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## **OTA & Travel Distribution Update: Booking.com agrees to EU demands to change travel offers, also signs deal with Google Nest; Expedia's chairman speaks on company's future during 'fireside chat'; CCPA takes effect January 1, 2020**

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Our holiday-abbreviated OTA & Travel Distribution Update is below. Happy Holidays.

### **[Booking.com Agrees to EU Demands to Change Travel Offers](#)**

*Reuters Technology on Dec 20, 2019*

The European Commission said that Booking.com had committed to end “manipulative techniques” on its travel site, such as time-limits for making bookings.

### **[Booking.com Building Connected Travel with Google Nest](#)**

*Phocus Wire on Dec 20, 2019*

Booking.com and Google Nest say guests and hosts are looking for more safety and security features when staying in private accommodations with smart technology potentially filling gaps.

### **[What Barry Diller Told Anxious Expedia Workers About the Future](#)**

*Skift Travel News on Dec 20, 2019*

Expedia Group Chairman Barry Diller flew to Seattle to rally the troops. His message to all the employees around the world was, in essence, the sun will rise tomorrow at the travel giant. Impatient investors aren't quite as sure. No, you're not going to see Barry Diller sweat.

### **[CCPA: Hotel Loyalty Programs, Data Retention and the Brave New World of Privacy](#)**

*Hospitality Net - Latest Industry News on Dec 20, 2019*

The California Consumer Privacy Act (the "CCPA" or the "Act") is a piece of consumer privacy legislation which was signed by California Governor Jerry Brown on June 28, 2018, and goes into effect on January 1, 2020.