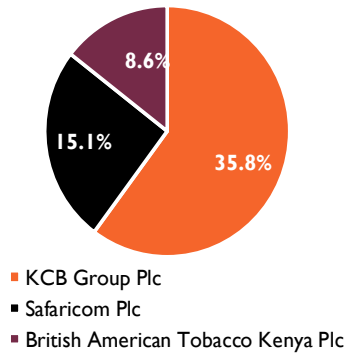


**WEEKLY
NOTE**

Top 3 Traded Counters



Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Top Gainers

Company	Closing Price	W/W Change (%)
E.A Portland Cement Co. Ltd	56.50	▲ 65.9%
Centum Investment Co Plc	14.95	▲ 22.5%
ILAM FAHARI I-REIT. Ord.20.00	1.20	▲ 14.3%
Uchumi Supermarket Plc	0.37	▲ 12.1%
Unga Group Ltd	23.70	▲ 10.5%

Top Losers

Company	Closing Price	W/W Change (%)
Africa Mega Agricorp Plc Ord 5.00	33.50	▼ (40.7%)
Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd	1.27	▼ (13.0%)
Carbacid Investments Plc	20.25	▼ (6.7%)
E.A Cables Ltd	2.21	▼ (6.4%)
Crown Paints Kenya Plc	31.00	▼ (6.1%)

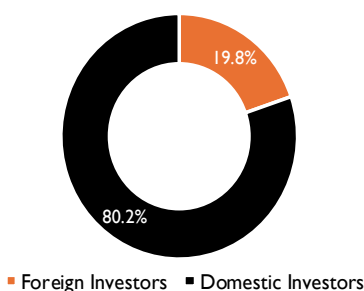
Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Weekly Market Summary

Statistic	Latest Week	Previous Week	% change
Market Cap (KES Bn)	2,076.83	2,086.22	▼ (0.5%)
Nairobi All Share Index	132.13	132.81	▼ (0.5%)
NSE-10 Index	1,366.92	1,361.23	▲ 0.4%
NSE-20 Index	2,300.17	2,241.11	▲ 2.6%
NSE-25 Index	3,595.08	3,566.84	▲ 0.8%

Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Participation Mix



Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Stock Commentary

- ❖ KCB Group Plc was the most traded counter in the week with aggregate turnover clocking **KES 631.22 Mn** with Safaricom Plc coming in as the second most traded counter with the cumulative turnover coming in at **KES 265.95 Mn**.
- ❖ For the week, bullish foreigner sentiment was skewed on East African Breweries Plc to register net inflows amounting to **KES 41.5 Mn**.
- ❖ On the flip side, bearish foreigner sentiment was most pronounced on British American Tobacco (BAT) to register net outflows amounting to **KES 124.1 Mn**.

Trading Activity Stats

Statistic	Latest Week	Previous Week	% change
Equity Turnover (KES, Mn)	1,765.30	2,072.26	▼ (14.8%)
Foreigner buys (KES Mn)	216.47	659.76	▼ (67.2%)
Foreigner sales (KES Mn)	481.28	572.99	▼ (16.0%)
Net foreign flows (KES, Mn)	(264.81)	86.76	▲ 405.2%
Foreign Participation Rate	19.8%	29.7%	▼ (10.0%)

Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Kenyan Equities Market Performance

- ❖ The market registered bearish sentiments as signaled by the **0.5%** decline in the Nairobi All-Share index (NASI) to close at **132.13 points**. Trading activity decreased by **0.5%** in the week to **KES 2,076.83 Mn**, down from **KES 2,086.22 Mn** the previous week.
- ❖ Foreign investors witnessed a reduction in activity in the week, with their participation rate coming in at **19.8%** of total market activity.

Top Net Foreigner Buys

Company	Closing Price	Turnover (KES '000')
East African Breweries Plc	185.00	41,512.25
Equity Group Holdings Plc	48.70	26,912.80
Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc	6.94	6,478.04
KenGen Co. Plc	4.96	5,105.71
Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc	6.82	83.36

Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Top Net Foreigner Sales

Company	Closing Price	Turnover (KES '000')
British American Tobacco Kenya Plc	380.00	(124,136.88)
Safaricom Plc	17.95	(85,886.90)
ABSA Bank Kenya Plc	19.00	(34,175.30)
Stanbic Holdings Plc	152.25	(33,615.35)
Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd	300.25	(31,310.93)

Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Corporate Actions

Company	Interim/Special Dividend	Final Dividend	Book Closure	Dividend Payment
EABL Plc	KES 2.50		21-Feb-25	30-Apr-25
Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC	KES 0.20		28-Feb-25	11-Apr-25
EA Portland Cement		KES 1.00	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25
KenGen Plc		KES 0.65	28-Nov-24	13-Feb-25
Safaricom Plc	KES 0.55		03-Mar-25	31-Mar-25

Source: NSE, AIB-AXYS Research

Africa Equities Return Heatmap



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SSA Equity Market Performance

Country	w/w (%)	YTD 2025 (%)
Kenya	▼ (0.5%)	▲ 7.1%
Uganda	▲ 2.1%	▲ 11.4%
Tanzania	▲ 0.6%	▲ 8.3%
West Africa	▼ (0.4%)	▲ 6.0%
Nigeria	▼ (0.6%)	▲ 4.8%
Ghana	▲ 1.7%	▲ 15.8%
Malawi	▲ 7.3%	▲ 64.9%
Mauritius	▲ 0.5%	▼ (6.7%)
Botswana	▲ 0.4%	▲ 0.5%
Egypt	▼ (1.0%)	▲ 4.4%
South Africa	▼ (3.3%)	▲ 2.4%
Median	▲ 0.4%	▲ 6.0%

Source: African Markets, AIB-AXYS Research

Regional Perspective

- ❖ African equity markets registered bullish momentum in the week, to clock a median gain of **0.4%**.
- ❖ **Malawi** emerged as the best-performing market, posting a **7.3% w/w** return, whereas **South Africa** was the weakest performer for the week, posting a discount of **3.3%**.
- ❖ Kenya's week-on-week average discount of **0.5%** resulted in a **+7.1%** year-to-date performance.

Top Gainers 2025	Closing Price	% Change
Trans-Century Plc	KES 1.33	▲ 232.5%
Home Afrika Ltd	KES 0.85	▲ 142.9%
E.A.Cables	KES 2.21	▲ 108.5%
HF Group Plc	KES 8.00	▲ 95.6%
Uchumi Supermarket	KES 0.37	▲ 76.2%
Sanlam Kenya Plc	KES 7.42	▲ 64.5%
E.A. Portland Cement	KES 56.50	▲ 61.4%
Kenya Re Insurance Corpora	KES 1.81	▲ 58.8%
Kenya Power & Lighting Co	KES 6.94	▲ 56.0%
Centum Investment	KES 14.95	▲ 54.1%

Top Losers 2025	Closing Price	% Change
Africa Mega Agricorp	KES 33.50	▼ (52.1%)
Limuru Tea	KES 300.00	▼ (17.8%)
Crown Paints Kenya	KES 31.00	▼ (11.4%)
Bamburi Cement	KES 56.50	▼ (10.0%)
B.O.C Kenya	KES 84.00	▼ (5.6%)
Kapchorua Tea Kenya	KES 230.00	▼ (2.1%)
ARM Cement	KES 5.50	▼ (0.9%)
Umeme Ltd	KES 16.00	▼ (0.3%)

Top Movers 2025	Turnover (KES Mn)	Turnover (USD Mn)	Foreigners' Participation	Closing Price	% Change (YTD)
Safaricom Plc	KES 5,933.7	\$45.93	69.8%	KES 17.95	▲ 16.9%
KCB Group	KES 3,555.5	\$27.52	27.8%	KES 44.95	▲ 18.3%
Equity Group Holdings	KES 1,660.3	\$12.85	47.9%	KES 48.70	▲ 8.1%
East African Breweries	KES 1,170.5	\$9.06	68.2%	KES 185.00	▲ 6.8%
Absa Bank Kenya	KES 736.2	\$5.70	3.1%	KES 19.00	▲ 27.1%
HF Group Plc	KES 637.3	\$4.93	0.0%	KES 8.00	▲ 95.6%
Kenya Power & Lighting Co	KES 515.0	\$3.99	5.5%	KES 6.94	▲ 56.0%
Standard Chartered Bank	KES 503.9	\$3.90	11.5%	KES 300.25	▲ 20.7%
Stanbic Holdings	KES 480.7	\$3.72	60.2%	KES 152.25	▲ 17.1%
KenGen Co.	KES 380.2	\$2.94	5.0%	KES 4.96	▲ 47.2%
Co-operative Bank of Kenya	KES 378.9	\$2.93	3.4%	KES 16.85	▲ 21.7%
British American Tobacco Kenya	KES 362.2	\$2.80	40.8%	KES 380.00	▲ 8.6%
Kenya Re Insurance Corporation	KES 262.7	\$2.03	1.9%	KES 1.81	▲ 58.8%
I&M Holdings	KES 228.0	\$1.76	0.9%	KES 35.95	▲ 18.1%
Jubilee Holdings	KES 219.5	\$1.70	64.1%	KES 205.25	▲ 19.3%

Key Highlights

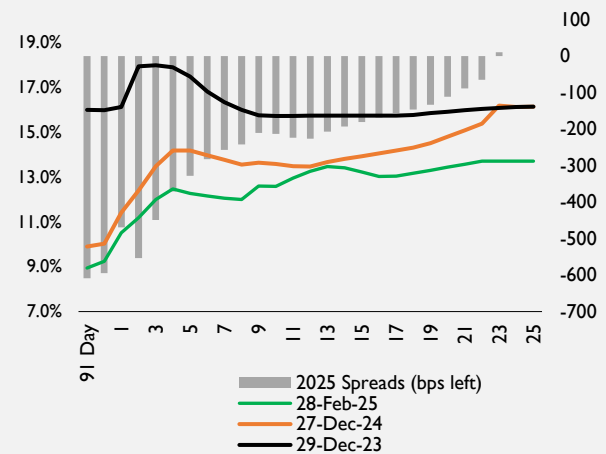
- ❖ **Spot market treasury bills remained oversubscribed, recording a subscription rate of 152.2% from 137.2% recorded the previous week.** Absolute demand skewed towards the 91-day paper – which received bids amounting to KES 1Bn. Demand for shorter-term papers has somewhat moderated, as investors shift their focus to longer-term issues to lock in rates for an extended period. However, in this latest issue, we believe demand for the 91-day paper was driven by the high level of upcoming redemptions on the specific issue.
- ❖ **In the primary bond market, the government is looking to raise KES 25.00Bn through the re-opening of the FXDI/2018/025 bond,** which is earmarked for budgetary support in FY24/25. The bond has a quoted tenor to maturity of 18.3yr. The coupon rate is set at 13.40%. Bidding is set to close on 5th March 2025. We will be issuing further bidding guidance.
- ❖ **The 91-day Treasury Bill rate witnessed a 1.08bps w/w downtick to 8.94%** – attributable to the lingering effect of the Central Bank of Kenya's recent 50 bps policy rate cut enacted in their latest MPC meeting. Meanwhile, the accepted average yields on the 182-day paper declined by 7.20bps, whilst the 364-day paper declined by 2.60bps.
- ❖ **Across the secondary bond market, the value of bonds traded decreased 58.77% w/w to KES 52.54 Bn from KES 127.44 Bn** recorded a week prior. The NSE Bond Index also decreased 22.59bps w/w to 1,1152.96 points driven largely by an increase in the 14-year benchmark yields. The 14-year yield gained the most by 28.94bps w/w while the 21-year yield eased the most by 29.60bps w/w. We continue to expect a progressive yield curve flattening at the short end of the curve.
- ❖ **Yields on Kenya's Eurobond papers decreased by an average of 41.47bps w/w.** We believe the recent decline in Eurobond yields is linked to Kenya's issuance of the 2036 Eurobond. The proceeds from this issuance are expected to be used to retire the \$900 million Eurobond maturing in 2027, with any surplus allocated to other government debt obligations. The issuance raised \$1.5 billion at a coupon rate of 9.5% and a yield of 9.95%.

Table 1: Indicative Fixed Income Stats

Rate	Current	Previous	w/w bps change	2025 bps change
91-Day	8.94%	8.95%	(1.08)	(95.77)
182-Day	9.24%	9.31%	(7.20)	(78.20)
364-Day	10.50%	10.53%	(2.60)	(90.94)
Bond Index	1155.57	1153.77	15.60	563.09
Interbank Rate	10.69%	10.68%	0.99	(41.19)

Source: Central Banks' Data, Nairobi Securities Exchange

Chart 1: Domestic Yield Curve Evolution



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange, AIB-AXYS Africa Research

Table 2: Summary of Kenya Eurobond performance

KENYAN EURO BONDS						
ISSUANCE	KENINT 05/22/2027	KENINT 02/28/2028	KENINT 02/16/2031	KENINT 05/22/2032	KENINT 01/23/2034	KENINT 02/28/2048
Tenor to maturity	2.30	3.00	6.10	7.30	9.00	23.10
31-Dec-24	8.48%	9.06%	10.13%	10.11%	10.12%	10.29%
21-Feb-25	8.20%	8.59%	9.85%	9.74%	9.83%	10.16%
24-Feb-25	7.53%	8.40%	9.85%	9.77%	9.86%	10.14%
25-Feb-25	7.43%	8.35%	9.81%	9.74%	9.86%	10.14%
26-Feb-25	7.32%	8.06%	9.55%	9.52%	9.63%	10.00%
27-Feb-25	7.21%	8.02%	9.49%	9.49%	9.63%	10.05%
Weekly change	-0.99%	-0.58%	-0.36%	-0.25%	-0.20%	-0.11%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Macroeconomic Developments

Exchange Rate

- ❖ The Kenya Shilling strengthened marginally against the USD, appreciating by **0.276% w/w** to KES **129.23** from **129.64** the week prior. This saw the Shilling's YTD appreciate to **0.052%** against the USD.
- ❖ Official forex reserves decreased by **215.00bps w/w** to **USD 9.057Mn** from **USD 9.256Mn**. The current reserves now offer about **4.6 months** of import cover – meeting the CBK's statutory requirement of 4 months and the EAC's convergence requirement of 4.5 months of import cover.
- ❖ The shilling experienced reduced pressure this week following the issuance of Kenya's new 2036 Eurobond, which raised \$1.5 billion. The proceeds will be used to retire the outstanding \$900 million Eurobond due in 2027, with the remainder allocated to covering other government obligations. This influx of funds is expected to further boost the country's reserves, contributing to the ongoing strengthening of the shilling. Additionally, Kenya anticipates an additional \$1.5 billion from a UAE debt facility in the near term, which could further bolster reserves and support the shilling's appreciation.

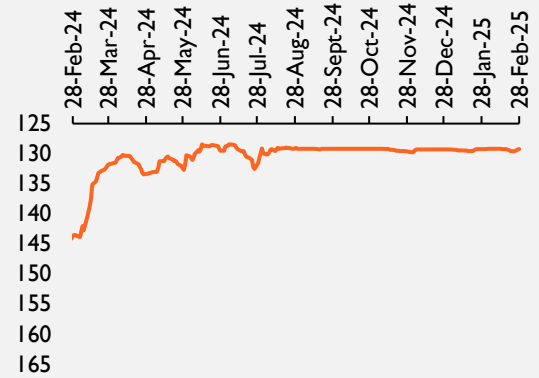
Kenya Consumer Price Index Report – February 2025

- ❖ Latest statistics from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics indicate that the yearly headline inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased slightly by 20bps to 3.5% in February 2025 compared to 3.3% in the preceding month.
- ❖ Food inflation rate increased by 30 bps to 6.4% in February 2025 compared to 6.1% in the preceding month. Fuel inflation remained constant at 0.7%. Similarly, Core inflation (Non-food Non-fuel) remained at 2.0% as recorded in the previous month.
- ❖ We expect inflationary pressures to persist in the coming months as prolonged dry weather continues to strain food supplies. However, the ongoing decline in global oil prices is likely to filter into the local economy, leading to lower fuel prices in the near term and helping to curb inflationary pressures. Nevertheless, the outlook remains uncertain, as potential trade disruptions from upcoming tariff announcements could impact global supply chains, potentially reigniting inflationary pressures.

Liquidity

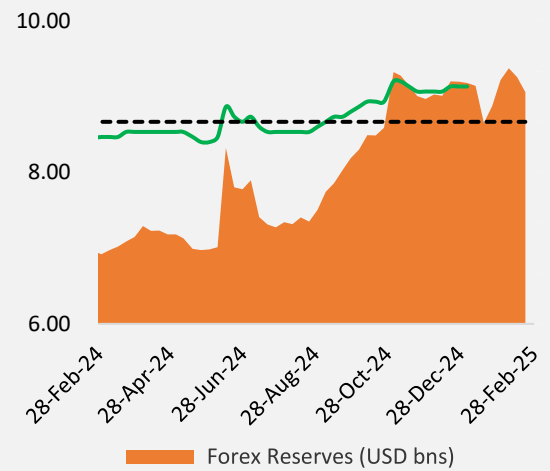
- ❖ Liquidity conditions across the money market tightened as evidenced by the 0.99bps increase in average interbank rate to 10.69% from 10.68% recorded a week prior. We anticipate that the interbank rate could stabilize around this mark in the near term. However, in the medium-term downward pressures on interbank rates could be limited as uncertainties in global policy agenda enactment could see the CBK adopt a more cautious easing approach.

Chart 2: KES-USD Exchange Rate



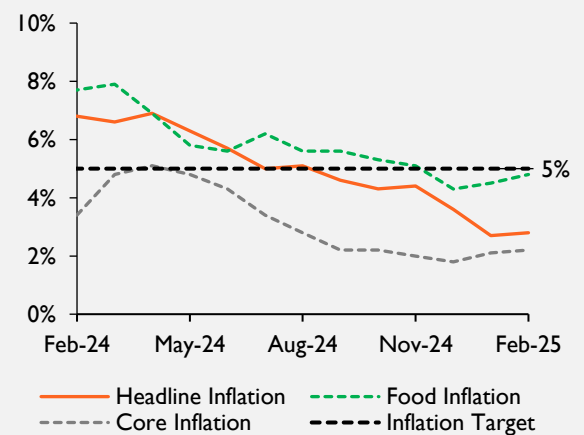
Source: Central Bank of Kenya, AIB-AXYS Africa Research

Chart 3: Forex reserves



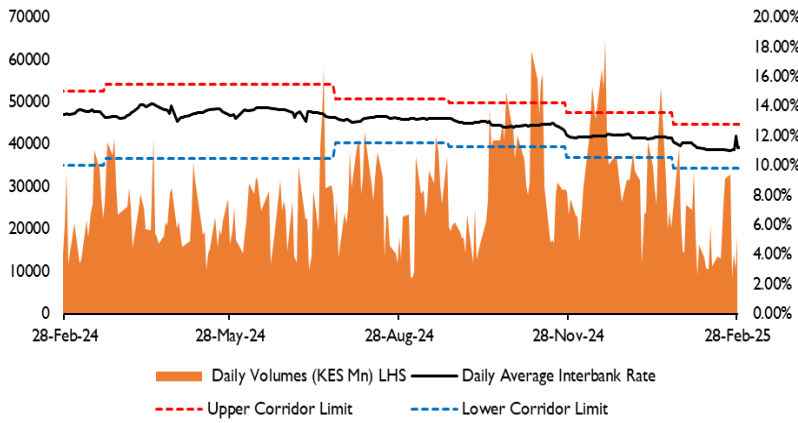
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Chart 4: Inflation M/M



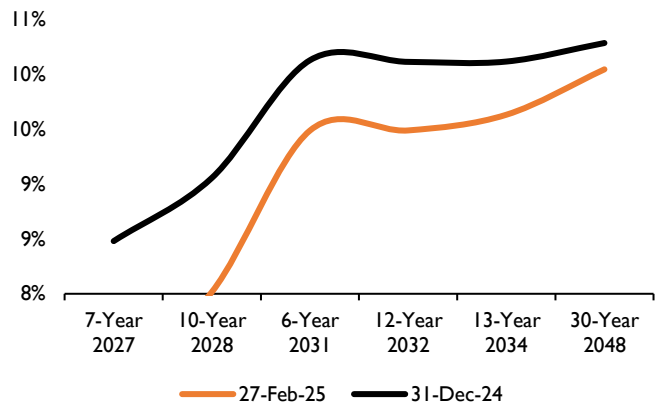
Source: KNBS, AIB AXYS Africa Research

Chart 5: Interbank Rate and Volume



Source: Central Bank of Kenya, AIB-AXYS Research

Chart 6: Kenya Eurobond Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg

Macroeconomic Developments

Global Market Pulse

- ❖ Global growth is projected at 3.3% in 2025 attributable to low global inflationary pressures, declining cost borrowing, and supply chain normalization. However, escalating geopolitical tensions and the recent introduction of US trade tariffs do represent potential headwinds to the outlook.
- ❖ On the international front, the US dollar strengthened by **0.9% w/w** against a basket of currencies. The yields on the 2-year US treasury paper witnessed downward momentum with a **20bps w/w** drop, whilst the 10-year paper witnessed downward momentum with a **21bps w/w** decline settling at **4.01%** and **4.22%** respectively.
- ❖ Global oil prices registered a downward performance with Kenya's supplier UAE Murban decreasing by 520bps to close the week at **USD 72.81/barrel** while Brent Crude oil declined by 110bps to close the week at **USD 73.63/barrel**. The ongoing decline in oil prices is driven by growing investor caution due to escalating trade war risks. With the delay in U.S. tariffs on Canada and Mexico ending, and the possibility of further tariffs on other nations, concerns are rising. President Trump has proposed reciprocal tariffs on countries taxing American imports and may factor in value-added tax, potentially impacting numerous trade partners. Increased tariffs could fuel reflation and reduce productivity, further dampening the outlook for oil demand.

Table 3: Specific Global Prices

Statistic	Current Wk	Previous Wk	Δ
DXY Index	107.56	106.64	▲ 0.9%
Murban Crude	72.81	76.84	▼ (5.2%)
Brent Crude	73.63	74.43	▼ (1.1%)
US 2Yr Yield	4.01%	4.20%	▼ (20 bps)
US 10Yr Yield	4.22%	4.43%	▼ (21 bps)

Source: Source: Bloomberg, Oil Prices.com, World Bank, AIB-AXYS Africa Research

MACROECONOMIC CALENDAR

Event	Date
Closure of Reopened FXD1/2018/025	5 th March 2025
Weekly CBK T-Bill Auction	6 th March 2025

Summary Macroeconomic Stats

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Statistic	Updated as of:	Current	Previous	Δ
GDP Growth	Q3 2024	4.0%	4.6%	▼ (60 bps)
Headline Inflation	February-25	3.5%	3.3%	▲ 20 bps
Central Bank Rate	February-25	10.8%	11.3%	▼ (50 bps)
Stanbic Kenya PMI	January-25	50.5	50.6	▼ (0.1 pts)
Private Sector Credit Growth	December-24	-1.4%	-1.1%	▼ (30 bps)
Forex Reserves (USD M)	January-24	8,877	9,201	▼ (3.5%)
Public Debt (KES Tn)	June-24	10.56	10.44	▲ 1.2%

Source: CBK, KNBS, Stanbic Bank Kenya, AIB-AXYS Research

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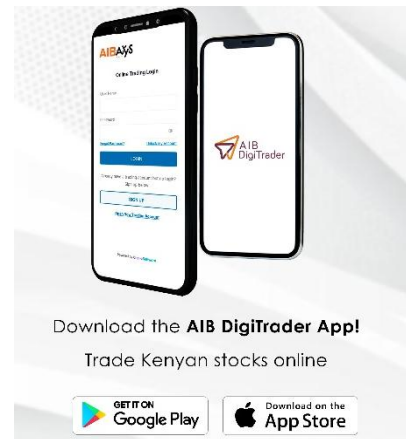
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