

FROM THE WORLD'S LEADING FLOATING WATER PARK BRAND





### Hello!

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We are so glad that you decided to take a copy of our Handbook.

Many pools are having a hard time competing with lazy rivers, beach-like entries, splash play areas and other, waterpark-like amenities in their surroundings. We wrote this guide so that you have a step-by-step plan of how to outfit your pool for fun and attract swimmers back to your facility.

Way back in 1996, Wibit was just a nameless idea bouncing around in our heads between soccer practice and other full-time jobs. By 2000, to our happy disbelief, Wibit had already blown up into a full commercial grade water sports company.

We've been working our tails off for the past 23 years to make sure that our own standards of quality, integrity, safety and innovation are upheld across the entire industry that we're proud of creating.

Much like our namesake (inspired by our favorite amphibian — the frog), Wibit moves in quick leaps, continually adding products, configurations and activities that excite at every corner of the globe. The foundation of our business success is our steadfast commitment to providing the highest quality products and most exceptional service in the business. Every Wibit owner and operator belongs to our culture of continuous learning, growth and innovation.

Our German company's momentum is fueled by relentless ingenuity, obsession with quality, love of water — and, most of all, making millions of smiles annually.

Welcome to our Wibit world!

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Wibit founder & CEO, safety expert

**Robert**Wibit founder &
President



### Core values matter

Even though it was fun, creating this whole industry required some pretty serious focus.

Our core values do a pretty good job of summing up who we are, who we work with and the pillars that we live by.



#### **RELIABLE BUSINESS PARTNER**

We always keep our promises and maintain our customer relationships on a long-term basis.

- We make sure our products are always on stock
- Fast, immediate shipping is our priority
- You can count on us and our expertise also after your purchase

#### **MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY**

There is nothing more gratifying than making someone's day. Wibit stands for over 40 million smiles and there are more to come every day.

- · Creating unbeatable user experiences is what it's all about. Our pool combinations guarantee fun and friendly competition for all ages regardless of your race, creed, colour, economic background or social status
- · Team spirit is important! Being dedicated to what we do is a key to long-term success



#### **DOING IT RIGHT** At Wibit we never compromise on safety

and quality. If we do something, we do it right.





· We offer 3 years guarantee on all our inflatables

#### Solid handles:

At Wibit we even focus on the smallest details. Our solid handles are specially designed to avoid any entrapment hazards.

#### **INNOVATIVE THINKING**

We're constantly working on new ideas and improve our products and structures in order to offer optimal solutions to our customers.

- · New products and technologies maximize fun factor, safety and ease of use
- Existing products are constantly reviewed and updated with our new step up system being a good example



# 6 keys to succeeding as a pool operator

Adding value to your pool is no simple task.

The remainder of this Business Success Handbook will help you maximize your pool business.

Your success will be based on these 6 key elements:



1. CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIZE & STYLE POOL COMBINATION



4. MAXIMIZING FUN WITH PROGRAMMING



2. FOCUS ON SAFETY



5. ADDING VALUE TO EVERY VISIT



3. INSTALLING YOUR POOL COMBINATION PROPERLY



6. OPERATING FOR SUCCESS



## 1. Choosing the right size & style pool combination

Your pool combination should fit your pool like a glove. There are 5 key considerations to help you choose the right pool combination:



#### Water depth & dimensions

The depth and dimensions of your commercial pool will determine what combination size and products will be most suitable. It is important to make sure the minimum water depth indicated by the manufacturer is guaranteed at all times. On top of that, you'll need to ensure adequate distance between the inflatables and the pool's edge.



#### Purpose

What are your plans for your pool combination? Are you intending to cater to large groups, birthday parties, aquatic exercise groups...? Make sure the solution you select is tailored to your specific needs and based on the age group you are planning to entertain.



#### **Budget**

Cost is a very real and tangible consideration, and is part of the reason you should look for modular components that can be arranged into various standard combinations and customized configurations, providing a solution for nearly every budget and pool size.





#### **Capacity**

The size and cost of your combination are directly correlated to your ideal maximum capacity. The most important question you need to ask yourself is "how many people do I want to accommodate at one time?". Is it 10, 20, 30...? More?



## 1. Choosing the right size & style pool combination

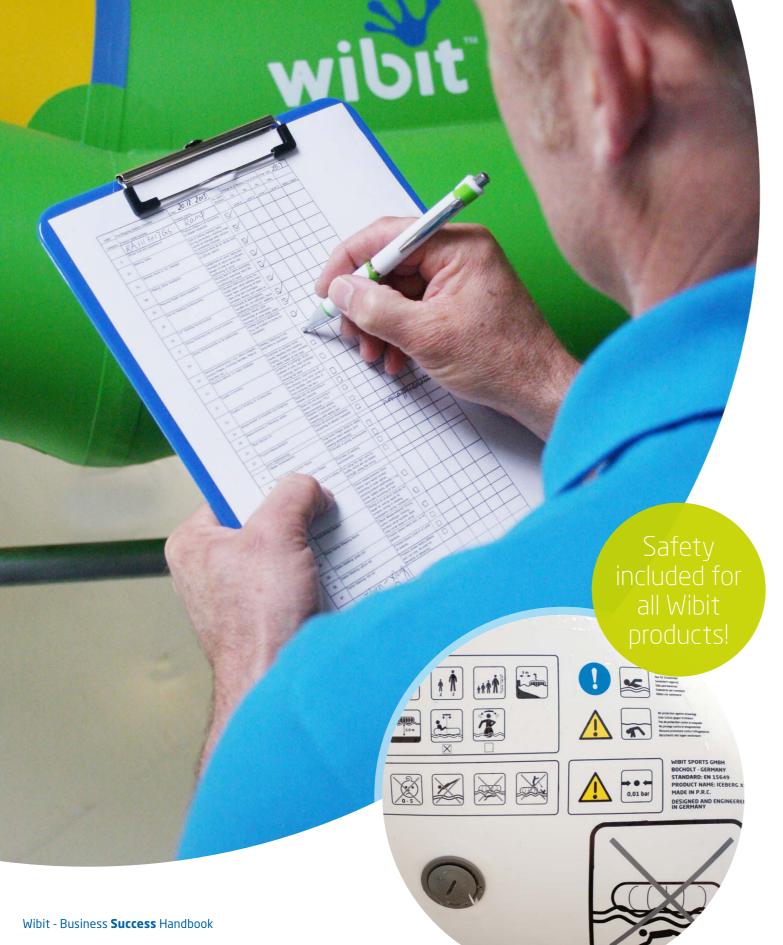
Once you have determined all of the above, it's time to choose your products! We've developed a few categories that help you easily select the best combination for your pool:











## 2. Focus on safety

Safety is not cheap so many manufacturers are reluctant to invest in some of the most important safety features. It is your responsibility to ensure they do! Here are some key points you should look for when it comes to the safety of your pool inflatables:

#### Safety certification

Make sure you look for products that carry an international safety standard (for example: EN ISO 25649). Also look for product safety labels certified by an accredited test house such as the TÜV or SGS. Ask for copies of the certificates!

#### **Secure anchoring options**

Secure anchoring options and instructions should be supplied by the manufacturer. Products should be equipped with an anchoring attachment that allows attaching secure anchoring devices like bungees, ropes, etc. This will keep the products in position and ensure a safe distance to the pool's edge.

#### **Entrapment hazards**

Make sure the products you select do not represent any entrapment hazards. These are often found with grab or climbing handles. The space of the handles must not exceed 3 cm / 1,2". Larger openings can result in entrapment (for example a child's ankle getting locked inside the gap).

#### **Warning labels**

Clear warning labels, markings and consumer information should be visible directly on the products. The intended number of users, load capacity, place of use, risk hazards, performance and relevant safety information must be clearly indicated with graphical symbols.

#### **Connection system**

If more than one inflatable is connected to another then no gap should be wider than 2,5 cm / 1" between the connecting parts. A cover flap should be used to avoid entanglement of foot, leg and torso body parts.

#### **Locking inflation valves**

Products should be equipped with locking inflation valves to avoid unintentional opening which could result in a sudden collapse of the product. Any protruding parts of the valves should be rounded and not create a risk of entanglement or entrapment.

#### **Electricity**

Water and electricity are not a good mix so you should look for modular, interlocking commercial-grade inflatables that do not require continuous airflow.



## 3. Installing your pool combination properly

It's important that your pool combination is anchored and set up properly.



#### **Anchoring**

Floating pool combinations have to be properly anchored for maximum security. Depending on the pre-existing attachment features in your pool, products can be anchored either horizontally to the pool edge using bungees or vertically to the pool ground using anchor sacks.

For combinations that do include high sliding or jumping products it is recommended to use Wibit pool booms – especially for pools that are limited in width (e.g. pools that need to keep lanes open for swimmers).

Our Wibit experts can help you decide which techniques to apply for your specific products and commercial pool. Please make sure a minimum safety distance of 3 m / 10' to the edge of the pool or any other solid objects is always kept.



#### Make it last

Proper maintenance increases the lifespan of your pool combination and reduces the likelihood of material breakdown or damage. Also, we can admit it, we're a little picky about how Wibit looks on the water. We'll brief you on how to maintain the quality and appearance of your products at your location.



#### **Play sooner**

You'll get your combination up and running much faster with the help of our installation guidelines.







## 4. Maximizing fun with programming

#### Wibit is more than just products on the water.

A variety of games and events have been designed around our Wibit products to promote social interaction, balance, coordination and motor skill development for people of all ages.

We've developed a collection of activity ideas to entertain visitors and increase the attraction of your commercial pool! This is useful when you're in charge of special groups, like birthday parties.

Whether it's playing tag, teaming up, racing or imagination games, organized play is a great way to make sure every person is involved and engaged. It's also a good option for team-builders or field trips.

Hosting a birthday party or other themed event on a Wibit is an easy way to keep people entertained for hours. Wibit parties are a favorite for both parents and kids around the world.

Pool combos aren't just for fun! Wibit offers a great platform for all ages and fitness levels to exercise on. Aquatic exercise is a safe and fun way to strengthen core muscles, build balance and enhance your cardio.

> The skill and confidence-building aspects of a Wibit can completely change a child's relationship to the water. Even the most fearful ones quickly discover that they have the skills to run across modules that are sometimes even difficult for adults. Also the helps them to learn how to deal with unexpected scenarios (falling into the pool!) whilst having fun.

## 5. Adding value to every visit

Every customer experience matters. Having a floating pool combination helps enhance every pool-goer's time in the water.

The good news is that there is no need for you to start over with renovations to attract more customers – a Wibit is a simple solution that is much more affordable than a water slide.

Creating a top-tier user experience every time keeps people engaged, happy and coming back for more. Incidentally, it will also influence your food and drink sales.



#### **New customers**

Making sure that everyone loves their first experience on your floating combination is important. Your products should be easy to use, easy to understand and safe for all ages to interact with.

All Wibit products are designed to be all-inclusive so that everyone can join in on the fun.



#### **Repeat customers**

Turning your pool combination into a feature that keeps people coming back is a great way to build up a base of repeat customers. The modularity of Wibit products allows you to mix and match your elements to create a new experience every week. What's more, new elements are being developed on a regular basis, so you can always add to your existing lineup to pump up fun even more.

Think about offering different games on different days to incentivize return visits or introduce "Wibit wednesdays". Be imaginative and listen to your customers! Keep offering the most popular activities.



#### Play times and wait times

Customer satisfaction will be contingent on how long people have to wait to play. What will you do when lines start forming to play on the Wibit? To increase the user experience, it is recommended to limit the number of tickets sold on days where the Wibit is on the water.



## **6.** Operating for success

We've gone over how to setup your Wibit successfully, but it's also important to make changes to your everyday pool procedures to ensure that people can play safely on your products for a long time.

Take a moment to think about how you will implement these 3 protocols:



#### **Cleaning & maintenance protocol**

- · Make sure your staff know how to properly clean the products
- · Create a maintenance plan to help you keep track of any damage that needs to be dealt with
- · Understand how to complete small repairs quickly and effectively



#### Storage protocol

- · Products need to be dried and deflated before they are stored to prevent the formation of mold or damage
- The place you store your products should be clean and dry, free from rodents or other items that might harm the products and not have high temperature fluctuations



#### Safety protocol

· Assigned guards should practice and review procedures before being scheduled to guard the pool combination





### Success stories

Hear what other pool operators are saying about their Wibit experience:

Our new pool track at the SO Sofitel Hua Hin fits perfectly into our surroundings and is in line with our playful branding. Our guests love the Wibit track. It is perfect for kids and teenagers and even parents are having a great time on it. Working with the Wibit team was very smooth and the track turned out amazing - generating both buzz and a unique selling point for the hotel. Everything was very professional and we are very happy with the results."

Sebastian Solasachinda, SO Sofitel Hua Hin | Thailand





I am the mother of a young family and we recently discovered Wibit at the Olympic Pool.

It has been completely life changing. Our daughter is now loving water play, swimming, and her attitude about water has

completely changed because of the Wibit. It is so well set up here and, although she is on the young side (6), it has seriously helped our family get active, get out of the house on weekends but stay in the city. Most of all, it is so much fun! It is incredible for our daughter to realize that she has skills, even being smaller, lighter, to climb and run across modules that are sometimes even difficult for adults. I believe there are incredible skill- and confidence-building aspects of the Wibit that may not be apparent to the kids themselves because they are so distracted by all the fun. We really are big fans and love the Wibit at the Olympic Pool. Last year I could hardly get my daughter in the water, and now we cannot get her out of the water. I am thoroughly convinced that there is a safety education element to the Wibit, too - as children have to deal with unexpected scenarios (falling into the pool!) and learning to

Deborah O. and family | Montréal Olympic Pool

balance and climb."



### Let's make a note of that






#### Let's talk!



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