

DESTINATION BRAND 20: Perception of tourism cities in times of COVID-19

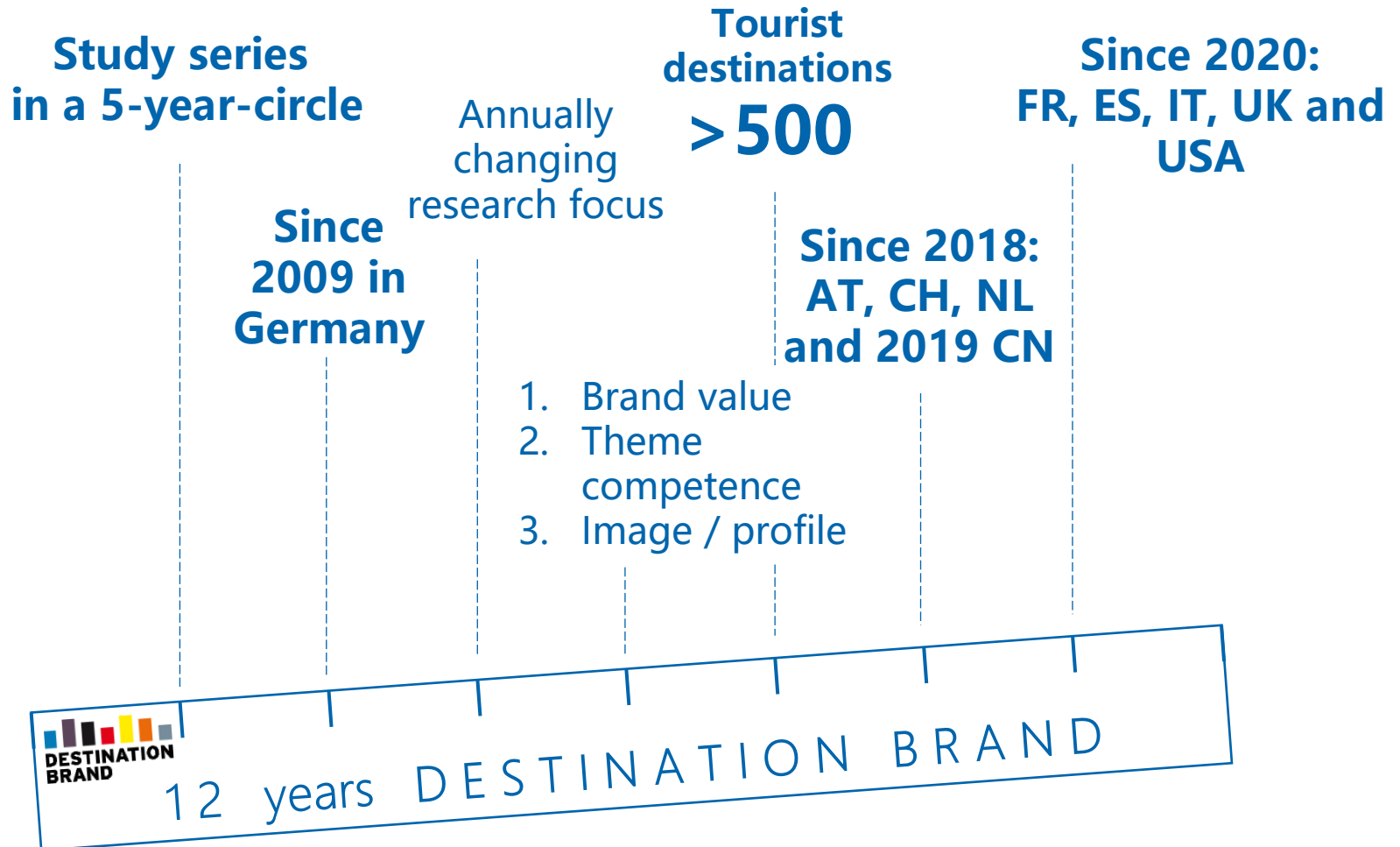
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DESTINATION BRAND: the study series at a glance



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What can you expect from this webinar?

- 1. DESTINATION BRAND 20 at a glance**
- 2. Presentation of selected results for European cities:**
 - **Comparison of general demand-side conditions for city trips in major tourism source markets**
 - **Perception of tourism cities with focus on the source market Germany**
- 3. Conclusion and outlook**

DESTINATION BRAND 20 at a glance

DESTINATION BRAND 20: overview of the study design

Measurement of the Brand Value

Online survey

Field work: end of Oct.
to beginning of Dec. 20

Source markets
10

Travel
destinations

>190











Representative
of the local
population
aged between
14 to 74 years*

Source market
Germany: target
group analysis
based on BeST-
traveler typology
and SINUS-Milieus



* Exception China:
Representative of Ipsos panel participants in China, representing the following criteria: the urban residential
population (Tier 1 to 3 cities excluding Hong Kong and Macau) between 14 and 59 years of age with Internet
access, showing an affinity for foreign travel according to additional upstream filter questions

Overview cases and time of fieldwork per source market

Source market		Number of cases (n)
	Germany	19,000
	Austria	1,000
	Switzerland	1,000
	Netherlands	1,000
	France	2,000
	Italy	2,000
	Spain	1,000
	United Kingdom	2,000
	USA	1,000
	China	1,000

Presentation of selected results for European cities

Demand-side conditions for city breaks

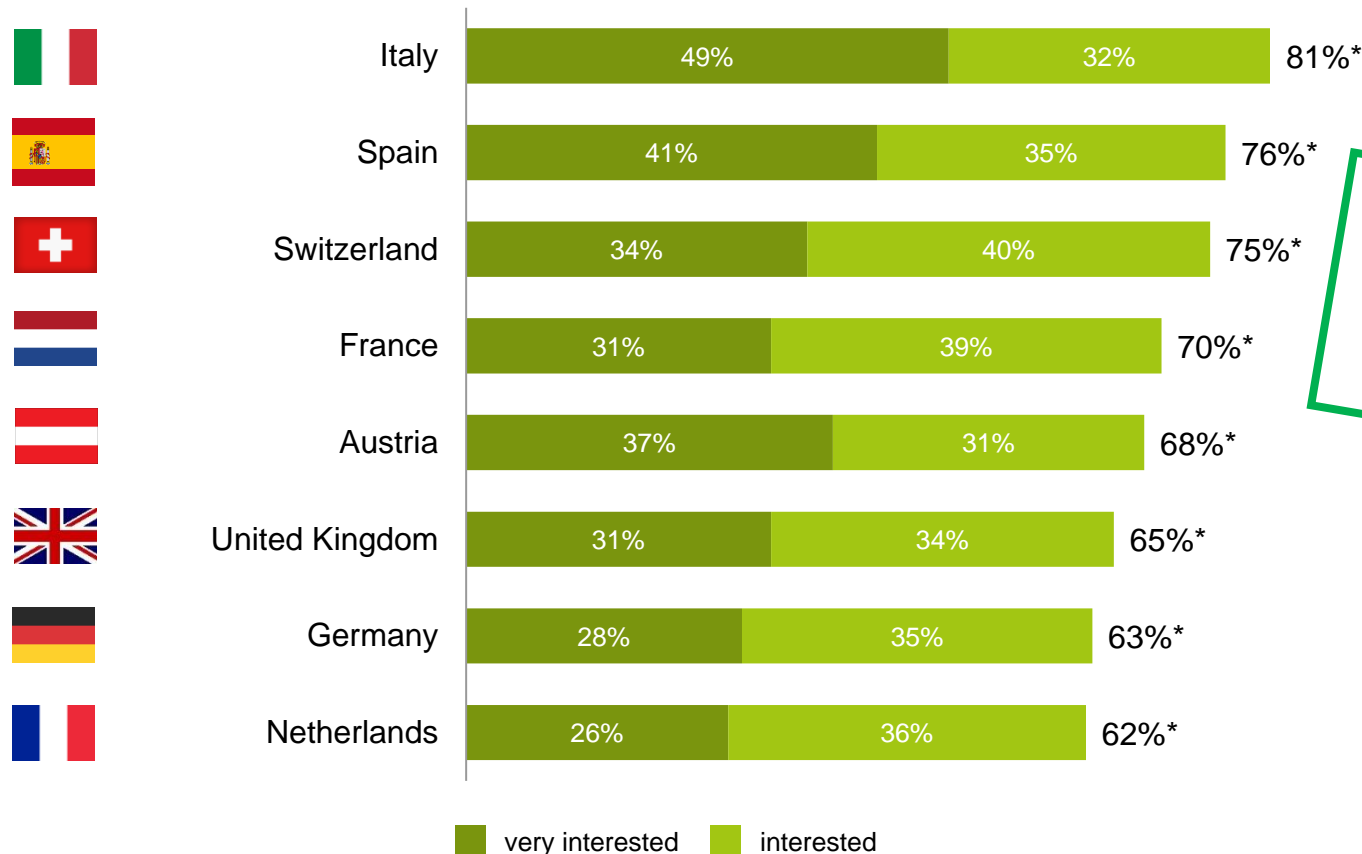
General interest in taking a city break

Question:

How interested are you in pursuing the following touristic holiday activities in your holiday with at least one overnight stay?

„Taking a city break“

General interest in holiday activity „taking a city break“: Comparison of major European source markets



**All source markets:
In Top-5 out of round
about 40 holiday
activities that were
tested**

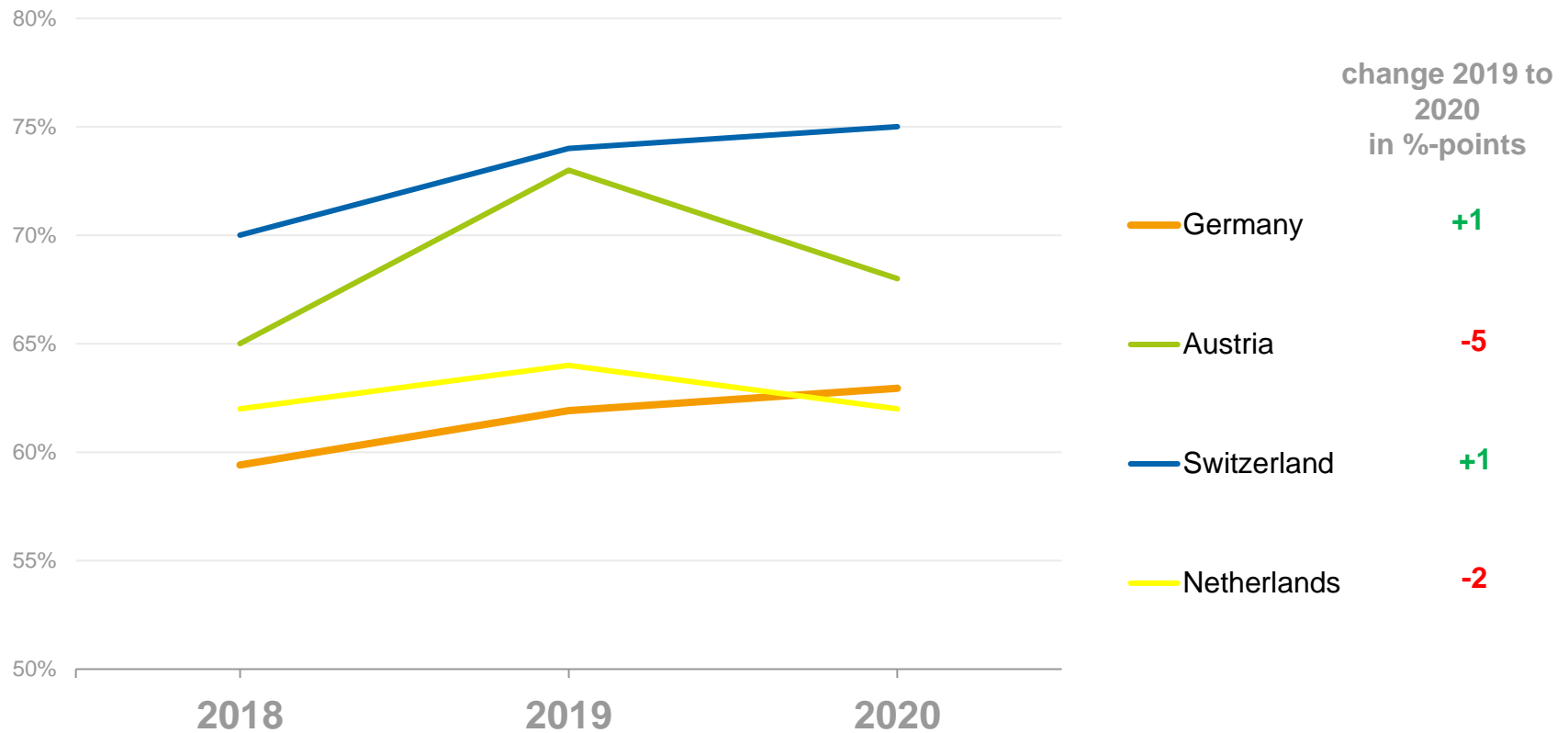
Base: all respondents (n = min. 1,000)

Top-Two-Box: „5 = very interested“ to „1 = not at all interested“; Angabe in % der Befragten

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Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / DITF at the FH Westküste, 2020

General interest in holiday activity „taking a city break“: Development over the last three years



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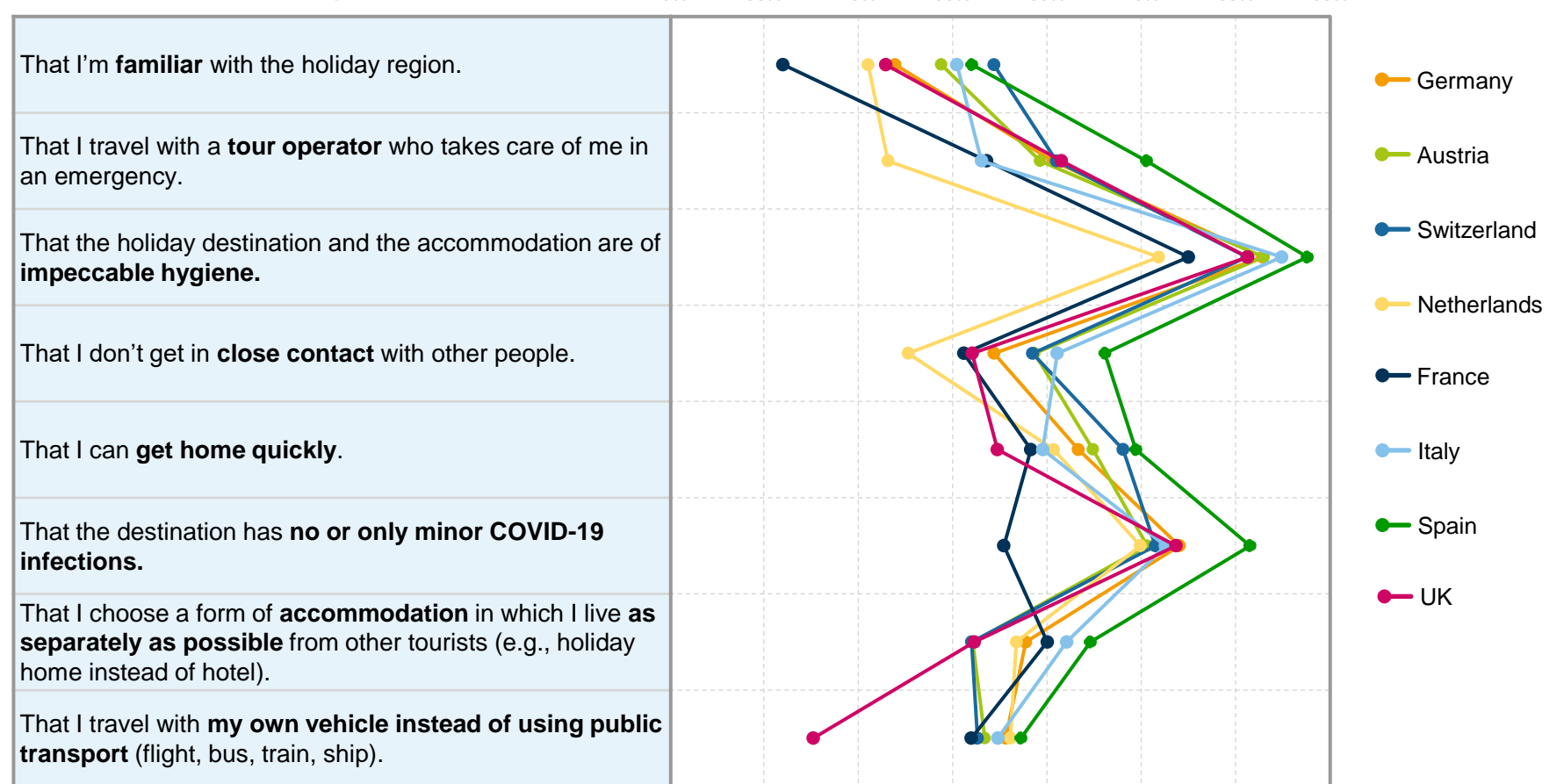
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**COVID-19: „Strategies“ for future
holidays**

Base: „city break enthusiasts“

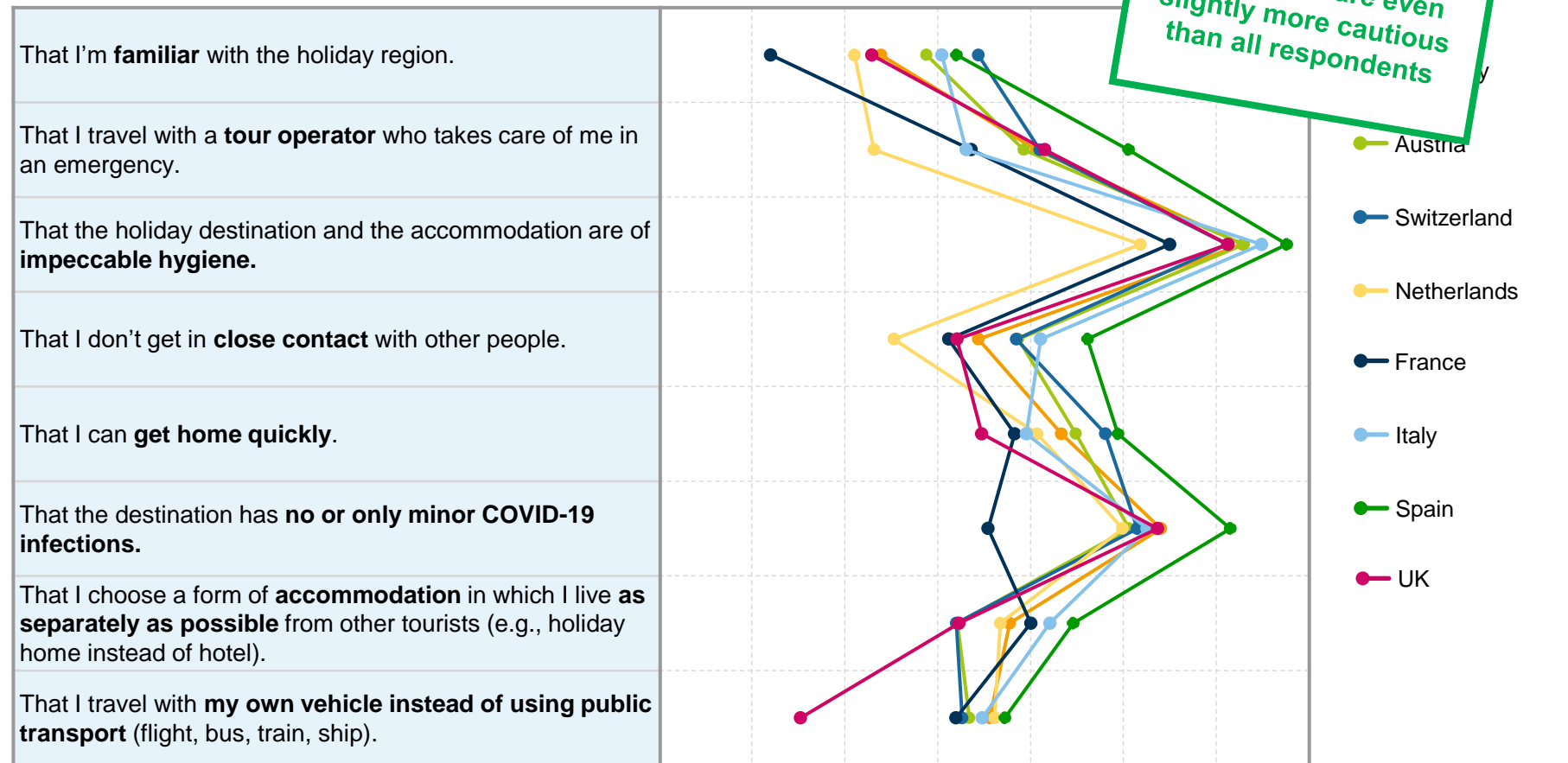
COVID-19: „Strategies“ for future holidays

Question: Based on the experiences from the past few months [...], what are you going to focus on in the future concerning holiday trips?



COVID-19: „Strategies“ for future holidays

Question: Based on the experiences from the past few months [...], what are your strategies for the future concerning holiday trips?



General intentions of city break enthusiasts in major European markets to travel abroad

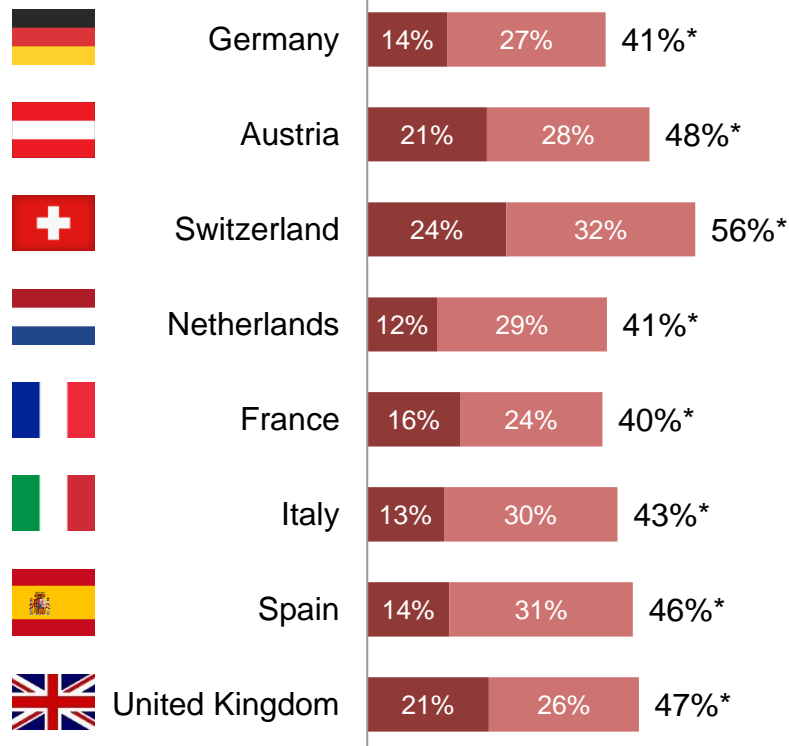
Intentions for:

Short trips (with 1-3 overnight stays)

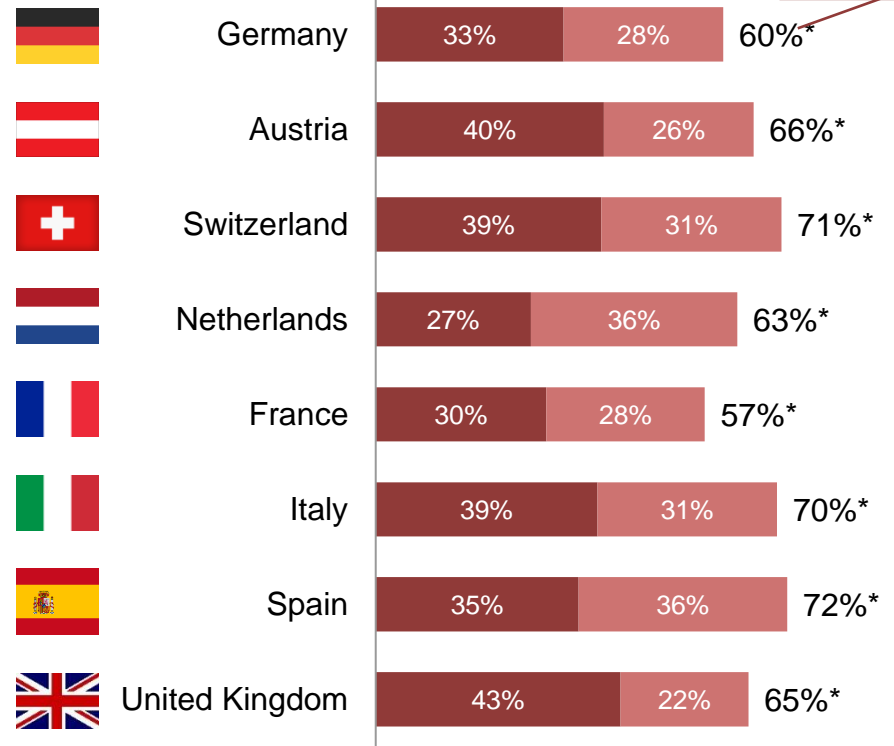
Longer holiday trips (with 4 or more overnight stays)

General intentions of city break enthusiasts to travel abroad for short trips within next 12 months / 3 years

12 months



3 years



-11%-
points to
2018

definitely probably

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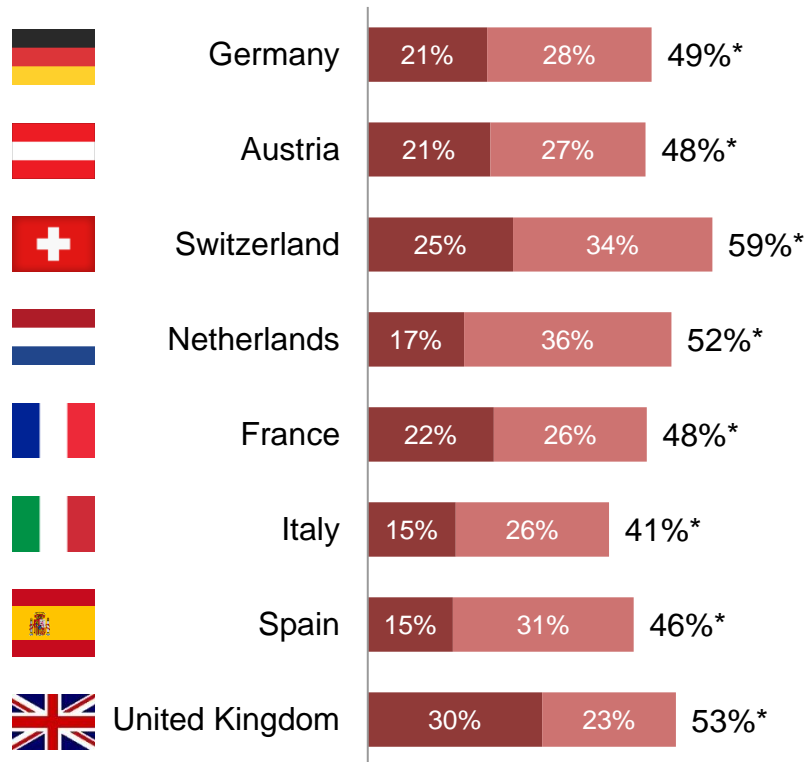
Base: respondents interested in city breaks (n = min. 623)

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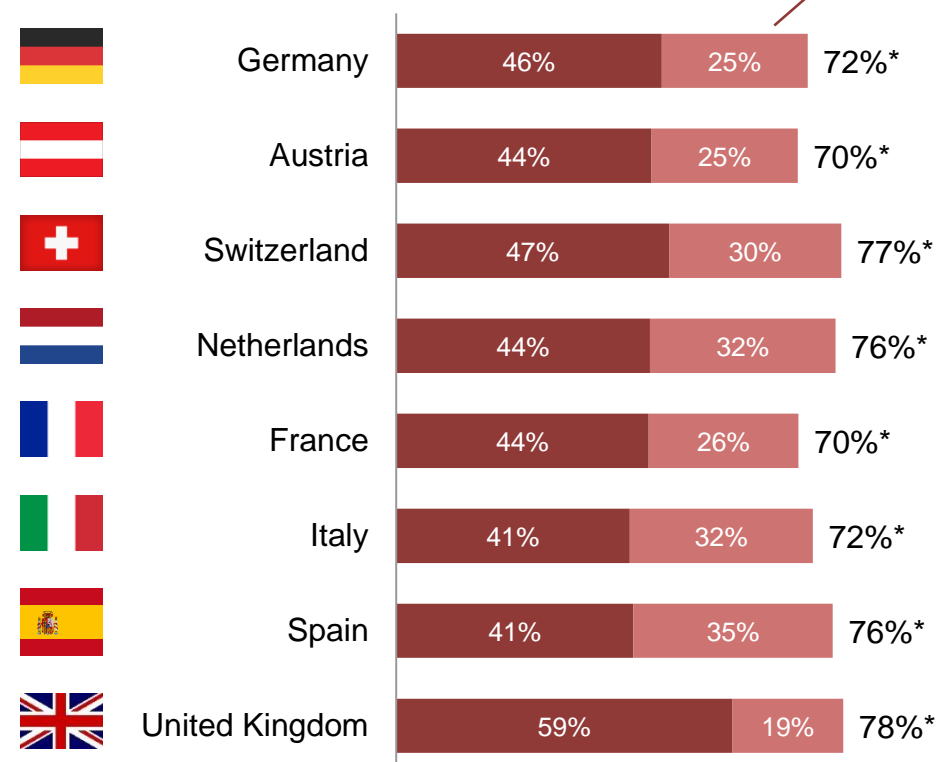
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General intentions of city break enthusiasts to travel abroad for longer holiday trips within next 12 months / 3 years

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3 years



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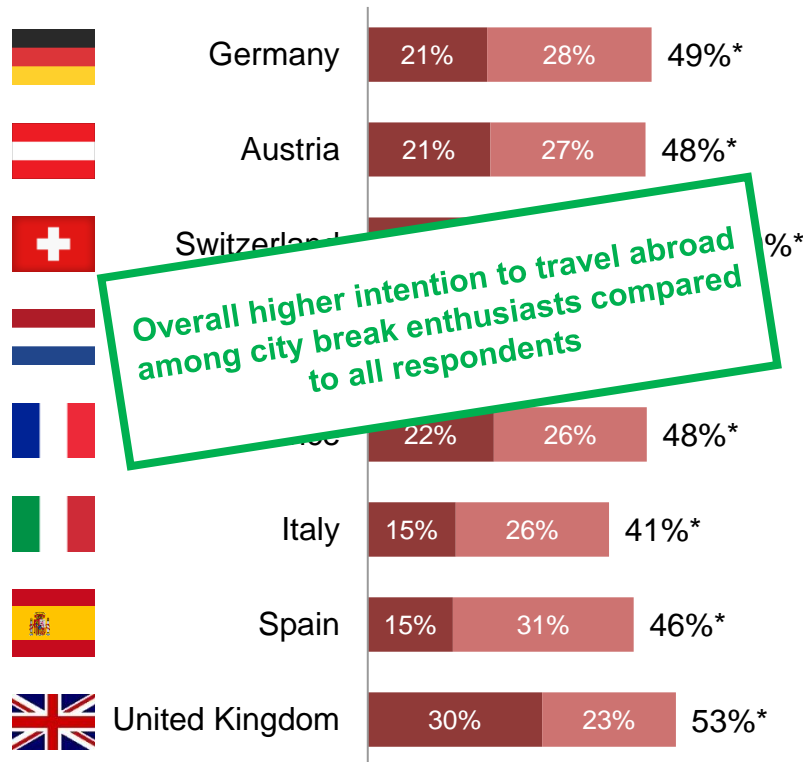
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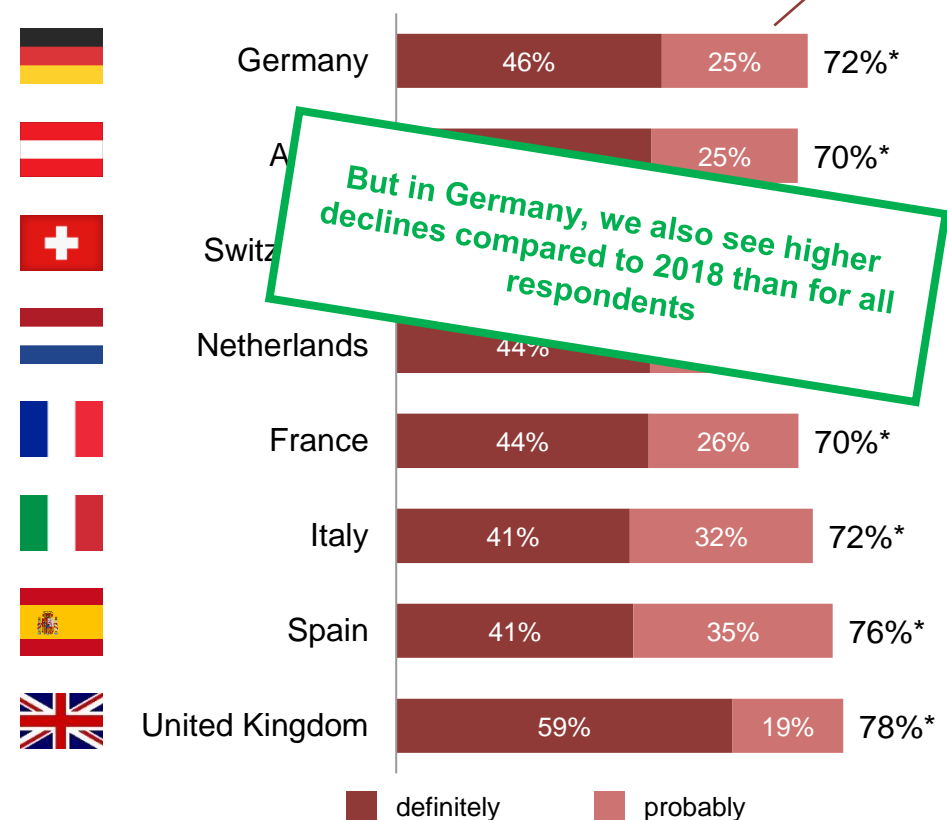
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**Awareness (“Familiarity”) of
international cities in key markets**
(open question)

**When considering
a holiday for a stay of at least one night,
which foreign tourist destinations
spring to your mind?**

Unsupported awareness of international cities: TOP 5-Ranking per source market

	DE	AT	CH	NL	FR	IT	ES	UK	US	CN
Paris	1	1	1	2		1	1	1	1	1
London	2	3	2	1	1	2	2		2	2
Rome	4	4	4	4	2		3	3	3	
Berlin		2	3	3		4	4	5	5	4
Amsterdam	5		5		5			2		
Vienna	3									3
Barcelona		5		5	3	3		4		
New York					4					
Cancun									4	
Madrid						5				
Lisbon							5			
Tokyo										5

Presentation of selected core results

Source market: Germany

Awareness of
German + international cities
(open question)

Unsupported awareness of international cities: TOP 10-Ranking in Germany



... from 1 overnight

2020

2018

Rank Cities	Overall Ranking	Overall Ranking	Rank Cities
1 Paris	9	11	2
2 London	12	10	1
3 Vienna	19	23	4
4 Rome	21	25	5
5 Amsterdam	22	23	3
6 Prague	23	29	6
7 Barcelona	32	34	8
8 New York	37	30	7
9 Dubai	42	45	9
10 Venice	46	56	11

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / DITF at the FH Westküste, 2018 and 2020

Base: all respondents in the source market Germany with valid responses (n = 15.631, n = 1.864)

* Multiple answers possible (in % of respondents)

Unsupported awareness of German cities: TOP 10-Ranking in Germany

... for short trips

Rank Cities	Overall Ranking
1 Berlin	1
2 Hamburg	2
3 Munich	5
4 Cologne	9
5 Dresden	10
6 Leipzig	15
7 Frankfurt	18
8 Stuttgart	19
9 Bremen	25
10 Düsseldorf	27

Source: inspektour (international) GmbH / DITF at the FH Westküste, 2020

... for longer holidays

Rank Cities	Overall Ranking
1 Berlin	3
2 Hamburg	4
3 Munich	7
4 Cologne	14
5 Dresden	16
6 Leipzig	23
7 Frankfurt	24
8 Stuttgart	26
9 Bremen	30
10 Düsseldorf	38

Base: all respondents in the source market Germany with valid responses (n = min. 16.046)

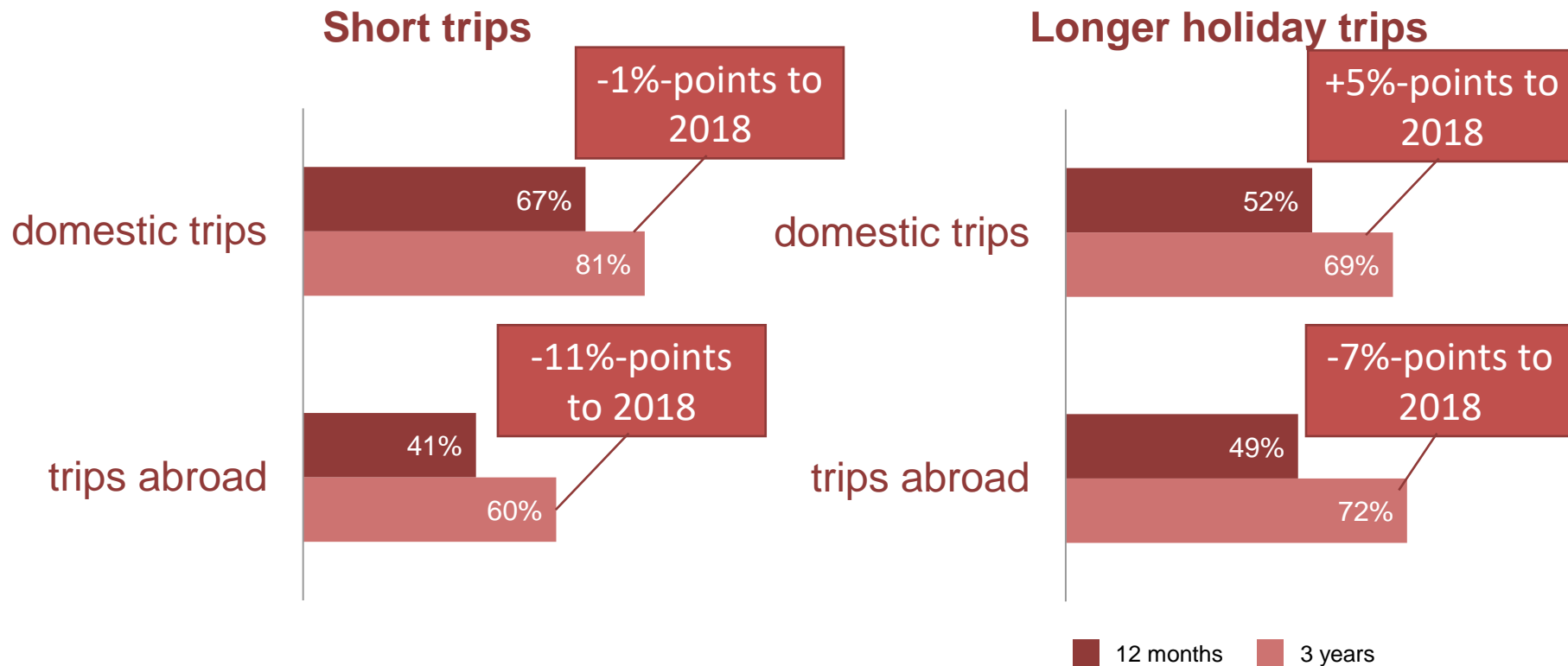
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Destination preferences

General trends

**General intentions of
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versus
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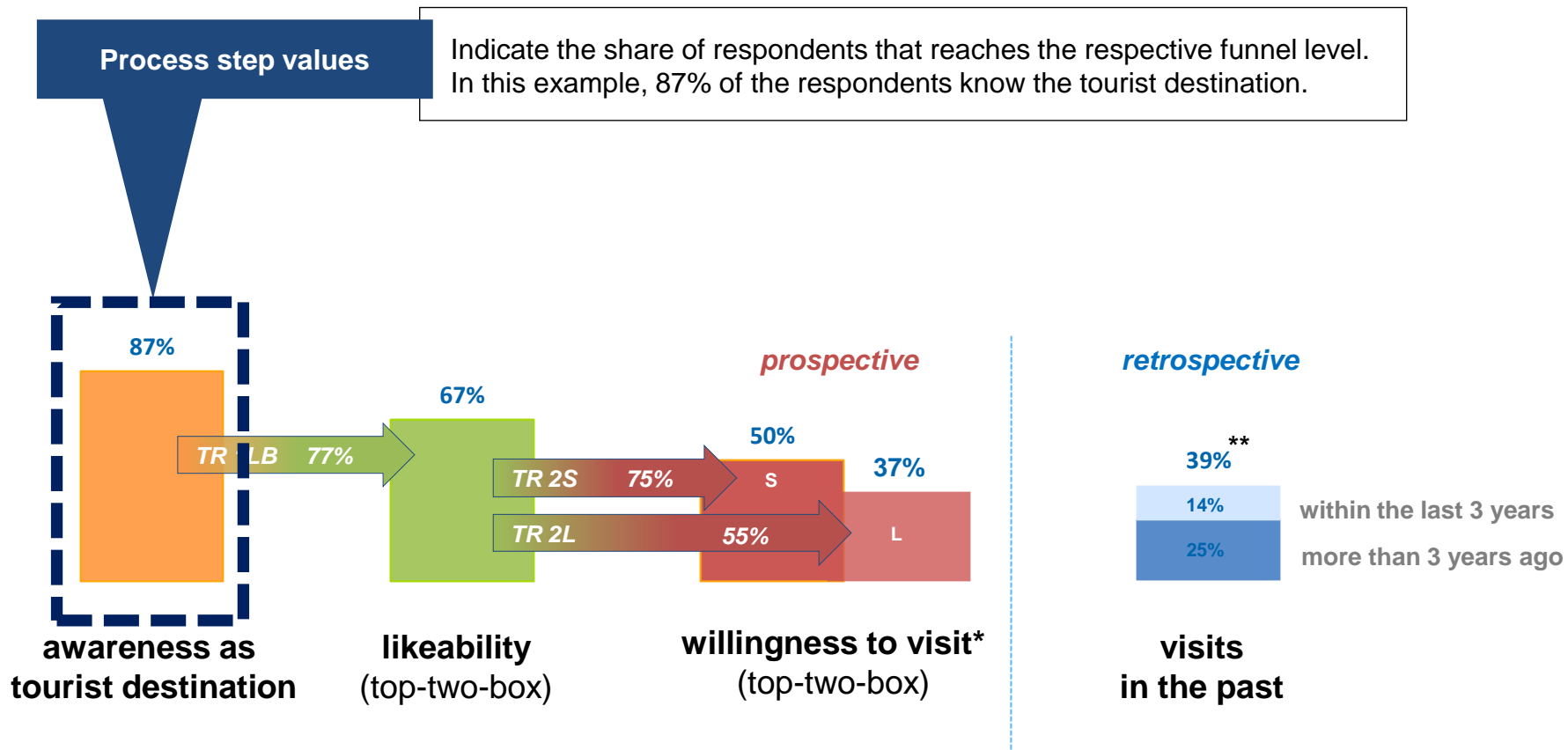
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Four-dimensional brand funnel – the model at a glance



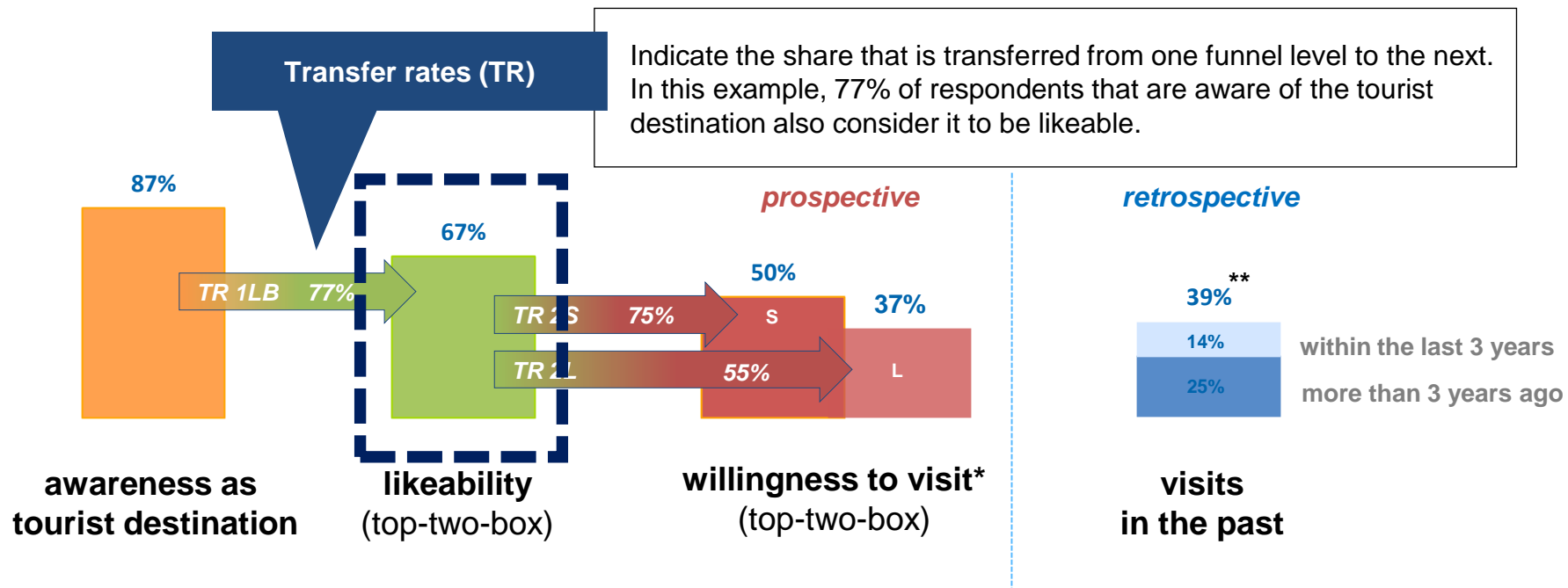
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Four-dimensional brand funnel – the model at a glance



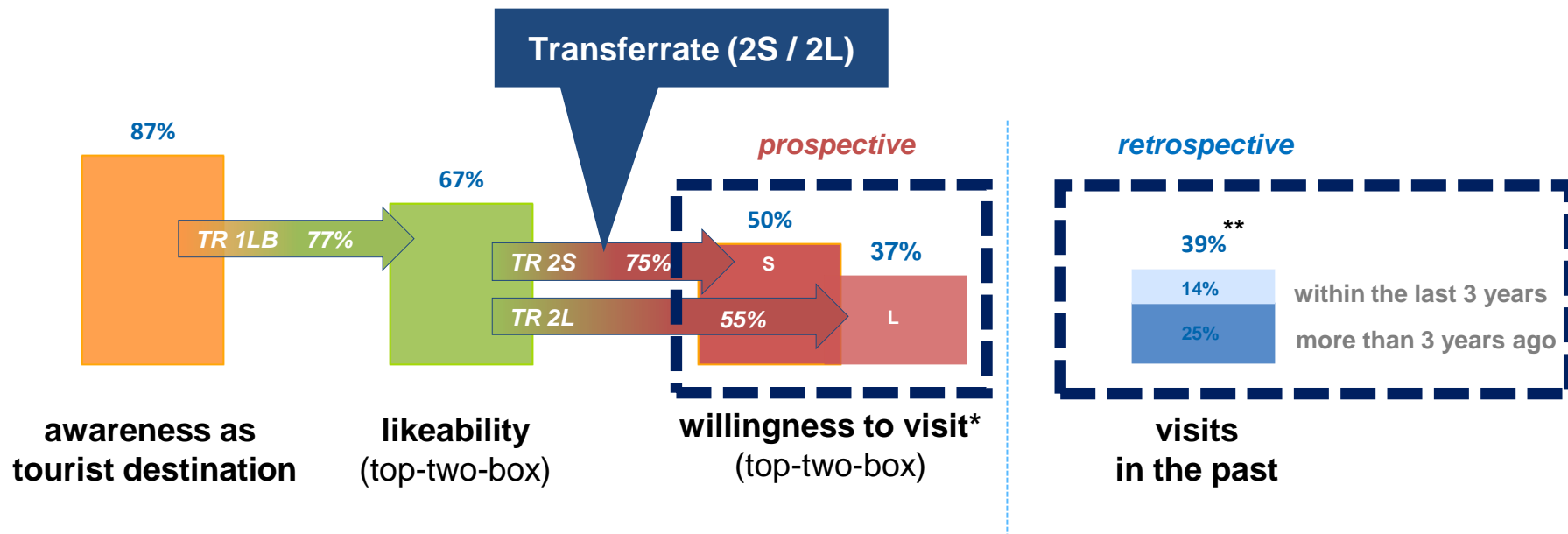
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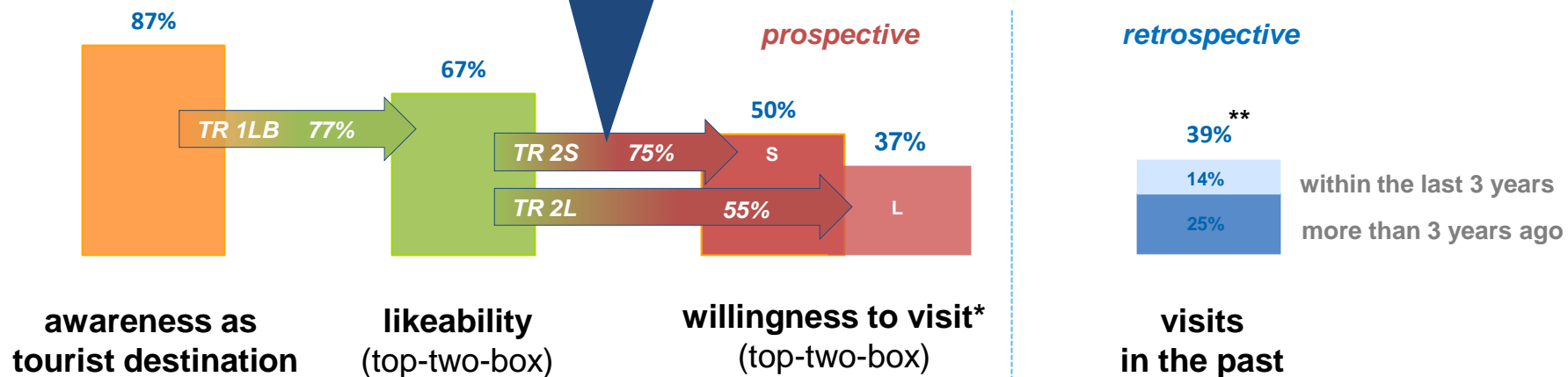
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Four-dimensional brand funnel – the model at a glance

The question here is how the individual destinations succeed in triggering a willingness to visit for short or longer holidays among those who “like” the destination

Transferrate (2S / 2L)



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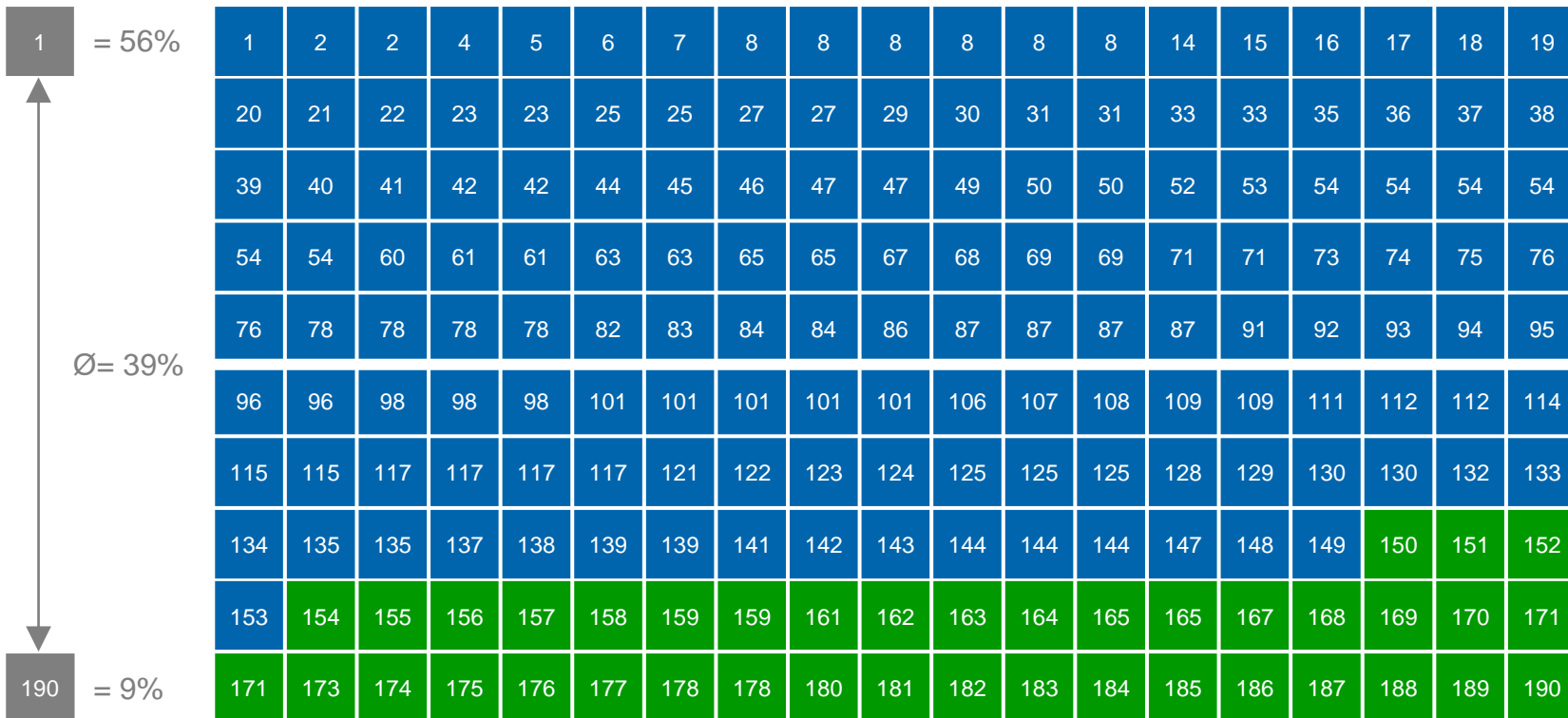
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Base TR2: Willingness to visit the destination among those who like the destination

■ Domestic destinations (150) ■ International destinations (40)

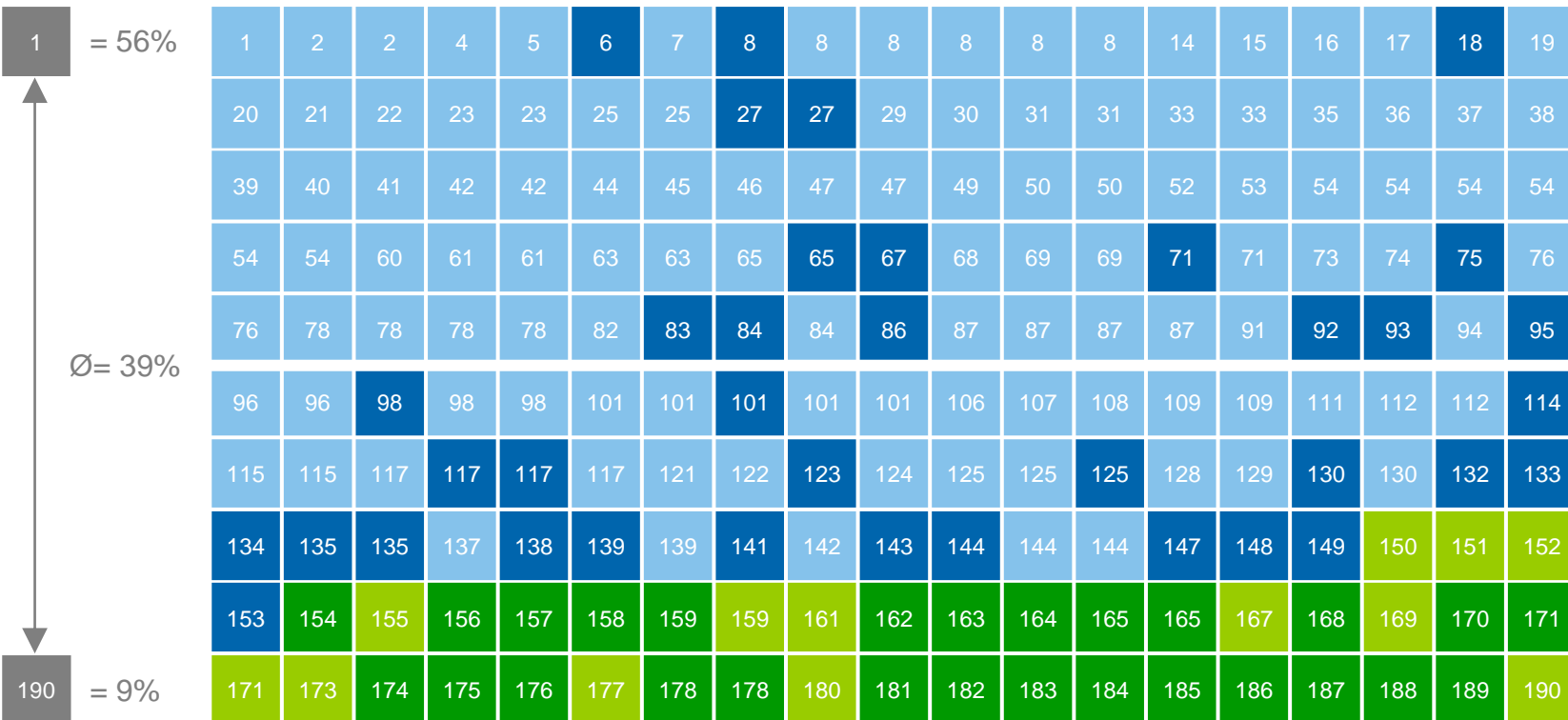


Short holidays: Domestic vs. intern. cities (12 months)

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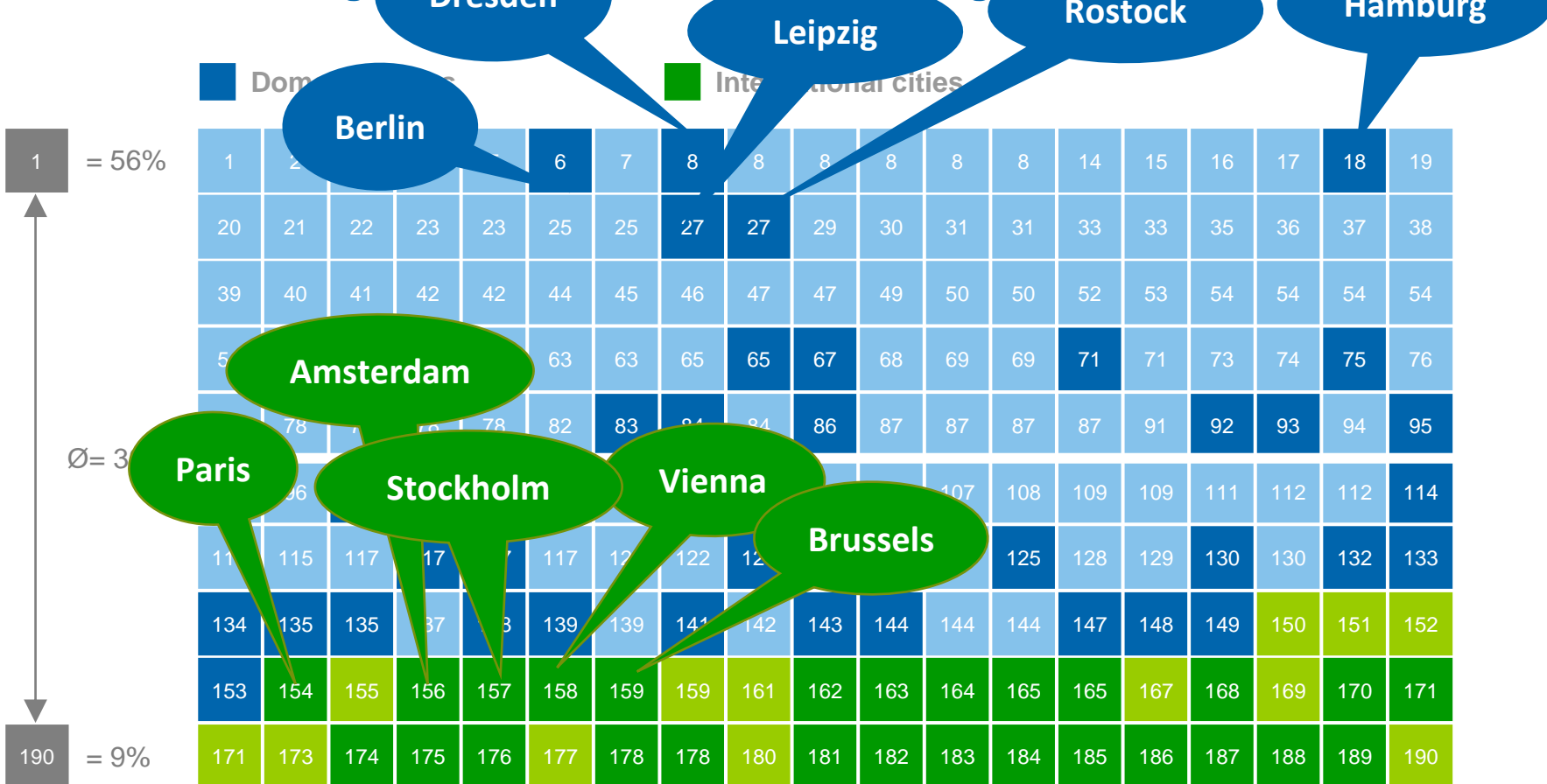
 Domestic cities

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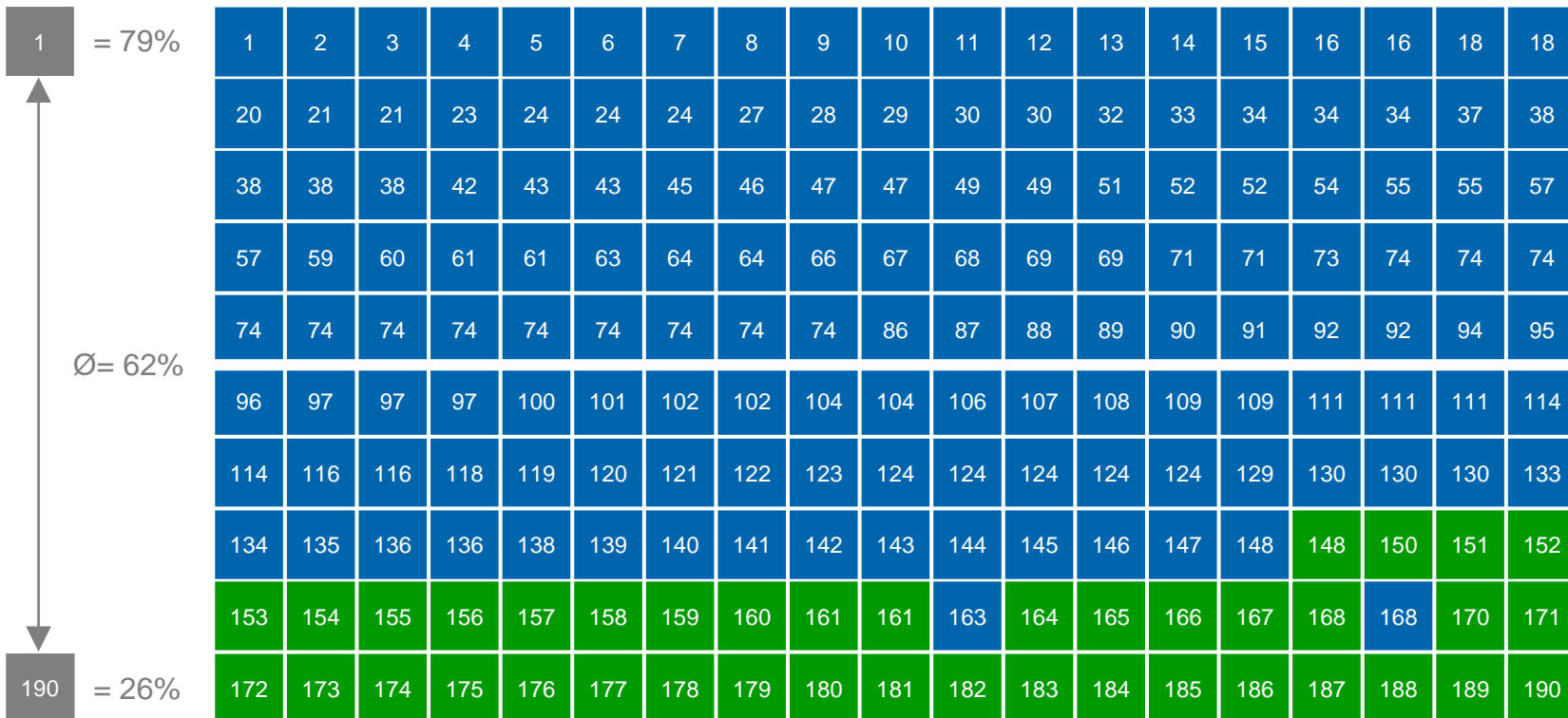
Base TR2: Willingness to travel to the destination among the respondents in the next 12 months



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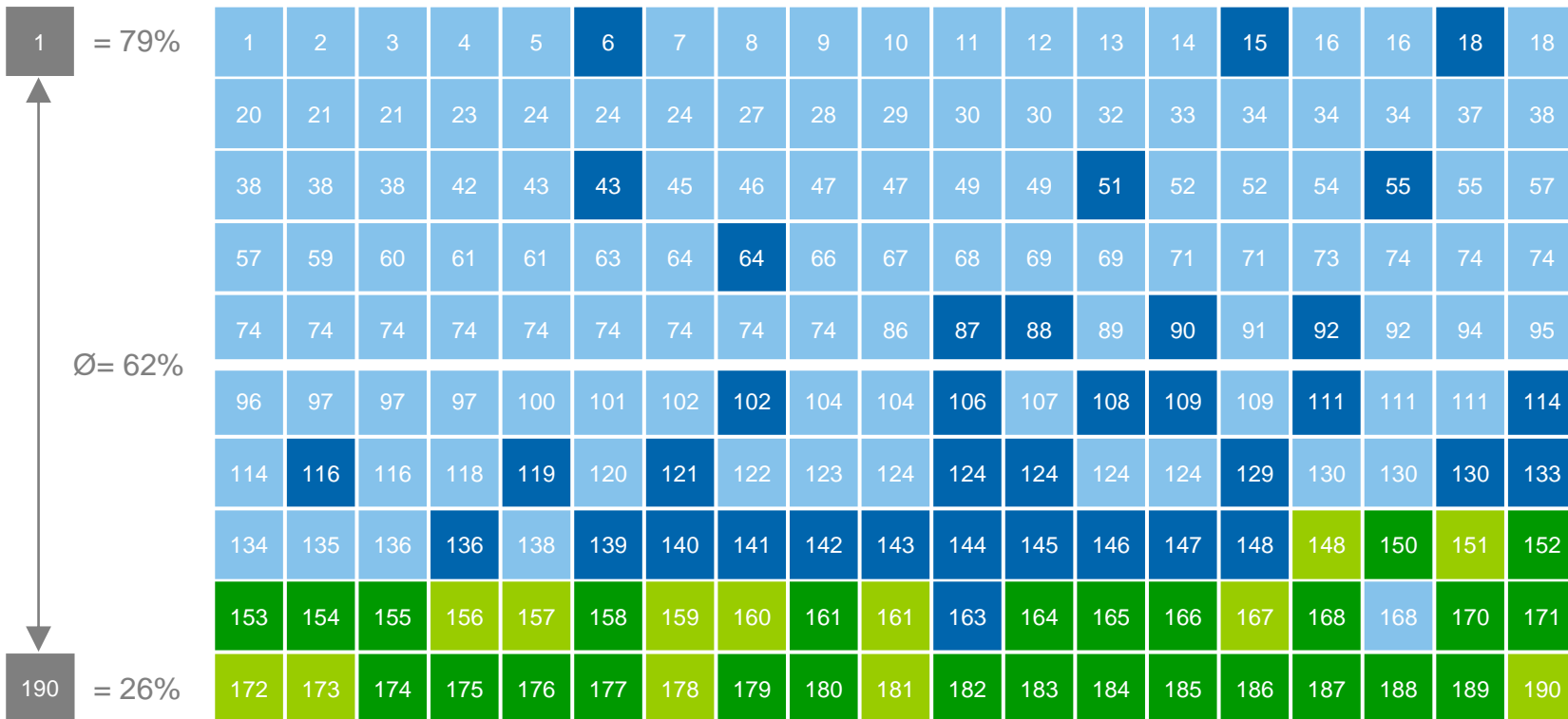


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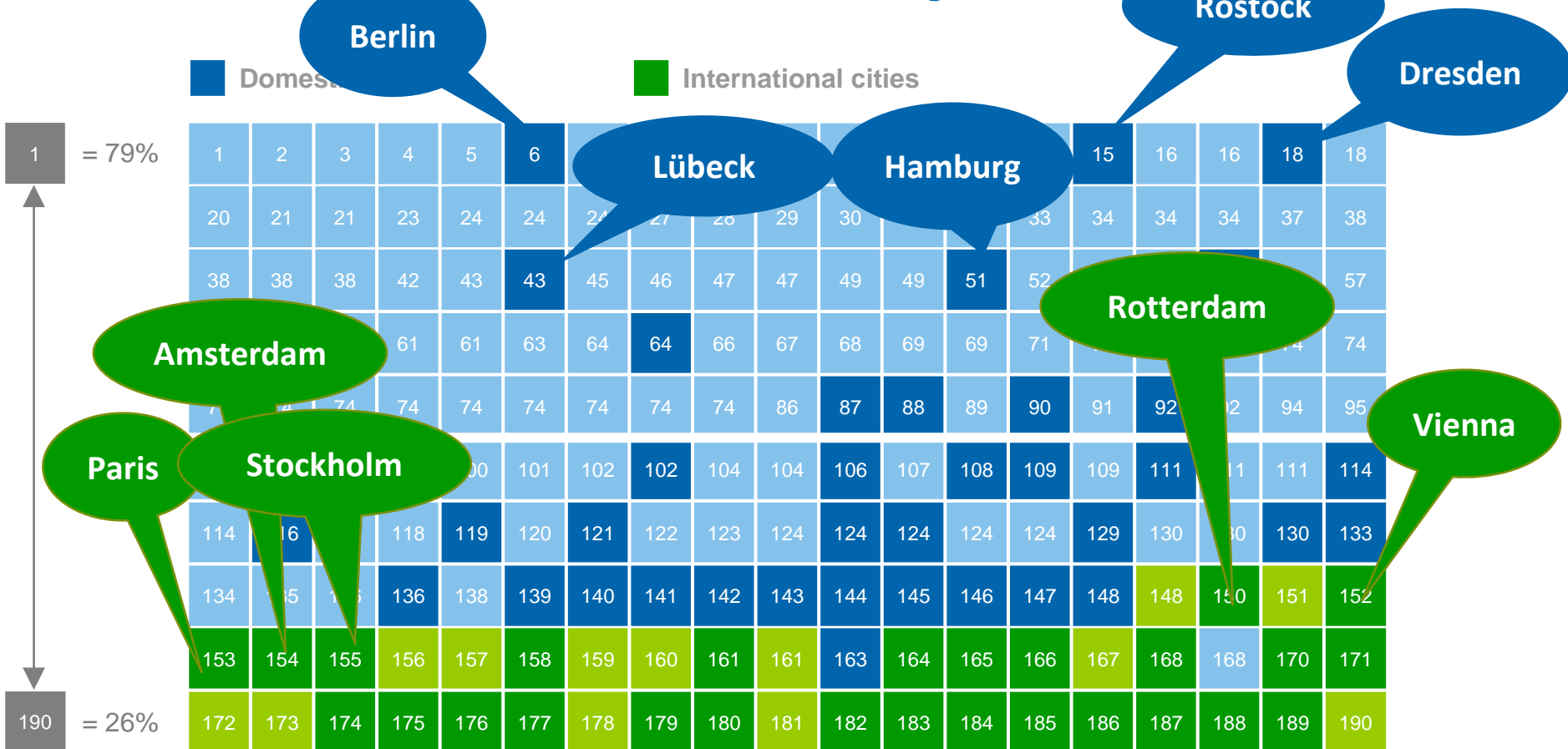


Short holidays: Domestic vs. intern. cities (3 years)

Base TR2: Willingness to visit the destination among those who have not visited in the last 12 months

Domestic cities

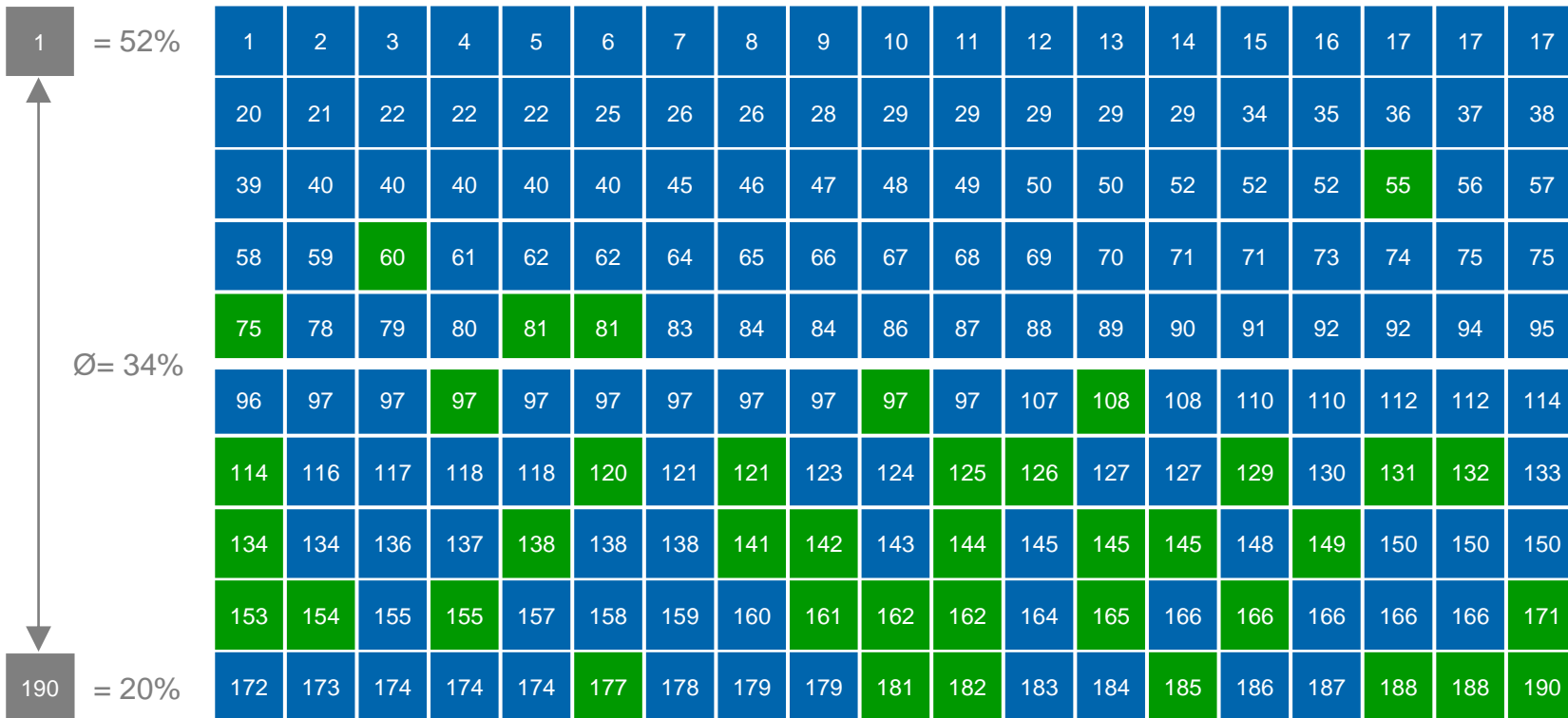
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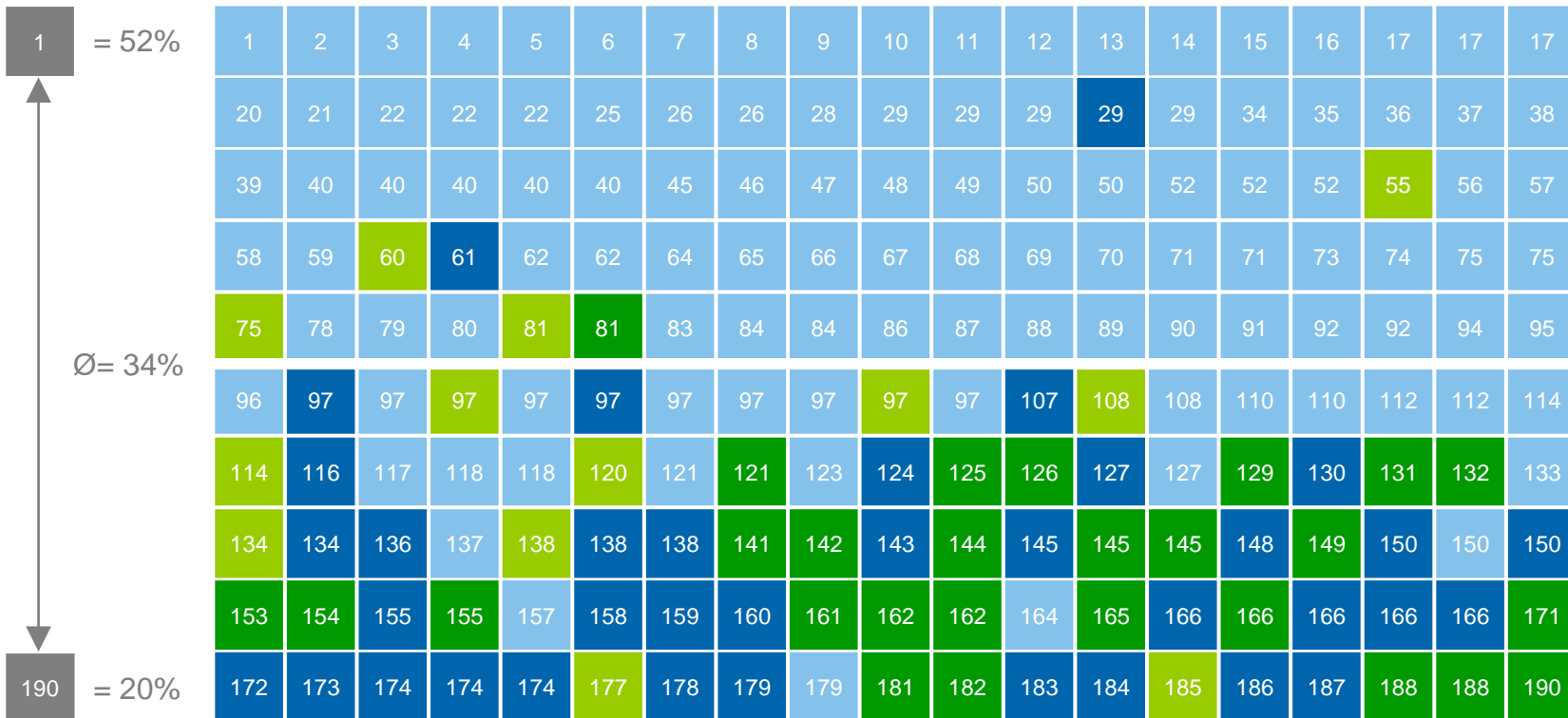


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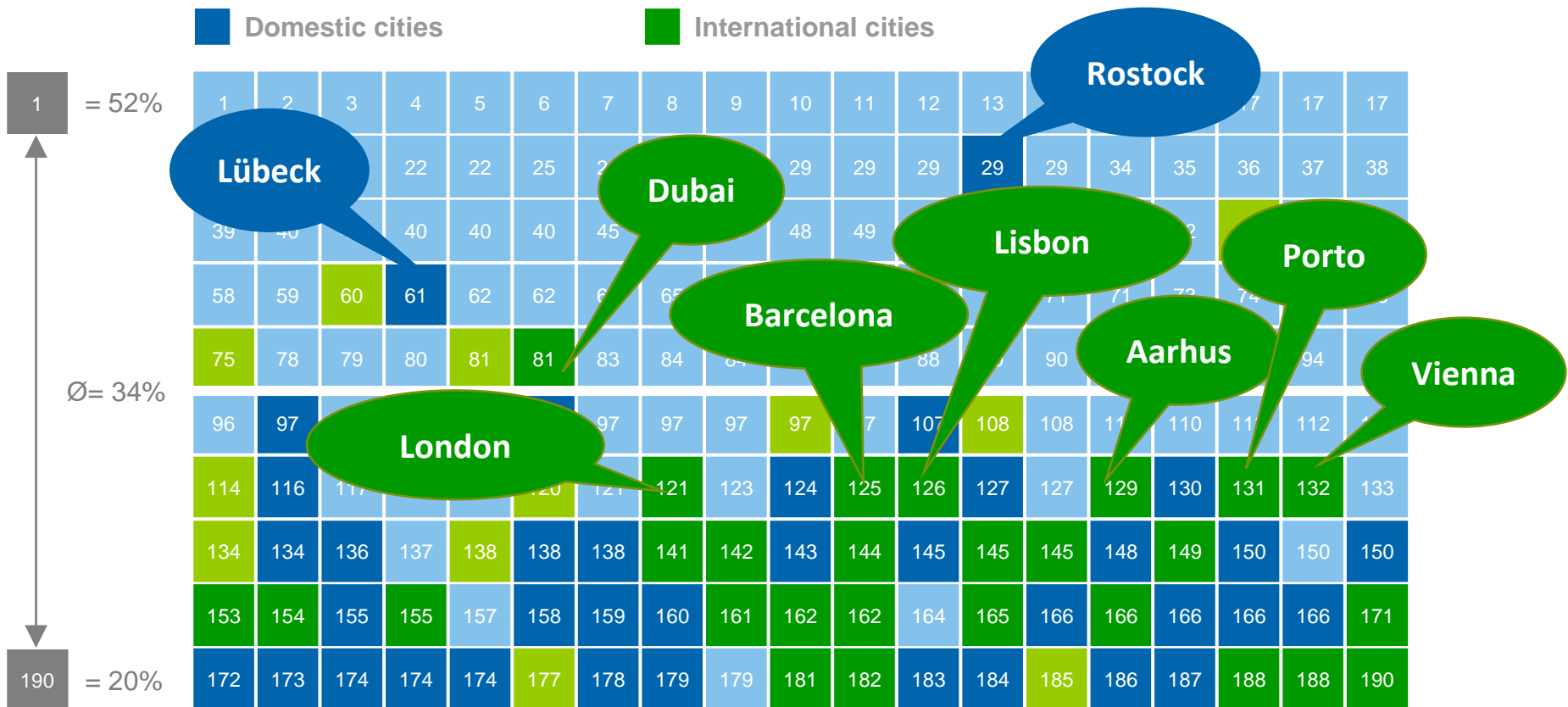
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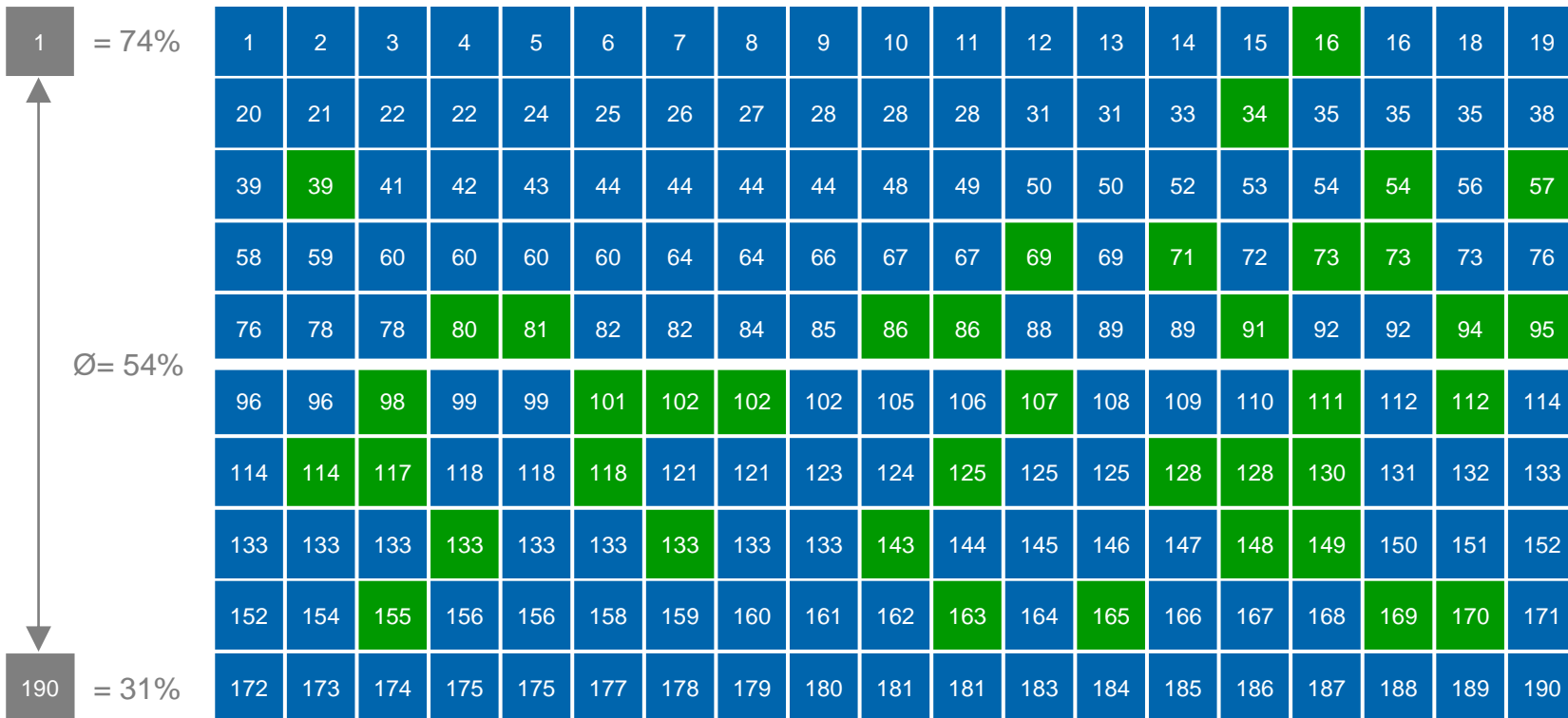
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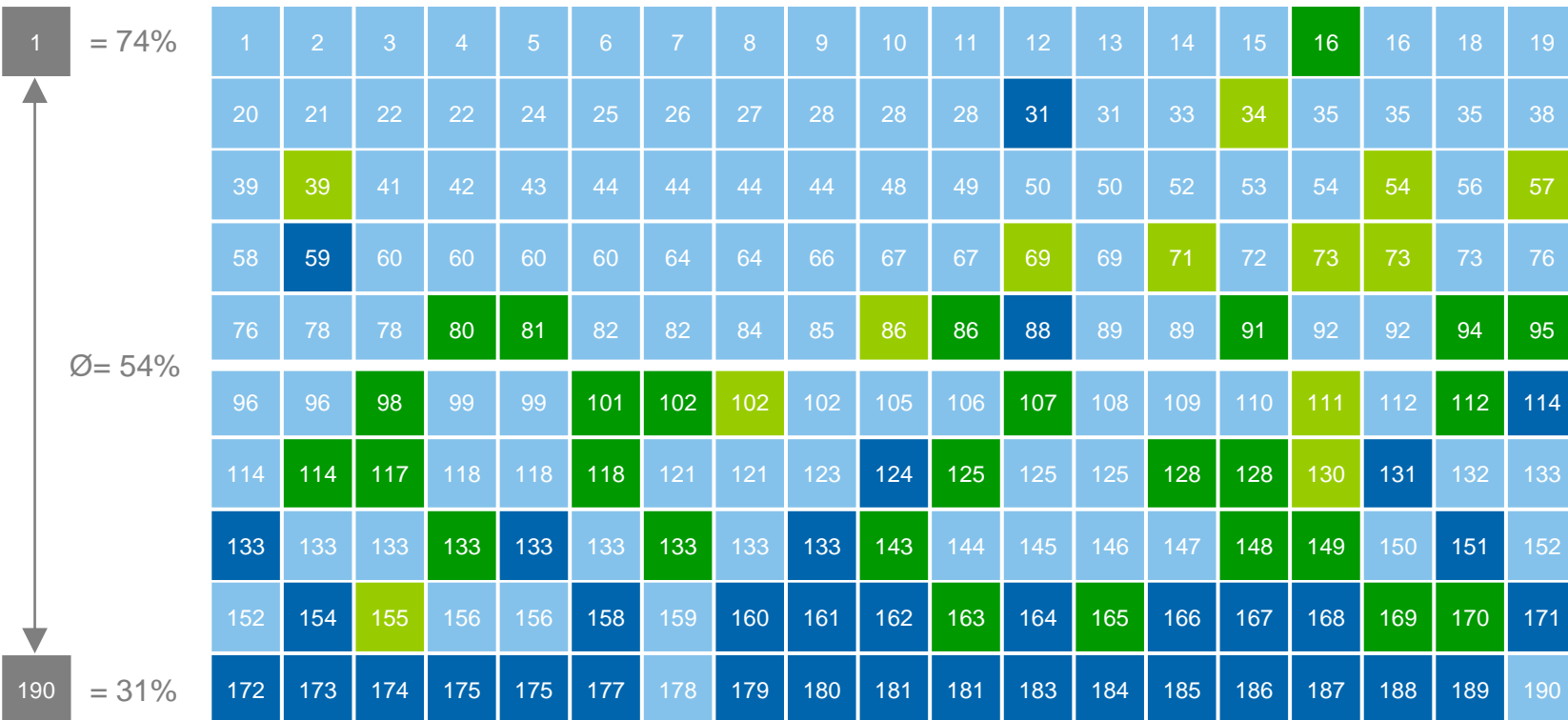


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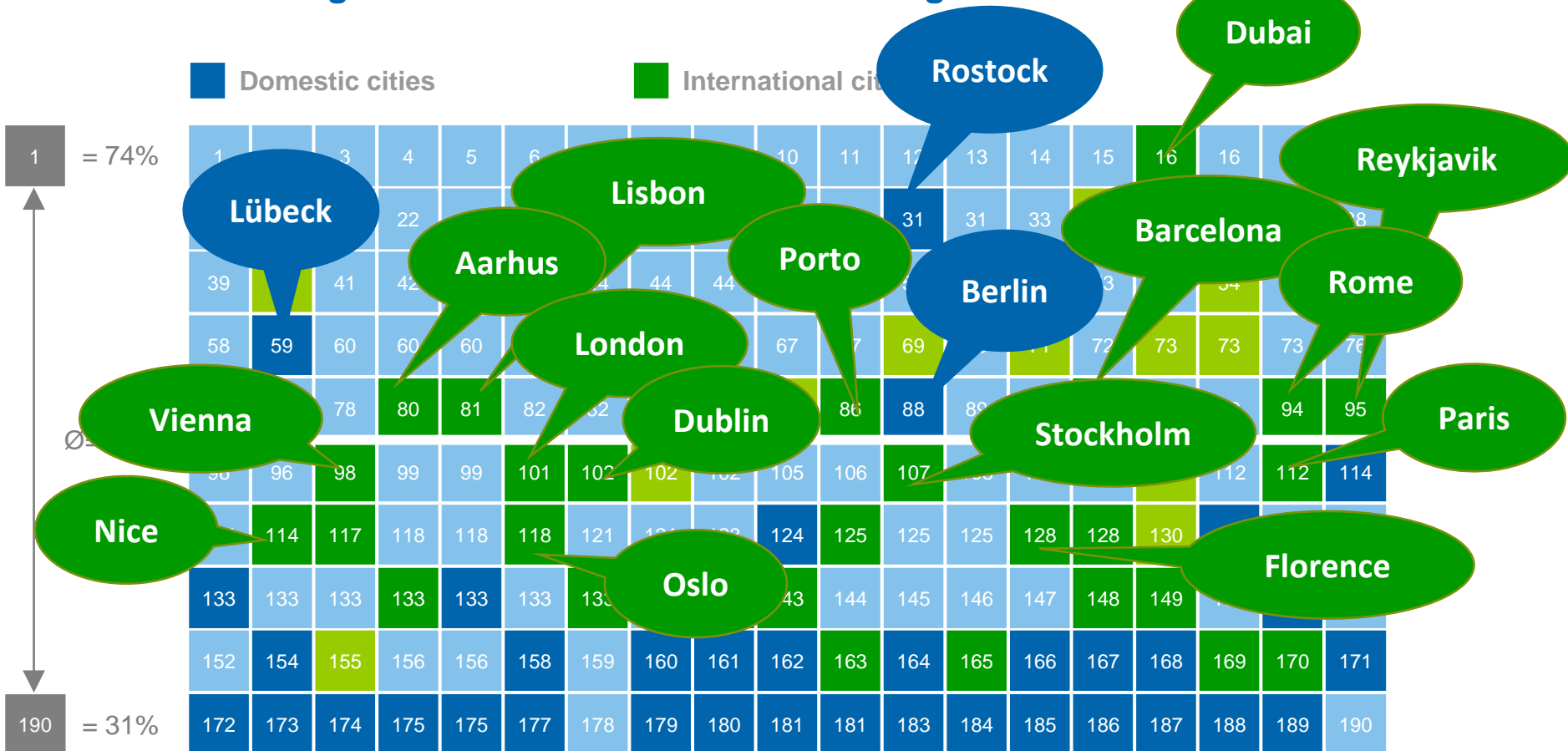
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Conclusion and outlook

General perspectives for city tourism from European source markets

In the 3-year perspective, the demand-based results for international city breaks make us feel cautiously optimistic:

- The fundamental interest in city breaks has not collapsed even during the pandemic.
- In terms of longer holidays abroad, city break enthusiasts in European source markets have extensive plans within the next 3 years.
- In the case of short trips abroad, plans are somewhat more restrained overall.



Additional observations for the source market Germany

- Visit preferences of Germans currently (12 months perspective) tend to **focus on domestic regions**.
- Cities (especially international ones) are **less present in their “relevant sets”** of holiday destinations.
- However, with a 3-year perspective, **visit preferences for cities are on the rise again** – especially for international cities, which are increasingly being considered again, particularly for longer holiday trips.



Challenges caused by current risk perception of potential holidaymakers




However, as long as the pandemic has not been overcome, the **COVID-19-related "strategies" of holiday planners** make it even more difficult to attract city travelers. For example,


- perceived hygiene and safety (still) play decisive roles in the selection of travel destinations or
- people prefer not to travel so far.


These aspects have a high relevance in all European source markets that we analysed with only minor differences and should be addressed in destination marketing.



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25.03.2021 | 10 hs for DMOs from DE, AT and CH    **in German**
DB20-Webinar Ab in die Berge? In den Harz, die Wiener Alpen oder nach Südtirol?
Die Wahrnehmung von Mittelgebirgen und Alpenregionen in Zeiten von Covid-19
Vortragssprache: Deutsch

20.04.2021 | 14 Uhr for DMOs from France  **in French**
DB20-Webinar La Bretagne, la Provence ou les Alpes françaises ? Perception des destinations françaises dans le pays et à l'étranger
Langue de la conférence : français

May 2021 for DMOs from Spain  **in Spanish**
DB20-Webinar ¿Islas, tierra firme o ciudades? La percepción de los destinos españoles en los principales mercados extranjeros
Idioma de la conferencia: español

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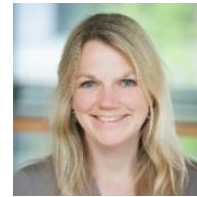
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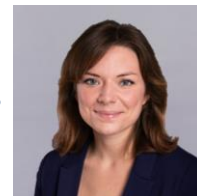
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