

Good print & good web

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OpenType features

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Stylistic alt.

Small caps

Alt. annotation forms

Fractions

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Smart quotes

Automatic EM dash

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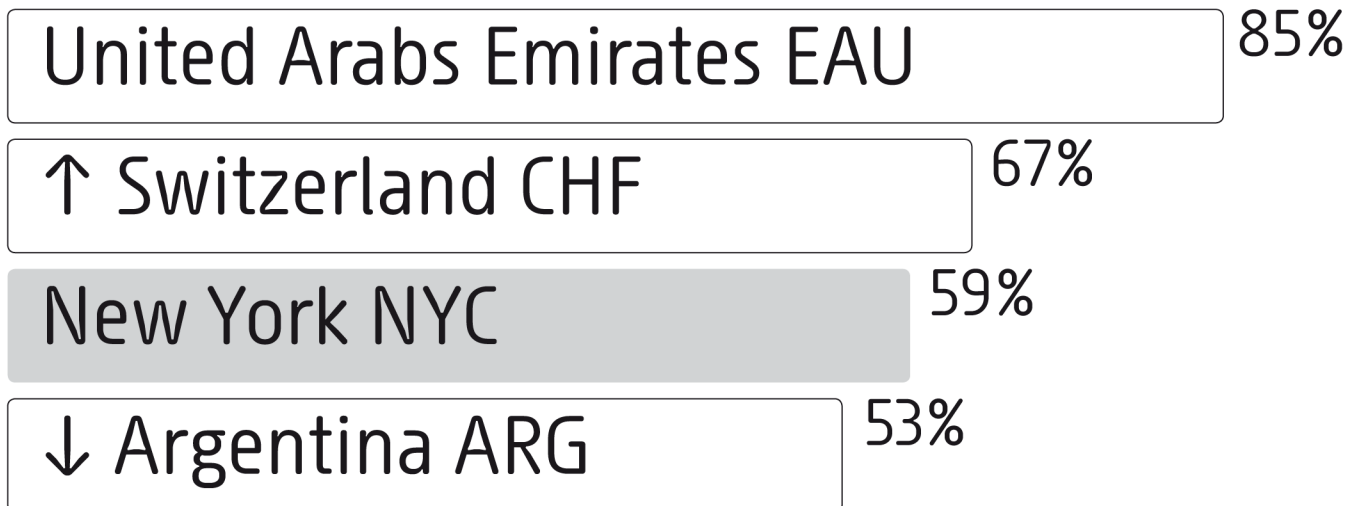
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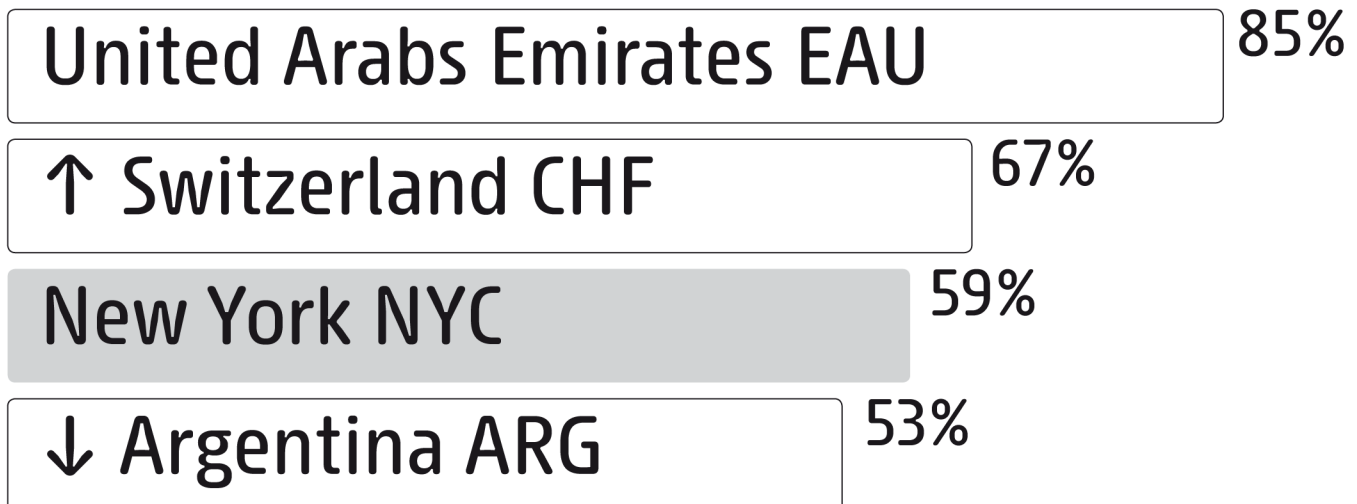
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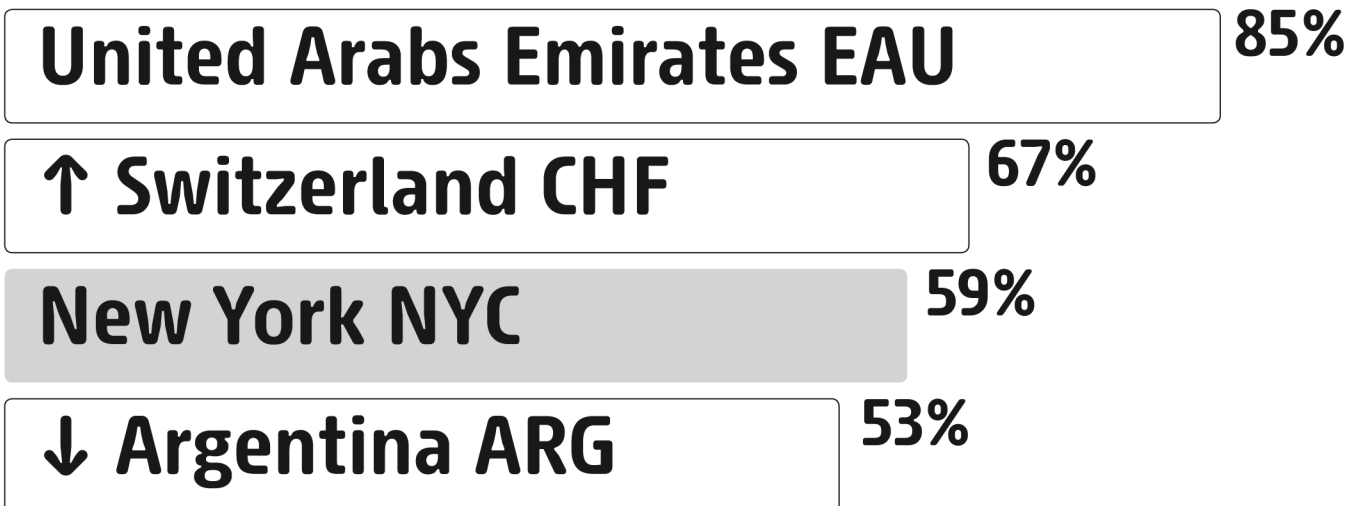
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