

Breakfast Service Operations

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1. Purpose & Scope

Purpose:

This procedure defines how the breakfast service is delivered: a high-volume, time-pressured combination of buffet management, à la carte ordering, live egg station coordination, and continuous table turnover, all scored by Forbes and LQA for quality, warmth, and freshness. Breakfast sets the emotional tone of the entire stay; a guest who has a genuinely good breakfast is predisposed to enjoy everything that follows.

It sets the coordination with the kitchen, the guest arrival and order flow specific to breakfast, the buffet service standards that keep it looking inviting throughout, the à la carte and egg station relay, the continuous table management that a high-turnover breakfast demands, and the close and handover to the lunch set-up.

Regulatory & KSA context:

Breakfast is a significant dining occasion in Saudi culture. The buffet includes a strong Arabic and regional selection alongside international choices; gahwa and Arabic dates are offered; halal and allergen information is displayed; and family seating is arranged.

Scope:

- Applies to the full breakfast service in the all-day dining restaurant.
- Covers kitchen coordination, guest arrival and order flow, buffet service standards, à la carte and egg station coordination, table management and turnover, and the service close.

Out of scope:

- Breakfast kitchen production and buffet set-up — covered by KT-N-007.
- Buffet display food safety — covered by KT-C-006.

2. Definitions & Key Terms

The following terms are used throughout this procedure and are defined here so that every team member applies them consistently.

Term	Meaning
Buffet service	The self-service display and its table maintenance by the server.
À la carte breakfast	Dishes ordered and cooked to order from the breakfast menu.
Egg station coordination	Communicating guest egg orders to the live egg station (KT-N-007 / KT-C-007).
Turnover	The service of multiple seatings over the breakfast period.
Mise-en-place refresh	Resetting a cleared table to the breakfast standard for the next guest.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

Who does what:

The RACI letter after each role indicates its level of involvement: A (Accountable, single owner), R (Responsible, executes the work), C (Consulted, provides input), I (Informed, kept aware).

Restaurant Manager · A

Oversees breakfast service quality and pace.

Captain · R

Leads their section, coordinates with the kitchen, and manages the guest experience.

Server · R

Manages tables, takes orders, coordinates with the kitchen, and maintains the buffet in their section.

Breakfast Kitchen (KT-N-007) · C

Supplies the buffet, takes and produces à la carte and egg orders.

4. Procedure

The procedure runs in seven phases, from kitchen coordination at opening to the handover to lunch set-up.

PHASE 1 Kitchen Coordination & Opening · Before breakfast opens

- 1.1 Restaurant Manager:** Confirms with the Breakfast Chef that the buffet is ready and at temperature before the restaurant opens; confirms the egg station is set up and the à la carte menu is available (KT-N-007).

PHASE 2 Guest Arrival & Seating · Throughout service

- 2.1 Hostess:** Receives and seats guests per FB-S-002; confirms preference for buffet, à la carte, or both; notes any dietary or allergen need.

PHASE 3 Order Flow · After seating

- 3.1 Server:** Approaches within 60 seconds of seating; offers and pours hot drinks first (coffee, tea, gahwa); takes the egg order and relays it to the egg station; offers à la carte options.
- 3.2 Server:** For guests choosing the buffet, ensures they know what is available and invites them; for à la carte, takes and relays the full order (FB-S-003).

PHASE 4 Buffet Table Maintenance · Continuously through service

- 4.1 Server:** Monitors tables throughout breakfast: tops up hot drinks without being asked; clears soiled dishes promptly; brings condiments and bread service as needed; ensures the guest never has to look for the server.
- 4.2 Server:** Observes the buffet in their section and notifies the kitchen when a dish needs replenishment (KT-N-007 replenishment discipline).

PHASE 5 À la Carte & Egg Station Relay · Throughout service

- 5.1 Server:** Relays egg and à la carte orders to the kitchen accurately and promptly; monitors timing and communicates any delay to the guest proactively.

PHASE 6 Table Management & Turnover · Throughout service

- 6.1 Captain:** Manages pace: clears and resets tables efficiently to meet the breakfast cover demand without rushing the current guest; coordinates with the hostess on table availability.
- 6.2 Server:** Resets each cleared table to the breakfast standard immediately for the next seating.

PHASE 7 Service Close & Handover · End of breakfast

- 7.1 Restaurant Manager:** Oversees the buffet close (KT-C-006), the clearance of all tableware to the kitchen, the reset of the restaurant for lunch, and the handover to the lunch team with any notes on covers, feedback, or issues.

5. Standards & Regulatory Alignment

Breakfast is one of the highest-weighted Forbes/LQA service observations, covering buffet, à la carte, and the full service experience.

Source	Standard / Requirement	Where Addressed
Forbes	FB-14 — hot foods served hot; coffee refilled without being asked	Phases 3–4
Forbes	FB-15 — warm, engaged greeting; genuine hospitality	Phase 2
LQA	FB-29 — coffee/tea offered promptly and refilled	Phase 3 — Step 3.1
LQA	Buffet fresh, replenished, and attended	Phase 4 — Step 4.2
SFDA / KT-C-006	Buffet food at temperature; display safety	Phase 7 — Step 7.1

6. Common Deviations & Recovery

Service and production rarely run without exception. The deviations below are anticipated; each has a defined recovery action so the response is consistent and the food-safety outcome is protected.

Potential Deviation	Immediate Recovery Action	Prevention
Hot drinks not offered within 60 seconds	Approach immediately; hot drinks at breakfast are a primary service touch.	60-second order approach (Phase 3.1).
Egg order delay not communicated	Proactively update the guest; never leave them wondering.	Order relay and timing (Phase 5.1).
Soiled dishes not cleared promptly	Clear as soon as the guest finishes the course.	Table maintenance (Phase 4.1).
Buffet dish depleted without action	Notify kitchen immediately; do not leave an empty dish.	Buffet monitoring (Phase 4.2).
Table not reset promptly for next guest	Reset immediately on clearance; a standing empty table costs covers.	Turnover discipline (Phase 6.2).

7. Documentation & Records

Breakfast service records feed the guest experience and kitchen coordination.

Record / Artefact	Owner	Storage / Retention
Breakfast cover and feedback log	Restaurant Manager	F&B ops folder · daily
Shift handover note (to lunch team)	Restaurant Manager	F&B ops folder · daily

Audit-trail integrity:

- Cover counts and feedback are recorded at breakfast close.
- Handover note ensures the next shift has all relevant information.

8. Related Procedures & References

Related SOPs:

- FB-S-001 — Set-Up & Station Readiness
- FB-S-002 — Guest Arrival, Greeting & Seating
- KT-N-007 — Breakfast Kitchen & Egg Station
- KT-C-006 — Buffet & Display Food Safety

External references:

- Forbes Travel Guide hotel standards (current edition)
- LQA restaurant & service standards (current edition)

9. Revision History

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1.0	2026	Seen Brands	Initial issue.

10. Document Approval

This procedure is approved for operational use upon signature by the following authorities.

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