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Strategic Synergies Through Integrating HRM, Finance, and Total Quality for Hospitality Excellence in the UAE

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ABSTRACT

This study reviews and integrates the literature to develop a conceptual model to synchronize financial management with human resource management (HRM) and total quality management (TQM) to achieve hospitality excellence in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Based on the studies on TQM implementation, HRM practices, and integrated management, the framework emphasizes the strategic integration of budgeting, employee development, and quality initiatives, leading to a system-wide

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impact. Some key components include budgeting in line with quality goals, quality culture driven by HR, and technology-powered quality management. A description of a theoretical framework and a table of mechanisms (e.g., strategic investment, training programs) and possible effects are presented. The framework suggests that an integrated approach fosters greater guest satisfaction, competitive performance, and sustainable growth than isolated functional strategies. Implications for theory and practice in the UAE hospitality sector are discussed based on this synthesis.

1. INTRODUCTION

The hospitality sector in the UAE faces stiff global competition where service quality is an important factor for guest loyalty and for determining financial performance. In this scenario, they need more and more to combine strategic financial choices with the development of human capital and the growth of quality in terms of continuous improvement (Khan et al., 2025). Total Quality Management (TQM) is a comprehensive strategy that includes the commitment of leadership, the involvement of employees, continuous improvement, and the focus on the customer in order to exceed guest expectations and gain a competitive advantage. In the same vein, sound financial hotel management means taking proactive approaches to budgeting, cost control, and investment to maximize revenue and productivity. Simultaneously, HRM in the UAE encounters particular challenges (e.g., Emiratisation, the labor force diversity) for which inclusive leadership and cross-cultural training are necessary. Importantly, recent studies suggest that strengthened results can be achieved by integrating such domains: e.g., aligning financial and HR strategies enhances the ability to manage resources and exploit growth opportunities, and TQM practices and strategic and HR activities form a holistic road map towards performance excellence. However, to the best of our knowledge, there are no frameworks explicitly linking finance, HRM, and TQM in the hospitality industry. This gap is redressed in the paper through the review of literature and creation of a synthesis-based conceptual framework for strategic synergy in UAE hospitality. The rest of the paper reviews key studies, presents the integrated framework (Section 3), and concludes with implications and recommendations.

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