

ITALY DIGITAL DESTINATION AWARDS - 2023 REPORT - #IDD2023



# All Italian Data

2023 REPORT



# What is Italy Digital Destination?

The Italy Digital Destination Award is the nation's first and only recognition dedicated to honouring Italian regions that have achieved the highest online performance in the past year. **Developed and managed by The Data Appeal Company since 2016**, this award is granted based on an extensive analysis of billions of pieces of online content and conversations about accommodation properties, attractions, and food and beverage establishments. This information is then combined with industry trends, visitor flows, and hotel and flight reservations, including prices.

**The outcome is the most thorough and detailed analysis of the current state of Italy's tourism offerings, as experienced and described by its visitors.**

The most recent edition, #IDD2023 as been thoroughly revised and broadened across multiple platforms and sectors, staying informed about the latest trends in Italian tourism.



# IDD 2023: Insights and statistics



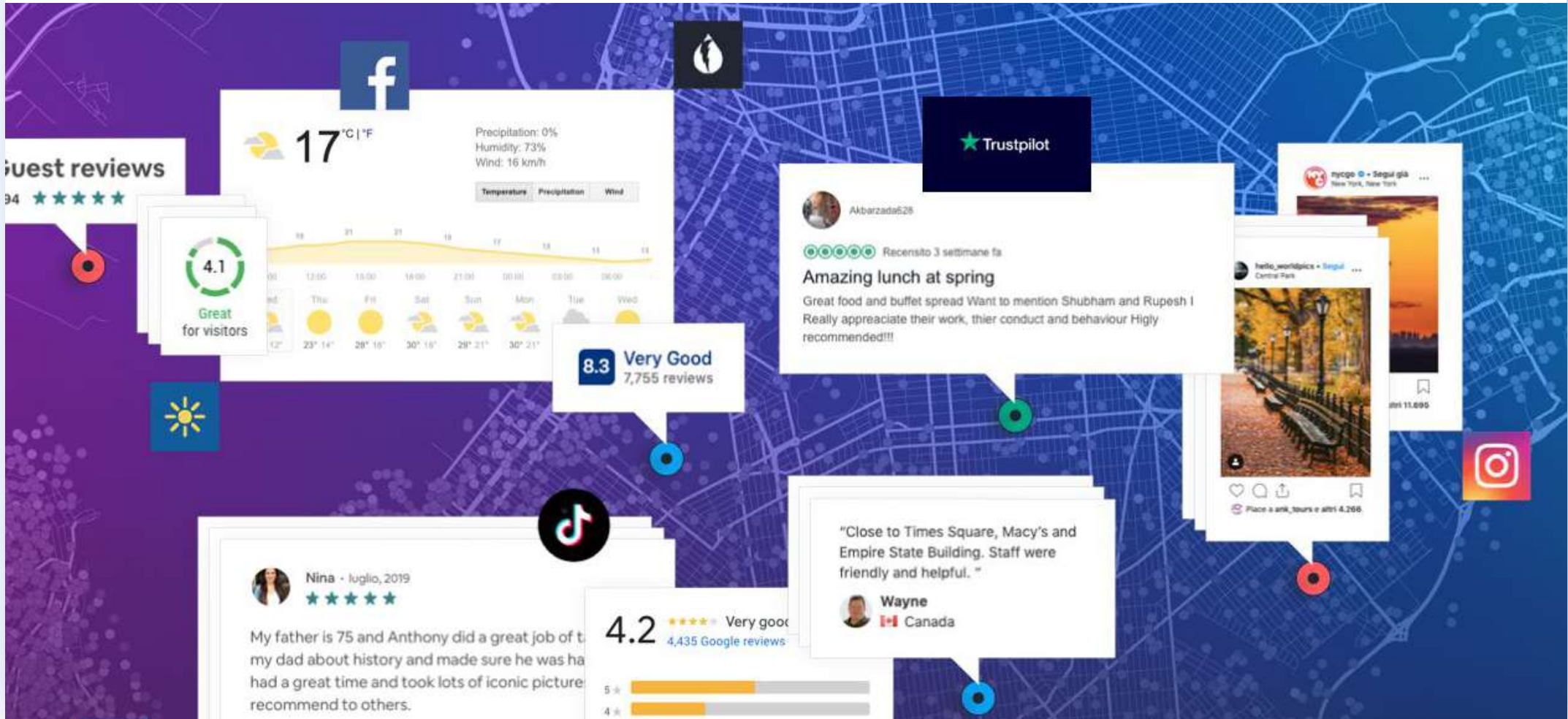
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POINTS OF INTEREST



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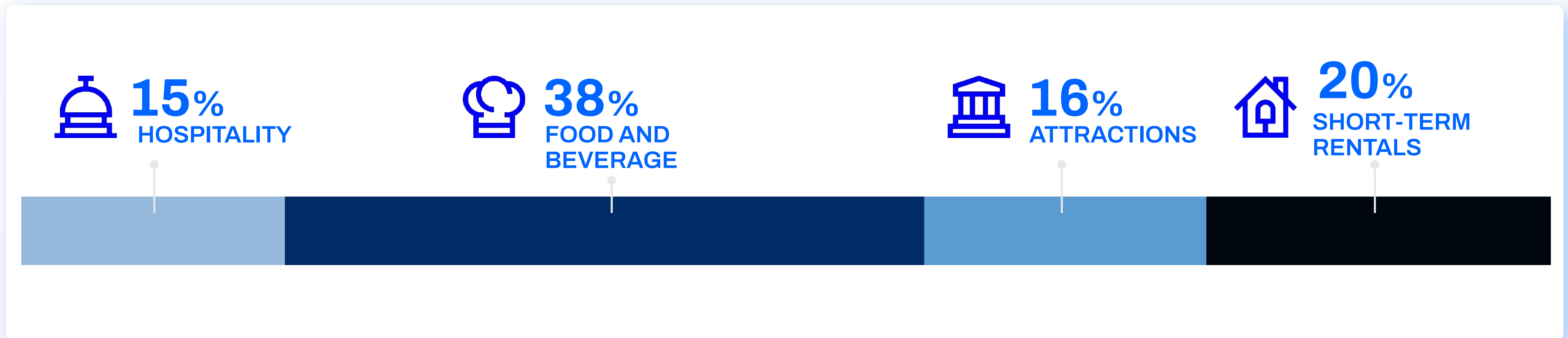
DIGITAL TRACES



SEPT 2022 - AUG 2023

# What makes up Italy's tourism offer?

Points of Interest distribution based on industry



## Main platforms monitored:



SEPT 2022 - AUG 2023

# Volume of online content

Distribution of online content based on industry



## Main platforms monitored:



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# Seasonality

Content volume over time

— Sept 2021 - Aug 2022

— Sept 2022 - Aug 2023



# Average rates and OTA saturation

SEPT 2022 - AUG 2023

## OTA SATURATION

Estimation of the current saturation, (occupancy), level in your destination.



Min. rate  
**73€**

+8.1%

Avg. rate  
**119€**

+8.8%

Max. rate  
**251€**

+10.6%

## HOSPITALITY



Min. rate  
**75€**

Avg. rate  
**124€**

Max. rate  
**267€**

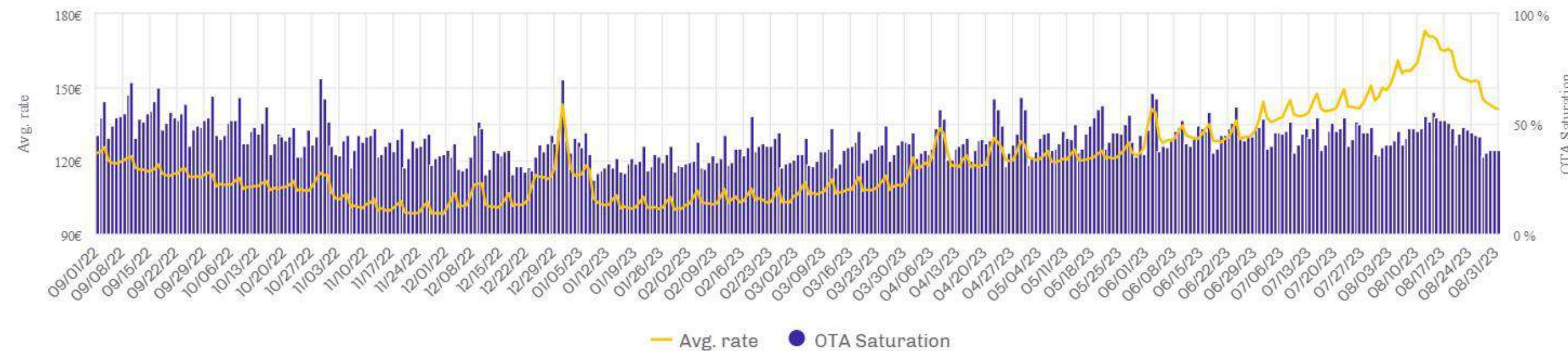
## SHORT TERM RENTALS



Min. rate  
**69€**

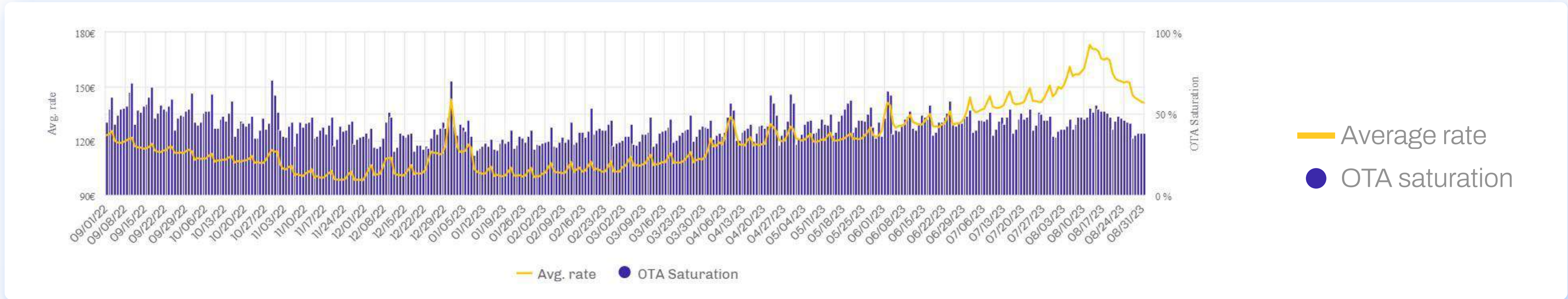
Avg. rate  
**108€**

Max. rate  
**192€**



# Average accommodation prices and sentiment

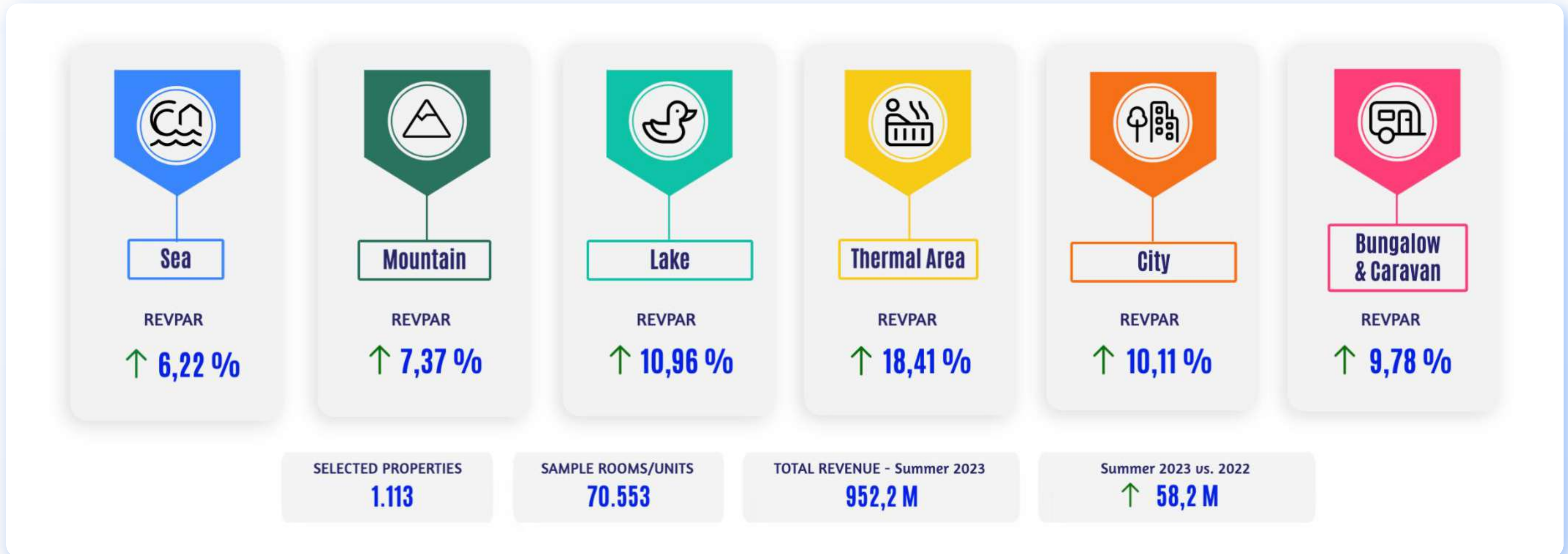
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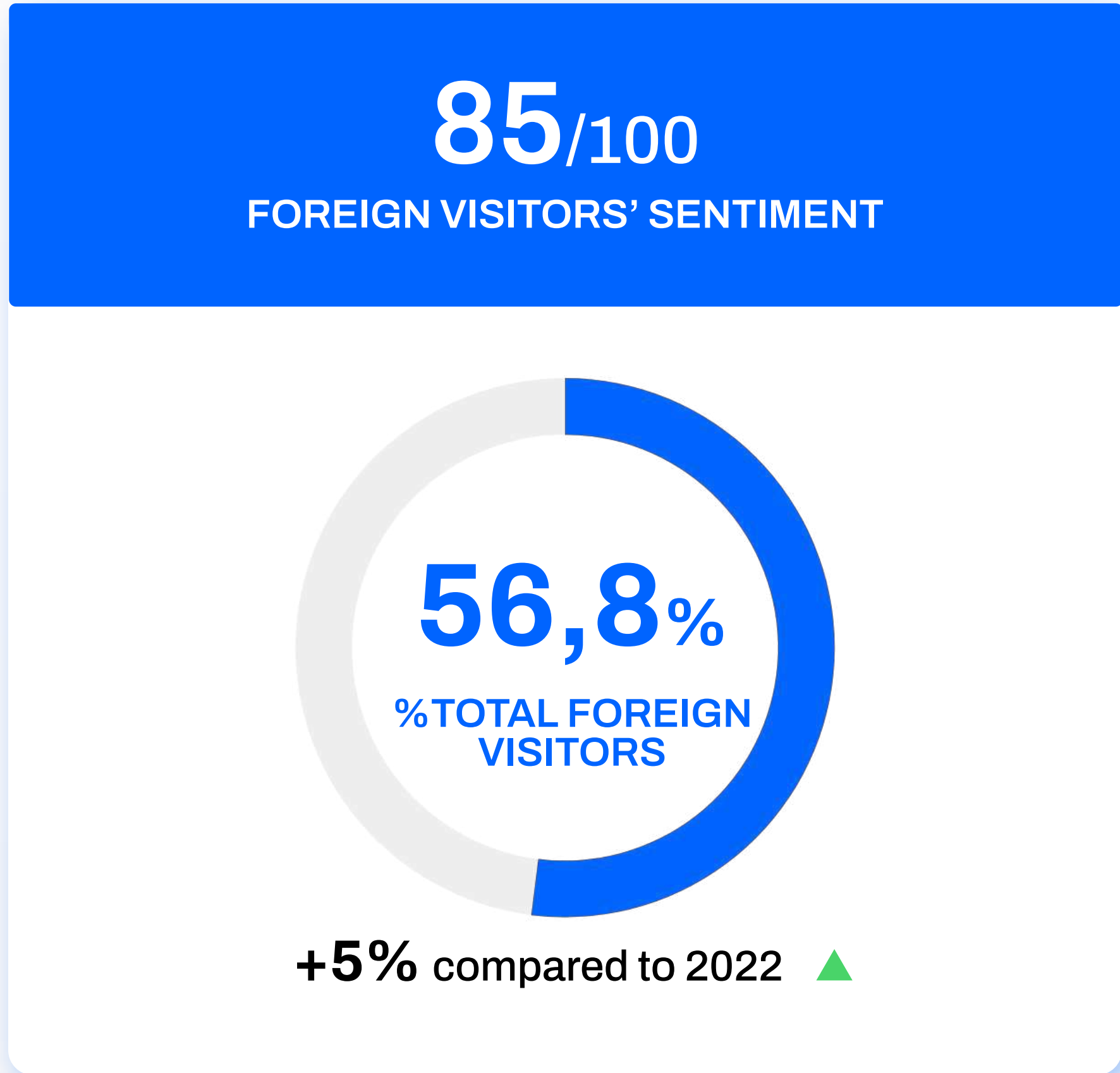
# Revenue per Available Room variation

JUN - SEPT 2023 VS 2022



ANALYSIS SOURCE:  **HBenchmark**  
Hospitality Data Intelligence

# Visitor origin by country



	Digital traces distribution	↓ Avg. sentiment
Italy	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>84.4/100</b>
Germany	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>84.9/100</b>
France	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>84.4/100</b>
United Kingdom	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>85.9/100</b>
Switzerland	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>84.1/100</b>

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# Visitor types

	Digital traces distribution	Avg. sentiment
 Couples	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>85.5/100</b>
 Families	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>84.9/100</b>
 Group	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>84.7/100</b>
 Single	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>83.2/100</b>
 Business	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>81.6/100</b>



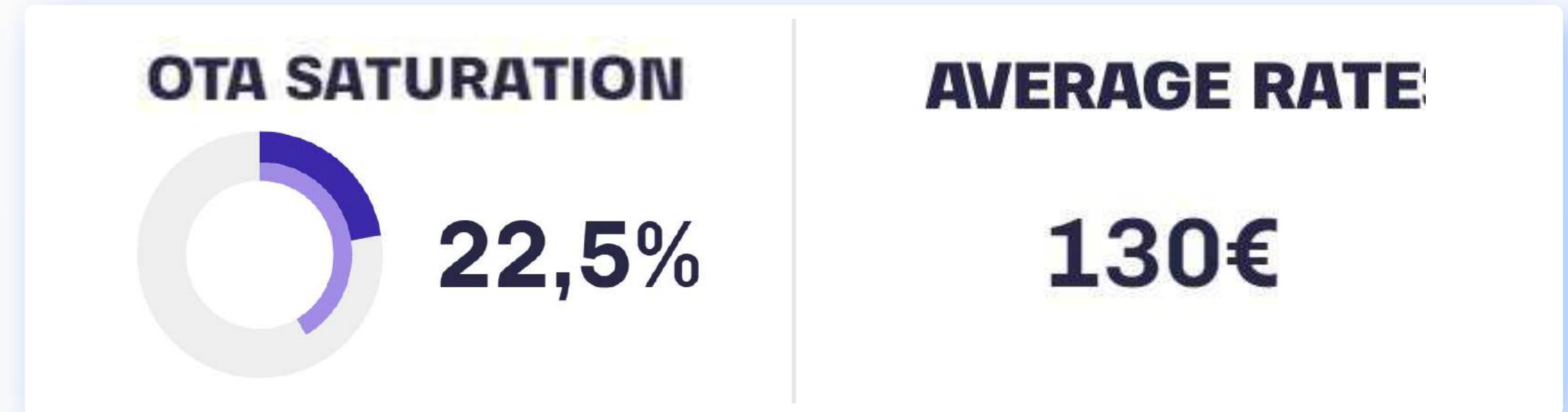
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# Forecasting: Six-month outlook

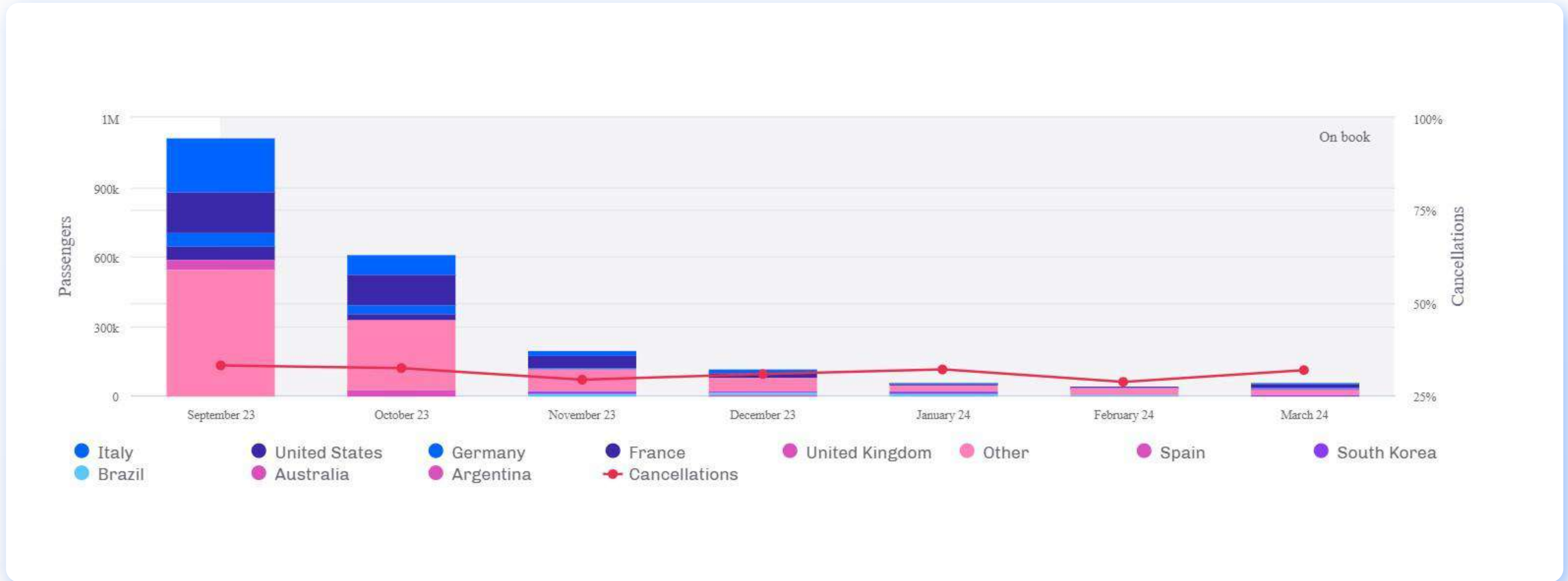
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## How are hotel room availability and pricing anticipated to fluctuate in the coming months?

We analyse rates and offerings from key OTAs. The saturation rate is determined based on the ratio of available offers to those that have been sold or are no longer available.

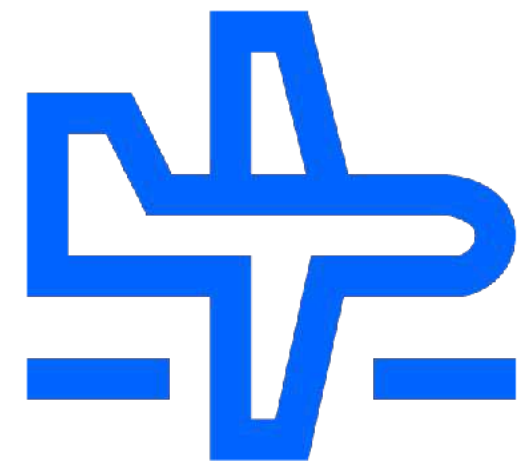







# Visitors arriving over the next six months



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# Visitors arriving over the next six months



	Passengers distribution ↓	Cancellations	Booking window in days	Top booking period	Top arrival period
 United States	18.7%	29.4%	143	Aug	Sep
 Italy	16.5%	13.8%	47	Sep	Sep
 Germany	5.4%	29.3%	85	Sep	Sep
 France	4.4%	19.1%	67	Sep	Sep
 United Kingdom	3.8%	33.3%	88	Sep	Sep

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# What attractions do visitors appreciate the most?

Top 10 Italian attractions based on content volume

SEPT 2022 - AUG 2023

			CONTENT	SENTIMENT
6°	THE VERONA ARENA	Verona	24.147	93,2 /100
7°	VATICAN MUSEUMS	Roma	23.258	91,8 /100
8°	RIALTO BRIDGE	Venezia	22.810	93,4 /100
9°	PIAZZA SAN MARCO	Venezia	20.333	94,3 /100
10°	PIAZZA DEL DUOMO	Pisa	19.590	95,2 /100



4° Duomo di Milano

CONTENT 26.8 K  
SENTIMENT 94.7



2° Leaning Tower of Pisa

CONTENT 36.4 K  
SENTIMENT 93.9

MILANO

PISA

ROMA



1° Colosseum

CONTENT 58.9 K  
SENTIMENT 94.4

3° Pantheon

CONTENT 32.2 K  
SENTIMENT 95.1



5° Piazza Navona

CONTENT 24.6 K  
SENTIMENT 95.1

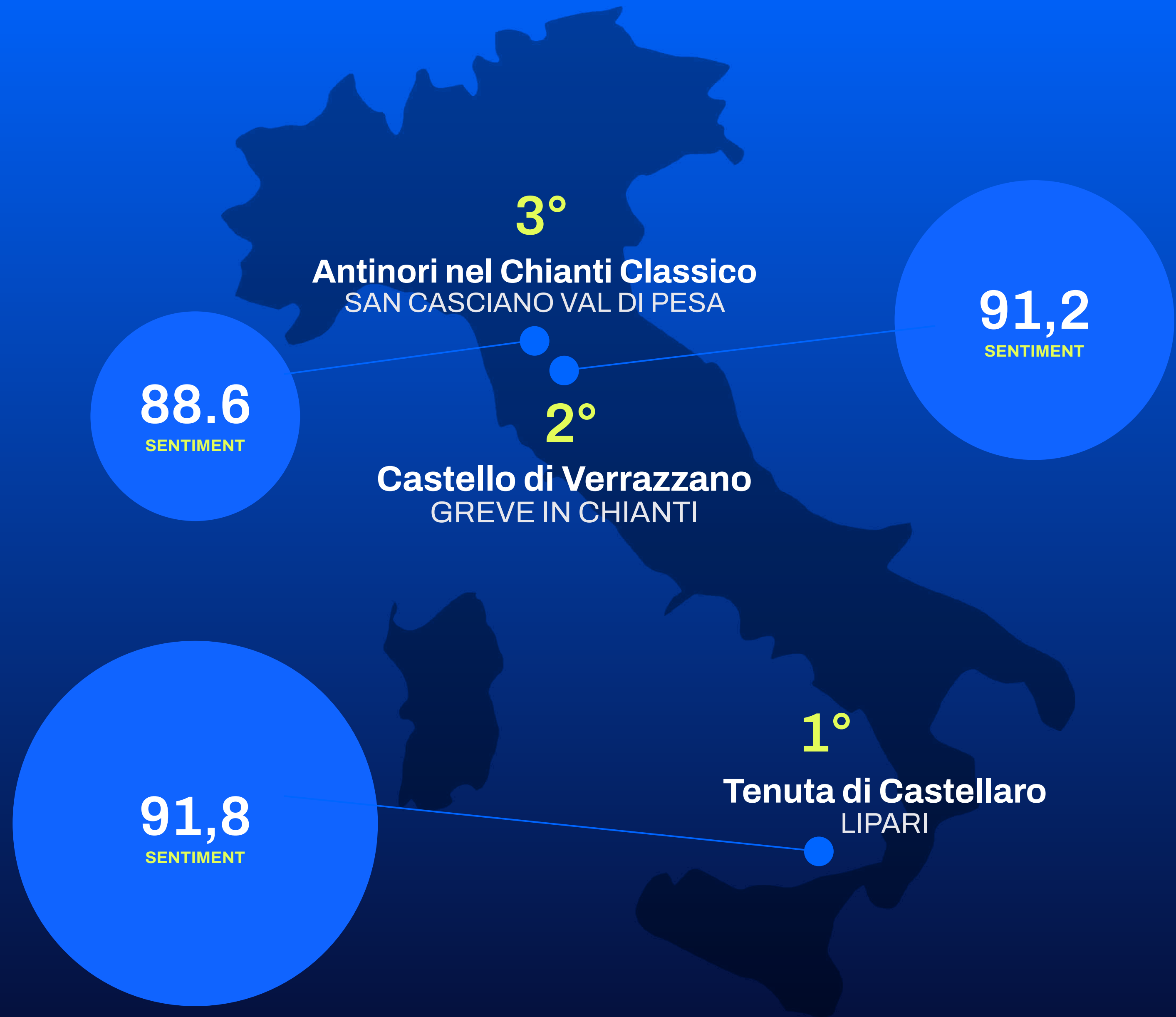


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# The most-appreciated wineries in Italy

Wineries with the highest Sentiment Score

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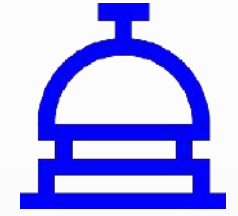


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# Hospitality analysis

Sept 2022 - Aug 2023

# Digital presence



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ACCOMMODATION  
OPTIONS IN ITALY

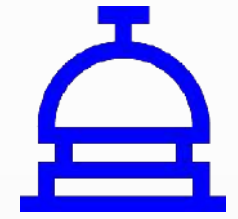
OF WHICH

**89** %

HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE  
PAST 6 MONTHS

Category	Distribution	Content Distribution	Sentiment
B&B	38%	25,7%	88,1 /100
HOTEL	35%	63,4%	83,7 /100
FARMHOUSE	14%	4,1%	90,5 /100
CAMPING	2%	2,2%	82,6 /100
OTHER ACCOMMODATION TYPES	11%	4,3%	85,9 /100

# Macro areas



**85,1 /100**

AVERAGE SENTIMENT  
IN ITALY

**-0,3 ▼**

COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS  
PERIOD



**NORTHERN ITALY**  
**-0,1** points

**85,0** /100  
GUEST SENTIMENT  
in the **hospitality** sector



**CENTRAL ITALY**  
**-0,5** points

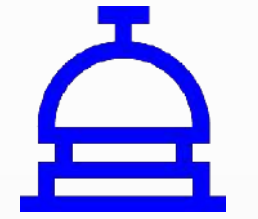
**83,9** /100  
GUEST SENTIMENT  
in the **hospitality** sector



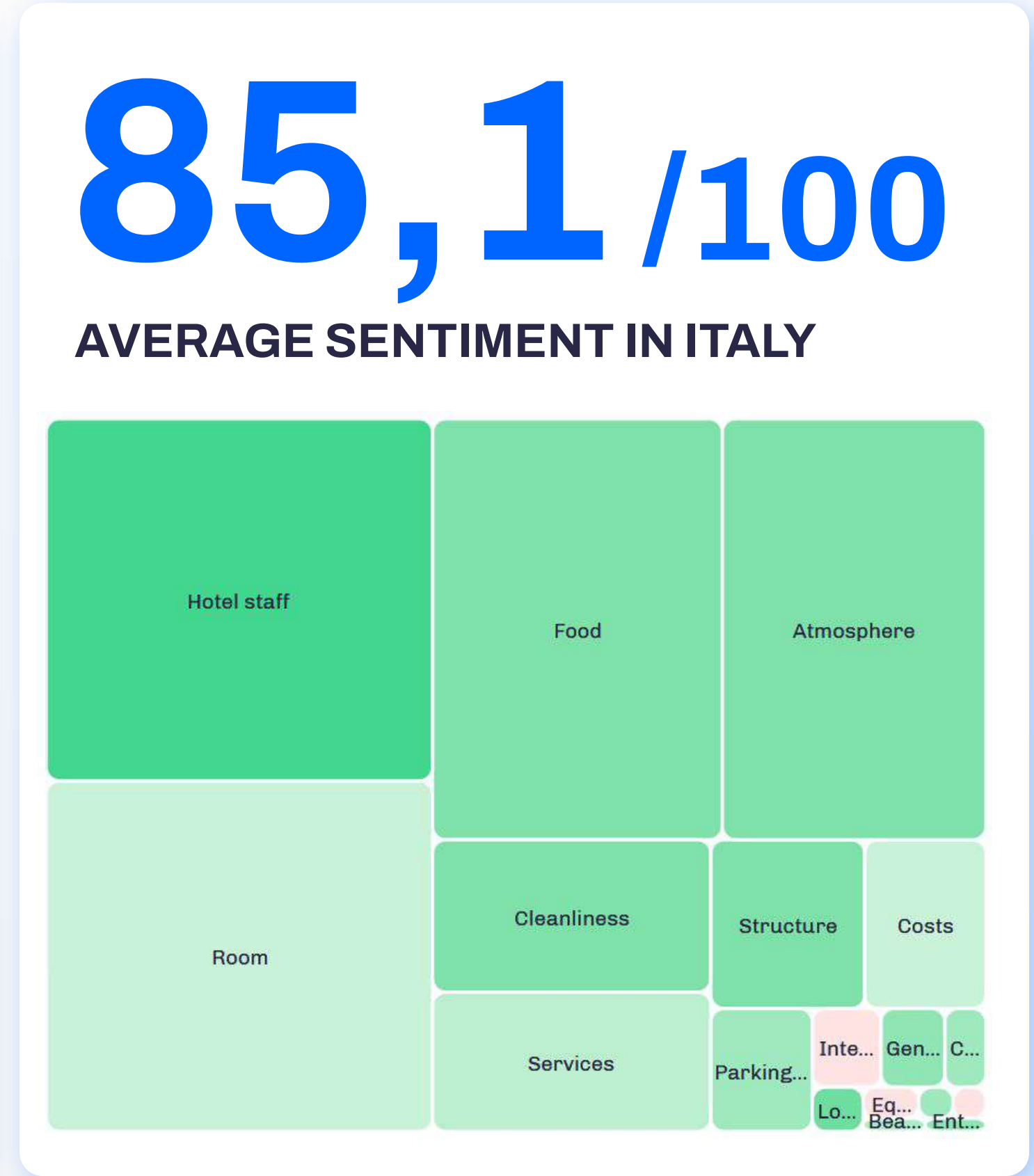
**SOUTHERN ITALY**  
**-0,1** points

**86,7** /100  
GUEST SENTIMENT  
in the **hospitality** sector

# Most-discussed topics



	Sentiment	Content
Staff	94,2 /100 ▲	20% ▼
Room	72,7 /100 ▼	20% ▲
Food and dining	87,3 /100 ▲	18% ▼
Atmosphere	85,8 /100 ▼	17% ▲
Cleanliness	87,4 /100 ▼	6% ▲
Services	74,5 /100 ▲	6% ▲
Property	86,4 /100 ▼	4% ▼
Price quality	71,3 /100 ▲	3% ▲
Transfers and parking	81,2 /100 ▲	2% ▲



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# Short-term rental analysis

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# Digital presence





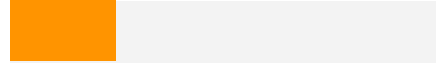
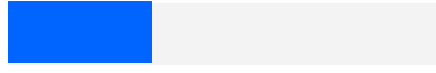
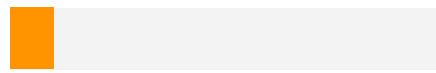
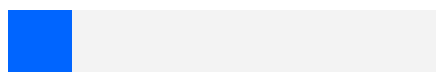
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SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN ITALY

OF WHICH

# 85 %

HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS

Category	Distribution	Content Distribution	Sentiment
HOUSE/APARTMENT	70% 	60,6% 	91,5 /100
GUESTHOUSE/B&B	25% 	33,3% 	88,0 /100
HOLIDAY APARTMENT	5% 	6,1% 	89,1 /100



# Macro areas

**90,2 /100**

AVERAGE SENTIMENT  
IN ITALY

**-1,0** ▼

COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS  
PERIOD



**NORTHERN ITALY**  
-1,2 points

**90,1 /100**  
GUEST SENTIMENT  
for short-term rentals



**CENTRAL ITALY**  
-1,2 points

**90,1 /100**  
GUEST SENTIMENT  
for short-term rentals



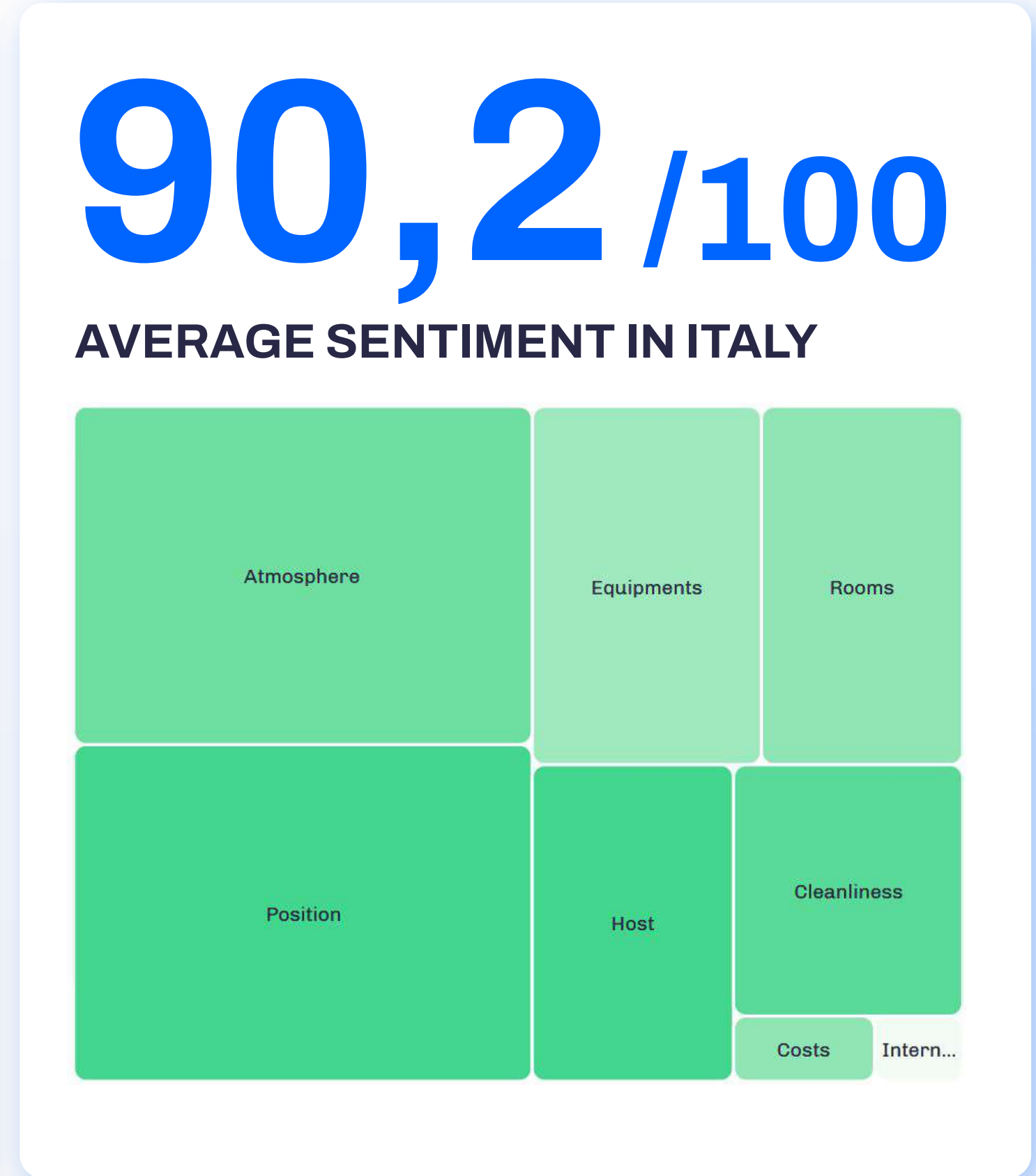
**SOUTHERN ITALY**  
-0,7 points

**90,5 /100**  
GUEST SENTIMENT  
for short-term rentals

# Most-discussed topics



	Sentiment	Content
Atmosphere	89,8 /100 ▼	26% ▼
Location	95,0 /100 ▼	26% ▲
Amenities	79,8 /100 ▼	14% ▲
Room	84,2 /100 ▼	12% ▼
Host	94,6 /100 ▼	11% ▼
Cleanliness	91,1 /100 ▼	10% ▼
Costs	82,7 /100 ▼	1,5% ▲
Internet	60,7 /100 ▼	1% ▼





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# Food and Beverage analysis

Sept 2022 - Aug 2023

# Digital presence



**336 k**

FOOD AND BEVERAGE  
BUSINESSES IN ITALY  
ACTIVE ONLINE

OF WHICH

**90 %**

BEING ACTIVE IN THE PAST 6  
MONTHS

Category	Distribution	Content	Sentiment
RESTAURANT	33%	54,0%	86,6 /100
BAR	23%	10,3%	85,8 /100
PIZZERIA	11%	14,8%	86,3 /100
GELATERIA	3%	3,2%	89,1 /100
OTHER DINING ESTABLISHMENT TYPES	30%	10,9%	85,9 /100

# Macro areas



**86,4 /100**

AVERAGE SENTIMENT IN ITALY

**+0,1 ▲**

COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS PERIOD



**NORTHERN ITALY**

**0,0** points

**86,2** /100

CUSTOMER SENTIMENT across **dining establishments**



**CENTRAL ITALY**

**0,0** points

**86,9** /100

CUSTOMER SENTIMENT across **dining establishments**



**SOUTHERN ITALY**

**+0,3** points

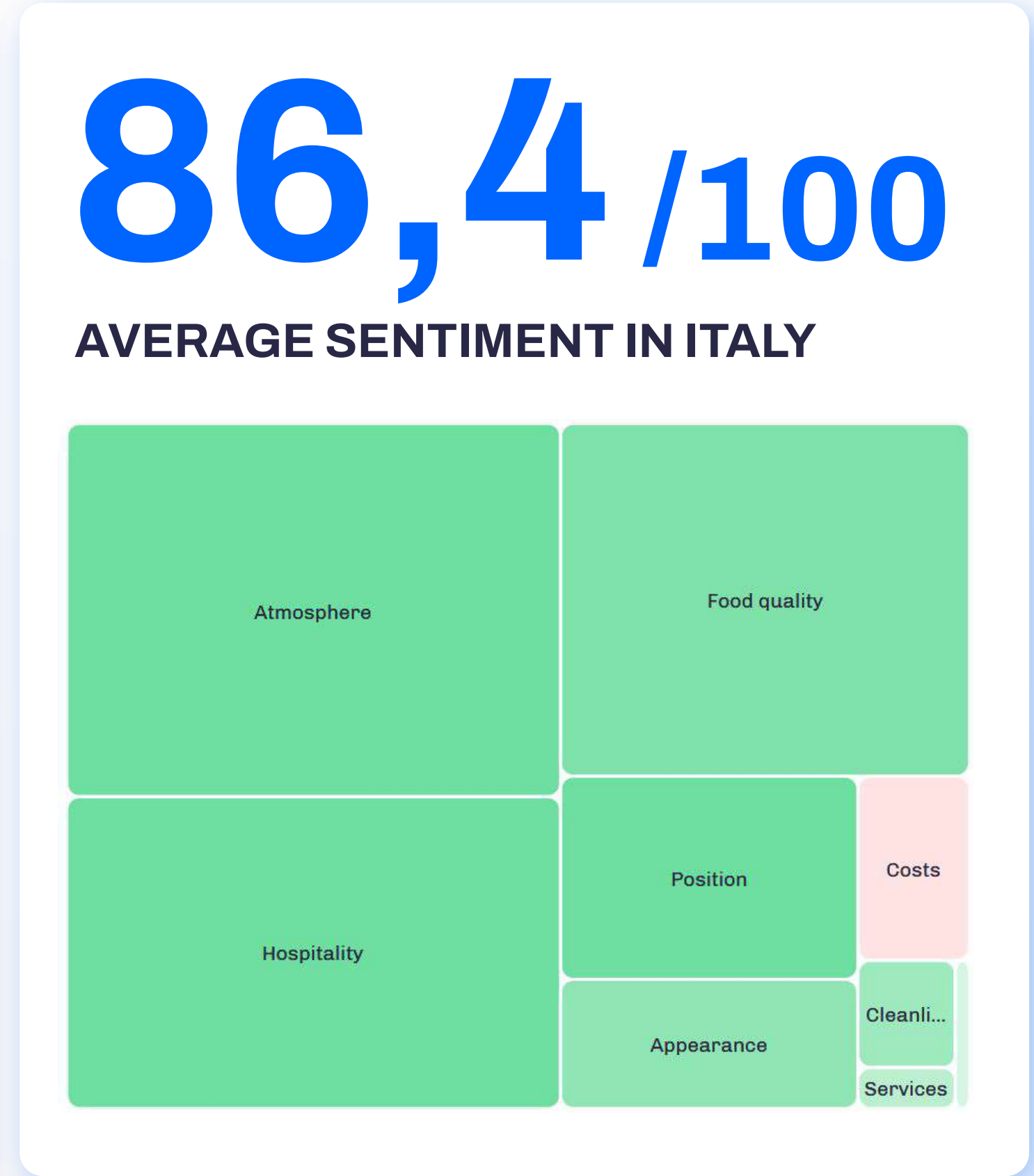
**86,1** /100

CUSTOMER SENTIMENT across **dining establishments**

# Most-discussed topics



	Sentiment	Contents
Atmosphere	88,4 /100 ▼	30% ▲
Hospitality	90,1 /100 ▼	25% ▲
Food quality	85,9 /100 ▼	23% ▼
Location	90,8 /100 ▼	10% ▼
Appearance	83,7 /100 ▼	6% ▲
Costs	52,1 /100 ▼	3% ▼
Cleanliness	81,2 /100 ▼	2% —
Services	73,1 /100 ▼	1% ▼
Organisation	69,7 /100 ▲	0,3% ▼



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# Attraction analysis

Sept 2022 - Aug 2023

# Digital presence



**141k**

ATTRACTIONS IN ITALY  
ACTIVE ONLINE

OF WHICH

**80%**

HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE  
PAST 6 MONTHS

Category	Distribution	Content Distribution	Sentiment
ATTRACTIONS	13%	29,1%	91,3 /100
PARKS	12%	10,4%	88,1 /100
MUSEUMS	8%	14,6%	91,6 /100
BATHING ESTABLISHMENTS	7%	7,8%	85,3 /100
OTHER ATTRACTIONS	60%	20,9%	92,7 /100

\* Monuments, theatres, libraries, castles, experiences, beaches, etc.

# Macro areas



**90,9 /100**

AVERAGE SENTIMENT IN ITALY

**+0,3▲**

COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS PERIOD



**NORTHERN ITALY**  
**+0,1** points

**90,8 /100**  
VISITOR SENTIMENT  
across **attractions**



**CENTRAL ITALY**  
**+0,3** points

**91,8 /100**  
VISITOR SENTIMENT  
across **attractions**



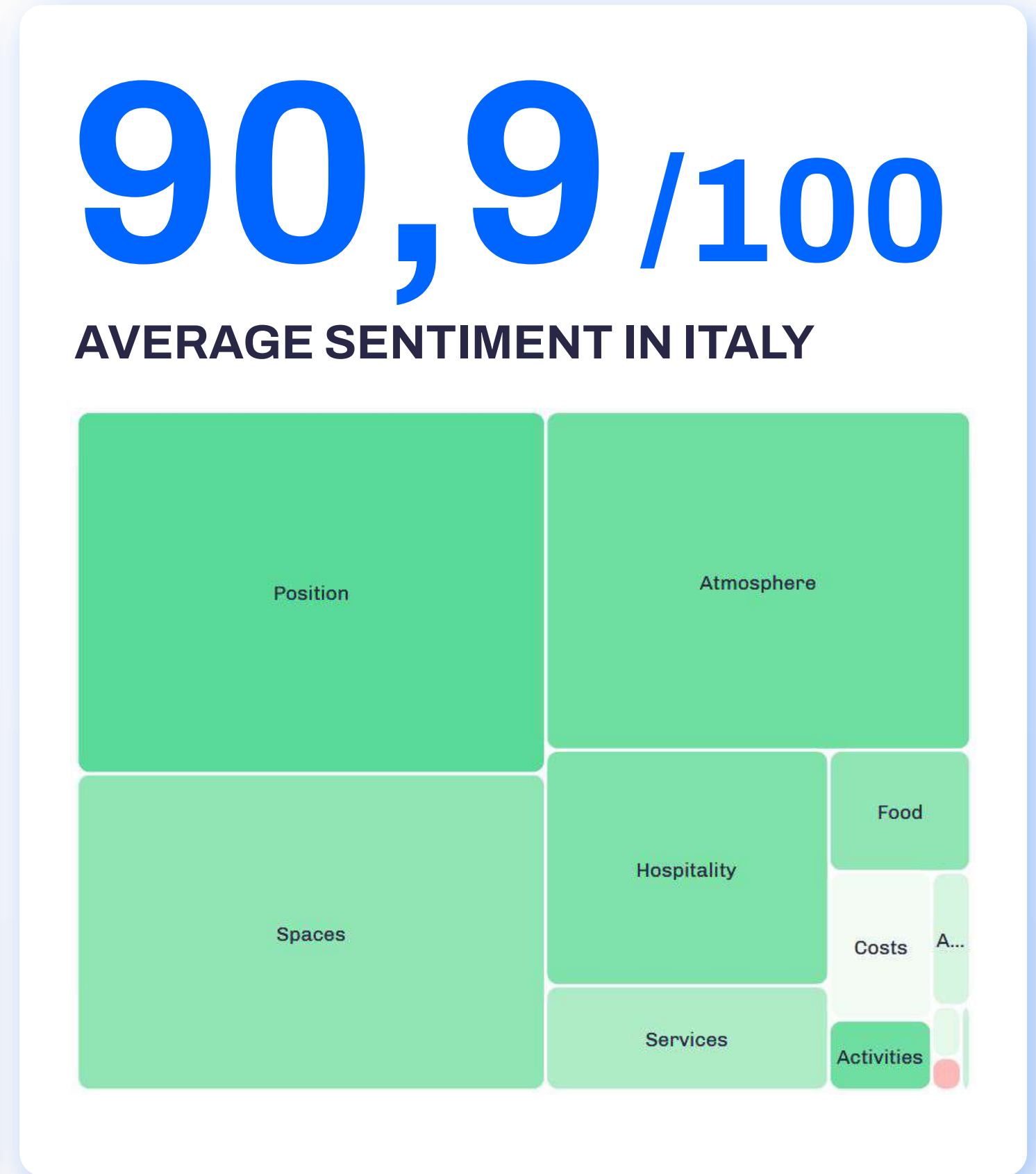
**SOUTHERN ITALY**  
**+0,4** points

**90,0 /100**  
VISITOR SENTIMENT  
across **attractions**

# Most-discussed topics



	Sentiment	Content
Location	92,7 /100 ▼	28% ▼
Space	84,7 /100 ▼	24% ▼
Atmosphere	90,8 /100 ▼	24% ▲
Hospitality	87,6 /100 ▼	11% ▲
Services	78,7 /100 ▼	5% ▲
Food and dining	83,9 /100 ▼	3% ▼
Costs	61,0 /100 ▲	3% ▲
Activities	89,7 /100 ▼	1% ▲
Accessibility	68,6 /100 ▼	1% ▲





# Methodology

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The Data Appeal Company is an alternative data and solutions provider. Using proprietary techniques, Data Appeal collects and monitors the digital presence of Points of Interest (POIs) in an area by analysing over 100 websites, OTAs, social media channels, and more, ranging from well-known to highly specialised platforms within each sector.

The recovery methodology involves a unique recognition and reconditioning process through an algorithm that aims to maximise the probability that the **explored channels are related to the same POI**.

After undergoing a complex data quality process, each POI detected is thoroughly examined, including its unique characteristics such as location, type, and services offered. Additionally, visitor details like origin, language, and trip type are investigated. The contents of the digital human experience (reviews, ratings, comments, social posts, etc.) are **read and semantically analysed using our proprietary artificial intelligence** mechanisms in natural language, in its original form, identifying its logic and emotional tone.

This results in the Sentiment Score — a synthetic index that expresses the degree of satisfaction based on 100, or the share of positive judgments within the set of all the contents analysed. Additionally, for each content, this polarity score is complemented by the identification of main topics, related subjects (clusters), and opinions.

Over the years, numerous other techniques have been developed, including the rates checker for the hospitality industry, involving the collection of daily rates (monitored several times a day) published on Online Travel Agencies (OTAs). Utilising sophisticated dedicated Business Intelligence tools and Data Visualisation techniques, this data is made available interactively through our D / AI Destinations platform. This allows each type of user to access all the necessary information autonomously.

The Data Appeal Company SpA (formerly Travel Appeal) was acquired in 2022 by Almaxwave SpA, a company listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market of Borsa Italiana and is part of the Almaxwave group

This report is the outcome of an analysis of 40 million online pieces of content from 2nd September 2022 to 31st August 2023 (unless otherwise specified). The focus is on around 876,000 points of interest in Italy across accommodation, local venues and restaurants, attractions, and short-term rentals sectors. The analysis of OTA (Online Travel Agency) rates, flights, and arriving passengers is extracted from the D / AI Destinations platform. The flight section data is provided by partner Travelport and is related to major international Global Distribution Systems (GDS). Awards and recognitions are based on methodologies outlined in individual descriptions.

For additional information, please contact: [info@datappeal.io](mailto:info@datappeal.io).



# The Awards



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# Cashless Destination Award

Destination with the highest use of electronic payments



Cashless  
Destination Award

# EMILIA ROMAGNA

Destination with the highest use of electronic payments





# Destination Sustainability Index Award



Destination that recorded the highest Sustainability Index  
average in 2022



Premio Destination  
Sustainability Index

TRENTINO

Destination that recorded the highest Sustainability Index  
average in 2022



# Inclusivity Index Award



Destination that recorded the highest Inclusivity Index  
average in 2022







Inclusivity  
Index Award



**BOLOGNA**

Destination that recorded the highest Inclusivity Index  
average in 2022

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# European Destination Most Appreciated by Italian Visitors



European destination offering Italians travellers the highest  
satisfaction-to-popularity ratio



European Destination  
Most-Appreciated  
by Italian Visitors



CRETE

European destination offering Italian travellers the highest  
satisfaction-to-popularity ratio





# Almawave Smart Destination Award



SPECIAL AWARD  
2023



Almawave  
Smart Destination Award

**BARI**

Destination recognised for its outstanding management and innovative, data-centric approach in destination management

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# Secondary City Award



The leading secondary city within smaller centers, fulfilling performance criteria and exhibiting strong economic capacity



Secondary City Award

PESARO

1° PESARO  
(MARCHE)

2° SONDRIO  
(LOMBARDY)

3° PERUGIA  
(UMBRIA)



# Destination Most Appreciated by Foreign Travellers

The destination with the highest Sentiment in all analysed sectors, in relation to the average amount of content for active points of interest (POI)



Destination Most-Appreciated  
by Foreign Travellers

UMBRIA

1° UMBRIA

2° TRENTINO

3° BASILICATA

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# Destination with the Best Gastronomic Offer



The region with the highest Sentiment in the analysed sectors, relating to  
the Food and Food Quality clusters



Destination with the Best  
Gastronomic Offer



# LANGHE MONFERRATO ROERO PIEDMONT

1° LANGHE MONFERRATO  
ROERO  
(PIEDMONT)

2° DOLOMITI PAGANELLA  
(TRENTINO)

3° VALLE D'ITRIA -  
MURGIA DEI TRULLI  
(APULIA)





# Destination with the Best Reputation



Destination with the best balance between  
tourist satisfaction and popularity





Destination with the Best  
Reputation



# BASILICATA

1° BASILICATA

2° APULIA

3° LOMBARDY



