

B2B Electronic invoicing at RIU Hotels & Resorts

TOP 10
Spanish
Hotel
Chains

 **99**
hotels

 **19**
countries

 **+47.000**
hotel rooms

Starting point

In 2008, RIU decided to centralize the management process that each independent hotel was doing. This is when they realized that the invoicing process has some **inefficiencies**. In order to cash a paper invoice, RIU's team has to do some **manual tasks** (print the invoice, place it in an envelope, seal it and post it), and in case of a discrepancy or error, the cycle has to start again. An error or discrepancy in an **invoice for multiple services makes the situation worse**. Besides the time and resources spent in this process, **payments are also delayed**. This cycle recurs for more than 30,000 invoices annually.

Considering this situation, the RIU's core team goes for the **automation of processes** and decides to **digitize the issuance of invoices** using a global solution, as the hotel chain operates internationally.

“ **Just one error or discrepancy, stops an invoice for multiple services.** ”

The solution

“ **Nowadays, we can't imagine ourselves sending 3,500 daily invoices without Bavel.** ”

JUAN PIÑA,
Organization Director at RIU.

RIU chooses **Bavel eBilling Emission** for its operational hotels and markets. In order to implement the solution, **Bavel needs to connect with Opera** and roll out the electronic invoicing platform in the countries where RIU is operating and comply with each applicable legislation in Spain, Portugal, Cape Verde, Morocco, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.



Thanks to Bavel's implementation, RIU is capable of issuing **automatic invoices** to its B2B clients. They also gained real-time **traceability** and can deliver invoices in **less than 24 hours** to its recipients. Furthermore, Bavel generates an invoice for each service offered, which solves the discrepancies in invoices for multiple services.

Bavel has become the technological partner of RIU and accompanies the hotel chain in its **international expansion** by adapting the legislation for each territory. This has allowed RIU to operate in 19 countries, highlighting Mexico and Costa Rica where the electronic invoicing legislation is stricter and works with a clearance model.

The outcome

In 2019, RIU issues more than **1.4 million electronic invoices** per year to more than **85% of its B2B clients**. As of 2008, the hotel chain has increased in +15,000 hotel rooms and **4158% in billing volume** without having the need to enlarge the management team. Furthermore, they have registered an **improvement in the collection period**: the payment is cashed 10 days before, on average. *"Nowadays, we can't imagine ourselves sending 3,500 daily invoices without Bavel"*, shares Juan Piña, Organization Director at RIU.

At the moment, all RIU's hotels implement Bavel from the first day to **streamline and automate** invoice emission to B2B clients.

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All hotels integrated with Bavel



A decrease in the average collection period: 10 days



+15k hotel rooms, no enlargement of the administrative team



Connection with 85% of B2B clients



+1,4M electronic invoices issued per year



Compliant in 19 countries



RIU has also digitized and **automated its supply chain** via Bavel. Read the success case [here](#).