

# Full year 2021 Results

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### Forenote



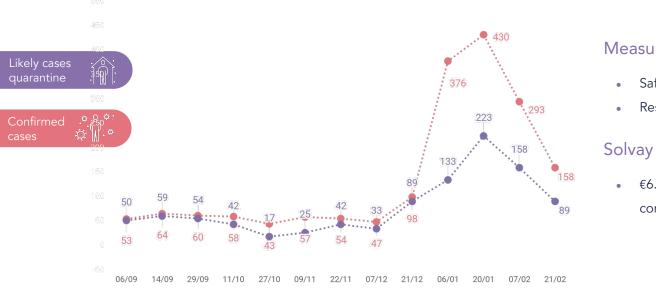
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# Health and safety remain our top priority





#### Measures in place

- Safety measures for all our employees
- Responsible business travel policy

#### Solvay Solidarity Fund

• €6.4 million to date (individuals and community support)

Source: Solvay

# Making meaningful progress on the climate



	Target	2021	2021 Comment		2030 targets
Ш	Align GHG emissions with Paris Agreement and SBTi (a)	11Mt	Achieved 11% in aggregate versus 6.6% Paris Agreement	-14% -11% structural	Reduce by 30% (-2.5%/yr)
CLIMAT	Phase out coal wherever renewable alternatives exist	27 (1 plant exiting coal)	Exit announced at Rheinberg in 2020, at Dombasle in 2021, first step at Devnya in 2022	-18% (petajoule)	Achieve 100%
	Reduce negative pressure on Biodiversity	-13%	Volume growth more than offset by improved eco-profile accuracy	-24%	Reduce by 30%
S	Increase sustainable solutions, % of Group sales	53% (b)	Improved eco-profile and increased number of sustainable solutions	+3pp	Achieve 65%
URCE	Increase circular economy, % of Group sales	5%	Long term projects with expected results as from 2023	+1pp	More than double
RESOURCES	Reduce non-recoverable industrial waste (a)	58 kt	Projects initiated in 2020 starting to deliver	-34%	Reduce by 30%
	Reduce intake of freshwater	315 Mm <sup>3</sup>	Volume growth compensated by greater efficiency	-5%	Reduce by 25%
	Safety with a zero accident policy (MTAR indicator) (a)	0.43	Reversal consistent with industry trends, action plan on globalizing near misses	-16%	Aim for zero
	Accelerate DEI, parity in mid & senior management	25%	Launched Solvay One Dignity 9 goals	+1.3pp	Achieve 50% by 2030
	Extend paternity leave time		16 weeks policy open to all co-parents regardless of orientation since January 2021	implemented	16 weeks by 2021

(a) Restated due to change in methodology/scope

(b) Effective 2022, the CO<sub>2</sub> price was increased from €75 to €100 per metric ton CO2 eq.

as a consequence, the level for 2021 will be restated to 50%.

# ESG credentials widely recognized

MSCI ESG RATINGS

AA rating on a scale from AAA-CCC

#### ISS ESG ▷

B rating Prime company

#### ecovadis

Top 1%

#### SUSTAINALYTICS

"Medium risk"

### vigequiris

#5 in the sector

### CDP

A- CDP Climate Change



Recognition on Biodiversity



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# Full year 2021 performance Double-digit sales, EBITDA and Returns



### Net Sales

### EBITDA Underlying

### €10.1bn €2,356 m

- +17% organically yoy
- +12% driven by volumes
- +5% driven by pricing
- +4.4% versus 2019\*

- New record level
- +27% organically yoy
- 23.3% EBITDA margin
- +8% versus 2019\*

Free Cash Flow Continuing operations

€ **843** m

- 11th quarter of positive FCF
- FCF conversion at 37.6%
- Proposed dividend of €3.85 per share, €0.10 increase

#### ROCE Return on capital employed

11.4%

- New record level
- Versus 6.9% in 2020 and 8.1% in 2019



#### Soda Ash overview



Philippe Kehren President, Soda Ash & Derivatives

# Global leader in Soda Ash & Derivatives



# Resilient business in growing end markets



- Volumes back to pre-COVID levels
- 2022 full recovery of pre-COVID profitability

# Global leader with world class assets



- 75% of our capacity in the first quartile of the industry cost curve
- Track record of continuously increasing competitiveness

#### Step-changing our environmental transition and competitiveness



- Already achieved 5%\* reduction
- Carbon net zero by 2050
- On track to reduce emissions with 30%\* by 2030

# Essential chemicals serving growing and diverse end markets





- Glass for building
- Photovoltaic panels



• Glass for containers



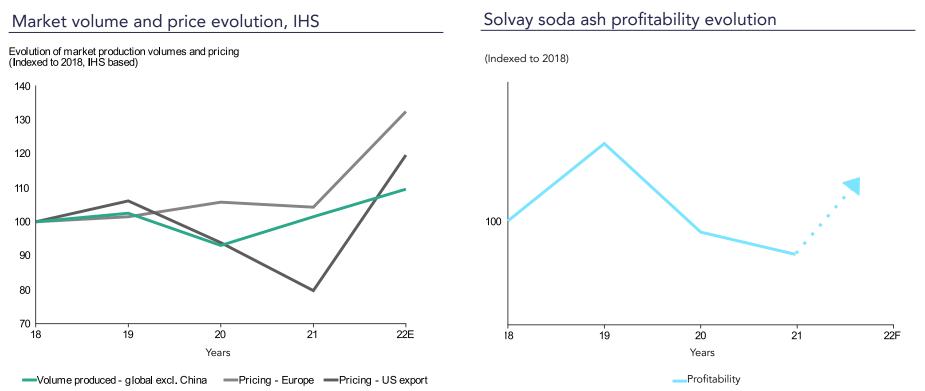
- Water softener for detergents
- Additive in other industrial applications

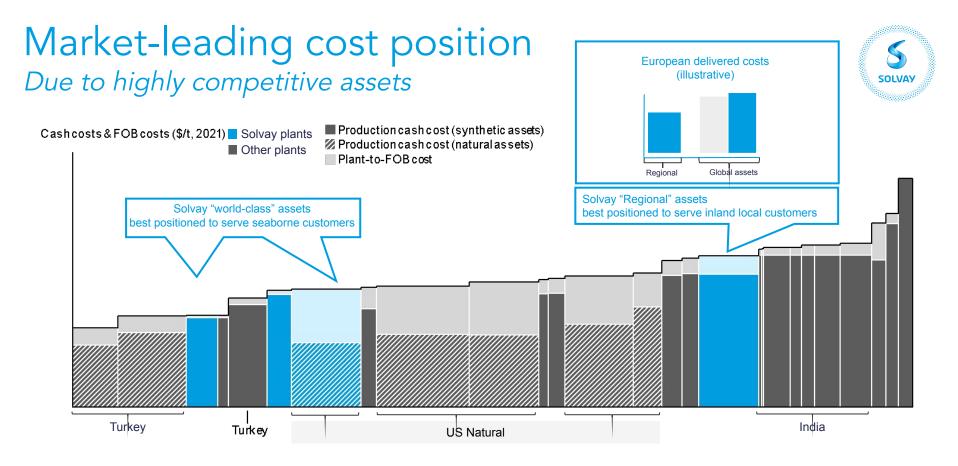


- Sodium bicarbonate for clean air - SOLVAir<sup>®</sup>
- Feed, food, pharma

### Resilient top- and bottom- line Demand back to pre-COVID levels







#### Supply (soda ash plant capacity)

Note: A number of plants are not shown due to missing data (~6.5Mt in total, incl. Russia ~4.5Mt, Iran ~0.6Mt, Pakistan ~0.6Mt, Mexico ~0.3Mt, Botswana ~0.3kt, Japan ~0.2Mt, Argentina ~0.1Mt, South Africa <0.1Mt, Ethiopia <0.1Mt); Granger not included as it is mothballed since mid-2020; Source: Solvay Internal estimates

### Paving the way to carbon neutrality Soda Ash & Derivatives energy transition plans underway

\* % of Group GHG emissions versus 2018 basis



Coal to gas (Greenriver, WY, USA) GHG impact -2%\* Stage 1 2021 Stage 2 2023

#### GHG impact for Soda Ash GBU:



-5% achieved -20% planned by '25 -30% planned by '30 Neutral by 2050



Waste-To-Energy (Dombasle, FR) GHG impact -2%\* 2024

Biomass (Torrelavega, ES) 2019 ❤







Biomass (Devnya, BG) GHG impact -2%\* 2022 <u>On-site solar farm</u> (Provadia, BG) 2022





### Materials Q4 2021 performance





Net sales	YoY reported	YoY organic
Specialty Polymers	+22%	+19%
Composite Materials	+19%	+24%
Materials	+21%	+20%

#### Highlights

- Record sales levels in Specialty Polymers driven primarily by automotive, EV battery and electronic markets
- Civil aerospace demand began to recover thanks to single-aisle aircraft production rate increases and growth in space & defense
- Q4 2021 EBITDA margin improved 290 basis points to 27.5% thanks to higher volumes and price actions

### Solutions Q4 2021 performance





Net sales	YoY reported	YoY organic
Novecare	+13%	+33%
Special Chem	+2%	+7%
Techn. Solutions	+2%	+16%
Aroma Performance	+37%	+32%
Oil & Gas	n.m.	+76%
Solutions	+28%	+28%

#### Highlights

- Broad based volume growth and pricing driven by agro, coatings and mining
- Special Chem saw higher sales to electronics offset by lower sales to automotive related to the chip shortages
- Continued demand in food, flavors and fragrances markets and the price actions supported Aroma business
- Improvements in Novecare and Aroma drove Q4 2021 EBITDA margin at 17% in the segment, up 40 basis points

### Chemicals Q4 2021 performance

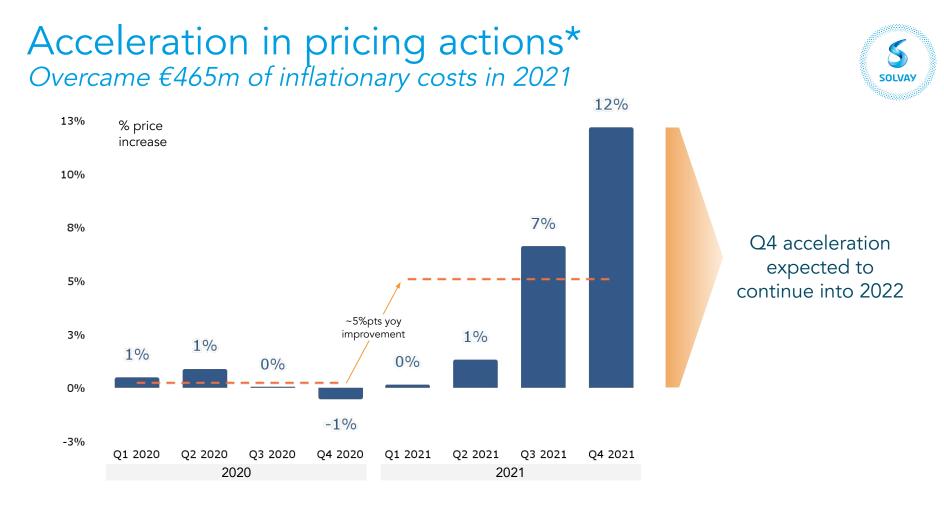




Net sales	YoY reported	YoY organic
Soda Ash & Deriv.	+7%	+6%
Peroxides	+7%	+16%
Coatis	+58%	+57%
Silica	+13%	+12%
Chemicals	+17%	+18%

#### Highlights

- Exceptional performance in Coatis and Rusvinyl, driven by strong volumes and pricing
- Higher sales at Soda Ash sales driven by pricing actions
- Peroxides sales were underpinned by price actions and volume growth
- Silica growth related to innovation and pricing actions
- Q4 2021 EBITDA margin increased to 32.1% in the quarter, up 470 basis points



# Structural cost reduction ~80% of 2024 cost savings achieved

#### Permanent structural levers

- Restructuring 35% of total
- Indirect costs reductions 40%
- Productivity efficiencies 25%

Realized in FY 2021 €213m

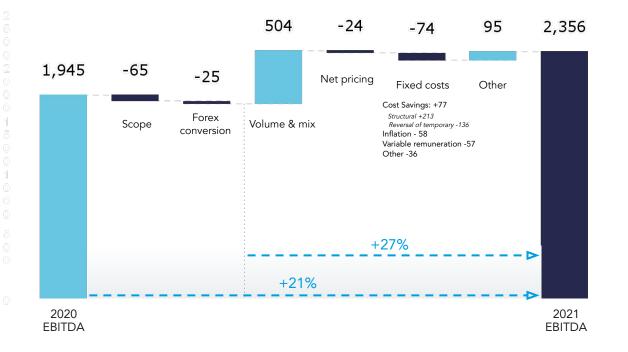
Realized in FY 2020 €175m Total costs savings to date  $\sim \in 390$ m

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Costs savings by 2024 €500m

Full year 2021 Earnings

# Double-digit profit growth in 2021

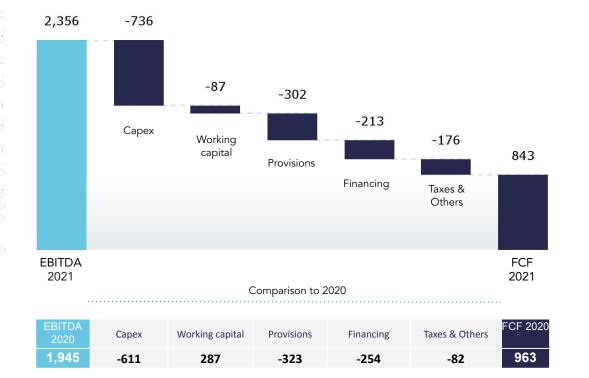


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€2,356m in 2021
vs. €1,945m in 2020
2021 earnings demonstrated
Quality of our portfolio

- Sustained momentum in key end-markets
- Pricing actions largely offsetting variable costs inflation
- Cost savings delivery

EBITDA reached a new record, exceeding 2019 level by 8%

### Strong free cash flow generation Driven by profit, working capital discipline and reinvestments





### €843m in 2021

vs. €963m in 2020

#### Main drivers

- Higher profits
- Reinvestments in growth
- Lower pensions and financing

### Key enabler to a **FCF conversion of 37.6%**

Full year 2021 Earnings

## 2022 Full Year Outlook



EBITDA Underlying Free cash flow

#### Mid-single digit growth\*

to exceed €650m







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# Annexes



## Reinventing Solvay to unleash our full potential



# Market segment & region annual figures



Region (% 2021 Net Sales)	Group	Materials	Chemicals	Solutions
Europe	27%	31%	32%	21%
North America	26%	31%	18%	29%
Latin America	13%	2%	25%	10%
Asia and rest of the world	34%	36%	25%	40%

End markets (% 2021 Net Sales)	Group	Materials	Chemicals	Solutions
Automotive & Aerospace	24%	50%	16%	10%
Industrial applications & Chemical Industry	20%	11%	23%	24%
Consumers goods, Healthcare & HPC	16%	12%	23%	14%
Agro, Feed & Food	13%	3%	17%	17%
Resources & Environment	12%	4%	9%	19%
Building	9%	4%	11%	10%
Electronics	7%	15%	0%	6%

# 2030 Solvay One Planet goals

10 ambitious objectives to reduce our global impact



Embed circular business

% of Group sales

More than double 2021: 5% (+1pp)

Women in mid MÜ

6, (0) & senior management levels

Achieve 50% by 2035 2021: 25% (+1.3pp)

Extend maternity leave time and open it to co-parents

Reduce pressure

on biodiversity<sup>1</sup>

Reduce by 30%

2021: -24%

Reduce non-

recoverable

industrial waste

Reduce by 30%

2021: 58kt (-34%)

16 weeks regardless of the gender in 2021

Reduce intake ()of freshwater

Reduce by 25% 2021: 315 m<sup>3</sup> (-5%)

2020 results (Baseline 2018)



% of Group sales Achieve 65% 2021: 53% (+1pp) Safety

BETTER LIFE

Improve quality of life



(MTAR<sup>3</sup> indicator)

Aim for zero 2021: 0.43 (-16%)



\* SBTi: Science Based Targets initiative

# Key figures



Underlying, in € million	Q4 2021	Q4 2020	% yoy	FY 2021	FY 2020	% yoy
Net sales	2,703	2,214	+22.1%	10,105	8,965	+12.7%
EBITDA	572	464	+23.4%	2,356	1,945	+21.1%
EBITDA margin	21.2%	21.0%	+0.2pp	23.3%	21.7%	+1.6pp
EBIT	374	260	+43.7%	1,600	1,110	+44.1%
Net financial charges	-54	-79	+32.3%	-235	-284	+17.4%
Income tax expenses	-59	-76	+22.2%	-287	-195	-47.3%
Tax rate				23.5%	25.6%	-2.1pp
Profit / (loss) attributable to Solvay shareholders	250	96	n.m.	1,040	618	+68.3%
Basic EPS	2.41	0.93	n.m.	10.05	5.99	+67.7%
Basic EPS from continuing operations (in €)	2.41	0.95	n.m.	10.02	5.81	+72.6%
Capex in continuing operations	324	200	+61.9%	736	611	+20.5%
FCF to Solvay shareholders from continuing operations	150	161	-6.7%	843	963	-12.5%
FCF to Solvay shareholders (total)	149	155	-4.2%	830	951	-12.7%
FCF conversion ratio (LTM)				37.6%	51.1%	-13.6pp
Net financial debt				3,949	4,198	-5.9%
Underlying leverage ratio				1.7	2.2	-22.3%
CFROI				6.9%	5.5%	+1.5pp
ROCE				11.4%	6.9%	+4.4pp

# Segment review

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Segment review				Under	lying			
(in € million)	Q4 2021	Q4 2020	% уоу	% organic	FY 2021	FY 2020	% уоу	% organic
Net sales	2,703	2,214	+22.1%	+22.4%	10,105	8,965	+12.7%	+17.0%
Materials	751	620	+21.2%	+20.2%	2,903	2,695	+7.7%	+11.5%
Specialty Polymers	555	456	+21.9%	-	2,173	1,820	+19.4%	+20.4%
Composite Materials	195	164	+19.2%	-	730	875	-16.6%	-8.6%
Chemicals	891	764	+16.6%	+17.8%	3,357	2,948	+13.9%	+18.2%
Soda Ash & Derivatives	385	359	+7.1%	-	1,509	1,450	+4.1%	+5.1%
Peroxides	175	164	+6.9%	-	636	642	-0.9%	+9.5%
Coatis	207	132	+57.5%	-	745	470	+58.6%	+68.7%
Silica	124	110	+13.0%	-	467	386	+20.7%	+22.2%
Solutions	1,058	829	+27.7%	+28.3%	3,838	3,316	+15.8%	+20.3%
Novecare [1]	433	326	+32.8%	-	1,546	1,330	+16.2%	+22.6%
Special Chem	210	207	+1.6%	-	840	761	+10.4%	+17.5%
Technology Solutions [1]	143	124	+15.4%	-	560	490	+14.3%	+16.6%
Aroma Performance	135	99	+36.7%	-	473	435	+8.9%	+9.4%
Oil & Gas [1]	137	73	+88.0%	-	418	299	+39.8%	+45.0%
Corporate & Business Services	2	2	+56.8%	+75.9%	7	6	+15.8%	+25.2%
EBITDA	572	464	+23.4%	+24.0%	2,356	1,945	+21.1%	+27.0%
Materials	207	153	+35.5%	+31.4%	879	712	+23.4%	+25.8%
Chemicals	286	209	+36.5%	+ 36.9%	1,009	816	+23.7%	+28.6%
Solutions	180	137	+31.2%	+29.0%	701	566	+23.7%	+29.5%
Corporate & Business Services	-101	-36	n.m.	-	-232	-149	-55.5%	-
EBITDA margin	21.2%	21.0%	+0.2pp	-	23.3%	21.7%	+1.6pp	-
Materials	27.5%	24.6%	+2.9pp	-	30.3%	26.4%	+3.9pp	-
Chemicals	32.1%	27.4%	+4.7pp	-	30.1%	27.7%	+2.4pp	-
Solutions	17.0%	16.6%	+0.4pp	-	18.3%	17.1%	+1.2pp	-

# Segment review

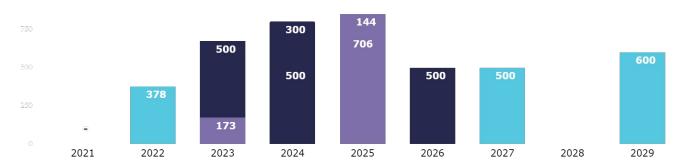
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Materials	143	92	+55.4%	-	637	460	+38.6%	-	
Chemicals	225	149	+50.6%	-	782	552	+41.6%		
Solutions	136	82	+65.1%	-	511	350	+46.3%		
Corporate & Business Services	-130	-63	n.m.	-	-331	-252	-31.6%		
Capex in continuing operations	324	200	+61.9%	-	736	611	+20.5%	-	
Materials					251	193	+30.1%		
Chemicals					212	184	+15.1%		
Solutions					172	144	+19.6%		
Corporate & Business Services					101	90	+12.4%		
Cash conversion	43.4%	56.9%	-13.5pp	-	68.8%	68.6%	+0.2pp	-	
Materials					71.4%	72.9%	-1.5pp		
Chemicals					79.0%	77.4%	+1.6pp		
Solutions					75.5%	74.6%	+0.8pp		
CFROI					<b>6.9</b> %	5.5%	+1.5pp		
Materials					9.0%	8.7%	+0.3pp		
Chemicals					10.5%	7.7%	+2.8pp		
Solutions					7.2%	5.5%	+1.7pp		
Research & innovation					298	291	+2.3%		
Materials					138	126	+9.0%		
Chemicals					28	32	-13.0%		
Solutions					103	103	-0.7%		
Corporate & Business Services					30	30	+0.8%		
Research & innovation intensity					2.9%	3.2%	-0.3pp		
Materials					4.7%	4.7%	+0.1pp		
Chemicals					0.8%	1.1%	-0.3pp		
Solutions		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			2.7%	3.1%	-0.4pp		

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### Balanced maturities Deleveraging and reduced of cost of debt

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Financial debt [1] in million € and \$



Period	31 December 2020			31 December 2021			Variation over the period		
Bond type	Face value	Avg. maturity	Avg. cost	Face value	Avg. maturity	Avg. cost	Face value	Avg. maturity	Avg. cost
EUR Bonds [1]	1,850	5.5	1.56%	1,478	5.4	1.55%	-373	-0.1	-0.01%
EUR Perpetual Hybrid Bonds [2]	1,800	3.7	4.54%	1,800	2.7	4.54%	0	-1.0	0.00%
US Bonds [3]	945	4.5	4.22%	1,023	3.4	4.22%	78	-1.1	0.00%
Total	4,595	4.6	3.28%	4,301	3.8	3.44%	-294	-0.8	0.16%
	in € million	in years	in %	in € million	in years	in %	in € million	in years	in %



NET DEBT Leverage ratio

**1.7**x

Major debt only, excluding cost of currency swaps

[1] C378m outstanding out of the initial C750m bond (maturity 2022) after the successful tender offer in Nov 2021

[2] At first call date

[3] US\$ 1,160 m

### Why invest?

We aim to reshape the global chemical industry by delivering solutions that meet the world's sustainability challenges and provide critical solutions in fast-growth markets.

We focus on creating long-term value and we do so efficiently, which results in steady annual revenue and cash generation, a strong track record of continued shareholders distribution with a stable dividend, and one of the highest margins among our competitors. And above all, sustainable value creation is at the core of the way we conduct business.



Future growth potential fuelled by megatrends

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Global scale, diversity of products and end-markets, reliable infrastructure



Key leadership positions

Customer partnerships

drive innovation



Proven resilience through Crises



Bold ESG Ambition with Solvay ONE Planet

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