

IDS NEXT Launches Advantage Academy

A training and certification facility for IDS Fortune Hotel Software users

Bangalore, 6 June 2012 — IDS NEXT, leading provider of ERP and total technology solutions for the hospitality and leisure industry, announce the launch of *IDS NEXT Advantage Academy*, a training facility for end users of IDS Fortune hotel software.

“IDS NEXT’s Fortune software suite is comprehensive and extensive, and a recent study revealed constant need for training to enable users to leverage the software to the maximum.” said Solomon James, Vice President, IDS NEXT Networks Group, “For our clients to increase revenue, reduce costs and enhance guest experience through our software, they need access to skilled manpower. It is this reason that prompted us to set up *IDS NEXT Advantage Academy*.”

Another issue that the hospitality industry constantly grapples with is employee churn. When new people join, they are often unaware of the many functions that can be automated through IDS Fortune, or the reports that can be generated for rapid decision making. *IDS NEXT Advantage Academy* has been set up on the express demands of the company’s growing customer base that needs to bridge this gap between capability of software and its actual usage. Another big benefit of Advantage Academy is that through its many training sessions, it will provide the hotel industry and our over 3000 customers a ready pool of trained manpower.

Advantage Academy was launched with an interactive, five day training for hotels in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Goa. The first training was held on HR and Financial Management modules, and offered participants hands on practice and learning exercises. The session was conducted at the IDS NEXT headquarters in Bangalore, and met with a positive response from participants.

Said Indrani Narasimhan, Associate Vice President – Knowledge Management, IDS NEXT, “The first training was organized on IDS Fortune’s Finance and HR modules, as we noticed that these modules were not being used to their full potential among our end users. The training is designed so that participants can first brush up on fundamentals of the subject and then get practical tips on how they can more efficiently carry out the functions they may be doing manually.”

If used optimally, IDS Fortune hotel software can eliminate revenue leakage and reduce manpower costs by 20%. Hotels can also reduce costs as they do not need to print and store bills, while automation helps retrieval of old information in a few clicks of the mouse.

Other training sessions - to be rolled out shortly include those on Material (or Inventory) Management and Front Office Management. The Certification process – also to be rolled out shortly, will ensure that standards are maintained in operations and add value to employee evaluation process.

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About IDS NEXT

IDS Softwares Pvt. Ltd. “IDS NEXT”, is a global leader in providing ERP and total technology solutions for the Hospitality and Leisure industries. With a track record that spans over 25 years, we have earned the trust of over 3000 customers globally with a strong presence in 40 countries across South Asia, Middle East, Asia Pacific and Africa. IDS NEXT’s clients include a host of prominent hotel chains including Sarovar Hotels & Resorts, ITC Fortune Group, Royal Orchid Hotels, Pride Hotels, Ramada Hotels and others.

IDS NEXT’s portfolio of capabilities include Strategic Consulting, Business Outcome Services, Custom Design and Development, Total Technology Solutions and a range of next generation software products that addresses the hospitality industry, such as independent hotels, chain hotels, business hotels, resorts, clubs, service apartments, limited service, spas, cruise liners and restaurants.

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