

## Hotel investors across Europe have 'wall of money' and confidence in the sector's ability to recover

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An initial presentation by Russell Kett highlighted the promising improvement of hotel performance in July compared with April of this year, a copy of which can be downloaded [here](#).

This was followed by a discussion between a panel of investment, legal and brokerage experts on hotel values and the current mood for investment, with speakers including Bettina Graef from **Aareal Bank**, Lionel Benjamin of **AGO Hotels**, Karen Friebe at **Bird & Bird**, Safi Zakaria at **Crosstree Real Estate Partners**, Charles Human from **HVS Hodges Ward Elliott** and Neil Kirk of **L&R Hotels**, chaired by **AlixPartners'** managing director Graeme Smith.

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