rooms in the Belfast area

North Coast

Four new projects due on the North Coast

Smaller Builds

Restaurants, townhouses, etc





136 Adagio Aparthotel



144 Tempo by Hilton Belfast



228 Aloft & Residence Inn

Openings



102 The Bedford Hotel



164

The market will grow by circa 8% by the end of 2027.



Holiday Inn Express Derry-Londonderry



Premier Inn Belfast International Airport



73 Walled City Hotel







Investment

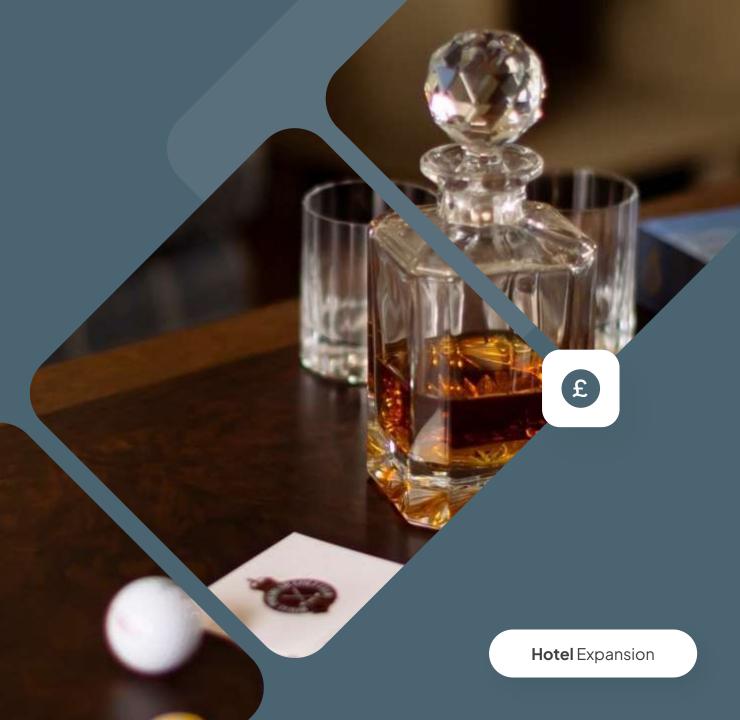
Acquisition remains the fastest route to market. Growth continues with over 75 projects possible.

£100m

2025

£150m

2026-27





Key Challenges

Unregulated short-term lets

Student accommodation & housing pressures

Rising operational costs – energy, supplies, staffing

Staff shortages impacting service & growth

Global uncertainty dampening consumer confidence





On the Horizon



TNI Certification Review



Taxation & Rates Pressure



Competition in Major Hubs



Evolution of Accommodation



Conclusions

- Sector is expanding and showing resilience.
- Profits under pressure.
- Strategic investment and innovation driving growth.
- Collaboration needed to tackle regulation, staffing and costs.
- Global uncertainty impacting on consumer confidence.







Thank You



Hotels are like people
— each has its own personality.