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Tuesday 4th December 2018



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Goldman brand reshuffle

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THE Goldman Group has confirmed it will roll out its various leisure brands into new markets as part of its ongoing expansion.

Announced late last month at the Goldman conference on the Sunshine Coast, the move will see the farewell of the Travel Phase brand, which was acquired five years ago (TD 20 Dec 2013).

Instead Goldman will roll out the Melbourne-founded Travelcall brand, also acquired in 2013, across its operations in Bondi Junction and Double Bay, NSW, as well as launching in Brisbane.

The Queensland-based Cruise Centre brand, purchased from

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news, a front cover wrap for **Tourism New Zealand**, plus full pages from:

- TMS Talent/inPlace
- Viking Cruises

Savenio just over 12 months ago (TD 24 Oct 2017) will also be deployed into Sydney and Melbourne, the company said.

The Goldman Group has witnessed a strong year, with the 120 delegates at the conference told of more than \$6m in additional corporate business and a 115% uplift in cruise sales.

A video highlighting Goldman's 35-year history was also launched - see traveldaily.com.au/videos.

Air NZ free wi-fi

AIR New Zealand will offer free wi-fi until 28 Feb as it rolls out services across its int'l fleet.

Wi-fi is now available on four of its B777-300s and five of its B777-200s, mainly operating on trans-Tasman, US and London routes.

The airline's wi-fi is ordinarily charged at NZ\$30 for a full flight to Australia and the Pacific Islands and NZ\$40 for flights to North America, Europe and Asia.



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Epic adds in Japan

VAIL Resorts has added Japanese ski destination Rusutsu Resort to its Epic Australia Pass.

The expansion is effective from the 2019-20 season, offering pass holders five consecutive complimentary days at Rusutsu with no blackout dates.





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Orion arrives in Oz

TODAY *Viking Orion* makes her debut in Darwin as part of the ship's three-month home-porting season cruising between Sydney and Auckland.

See page 10 of today's *Travel Daily* for more information.



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VA looks to boost HA link

VIRGIN Australia has sought approval to boost its codeshare arrangements with Hawaiian Airlines, aiming to extend its partnership across the Tasman.

In an application to the International Air Services Commission (IASC), Virgin has proposed adding the Hawaiian Airlines HA code to VA operated flights between Australian and New Zealand cities.

The carrier has asked the IASC to allow some of its existing trans-Tasman capacity to be utilised as HA codeshare services, though the timing and extent of its planned partnership have not been disclosed.

Travel Tech kicks off

THE Travel Tech Summit 2018 has opened today at Novotel Sydney Central, providing a forum for industry leaders to discuss strategy, technology and innovation in travel.

Today has begun with a preconference workshop ahead of tomorrow's keynotes and interactive panel sessions which will tackle issues like the future of distribution, the evolution of the NDC and revolutionary fields like artificial intelligence.

Top speakers include TripAdvisor's Julien Coste, Booking.com's Stewart Jones, Carnival's Jennifer Vandekreeke and Airbnb's Sam McDonagh.

CLICK HERE for details.

Virgin Australia already has codeshare arrangements with Hawaiian Airlines on flights from Sydney to Honolulu, as well as on internal links to Maui, Kauai and the Big Island.

The addition of a trans-Tasman codeshare would potentially allow Hawaiian to offer its US travellers a triangular product to both Australia and New Zealand.

The IASC is taking submissions on the proposal until 17 Dec.

New cruise mag!

THE first edition of our new sister publication's *Travel & Cruise Weekly* quarterly flipbook has launched today.

The consumer-focused magazine provides a host of inspirational content, with cruise and travel news, product comparisons and more.

Readers wanting more information on anything in the magazine are directed to their local travel agent, and it's hoped the publication will be something consultants can use in their marketing to clients.

The magazine can also be customised with a specific call to action for individual agencies, and as a special launch offer we will offer this FREE to the first 20 agencies to express interest in a bespoke version by emailing jenny@traveldaily.com.au.

The magazine can be viewed at travelandcruiseweekly.com.au.

Club Med Christmas

CLUB Med is giving agents the chance to win a five-night stay at one of its resorts in Asia or the Indian Ocean in *Travel Daily's* latest monthly competition.

To enter, consider which Club Med you prefer and see page 8.







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TripaDeal and TC growth

TRAVELLERS Choice's partnership with TripaDeal has brought in "new clients, an increase in sales and member engagement" since the tie-up's launch last vear (TD 25 Sep 2017).

"Not only does this relationship provide Travellers Choice with a unique value proposition, it also provides a product that is ideally designed to generate database growth, which in turn encourages increased usage of both digital and traditional marketing services," said the company's MD Christian Hunter.

Hunter told TD at the Travellers Choice annual Shareholders' Conference in Cairns over the weekend that the online platform had allowed members to "capture customers they didn't have access to before".

"About 80% of the business has been with brand new clients, and that was the whole premise

behind [the partnership], it wasn't about trying to shift the existing business to a new product, it's about exposing our members to a whole new customer base." said Hunter.

"[TripaDeal] complements our broader product offering to our members and their customers...it is working really well and our aim is to continue that growth."

Hunter also revealed that 2017/18 was a "great year for the group", with TTV across the network growing by 13%, the number of tickets issued up 11%, the average sale price increasing by 4% and a 9% increase in departed sales.

"Also, in terms of membership, we have had an additional \$13 million in revenue as a result of new members," he said.

Next year's Travellers Choice conference will be held in Adelaide from 15 to 17 Nov.



Tramada NDC ready

TRAMADA today confirmed its platform is now compatible with IATA's New Distribution Capability, which it said provided agencies using the system with process efficiency regardless of the booking source.

In particular Tramada now supports bookings made through the new Qantas Distribution Platform, with the enhancement "the result of close ongoing cooperation btw Tramada, Qantas & online booking tool providers".

Tramada Global Head of Product and Technology Bjorn Bohme said NDC bookings were treated just like non-NDC bookings, from accounting and traveller history to the many automated outputs such as invoices, itineraries, reporting and duty of care feeds.

Bohme said Tramada's investment in NDC provided a roadmap for travel agencies looking to "future-proof" their mid- and back-office processes.



Window Seat

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL team in New Zealand has unveiled a proposal for the world's highest bungy jump in Taranaki.

The idea for "Cloudjump" took out top prize in a startup competition in New Plymouth, with the mind-numbing drop to be suspended 400m above the ground from a helium balloon.

Currently the world's highest bungy jump is 260m high, in Zhangjiajie, China, with the NZ plan estimated to cost about \$8 million to establish.

The balloon bungy is still in its early stages, but local authorities said they were keen to progress the initiative as a way of boosting adventure tourism in Taranaki, which doesn't currently boast any "adrenalin-based" attractions.



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This month's edition of travelBulletin details all the big events of 2018, from the succession of high-profile executives who jumped ship to the booming sectors that are enjoying their day in the sun and the corporate attacks weathered by companies like Corporate Travel Management.

This month's issue also includes our 2019 Airline Guide, containing all the essential details on major carriers in a single easy-reference guide.

The Dec/Jan edition of travelBulletin also includes features on the USA, Australia and Luxury & Romance, plus there's all our regular industry



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Trivago admissions

ACCOMMODATION metasearch site Trivago has reportedly admitted that its advertising in Australia led consumers to "form an erroneous belief" that it offered the lowest prices.

The company, which is majority owned by Expedia, is currently the subject of an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission probe (TD 23 Aug) which accuses the company's TV ads of misleading consumers by presenting its site as an "impartial and objective price comparison service" - rather than the reality, which is that it prioritised advertisers willing to pay the highest fees per click.

Sydney's Daily Telegraph cited court documents lodged by Trivago apparently admitting to the conduct, which could see it liable for up to \$10 million in fines for each offence.

The ACCC said the case highlights "growing concerns" about price comparison platforms".

Airnorth DRW-OOL

AIRNORTH has announced plans to operate seasonal services from Darwin to the Gold Coast via Townsville.

The new link will launch ahead of Easter, operating twice weekly on Wed and Sun between 03 Apr and 20 Oct next year.

Fares from Darwin to the Gold Coast will start from \$279 one way, and from Townsville to the Gold Coast from \$209 one way.

Fast rail feasibility

THE NSW Government has confirmed it will investigate the feasibility of four potential routes for high-speed rail services out of Sydney, including a Canberra link.

Other routes would serve Newcastle & the Central Coast, Wollongong & Nowra, and the western NSW cities of Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange and Parkes.

The Canberra route would reportedly link with the new Western Sydney Airport.



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Hurti Alaska 20/21

HURTIGRUTEN has released its 2020/21 program, which will see the line enter Alaska with a series of expedition cruises.

The cruise line will offer eightto 18 day itineraries, covering the highlights of the Inside Passage combined with "off-the-beaten path destinations".

Hurtigruten will introduce the first hybrid powered cruise ship in Alaska, *MS Roald Amundsen*, in summer 2020.

The season will also mark the debut of Hurtigruten's second hybrid-powered expedition ship, *MS Fridtjof Nansen,* which will operate expedition cruises from Hamburg, venturing to Greenland and Iceland.

Hurtigruten will offer sailings to Antarctica, Russia and Franz Josef Land, a wide selection of Svalbard expeditions, warm water expeditions to the Caribbean, and several South and Central America voyages.

Kiwi Exp sale off

TOURISM Holdings Limited (thl) has advised the possible sale of Kiwi Experience and some of its Discover Waitomo businesses has been called off.

The company said that at the final stage in the negotiation of the potential transaction, the prospective purchaser decided not to proceed, seeking to reduce the purchase price.

The possible sale included Black Water Rafting, Ruakuri and the Waitomo Homestead.

"We have received offers for these businesses for many years and I'm sure we will continue to do so," thl Chairman Rob Campbell said.

"We will only ever consider any interest if we believe it is right for the business and the teams."

Campbell emphasised the focus was now "to ensure there are no distractions for anyone, including our customers, as we head into the current high season".

TOSP toasts to 2018



TREASURES of the South Pacific treated 40 key industry partners to a VIP event in Sydney last week to thank them for their support for a successful 2018.

During the year the Treasures group collectively presented to over 400 retail agents in Victoria, Tasmania, NSW and Queensland.

The group consists of the following National Tourism Offices: Tourism Solomons, Vanuatu Tourism, New Caledonia Tourism, Fiji Tourism, Samoa Tourism, Cook Islands Tourism, Norfolk Island Tourism and Tahiti Tourisme.

Pictured are: David McMahon, Fiji Tourism; Robert Thompson, Tahiti Tourisme; Manuela Neilson, New Caledonia Tourism; Greg Maloney, General Manager ToSP; Anne Lee, Vanuatu Tourism; Richard Skewes, Tourism Solomons; Crystal Kranz, Cook Islands Tourism; Chad Morris, Pacific Trade Invest; Ben Urquart, Vanuatu Tourism and Jason Sacriz, Tourism Fiji.

Virgin int'l sale on

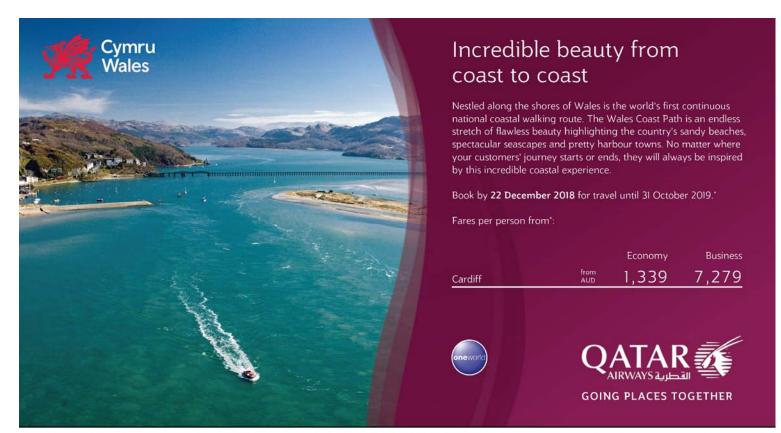
VIRGIN Australia has kicked off a sale on international short-haul flights, offering average discounts of 30% on year-round lead-in fares available until 12 Dec.

Prices lead in at \$239 for a oneway trip from Brisbane to Port Vila between 20 Jan-03 Apr.

Business saver rates on the route start at \$609.

Also on sale is travel to Fiji, Bali, and the Cook Islands.

For more details, **CLICK HERE**.



* Offer valid until 22 December 2018, unless sold out prior. Fares quoted above are for departures from Sydney and are the lowest adult return prices per person including taxes, fees, and airport charges. Economy Class fares are valid for departures between 15 January – 8 April 2019, 23 April – 6 June 2019, and 1 September – 31 October 2019. Business Class fares are valid for departures between 15 January – 31 October 2019. Other sale dates may be available. Other sale fares are available from Melbourne, Perth, Canberra, and Adelaide. Fares may vary due to currency or tax fluctuations. Seasonal and weekend surcharges may apply. For all other terms and conditions please review at time of booking.

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Iceland acq canned

ICELANDAIR Group's acquisition of WOW air has been cancelled (*TD* 06 Nov).

"The Board of Directors and management of both companies have worked on this project in earnest...this conclusion is certainly disappointing," said Icelandair Group Interim President and CEO Bogi Nils Bogason.

Icelandair Group issued a stock exchange release on 26 Nov stating that "the company estimated that it would be unlikely that all of the conditions in the share purchase agreement would be fulfilled by the shareholders' meeting on 30 Nov".

MEANWHILE Indigo Partners has announced it plans to invest in WOW air.

"The demand for low-cost air service continues to expand rapidly worldwide, and with Indigo as a partner, we hope to take full advantage of this highly attractive market segment," said WOW CEO and primary shareholder, Skuli Mogensen.

"I am convinced it is the best long-term move for our people."

Busabout Asia brox

BUSABOUT has launched its Asia 2019/20 brochure featuring a selection of new trips, mini breaks and experiences in Southeast Asia.

The new three-day Bangkok to Kwai Adventure includes Damnoen Suduak Floating Market, the Meklong Train Market, the River Kwai where passengers will stay overnight on a floating river hotel, and Ayutthaya Archaeological Park, priced from \$739 per person.

Another new addition is a visit to Vietnam's "latest Instagram hotspot", the Golden Hand Bridge in the Ba Na Hills.

View the full Busabout Asia brohure **HERE**.

NZ AKL disruption

THUNDERSTORMS caused major disruptions to services at Auckland Airport this morning, with a number of Air New Zealand flights cancelled.

The airline is expecting flow-on interruptions across its domestic network throughout the day.

Customers can **CLICK HERE** to stay up-to-date.

TC appoints new Chairman



TRAVELLERS Choice (TC) has welcomed Trent Bartlett as the new Chairman of its Board at the company's 2018 Annual General Meeting, held during the group's Shareholders' Conference in Cairns over the weekend.

Bartlett has almost 20 years' experience working at board and CEO level, during which he was involved in tourism, retailing, banking and agriculture, along with a range of business models.

His relationship with Travellers Choice goes back to 2001 when Bartlett was Chief Executive of Perth-based automotive cooperative Capricorn Society, parent company of Capricorn Travel, a Travellers Choice member for over 30 years.

"The board has done great work with management and mapping out outcomes they want to try to achieve on behalf of the membership over the next three to five years," he said, adding, "The road map is there, but we might go off road now and then".

Bartlett replaces Trish Ridsdale who joined the Travellers Choice Board as an independent director in 2005 and served as Chairman for the past 11 years.

Travellers Choice Managing Director Christian Hunter said "Bartlett is an absolute champion of the member owned & member operated business model.

"I think he will be able to bring that knowledge to Travellers Choice and support us in stepping forward into where we are going in the future."

Bartlett also added, "I think our ability to help members with data and technology is really important...I'm a believer that this sector will be powered by data but driven by people".

Pictured are Chairman Trent Bartlett with Trish Ridsdale.









Going with the flow at Rotto



ROTTNEST Express hosted a group of agents from STA Central Europe on a sun-soaked famil to Rottnest Island last month, where they experienced a range of activities available to visitors on the popular West Australian island.

Departing Barrack Street, Perth on board the Rottnest Express, the group travelled along the Swan River before heading out to Rottnest Island.

On arrival, they jumped on the Rottnest Explorer Discover Bus Tour where they enjoyed a 90-minute journey highlighting the history of the island as well as learning about the local wildlife - including the famous Quokka!

At the conclusion of the tour, a seafood lunch was laid out for the hungry group on the balcony at Thomsons Restaurant, where they took in stunning views of Perth and Fremantle.

The afternoon was spent swimming and snorkelling, before heading back to Perth.

Pictured: The group from STA Central Europe enjoying the pristine waters of Rottnest Island.



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AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



THE POWER of connection was the theme of this year's Travellers Choice conference, which took place

last weekend in Cairns. I was very happy to be part of it, and there was some terrific learnings and ideas presented at the conference - a big shout out to TC for another well-organised and connected conference.

During the weekend, the announcement came that Trish Ridsdale would step down as Chairman of the Board of Travellers Choice after more than a decade with the company, and that Trent Bartlett would take up the position as Independent Chairman. I have known Trish for the entire time I have been at AFTA - 11 years - and I wanted to add my fondest congratulations and thanks for her outstanding contribution to Travellers Choice during her time as Chair, but also more broadly to the travel industry.

Trish has been a keenly involved and interested Independent Chair and all of my dealings with her over the years have come with significant interest, opinion and experience. I am sure as she goes on to pursue even more board positions, her knowledge and skill will benefit those that choose to include her.

On behalf of AFTA, I extended a broader industry thank you while attending the gala dinner, where Managing Director Christian Hunter showed us that he has a hidden musical talent by singing a farewell song to Trish, backed up with a solo guitar performance. It was truly amazing and very emotional.

All in all, it was a wonderful send off to a terrific person and I am sure that while Travellers Choice will miss her, Trish will take the values of the power of connection much further as her career as a company Director advances.

A special thank you to all the TC members that I got to talk to over the weekend - there are many who have become part of the ACS scheme and I was delighted (but also sad) that one in particular had been successful in a claim for a chargeback already with Venture Far. It shows just how important the scheme really is – particularly for smaller agents.

I would like to say a big thank you to Travellers Choice for a terrific conference and a great weekend in Cairns.

Air traffic delays

has revealed that 2018 was the "worst year for air traffic control delays and flight cancellations in nearly a decade", with Eurocontrol suggesting that capacity and staff shortages led to a 50% increase in delayed flights in Oct, compared to last year.

Strikes & airspace diversions were named as other factors.

Negus joins W Exp

WORLD Expeditions has launched a new "Travel for the Mind Colombia & Chile with George Negus" itinerary for 2019, offering travellers the chance to learn more about the changes the countries have experienced following their struggling political and military history.

The itineraries draw on the "extensive experience and valuable contacts" journalist George Negus has come across in his career of more than 30 years.

CLIA LIVE expands

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has added more cities and dates to its CLIA LIVE program in 2019, including its debut in Perth and Adelaide and the extension of NZ's program by two days.

The agent training events run over two days between Mar and Sep 2019, with tickets on sale for the sessions now.

For more info CLICK HERE.

AA Biz on LAX-BOS

AMERICAN Airlines is set to launch new twice-daily flights between Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) that will offer both First and Business class.

Taking off from 02 Apr 2019, the new flights will operate on board a three-class Airbus A321T, making it the first airline to offer both First and Business class on the transcontinental route.



Resource unites for Christmas



MONEY

WELCOME to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian

AU\$1 = US0.735

THE Aussie dollar has been making some solid ground against most of the majors over the last week, however, doubts over the veracity of the trade truce struck between China & the US has seen growth flatten. Holidays to Europe can be stretched a little further, with the AUD continuing to make minor gains, while also taking a hit of close to a cent against the

Wholesale rates this morning.

NZ dollar this week.

US	\$0.735
UK	£0.578
NZ	\$1.062
Euro	€0.648
Japan	¥83.61
Thailand	ß24.14
China	¥5.064
South Africa	10.065
Canada	\$0.971
Crude oil	US\$50.93

FREELANCE travel industry talent hub Resource and management consultancy Auridian Training recently hosted a Christmas lunch in Sydney for the "orphans" of the travel sector.

The group of sole-operators and contractors joined the party at The Rook Rooftop Bar and Restaurant.

"Resource is a collective of brilliant contractors who, effectively, run their own microbusinesses.

"So, unlike employees of garden variety companies, Christmas parties can be a lonely affair," said Resource founder Maxine Wiggs.

Pictured: Maxine Wiggs (front left) enjoying the festive event with the invited travel "orphans".

Songbirds sold

THE Songbirds Rainforest Retreat at Tamborine on the Gold Coast has been sold to Vanuatubased resort operator Tongwing Weng for \$3.2 million.

The resort boasts seven spa villas and 10 glamping villas.



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Sno'n'ski early brox

SNO'N'SKI has launched its Ski Southern Hemisphere brochure one month earlier than planned.

The operator released the collection ahead of schedule to meet a growing demand for ski trips in the region.

"2018 was an unbelievable snow season in which we saw a 67% increase in skier numbers travelling to NZ," said Sno'n'Ski General Manager Daniel Walker. View the brochure online HERE.

Drunk pilot jailed

jailed for attempting to take off from Heathrow Airport while 10

First officer Katsutoshi Jitsukawa

Jewel back in Syd

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's (NCL) Norwegian Jewel sailed into Sydney on Sat, marking the beginning of her local summer cruise season.

This is the first Aussie season for Jewel since undergoing a multi-million dollar, bow-tostern renovation as part of NCL's Norwegian Edge fleet refurbishment program.

HK lights festival

HONG Kong has kicked off its inaugural Hong Kong Pulse Light Festival, featuring light-inspired installations along the city's Victoria Harbour.

Hosted by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, the festival's highlights include a winter edition of the nightly A Symphony of Lights light and music show, as well as a 25m-tall artistic reinterpretation of the traditional Christmas tree.

A JAPAN Airlines pilot has been times over the legal alcohol limit.

was sentenced to 10 months' jail time, with the judge telling the man upon sentencing that "the prospect of you taking over control of that aircraft is too appalling to contemplate".

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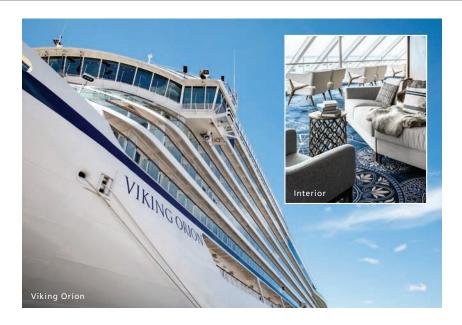
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VIKING VITALS

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THE VIKINGS Have arrived

Today Viking Orion makes her debut in Australia arriving in Darwin - her first port of call before a 3-month home-porting season cruising between Sydney and Auckland. The fifth and newest ship in the awardwinning fleet, Orion demonstrates Viking's commitment to the Australian cruise market, with the 2019/20 season already selling well and the 2020/21 season extended by two weeks.

Ship Information

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