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# World Tourism Barometer

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## Key findings (1)

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### International arrivals grew 4% in 2025 to reach 1.5 billion

- An estimated 1.52 billion international tourist arrivals (overnight visitors) were recorded in 2025, a 4% increase, or almost 60 million more than in 2024.
- Results are in line with the January 2025 Barometer forecast of 3% to 5% growth and represent a normalization of growth rates after a four-year recovery from the pandemic.
- Travel demand remained solid throughout 2025 despite inflation and geopolitical tensions, though it softened towards the end of the year. International arrivals grew 3% in Q4 2025, after 4% in Q3, which corresponds to the Northern Hemisphere summer season.
- Europe, the world's largest destination region, recorded 793 million international tourists in 2025, a 4% increase from 2024 and 6% more than in pre-pandemic year 2019.
- The Americas saw 1% more arrivals last year, with mixed results across subregions and small declines in Q3 and Q4 2025, partly due to weak results in the United States.
- Africa recorded 8% growth in 2025 led by results in North Africa (+11%), while arrivals in the Middle East grew 3%, exceeding pre-pandemic levels by 39%, the strongest results relative to 2019.
- Asia and the Pacific saw an 6% increase in 2025, but arrivals remained 9% below 2019 levels, as the region continued to rebound.



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## Key findings (2)

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### Export revenues from tourism estimated at USD 2.2 trillion in 2025

- International tourism receipts are estimated at USD 1.9 trillion in 2025, based on available monthly data. This represents a 5% to 6% increase from 2024, in real terms (preliminary).
- Many destinations reported higher growth in receipts than in arrivals, reflecting an increase in average spending per trip by international visitors.
- Total export revenues from tourism (including receipts and passenger transport) are estimated at USD 2.2 trillion in 2025.
- Tourism-related inflation eased to 5% in 2025, according to revised estimates, down from 8% in 2024, but still above 4% headline inflation.
- International arrivals are projected to grow 3% to 4% in 2026, assuming global economic conditions remain favourable, inflation continues to decline, and geopolitical conflicts do not escalate.
- 58% of the UN Tourism Panel of Experts foresee better or much better tourism results in 2026, while 31% expect similar results and 11% believe they will be worse.



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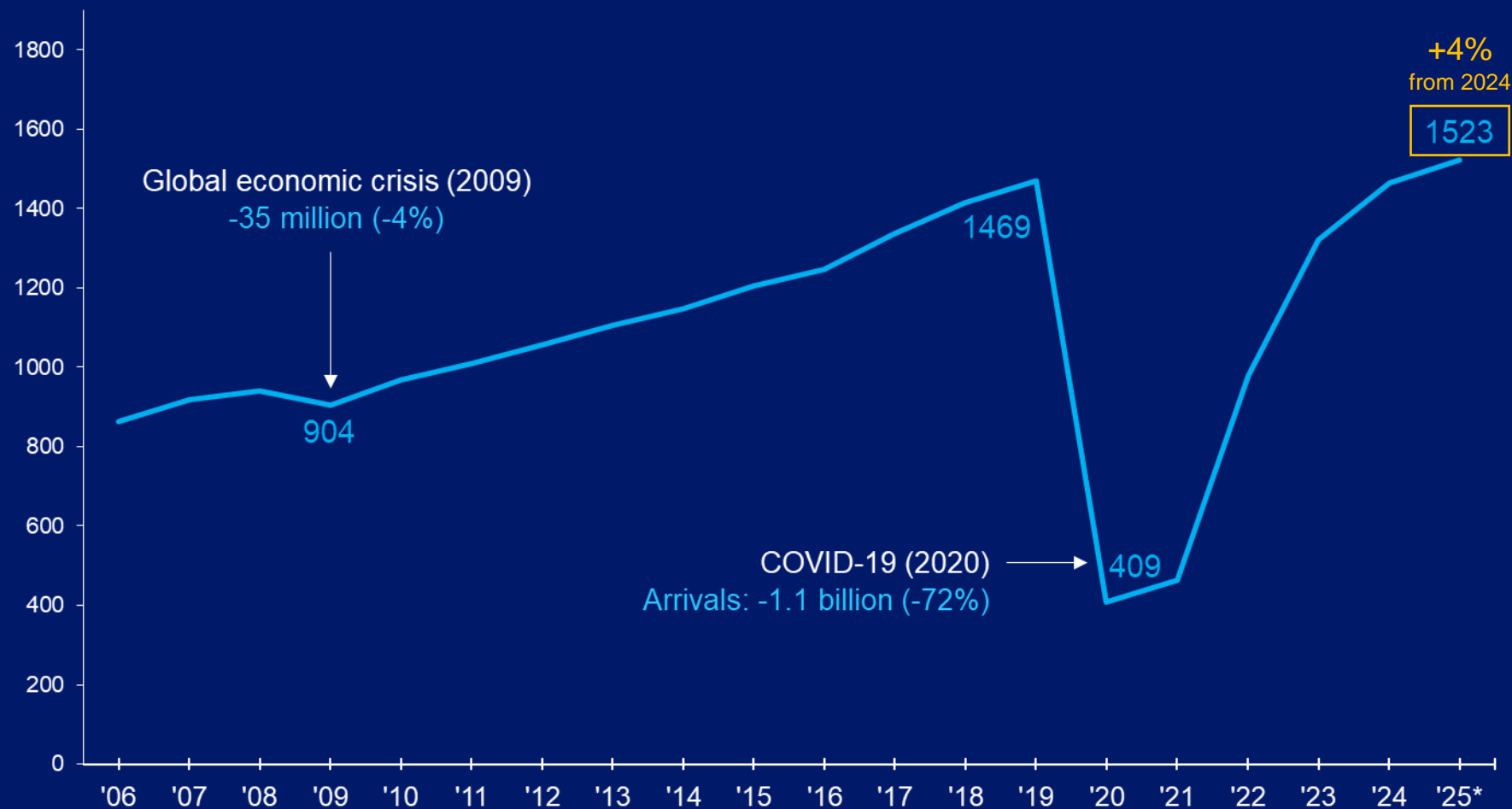
## International tourist arrivals

Millions

Source: UN Tourism  
(Data as of January 2026)



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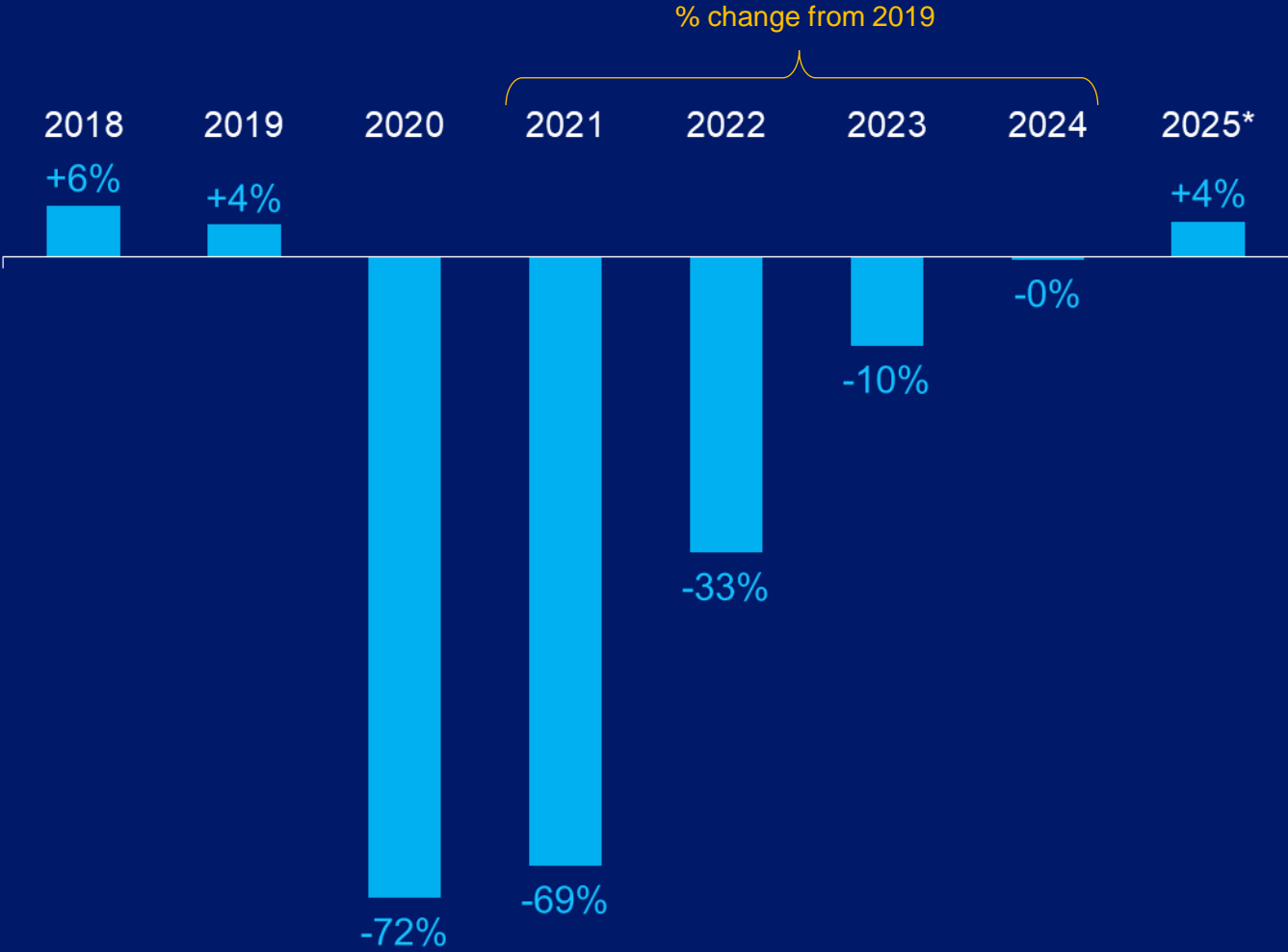
# International tourist arrivals

% Change (year on year)<sup>1</sup>

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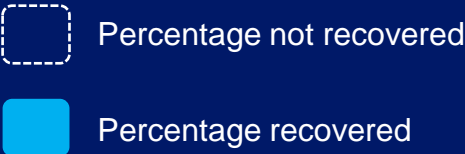
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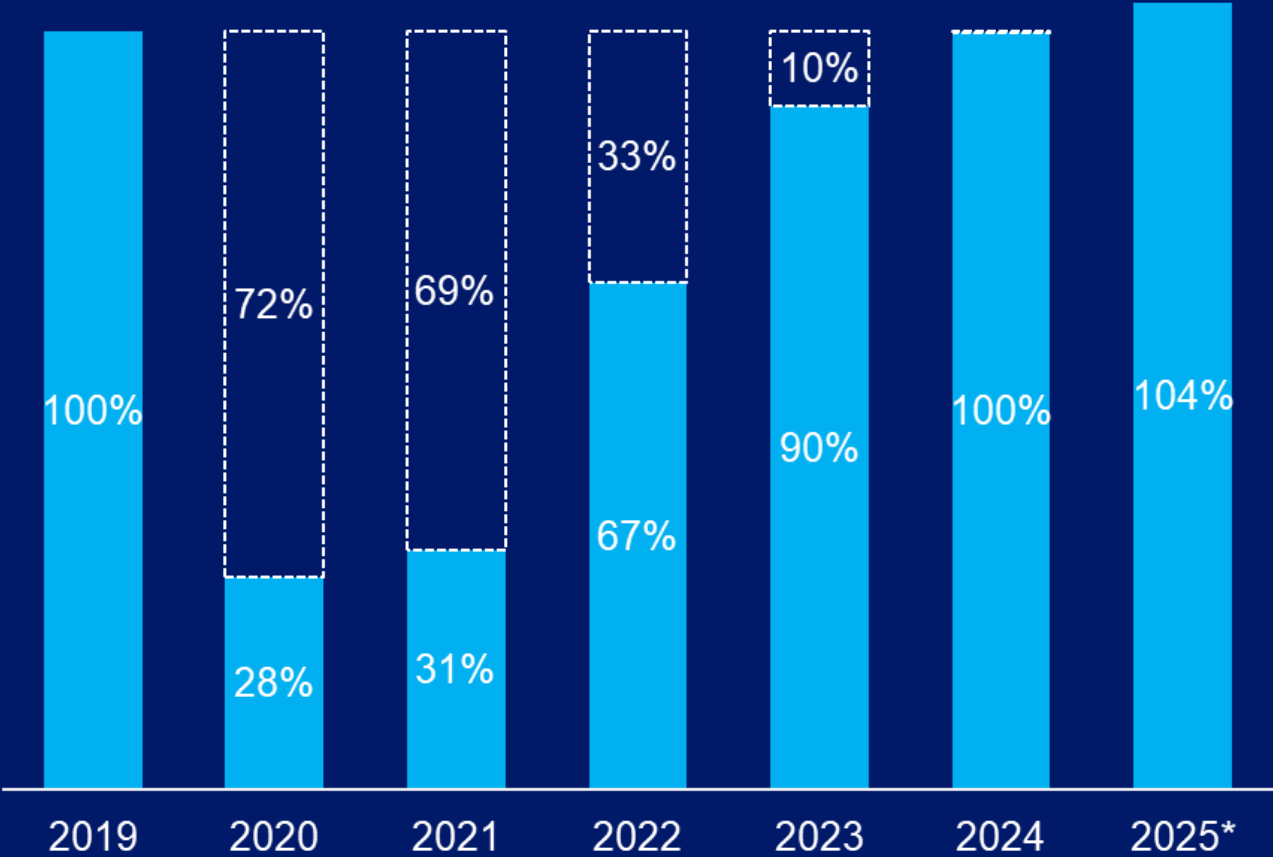


# Recovery of international tourist arrivals

Percentage of 2019 levels



Source: World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism)  
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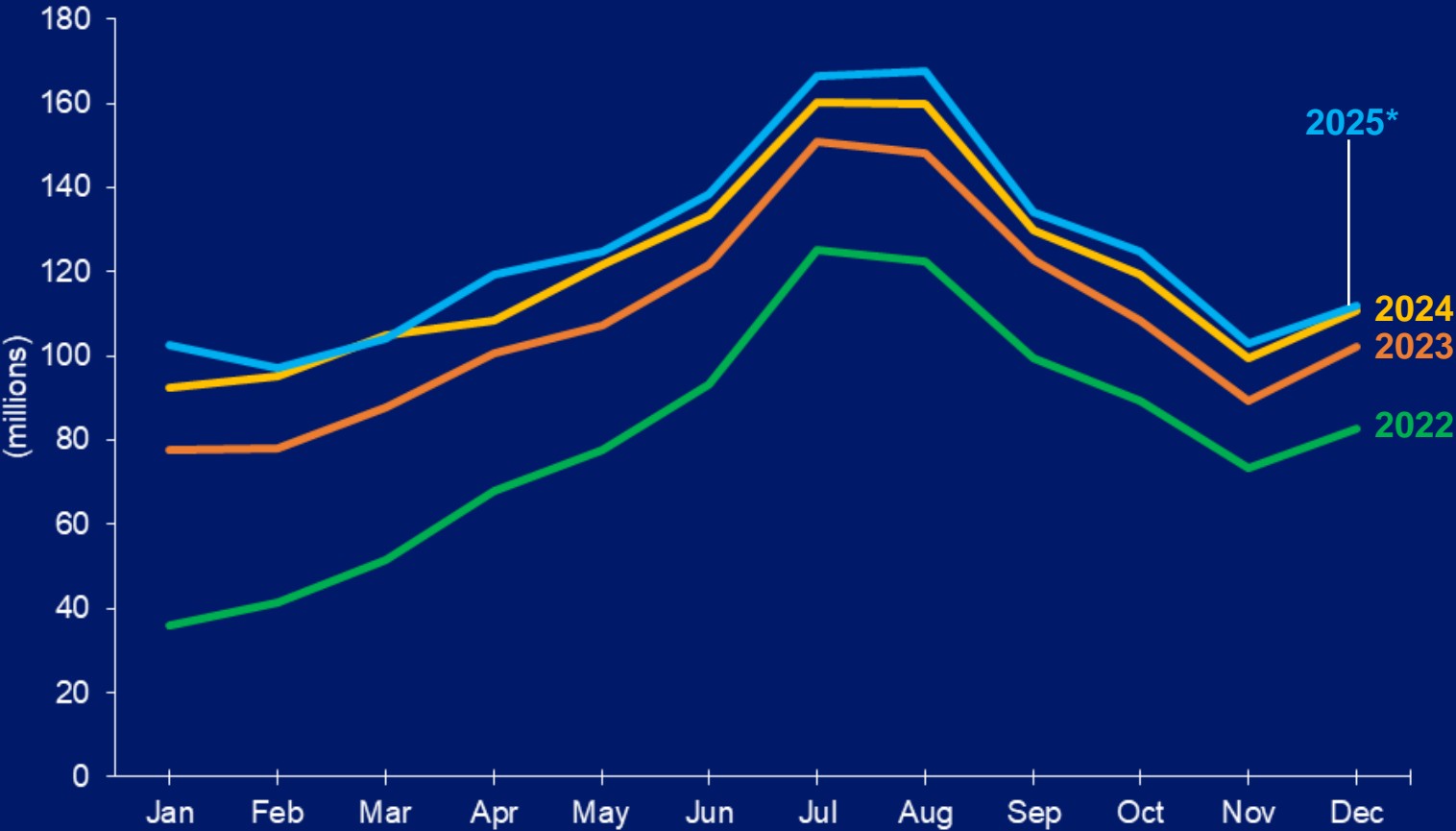


# International tourist arrivals (world)

millions

- 2025\*
- 2024
- 2023
- 2022

Source: UN Tourism  
\* Provisional data  
(Data as of January 2026)

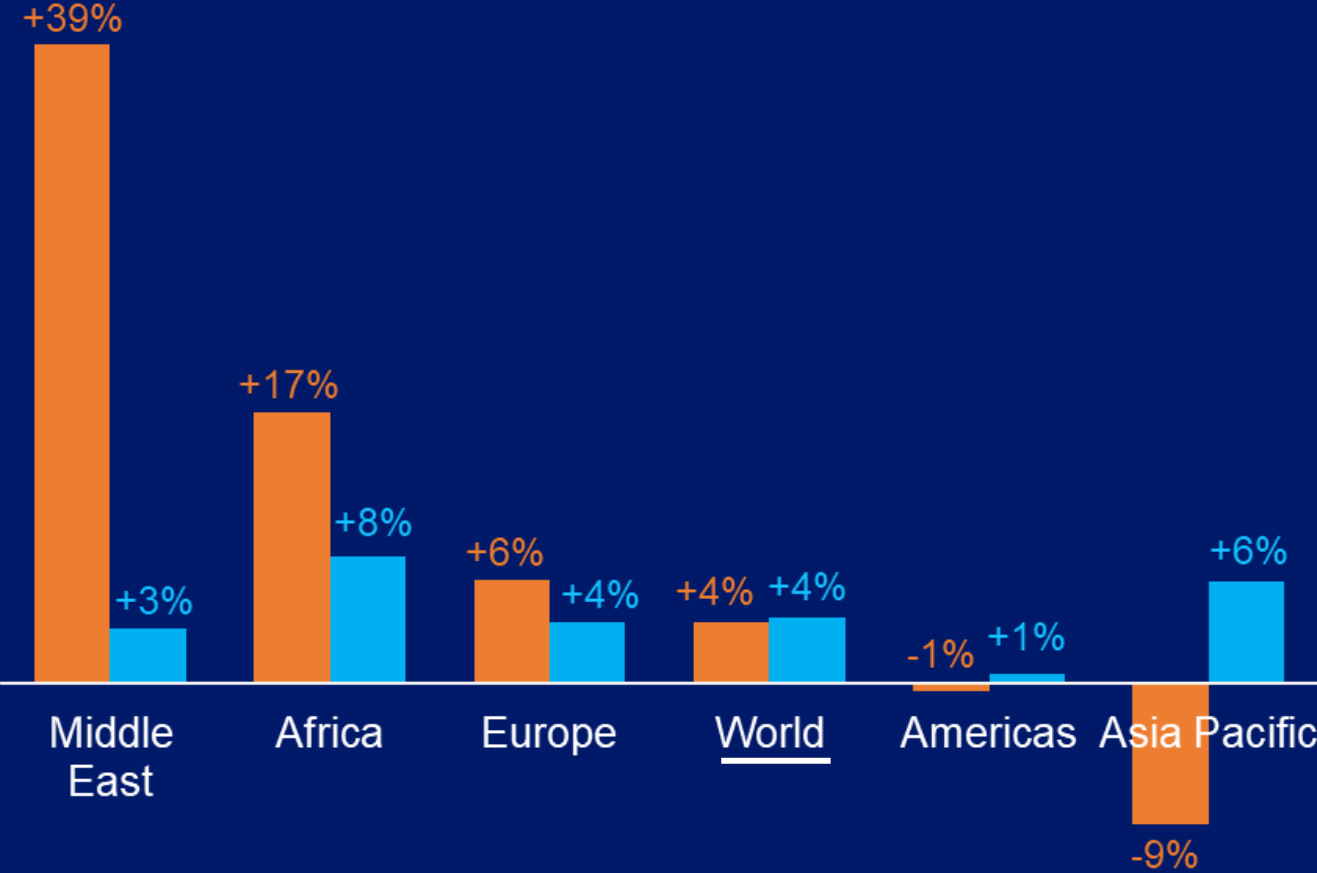


# International tourist arrivals by region, 2025\*

% change

- Change from 2019 (pre-pandemic)
- Change from 2024

Source: World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism)  
(Data as of January 2026)  
\* Provisional data



# International tourist arrivals by region

% change from 2019

## World

2023: -10%  
2024: +0%  
2025: +4%

Source: UN Tourism  
(Data as of January 2026)  
2025 data are provisional

## Americas

2023: -9%  
2024: -1%  
2025: -1%

## Europe

2023: -4%  
2024: +2%  
2025: +6%

## Africa

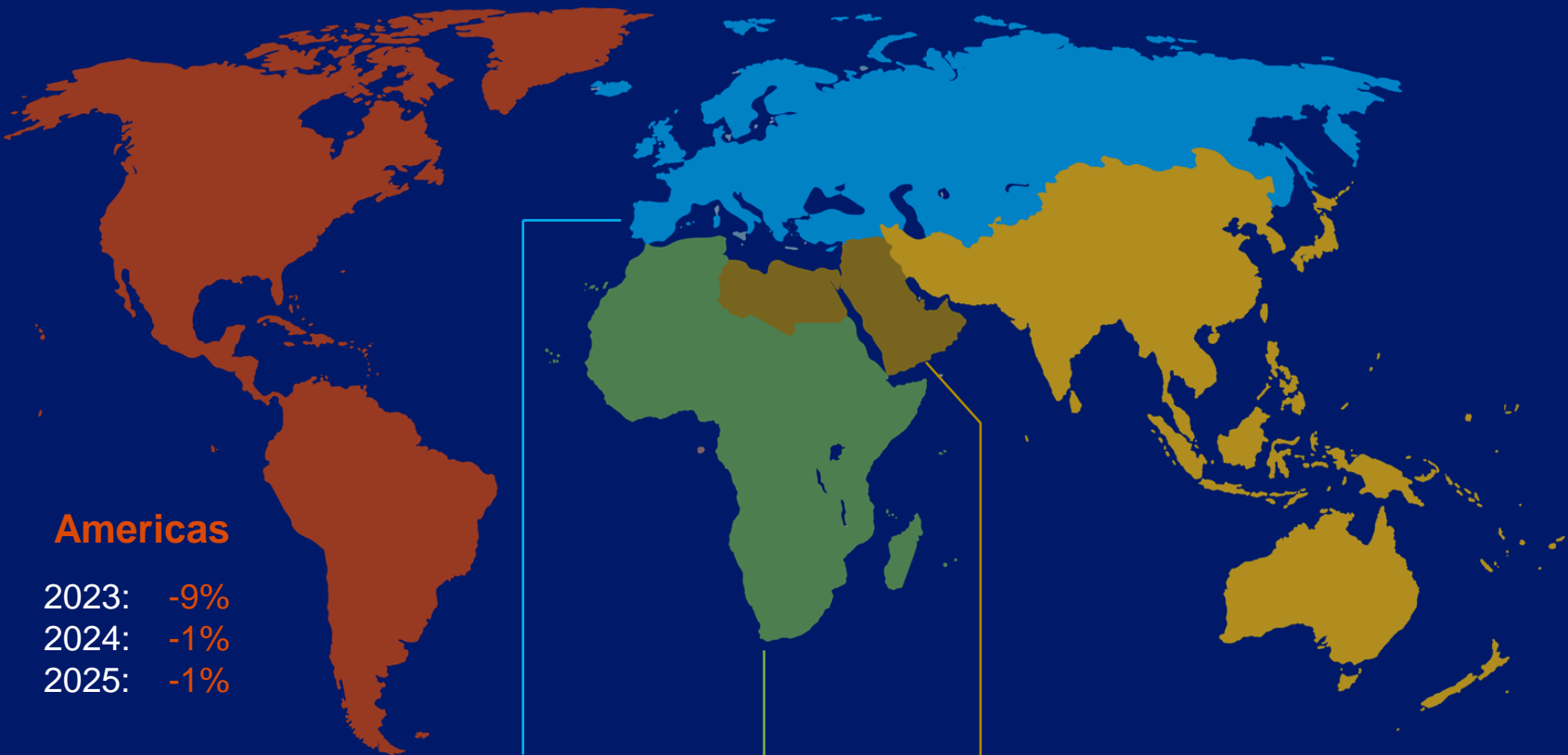
-5%  
+8%  
+17%

## Middle East

+30%  
+35%  
+39%

## Asia Pacific

-31%  
-14%  
-9%



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## International arrivals by world region, 2025\*

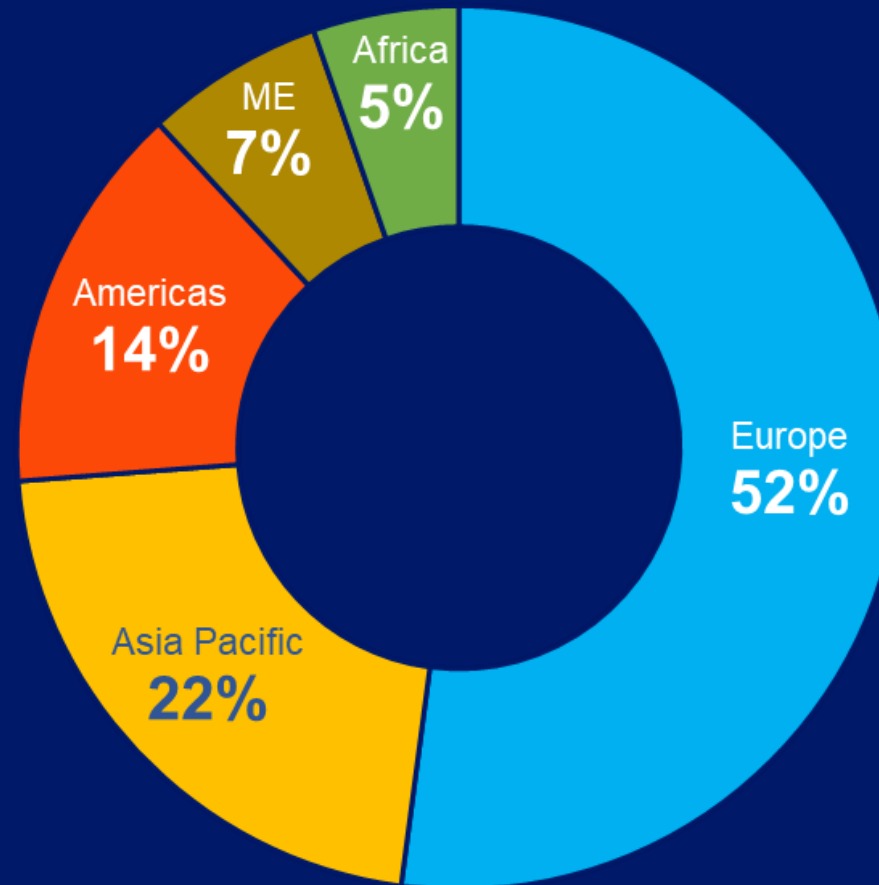
% share of world



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## International tourist arrivals and receipts

Arrivals (millions)  
Receipts (USD billions)

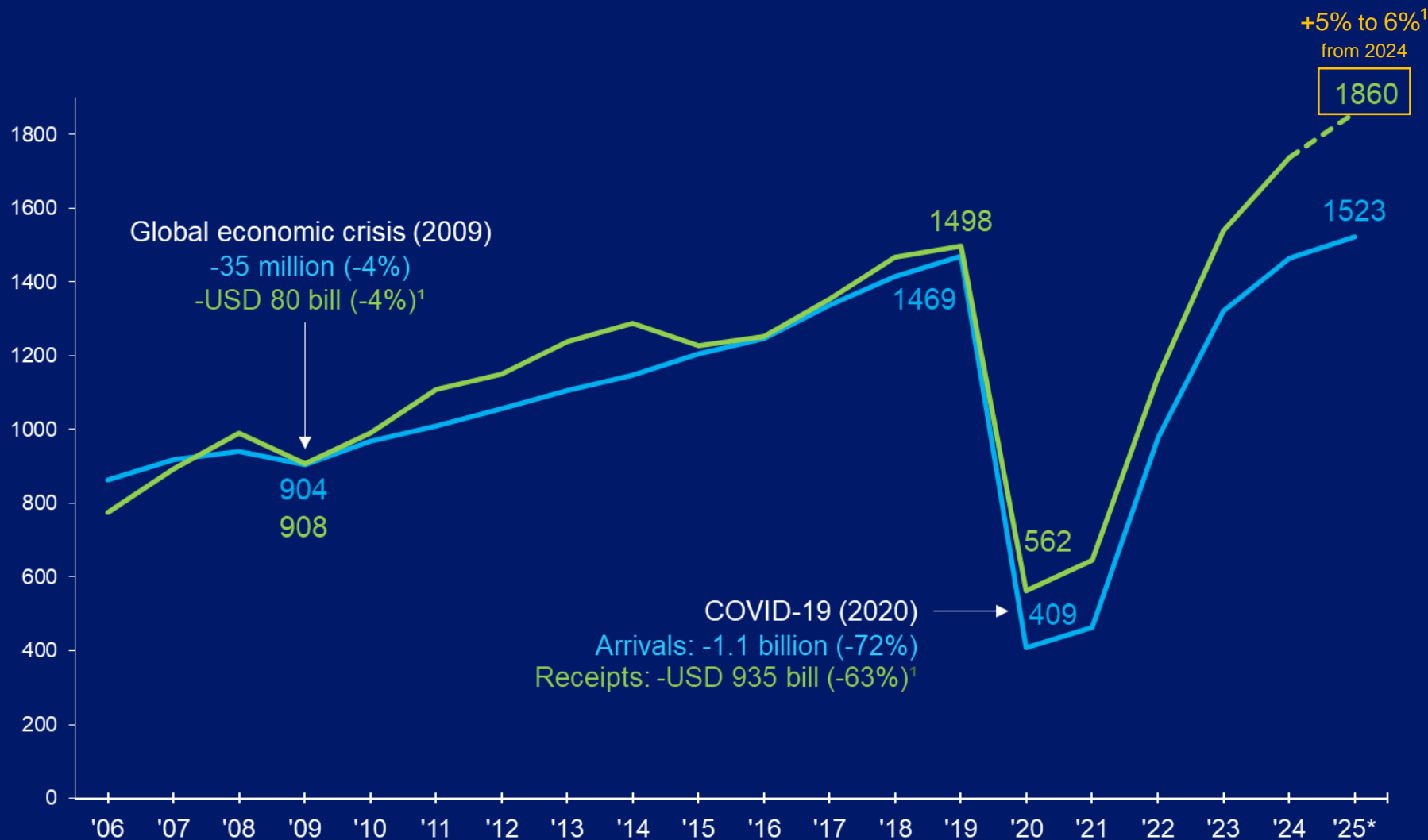
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<sup>1</sup> Estimated real percent change  
(local currencies at constant prices).

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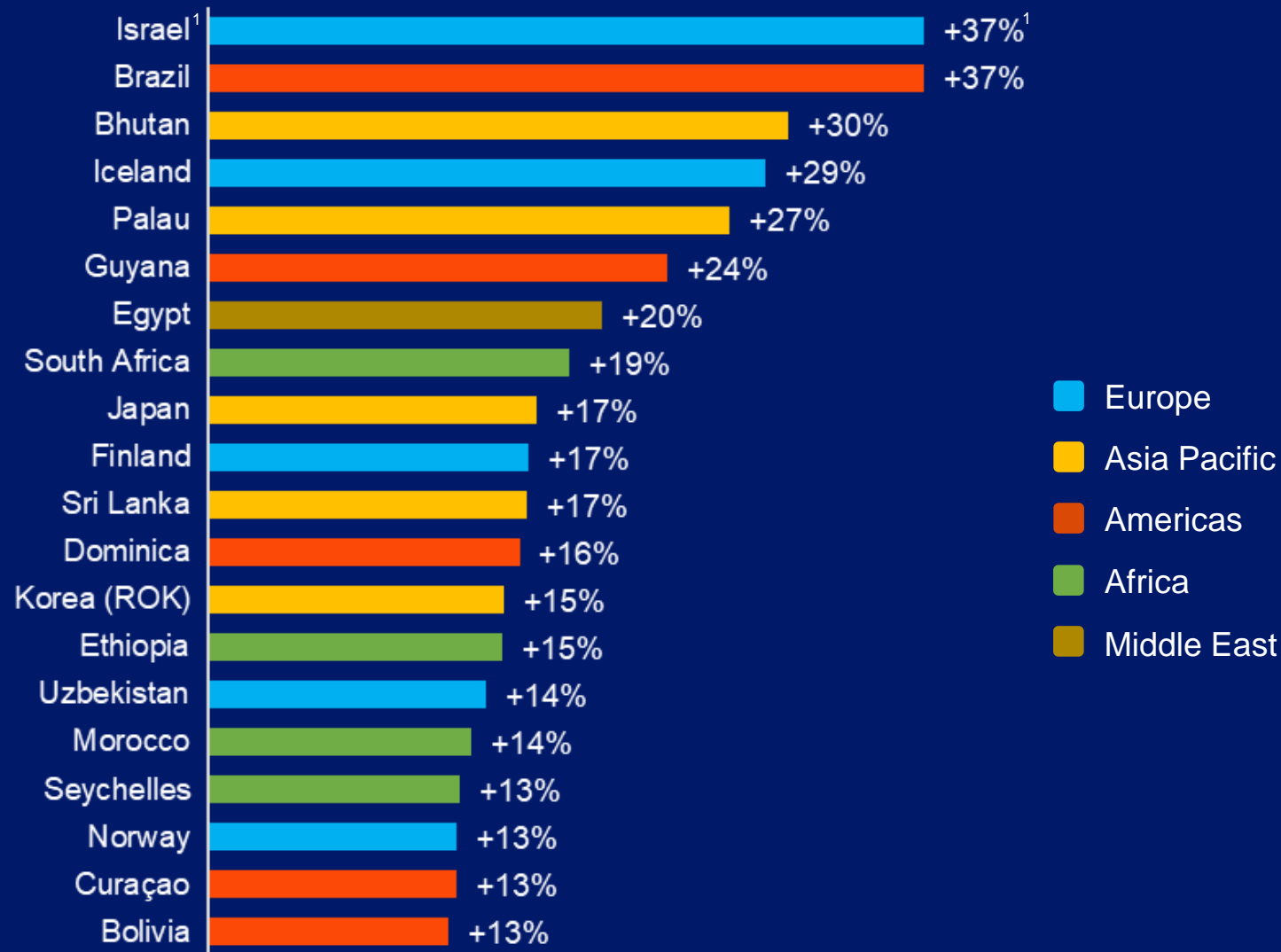
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International tourist arrivals  
% change vs. 2024

Source: UN Tourism  
(Data as of January 2026)

\* Destinations which have reported data for at least January to October 2025.

<sup>1</sup> Although Israel recorded 37% growth in Jan-Dec 2025, the strongest relative to 2024, its arrivals remained 71% below 2019 levels due to the Gaza conflict.



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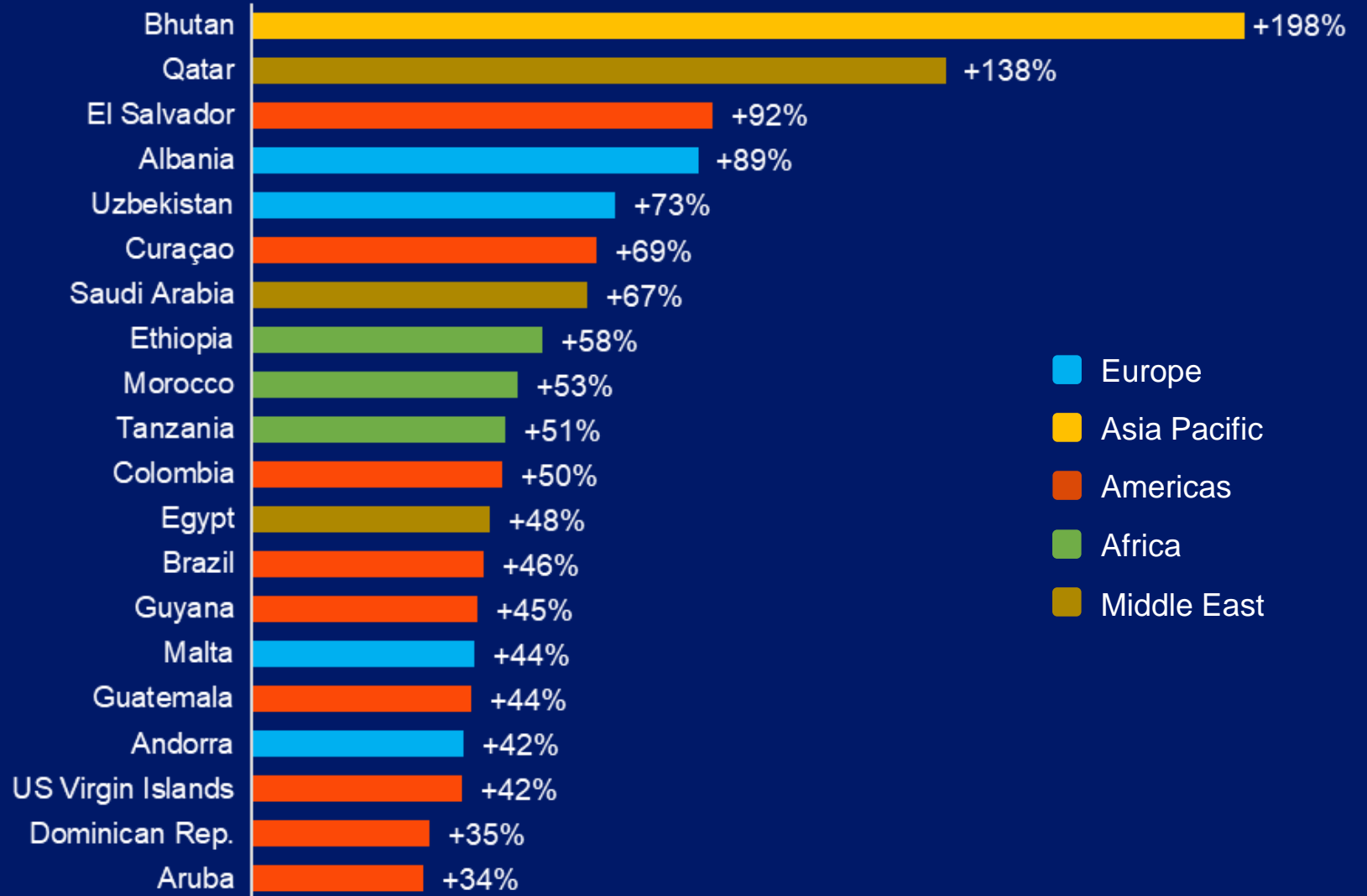
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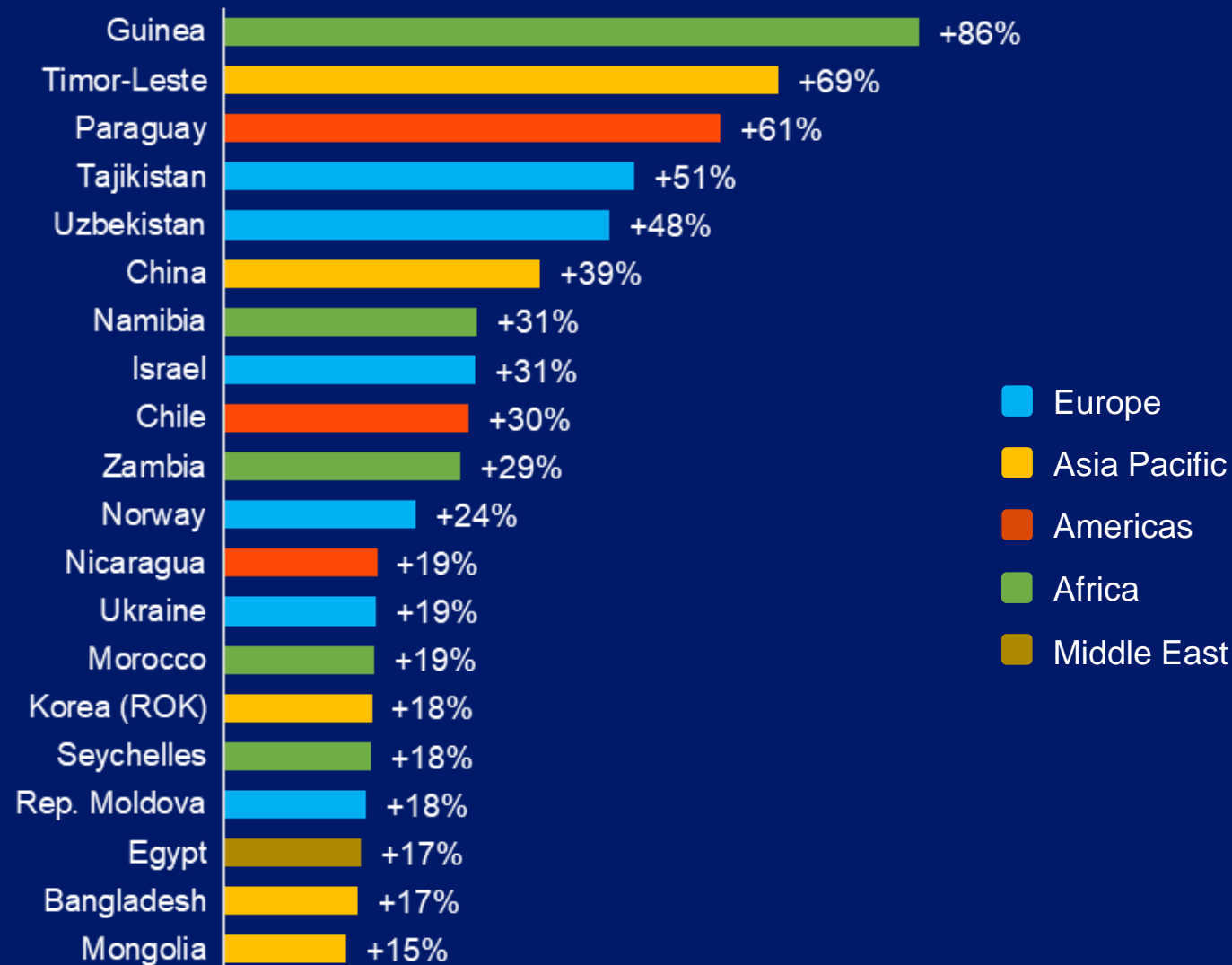
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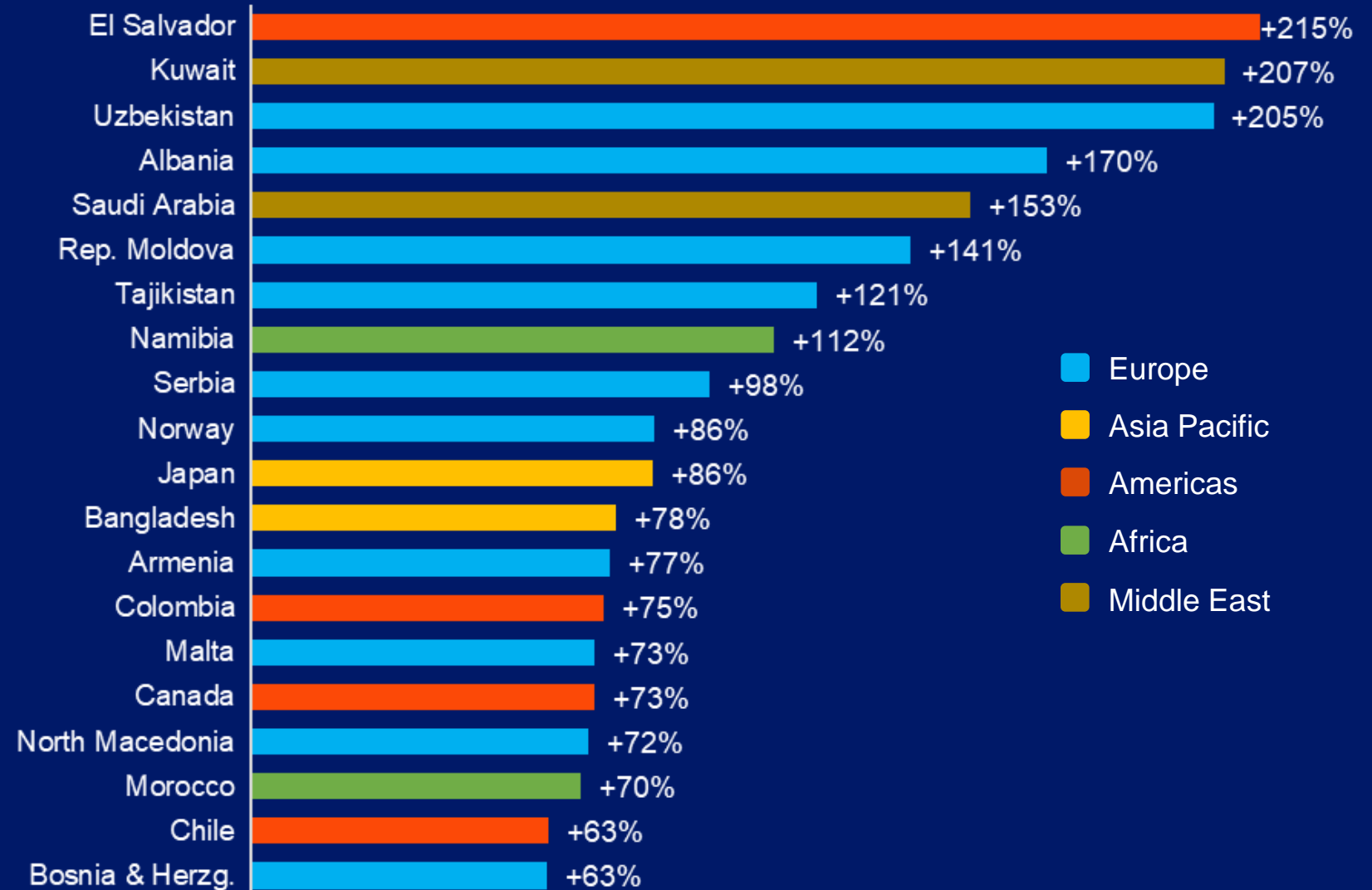
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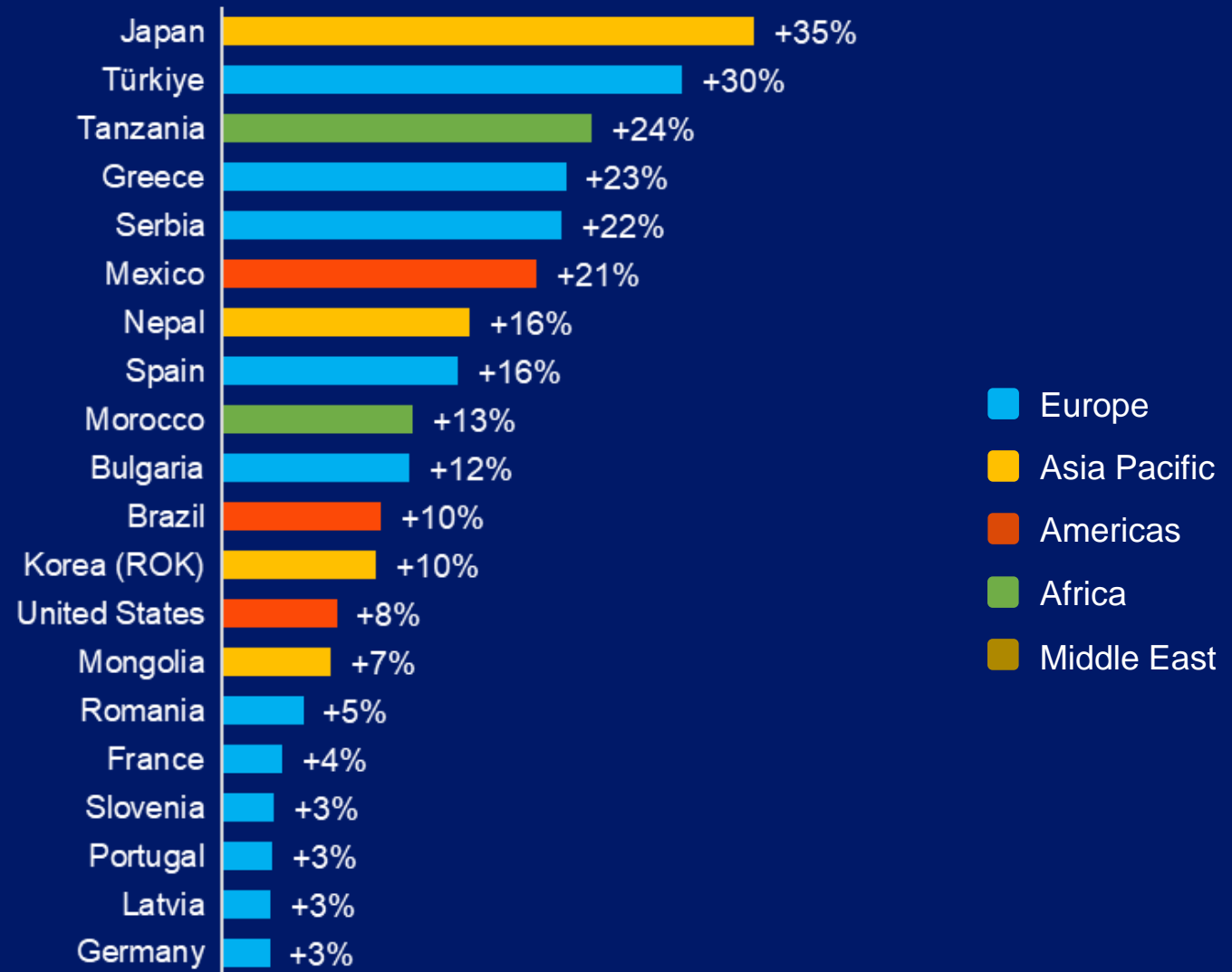
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International tourism expenditure  
% change vs. 2024<sup>1</sup>

Source: UN Tourism  
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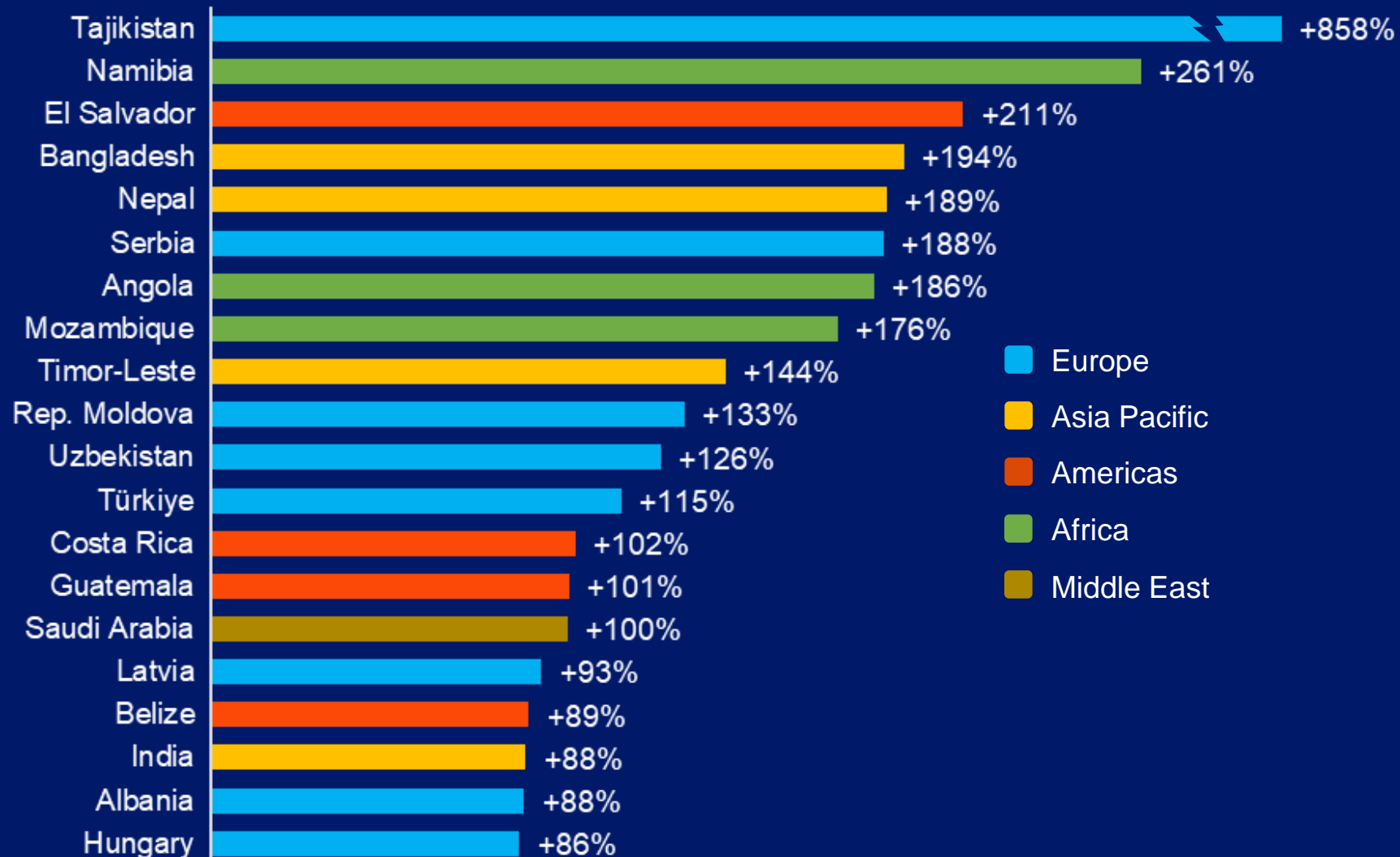
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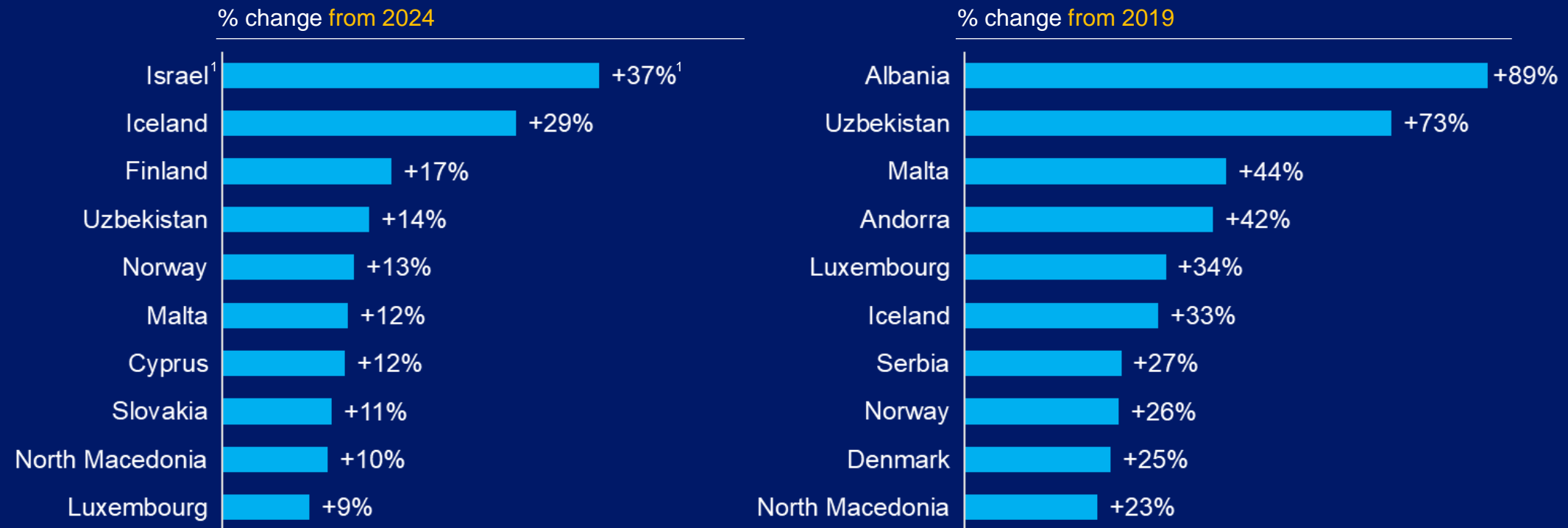
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# Top 10 best-performing destinations in Europe, January-December 2025\*

International tourist arrivals



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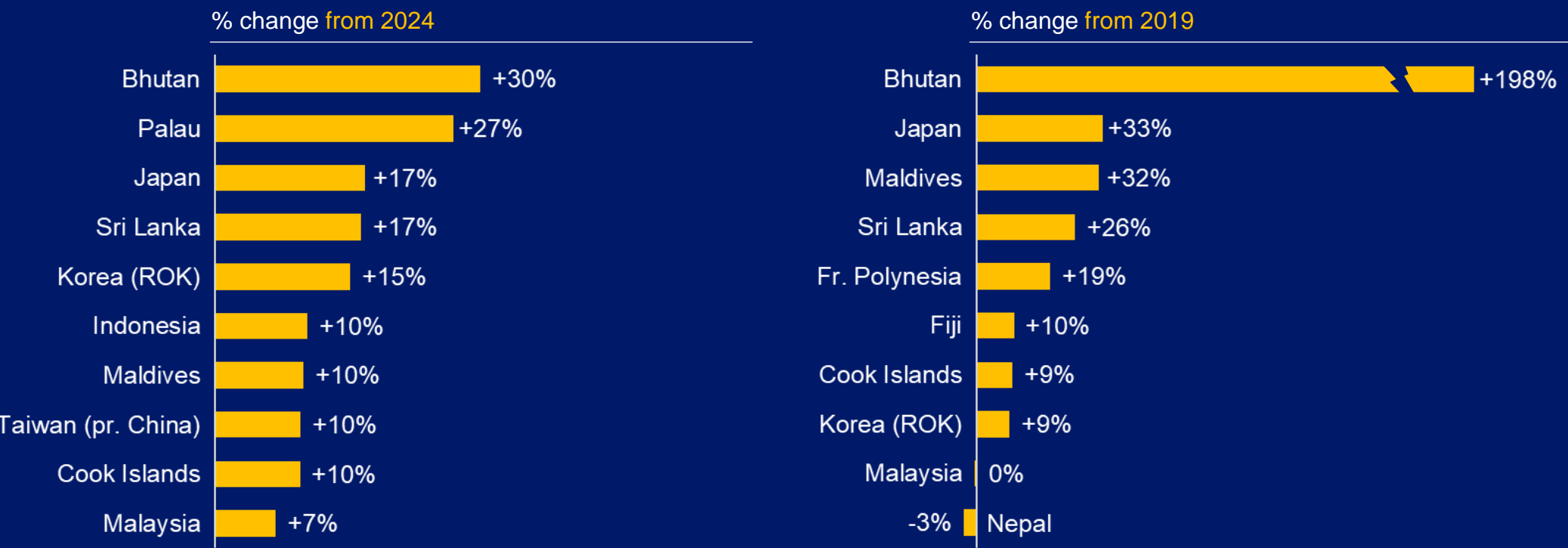
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# Top 10 best-performing destinations in Asia Pacific, January-December 2025\*

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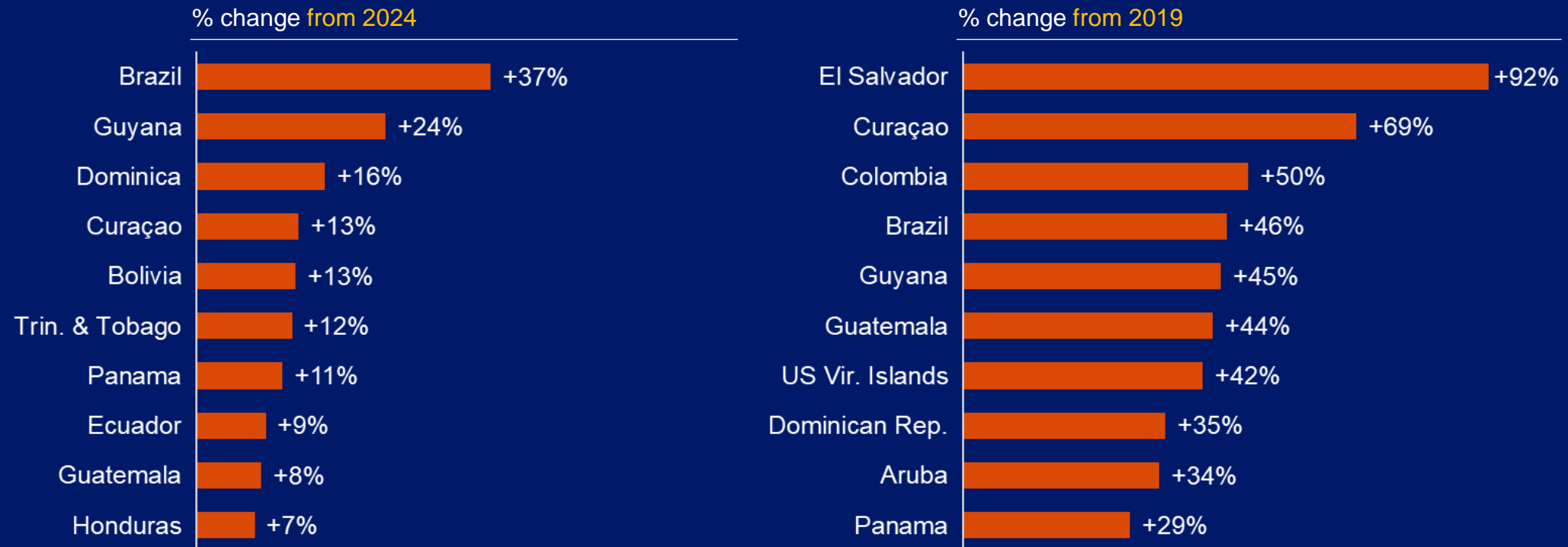


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# Top 10 best-performing destinations in the Americas, January-December 2025\*

International tourist arrivals



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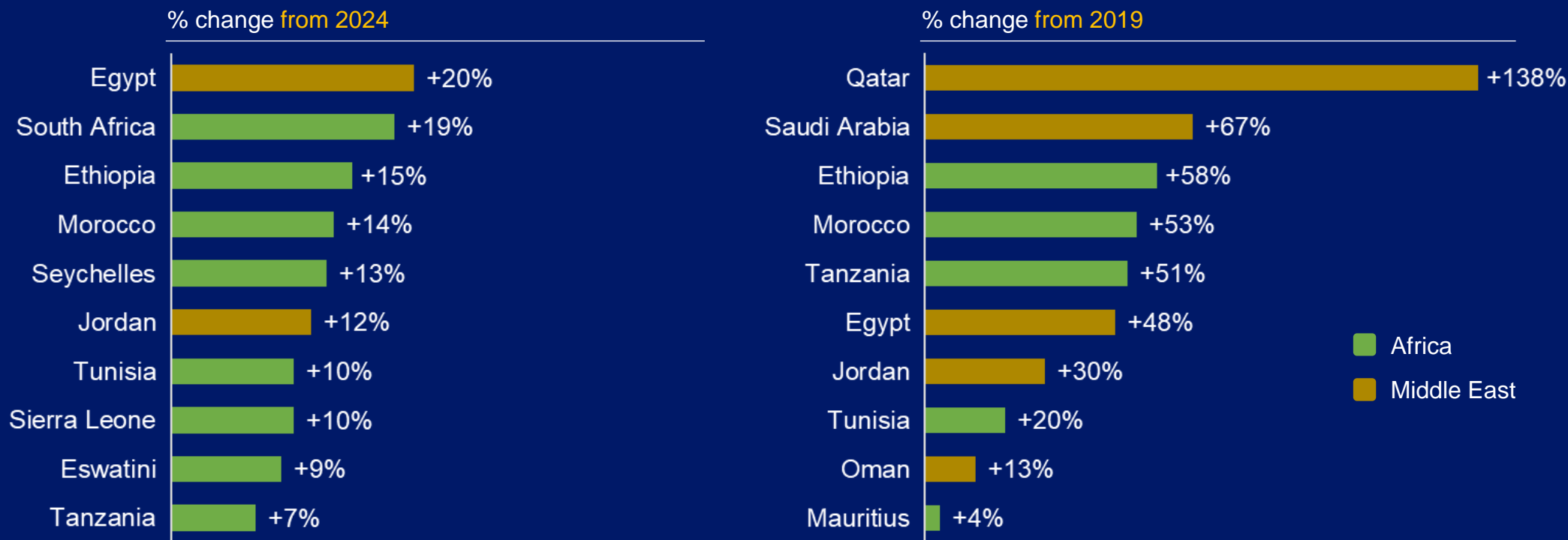
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# Top 10 best-performing destinations in Africa and the Middle East, January-December 2025\*

International tourist arrivals



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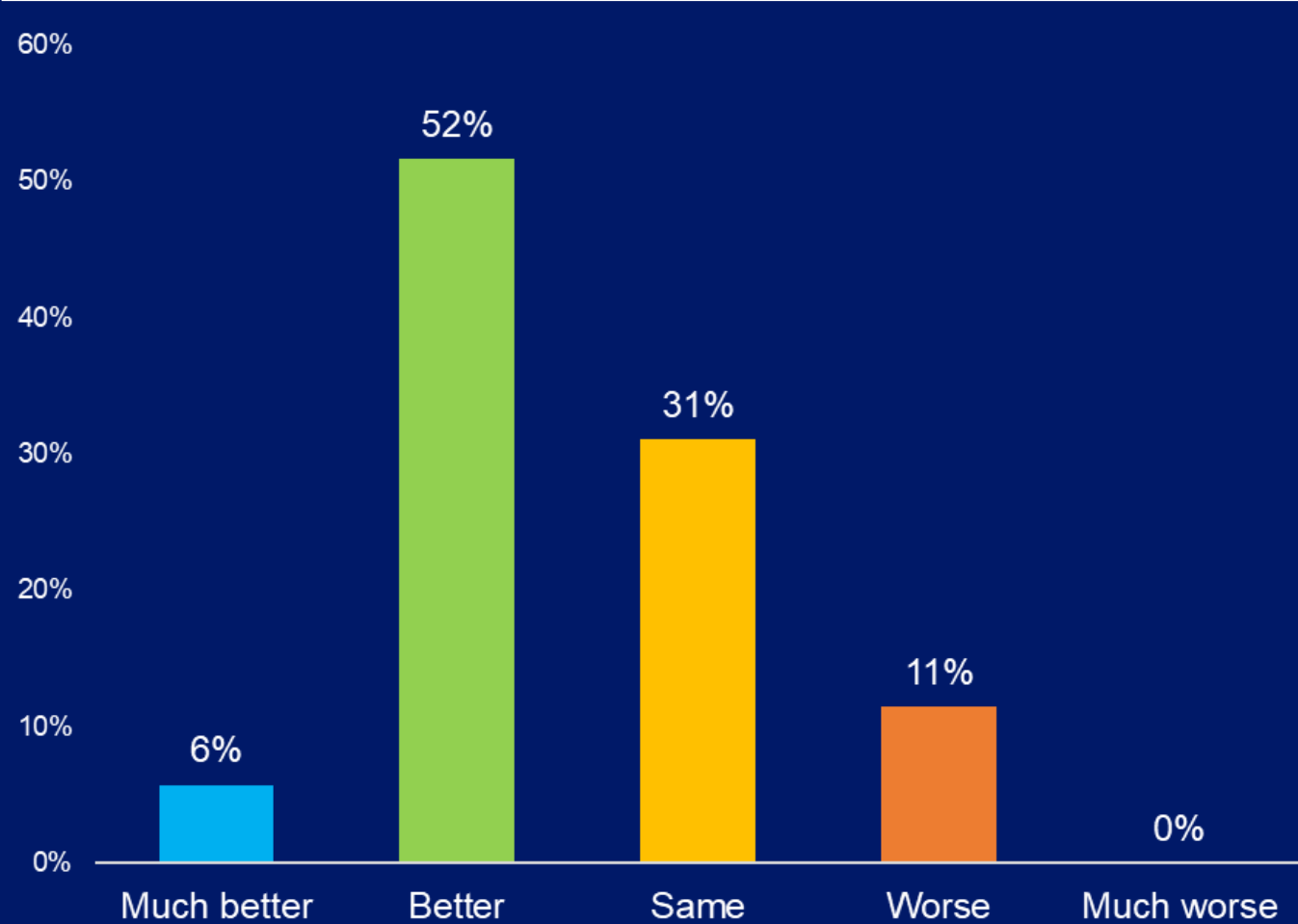
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What are your prospects  
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Source: UN Tourism Panel of Experts Survey  
(January 2026)



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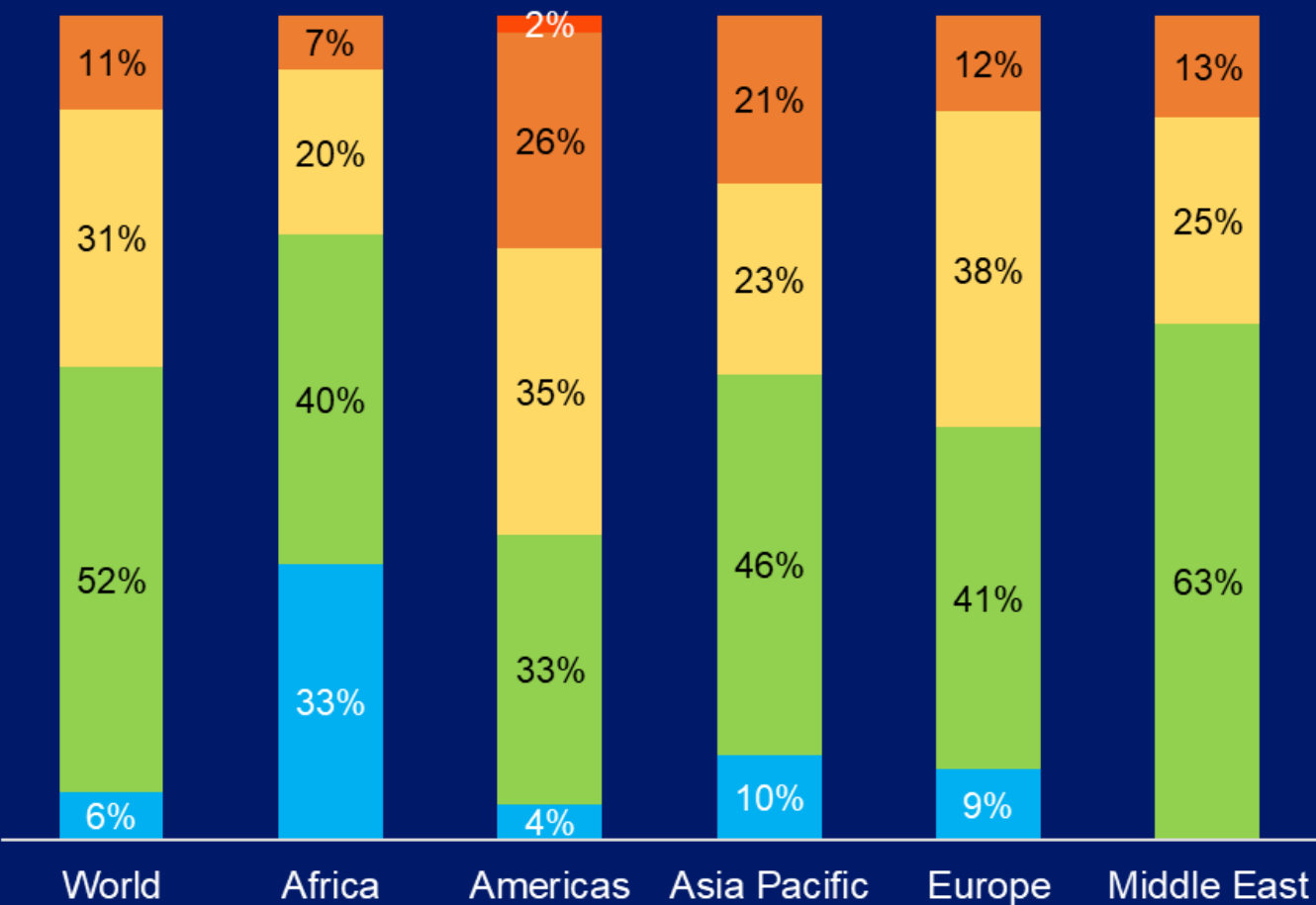
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- Worse
- Same
- Better
- Much better

Source: UN Tourism Panel of Experts Survey (January 2026)



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Percentage of responses by world region



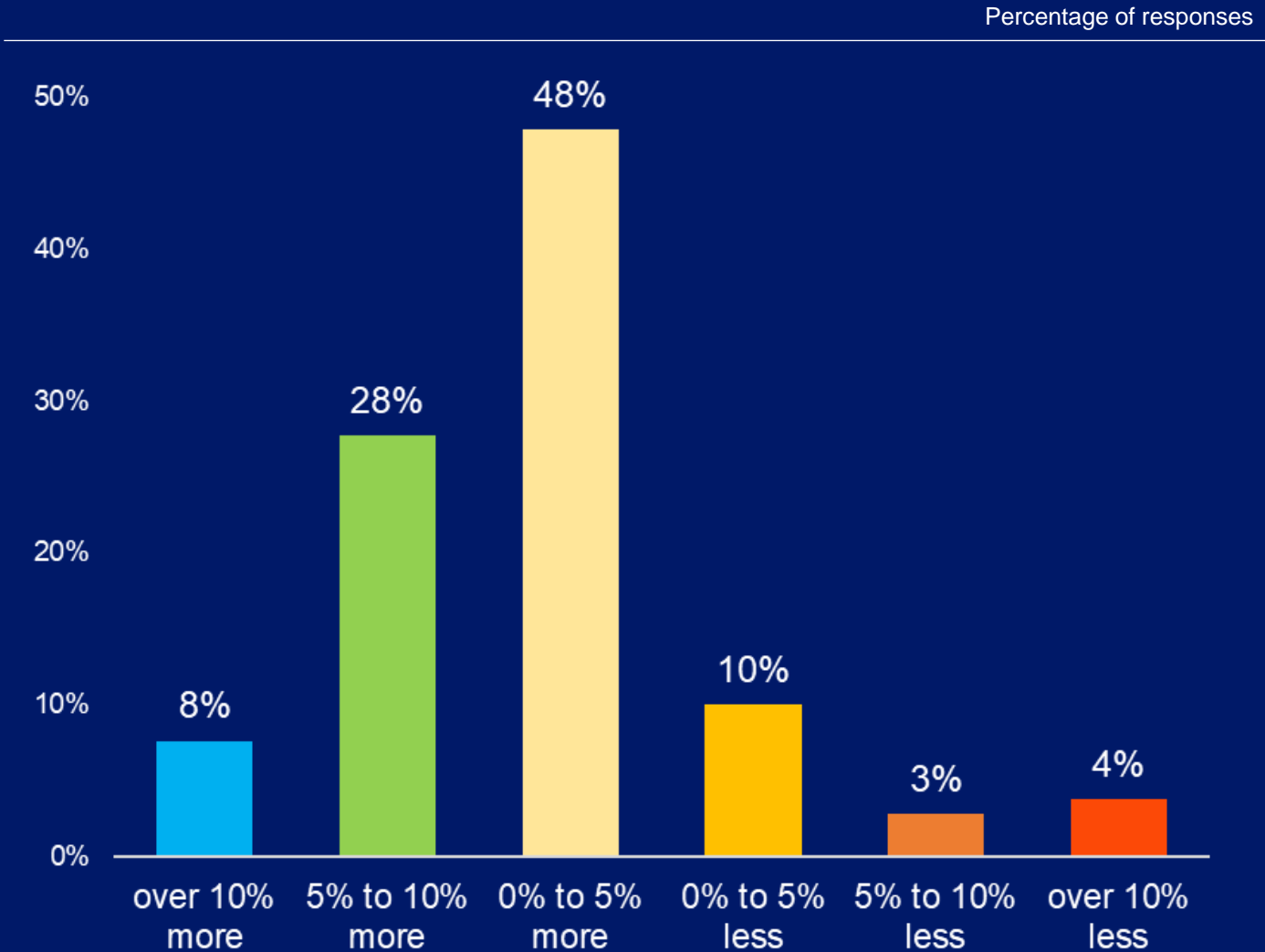


What levels of international tourist arrivals do you expect in your destination in 2026 (versus to 2025)?

Source: UN Tourism Panel of Experts Survey (January 2026)



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## What are the main challenges that international tourism will face in 2026?

Source: UN Tourism Panel of Experts Survey  
(January 2026)

Percentage of experts mentioning each factor



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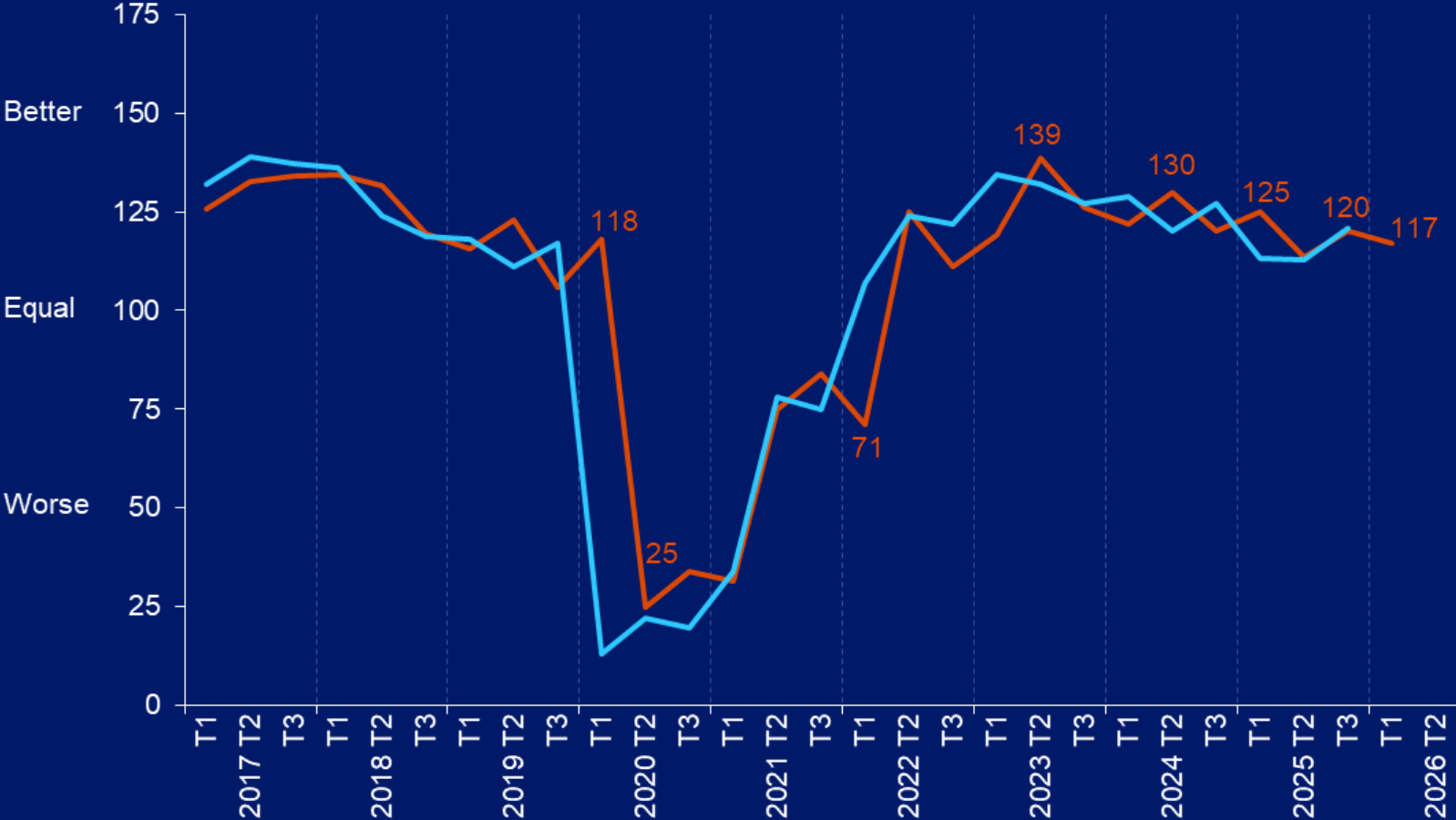
# UN Tourism Confidence Index

- Evaluation of past 4 months
- Prospects for next 4 months

Source: UN Tourism Panel of Experts Survey (January 2026)

Note: The Confidence Index reflects perceived performance (evaluation) and expectations (prospects) for the tourism sector every four months.

T1: January to April  
T2: May to August  
T3: September to December



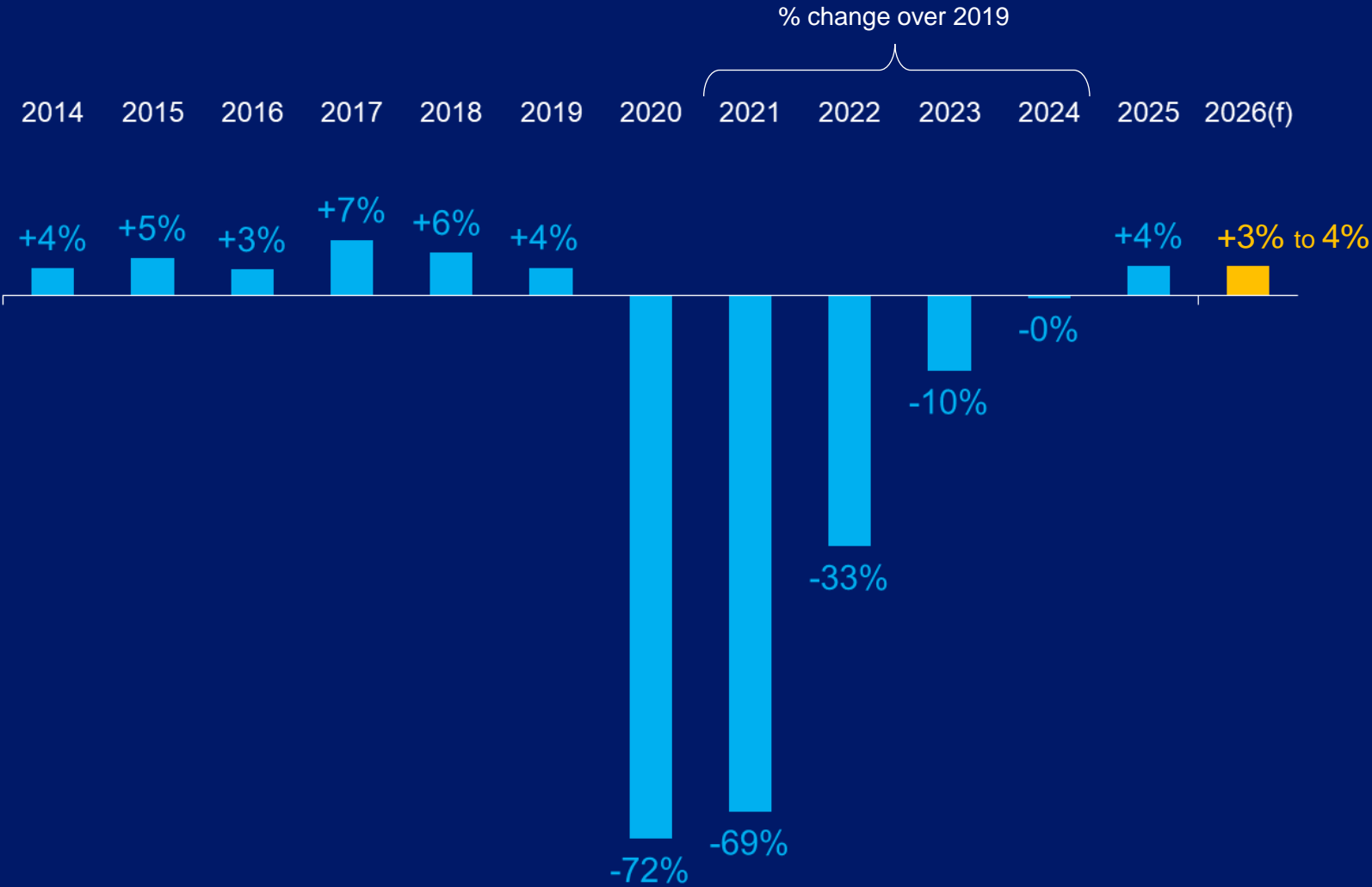
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# International arrivals: Results and Outlook

% Change (year-on-year)\*

- Actual data
- 2026 Forecast

Source: UN Tourism (January 2026)  
\* Percent change is year-on-year except for 2021 through 2024, which is compared to 2019.  
(f) Forecast



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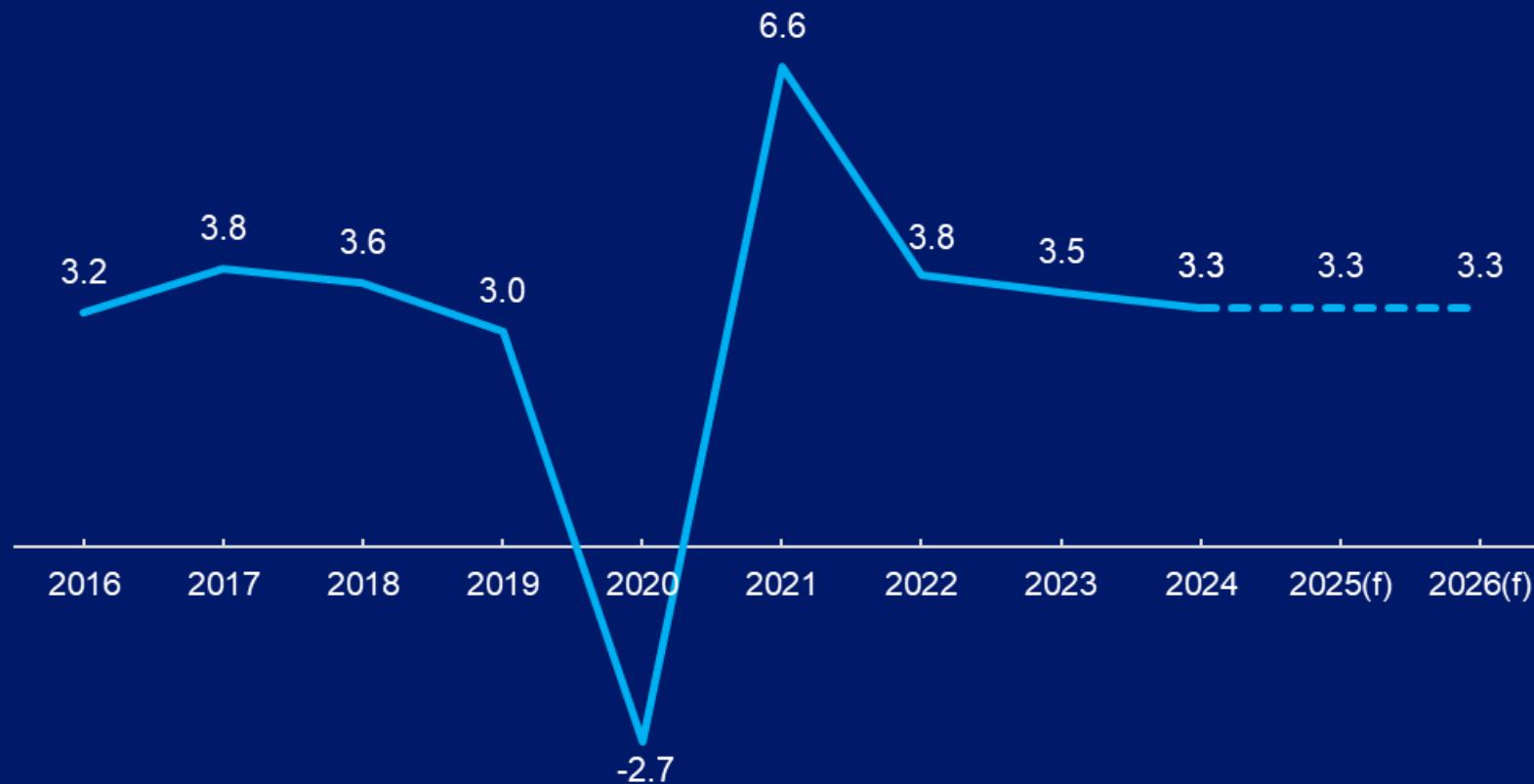
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## World GDP (constant prices)

% change

Source: IMF: World Economic Outlook,  
January 2026 Update

(f): Forecast



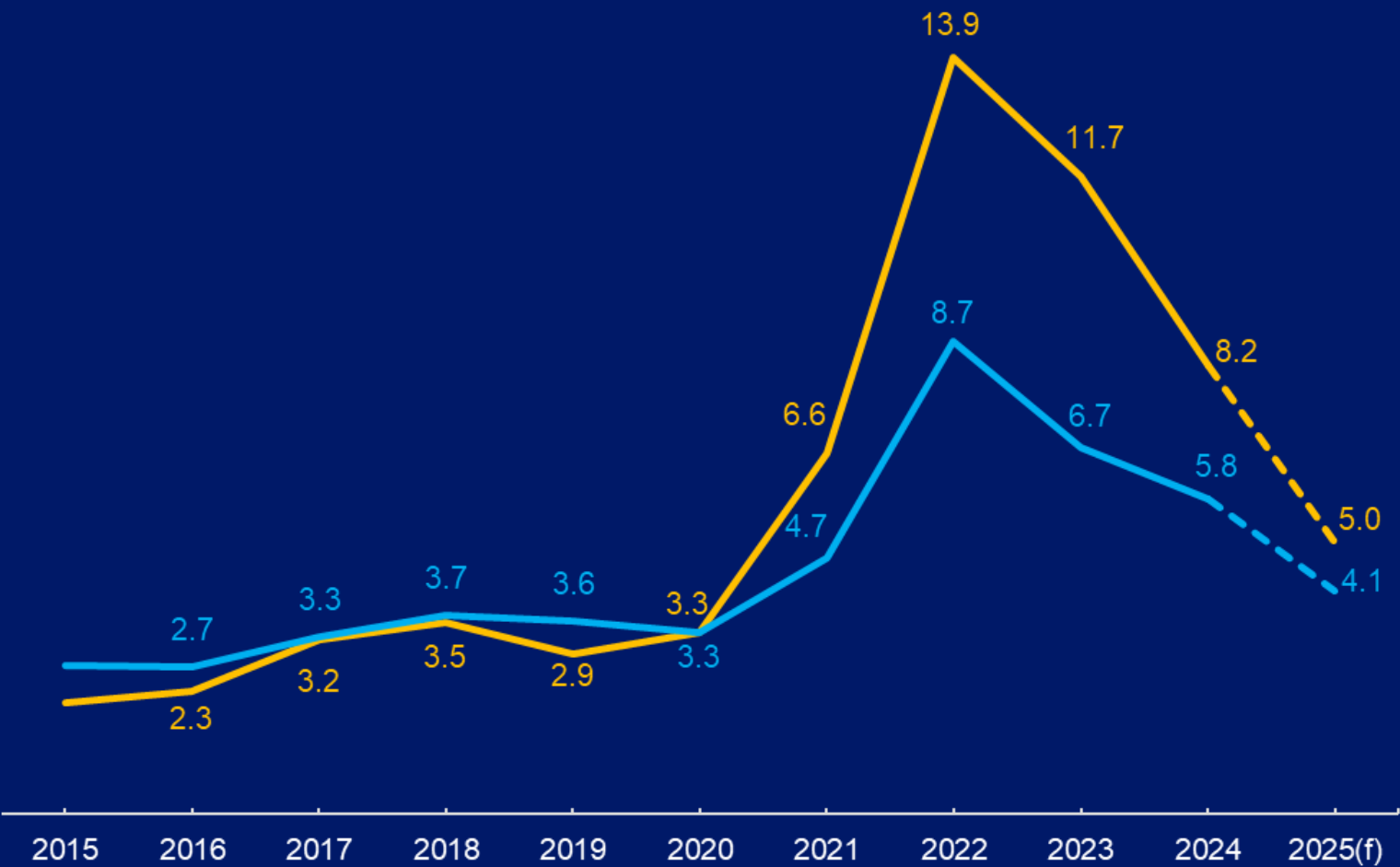
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# Global tourism inflation vs. headline inflation

% change in consumer prices

- Tourism inflation proxy\*
- Headline inflation (all items)

Source: UN Tourism and IMF (January 2026)  
\* Tourism inflation proxy is a weighted average of restaurant-hotel and transport inflation.  
(f): Forecast



## Crude oil price\* (petroleum)

USD per barrel

(f): forecast

\* Simple average of three spot prices:  
Dated Brent, West Texas Intermediate  
and the Dubai Fateh.

Source: IMF: World Economic Outlook,  
January 2026 Update



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