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YOLO, Meme, and EMH: What's Your Investment Style?

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You only live once! Social media investors have banded together on unconventional platforms to drive up the prices of a handful of "meme stocks," seemingly without traditional evaluation of investing risks and rewards. They made headlines with their "short squeeze" of GameStop (GME), and, as they garner media attention, their tactics continue. While it's not the intended victim of the YOLO traders, will the efficient market hypothesis be a casualty of these events? The answer depends a lot on your definition of efficient markets. Perhaps long-term investors would be better served questioning the potential impact on their investment philosophy.

Fama (1970) defines the efficient market hypothesis (EMH) to be the simple statement that prices reflect all available information. The rub is that it doesn't say how investors should use this information. EMH is silent on the "correct" ways investors should use information and prices should be set. To be testable, EMH needs a companion model: a hypothesis for how markets and investors should behave. This leaves a lot of room for interpretation. Should asset prices be set by rational investors whose only concerns are systematic risk¹ and expected returns? It seems implausible to link recent meme-stock price movements to economic risks. Rather, they seem fueled by investor demand to be part of a social movement, hopes to strike it rich with a lucky stock pick, or plain old schadenfreude.

There is a vast ecosystem of investors, from individuals investing in their own accounts to governments and corporations who invest on behalf of thousands. Ask investors why

they invest the way they do, and you'll likely get a range of goals and approaches just as diverse. It's this complex system that generates the demand for stocks. Another complex system fuels the supply of stocks. Supply and demand meet at the market price. People may contend that the market is not always efficient, or rational, but the stock market is always in equilibrium. Every trade has two sides, with a seller for every buyer and a profit for every loss.

There are plenty of well-studied examples that show supply and demand at work. The huge increase in demand for stocks added to a well-tracked index often creates a run-up in the stock price. Some of this price increase can be temporary and reversed once the tremendous liquidity demands at index reconstitution² are met. Index reconstitution is just one example; instances of liquidity-driven price movements happen all the time. It is well documented that liquidity demands can produce temporary price movements. Investors may wonder if temporary price dislocations motivated by users of r/WallStreetBets differ from those caused by changes to an index. Lots of buying puts temporary upward pressure on prices, which later fall back to "fundamental value"–it sounds familiar. The more relevant observation may be that markets are complex systems well adapted to facilitate the supply and demand of numerous market participants.

There are numerous reasons people may be willing to hold different stocks at different expected returns. Can all those differences be explained by risks? Doubtful. To quote Professor Fama, "The point is not that markets are efficient. They're not. It's just a model."³ EMH can be a very useful model to inform how investors should behave. We believe investing as if markets are efficient is a good philosophy for building long-term wealth. Trying to outguess markets might be a quick way to destroy wealth.

It's true, you only live once. The good news is that investors can look to market prices, not internet fads, to pursue higher expected returns. Theoretical and empirical research indicate higher expected returns come from lower relative prices and higher future cash flows to investors. Long-run investors can be better served by using markets, rather than chatrooms, for information on expected returns.

^{1.} Systematic risk is the possibility of an investor experiencing losses due to factors that affect the overall performance of the financial markets in which he or she is involved.

^{2.} Reconstitution involves the re-evaluation of a market index. The process involves sorting, adding, and removing stocks to ensure that the index reflects up-to-date market capitalization and style.

^{3. &}quot;Are markets efficient?" – Interview between Eugene Fama and Richard Thaler (June 30, 2016)



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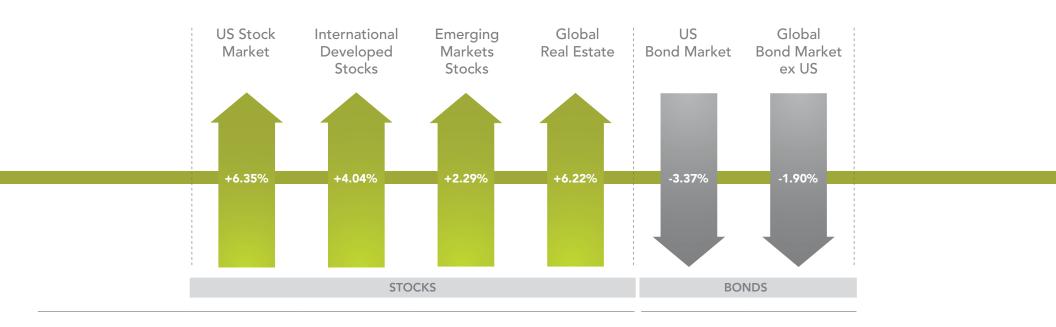
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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets. The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.



Quarterly Market Summary: Index Returns

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Since Jan. 2001

Avg. Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.6%	3.0%	2.5%	1.1%	1.1%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
	Q2 2020	Q2 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2001	Q4 2008
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-3.4%	-2.7%
	Q4 2008	Q1 2020	Q4 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2021	Q2 2015

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Long-Term Market Summary: Index Returns

AS OF MARCH 31, 2021



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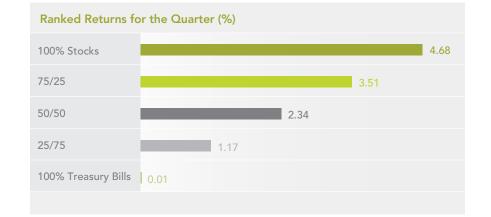
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Impact of Diversification: Index Returns

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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.



Period Returns (%)

YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV ¹
4.68	55.31	12.66	13.81	9.73	14.07
3.51	39.64	10.05	10.71	7.57	10.55
2.34	25.27	7.29	7.55	5.31	7.03
1.17	12.11	4.38	4.33	2.97	3.51
0.01	0.08	1.35	1.07	0.55	0.23
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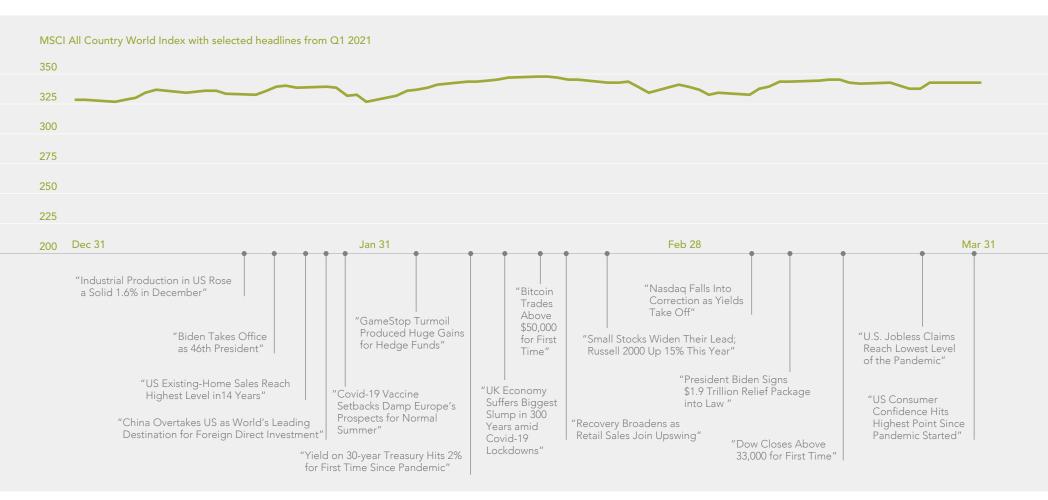
1. STDEV (standard deviation) is a measure of the variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviations are often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio.

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World Stock Market Performance: Selected Headlines

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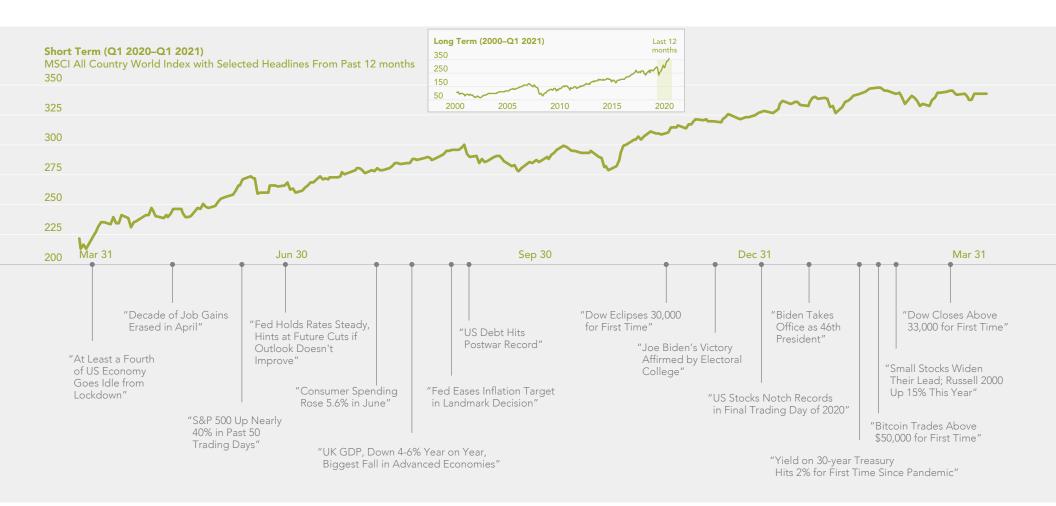


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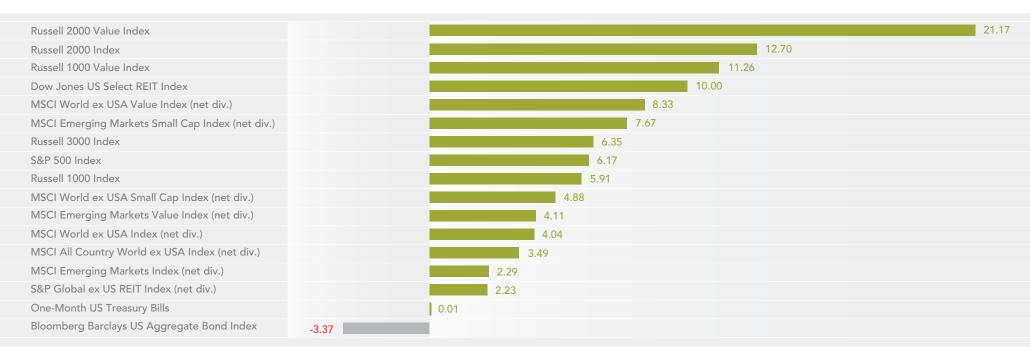
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World Asset Classes: Index Returns (%)

Equity markets around the globe posted positive returns in the first quarter. Looking at broad market indices, US and non-US developed markets outperformed emerging markets.

Value outperformed growth across regions. Small caps outperformed large caps across regions as well.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices in the US and underperformed in non-US developed markets.



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US Stocks: Index Returns

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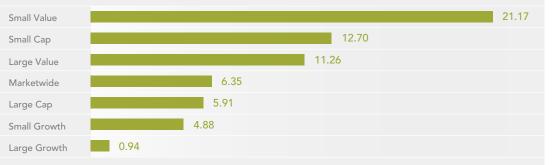
The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value outperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices.







YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
21.17	97.05	11.57	13.56	10.06
12.70	94.85	14.76	16.35	11.68
11.26	56.09	10.96	11.74	10.99
6.35	62.53	17.12	16.64	13.79
5.91	60.59	17.31	16.66	13.97
4.88	90.20	17.16	18.61	13.02
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International Developed Stocks: Index Returns

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Developed markets outside the US posted positive returns for the quarter, underperforming US equities but outperforming emerging markets.

Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.



orld Market Capitalization—In	ternational Deve	loped
30%		
International Developed Market \$21.2 trillion		

YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
8.33	47.17	2.25	6.81	3.54
4.88	65.17	6.89	10.55	7.14
4.04	45.86	6.34	8.92	5.21
-0.36	43.55	10.02	10.72	6.69
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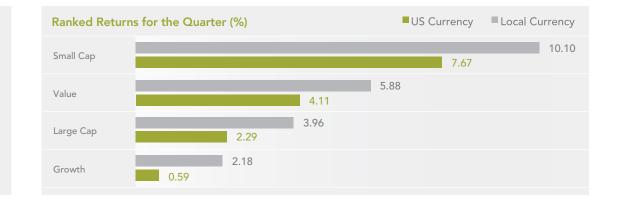
Emerging Markets Stocks: Index Returns

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Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter, underperforming the US and developed ex US equity markets.

Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.





Period Returns (%)				
Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	7.67	87.13	5.19	9.59	3.33
Value	4.11	52.53	2.60	8.42	1.03
Large Cap	2.29	58.39	6.48	12.07	3.65
Growth	0.59	63.78	10.10	15.53	6.15
* Annualized					

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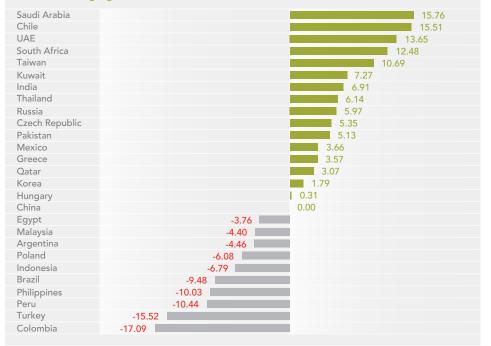
Select Market Performance: Index Returns

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In US dollar terms, the Netherlands and Austria recorded the highest country performance in developed markets, while New Zealand and Portugal posted the lowest returns for the quarter. In emerging markets, Saudi Arabia and Chile recorded the highest country performance, while Colombia and Turkey posted the lowest performance.

Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%) Netherlands Austria 9.76 9.53 Canada 9.28 Norway 8.42 Hong Kong Sweden 8.16 7.85 Singapore Italy 6.77 6.42 Ireland US 6.35 UK 6.34 4.36 France 4 08 Germany Australia Spain Japan Israel Finland 0 17 Switzerland -1.66 Belgium -1.67 Denmark -2.46 Portugal -2.81 New Zealand -8.60

Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



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Select Currency Performance vs. US Dollar

In developed markets, most currencies depreciated versus the US dollar, except the Canadian dollar, British pound, and Norwegian krone. In emerging markets, most currencies depreciated versus the US dollar, but some, notably the Pakistani rupee, appreciated.

Ranked Developed Markets (%) Canadian dollar (CAD) 1.36 British pound (GBP) 0.93 Norwegian krone (NOK) 0.30 -0.26 Hong Kong dollar (HKD) -1.30 Australian dollar (AUD) Singapore dollar (SGD) -1.63 New Zealand dollar (NZD) -2.73 -3.72 Israeli New shekel (ILS) -3.86 Danish krone (DKK) -3.94 Euro (EUR) Swedish krona (SEK) -5.78 Swiss franc (CHF) -6.08 Japanese yen (JPY) -6.57

Ranked Emerging Markets (%)

Pakistani rupee (PKR) Kuwaiti dinar (KWD) Egyptian pound (EGP)	0.65
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Egyptian pound (EGF)	0.08
Saudi Arabian riyal (SAR)	0.03
Indian rupee (INR)	0.06
Chinese renminbi (CNY)	0.23
South African rand (ZAR) -0.	.52
Philippine peso (PHP) -1.0	6
Chilean peso (CLP) -1.1	0
New Taiwan dollar (TWD) -1.52	
Russian ruble (RUB) -2.06	
Mexican peso (MXN) -2.61	
Malaysian ringgit (MYR) -2.99	
Indonesian rupiah (IDR) -3.27	
Czech koruna (CZK) -3.42	
Hungarian forint (HUF) -3.83	
Peruvian sol (PEN) -3.85	
Korean won (KRW) -4.02	
Thai baht (THB) -4.13	
Polish zloty (PLN) -5.58	
Colombian peso (COP) -6.93	
Brazilian real (BRL) -7.95	
Argentinian peso (ARS) -8.60	
Turkish lira (TRY) -10.19	

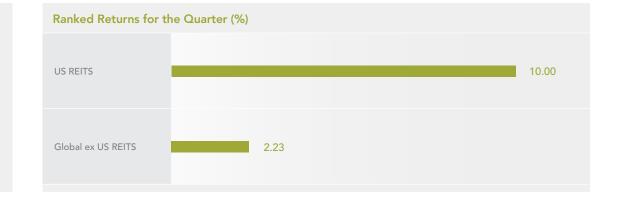
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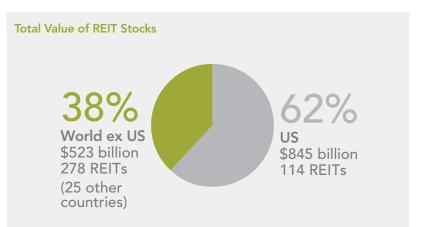


Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs): Index Returns

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US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.





Period Returns (%)					
Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITS	10.00	36.66	7.55	3.94	7.89
Global ex US REITS	2.23	36.18	2.12	2.92	4.74

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Fixed Income: Index Returns

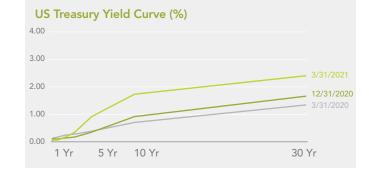
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Interest rates generally increased in the US Treasury fixed income market during the first quarter. The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury note rose 56 basis points (bps), ending at 0.95%. The yield on the 10-Year T-note increased 81 bps to 1.74%. The 30-Year Treasury bond yield increased 75 bps to 2.39%.

On the short end of the curve, the 1-Month US Treasury bill yield decreased 3 bps to 0.05%, and the 1-Year T-bill yield fell 5 bps to 0.08%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury note climbed 6 bps to end at 0.15%.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds declined 0.59%. Intermediate-term corporate bonds returned 2.19%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was flat, while intermediate-term municipal bonds lost 0.52%. Revenue bonds outperformed general obligation bonds.





Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	0.85	23.72	6.84	8.06	6.48
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.07	0.17	2.14	1.52	0.92
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.03	0.12	1.49	1.19	0.63
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	-0.35	5.51	4.91	3.49	4.54
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	-0.36	0.57	2.88	2.05	1.96
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	-1.47	7.54	5.68	3.86	3.44
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-2.39	3.20	1.29	1.43	0.09
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	-3.37	0.71	4.65	3.10	3.44
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	-13.39	-15.60	5.84	3.17	6.30

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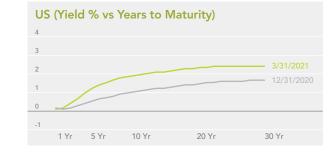


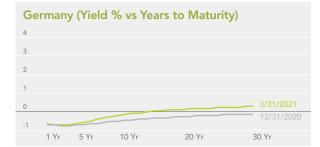
Global Fixed Income Yield Curves

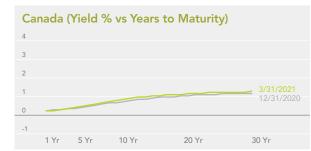
Government bond yields generally increased in the global developed markets for the quarter.

Longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds in developed markets.

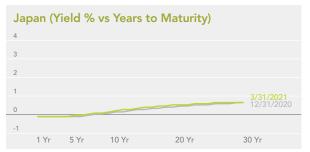
Short- and intermediate-term nominal interest rates were negative in Japan and Germany.

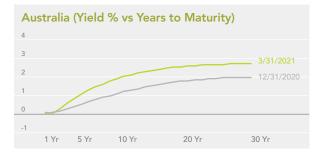






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Changes in Yields (bps) since 9/30/2020

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-4.7	56.1	89.6	86.0	74.9
UK	13.9	46.2	67.6	66.5	62.2
Germany	10.6	10.6	27.5	39.7	40.4
Japan	-1.0	2.5	7.6	7.8	2.7
Canada	1.7	57.8	88.3	82.3	74.7
Australia	2.9	43.2	76.9	79.5	73.2

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