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Oman Air expands TG codeshare

THAI Airways International flights to Australia will carry the Oman Air code under an expanded codeshare partnership between the carriers.

TG's Bangkok-Melbourne flights are already carrying the WY code effective from this month, while the codeshare will cover Thai's Bangkok-Sydney services effective from 29 Oct this year.

Japan rail increase

JAPAN Rail (JR) has flagged significant increases to the prices of its popular Japan Rail Pass.

Expected to be implemented in Oct this year, the seven-day pass will have a 69% fare increase to about A\$562 (was \$333), while the new price of the 14-day pass will be just over A\$900, up 65%.

JR says the price had not been adjusted for some years, offering travel throughout Japan using the country's high speed rail network.

Holiday homeless shock

TOURISTS have forced flood victims out of holiday accommodation in NSW and Queensland, according to disturbing findings by Natural Hazards Research Australia (NHRA).

The report, *Community experiences of the 2022 Australian floods*, found survivors from last year's floods had to move out of their temporary homes when some holidaymakers refused to cancel their bookings or change rooms or caravan sites.

Thousands of flood victims have been supported with accommodation since the 2022 floods, which affected Northern

NSW and parts of South East Qld.

Since Feb last year the NSW government has paid for more than 207,000 nights in 397 properties for flood victims in Northern NSW alone.

Dependence on holiday accommodation to house the flood survivors posed significant issues, but people made homeless by natural disasters in tourist towns should get priority over tourists, NHRA concluded.

Better relationships needed to be built with the tourism sector and accommodation providers such as Airbnb and Stayz, the report said.

"The issue of the Easter holidays compounded the impacts...the distress of being evicted or having to move within accommodation so that others could enjoy their holidays was confronting for many residents - and was hard also for those managing the accommodation," NHRA stated.

Who you gonna call

THE Travel Junction's wholesale call centre is now up and running, providing 24/7 telephone support for a huge range of products - see the **cover page** for details.

TD team expands!

THE *Travel Daily* team just got a little bit cuter, with the addition of Lachlan Bishop last Fri.

Lachlan (Lachie) is the second son of Editor Adam Bishop, who said based on his newborn's early arrival into the world, he could well be a journo in the making.

"He was due on 03 May but came early on 28 Apr, that's a boy who understands a deadline," Bishop said.



Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of news including **Business Events News**, plus a cover page from **The Travel Junction** and a product profile from **MW Tours**.

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SAS back to BKK

SCANDINAVIAN Airlines has announced a resumption of non-stop flights between Copenhagen and Bangkok, returning to the route after a decade-long hiatus.

Flights on the service are now open for reservation, with GDS screens indicating a seasonal thrice weekly resumption using Airbus A350-900XWB aircraft effective from 30 Nov.

A royal float-out

CUNARD Line's newest ship, the *Queen Anne*, has floated out from the Fincantieri Marghera shipyard in Venice, and will now begin a year-long fitout process prior to her maiden voyage.

The 3,000 passenger vessel will be the 249th ship to sail under the Cunard flag.



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Aussies feeling the pinch

PRICE is becoming an ever important factor for Australians when they are booking travel, Newscorp's new biannual *Travel Trend Forecast* report has shown.

Almost one in three travellers said cost of living has affected their travel plans and budgets, with 38% feeling the pinch "significantly".

Sixty-one percent of Aussies agree that lowest price is one of the most important considerations when making bookings, and two in three believe that price is more important now than ever before.

"Despite cost of living pressures, Australians are still travelling, they are adapting to these pressures by adjusting when they book, and how many people they travel with," News Corp Australia's Managing Director, Food, Health and Travel Fiona Nilsson said.

Nilsson pointed out that solo and couple travel is up (68% now vs 58% six months ago), while family and group travel has nose-dived over the last six months

Feedback for ETG

ENTIRE Travel Group is inviting agents to provide their feedback on what the best agent incentives are, training preferences, and more - fill out the Industry Partner 2023 survey [HERE](#).

Abu Dhabi summer

'**ONE** Summer Isn't Enough' for Abu Dhabi - according to the Emirate's Department of Culture & Tourism's new campaign.

The crusade is designed to show the wide range of experiences available throughout the season as part of the destination's plan to attract 24m visitors this year.

Also unveiled alongside One Summer Isn't Enough was the all-inclusive Abu Dhabi Summer Pass, which provides access to more than 30 attractions.

(45% now vs 60% six months ago).

Flexibility is another crucial element when making travel plans, with 68% of Aussies saying it is more important now than before, and 34% agreeing it is a top factor when booking to avoid penalties and loss.

The report also identified that travellers are booking their next trip further ahead, with 32% booking seven or more months out versus 20% this time last year.

"While intrastate travel is down and interstate travel remains consistent, international trips are going up, nearly doubling to 26% of travellers indicating it will be the next holiday," Nilsson noted.

New Zealand is still the preferred destination for Aussies, followed by the UK, with increased interest in Japan, Thailand and Greece.

CZ boosts Australia

CHINA Southern Airlines is set to further increase its operations to Australia, with GDS screens indicating flights between Guangzhou and Sydney will move to a double daily operation effective from early next month.

The carrier currently operates 10 weekly Boeing 787-9 services on the Sydney route, and is continuing to rapidly ramp up its operations following the easing of pandemic restrictions in China.

Overall capacity will also increase on CZ's Guangzhou-Melbourne services, with the carrier planning to operate a two-class 334-seat Airbus A350-900XWB on the route rather than the former 313 seat configuration, also effective from 08 Jun this year.

The 313-seat CZ aircraft will switch from Melbourne to serve the Guangzhou-Dhaka route.

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Two new Syd hotels

ACCOR has signed two new Sydney hotels with Sachin Sabharwal, including BreakFree on Broadway Sydney and Mantra Castle Hill Sydney.

The BreakFree property is just 15 minutes' walk from Darling Harbour, and features 47 refurbished guestrooms, an onsite cafe and a reading room with an electric fireplace.

Meanwhile, the 82-key Mantra hotel offers a gym and barbecue deck, and is located close to Norwest Business Park and The Hills Entertainment Centre.

Guests can save 15% off the best standard rate for stays until 30 Jun at both properties.

QF HK lounge open

QANTAS has reopened its Hong Kong International Lounge, which has undergone a refresh as part of the airline's \$100 million investment into its global lounge network (TD 21 Feb).

Perth Airport hotel plan

PERTH Airport is looking to establish its first airport hotel (render **pictured**), and is currently searching for a "world-class" hotel operator to pair with.

The hotel will offer a mix of around 250 rooms and suites, and be located within walking distance of terminal infrastructure, offering international and interstate visitors a convenient place to stay.

It will also be located next to the upcoming Airport Central station, providing a quick 12-minute train trip into downtown Perth.

"A hotel located in the Airport Central precinct has been part of our Master Planning for many years", Chief Property Officer Dan Sweet said.

"We are working with global leader in property development, CBRE, and we are now seeking proposals from hotel management companies to operate the future hotel



development located at Airport Central."

The Ellard Bed & Breakfast in Belmont, a 10-minute drive away, is presently the closest accommodation to Perth Airport.

Journese incentive

JOURNESE is offering an exclusive 500 bonus TRIP points to travel advisors.

The bonus points can be earned for new confirmed and registered bookings made by the end of next month for travel through 30 Jun 2024.

Eligible bookings include three-night stays at selected spa and wellness locations worldwide.



Window Seat

A STUDENT visiting an art gallery in South Korea has shocked fellow aficionados by eating one of the exhibits.

CCTV footage captured the moment Noh Huyn-soo hoed into a banana which had been duct-taped to the wall as part of an installation by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan, valued at a whopping US\$120,000.

Huyn-soo was visiting Seoul's Leeum Museum of Art when he calmly removed the banana, peeled it and ate it, before taping the skin back on the wall in its original spot.

Asked to explain, he first said he was hungry because he missed breakfast - but later confessed that he also thought "damaging a work of modern art could also be interpreted as a kind of artwork".

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Aussies experience La Collection



CRAIG Farrell is this week escorting a lucky group of Australian luxury travel advisors on a week-long adventure in Italy and France to experience some of the La Collection properties that he and Lea Seguiet represent.

The trip started at the Borgo Santandrea Relais & Chateaux,

with participants (pictured) including Jennie Lemon from Travelcall; Lena Nielson from SmartFlyer; Wentworth Travel's Gabrielle Thackray; Phil Smethurst from Bicton Travel; and Skye Kirne of Skye Travel, along with the hotel's sales manager, Antonella Gatto.

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Myanmar update

THE Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has reissued its Smartraveller advice for Myanmar, which continues to have a "do not travel" status.

DFAT warns of ongoing civil unrest and armed conflict, saying explosions and attacks can occur anywhere and anytime, including in the capital Yangon.

ASTA comm move

THE American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) has revealed plans to publicly acknowledge industry suppliers who pay commissions in a timely manner.

The move was unveiled during the ASTA Global Convention in Puerto Rico, with CEO Zane Kerby saying the list will recognise industry partners which remit commission to travel agencies within 30 days of final payment by clients.

"We want to highlight this good supplier behaviour," Kerby said.

5G moves extended

A COALITION of telcos in the USA has announced the extension of voluntary mitigation measures around the rollout of 5G mobile networks at 188 airports across the country until 01 Jan 2028.

The measures were put in place in Jan 2022 as a stopgap to avoid disruption to flight operations, because the spectrum used by 5G mobile phones is also used by aircraft landing and safety systems.

AT&T, T-Mobile, UScellular and Verizon are all parties to the pact, which sees them defer the full power-up of 5G transmissions near airports for five years.

The International Air Transport Association welcomed the move, but said it is by no means a long-term solution.

IATA said airlines were victims of poor Government planning and coordination, having expressed concerns about 5G and its potential for interference with aircraft for many years.

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US lifts COVID-19 protocols

THE US Government has announced it will no longer require inbound travellers to be vaccinated, as part of widespread changes which become effective from next week.

From midnight US time on 11 May, America will formally end its COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, which will see the finish of vaccination requirements for Federal employees and contractors as well as international air travellers.

A statement from the White House noted that since Jan 2021 COVID-19 deaths have declined by 95% and hospitalisations are down almost 91%.

“Globally, COVID-19 deaths are at their lowest levels since the start of the pandemic.

“Following a whole-of-government effort that led to a record number of nearly 270 million Americans receiving at least one shot of the COVID-19

vaccine, we are in a different phase of our response to COVID-19,” the Government said.

Among a range of impacts, the move incidentally means world tennis star Novak Djokovic will be able to play at the upcoming US Open Grand Slam tournament.

As well as changes for air travel, the Government is in the process of removing vaccine requirements for arrivals of foreign citizens at US land borders as well as teachers and healthcare workers.

New La Vie brand

INDEPENDENT hotel management group La Vie Hotels & Resorts has announced the debut of a new lifestyle brand called NOOE.

The first property in the NOOE portfolio is NOOE Maldives Kunaavashi, a newbuild island resort offering 72 bungalows and villas - see nooe.com.

Marriott switching to all-inclusive

RESORT fees will no longer be a nasty surprise for travellers booking Marriott hotels across the globe from next week, with the hospitality giant set to prominently display the full room price - inclusive of “resort and destination fees” on its website effective from 15 May.

It’s a long-deferred response to a US court judgement handed down in 2021, which more recently saw the company forced to pay a US\$225,000 fine in Pennsylvania after failing to comply with a settlement.

The change does not impact the way OTAs are permitted to show Marriott rates, with the company saying it has been working over the last several months on the technology needed for the move.

“We expect to be the first hospitality company to change its display, leading the industry on this important issue,” Marriott said.

NBA for Abu Dhabi

AMERICA’S National Basketball Association (NBA) has teamed up with the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture & Tourism to bring two NBA games to the UAE this year.

The Dallas Mavericks and Minnesota Timberwolves pre-season matches will take place on 05 and 07 Oct at Abu Dhabi’s Etihad Arena on Yas Island.

Tickets for the games are not yet on sale, with the move part of a multi-year collaboration between the NBA and Abu Dhabi’s tourism authority.

VN London boost

VIETNAM Airlines is set to boots its London Heathrow flights to a daily operation, with four weekly Hanoi services and three flights per week from Ho Chi Minh City to the UK capital.

The upgrade is effective from 29 Oct, with the carrier saying it is “determined to return to pre-pandemic passenger numbers”.

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GX summit announced

THE inaugural GX community tourism summit, which includes an agent incentive, will be held in Peru this year.

From 22-28 Sep 2023, the global travel convention will allow agents, suppliers, media and travellers to experience the impact that community tourism can have on a destination.

Each group will have its own dedicated itinerary, culminating in the first World Community Tourism Summit to be held on World Tourism Day on 27 Sep.

Presented by G Adventures, in support of its non-profit partner, Planeterra, GX will be invitation-only, but agents have a chance to earn a spot at the Change Makers event, which will be hosted as part of GX (**TD 01 Mar**).

Founder of G Adventures, Bruce Poon Tip says GX will be “an event unlike any the travel industry has seen before”, with the potential to drive change and make a difference to the lives of local people through its

fundraising efforts for Planeterra’s 20th anniversary.

“We’ve been showcasing the beautiful concept of community tourism to our travellers for years, but wanted to open it up to the industry to experience as well,” Poon Tip said.

“We’ve thrown lots of great parties and events in our 33 years of operation, but this will be the biggest yet...with Planeterra’s 20th and our 30th anniversaries, it needs to be something special.”

ART funding call

AUSTRALIAN Regional Tourism has called on the Federal Government to invest \$13.95 million into the country’s agritourism, with the goal of growing the sector from \$7.4 billion to \$18.6 billion by 2030.

“Australia’s first National Agritourism Strategy Framework identified the primary barrier to developing the sector is government red tape and regulations...we need the Govt to work with industry to unlock the sector and enable our regional communities to thrive,” ART Chair Coralie Bell explained.

QF London Red Tail

AUSSIES can score discounted Qantas air fares to London until 10 May, with prices for a return Economy ticket starting from \$1,799 - **CLICK HERE**.

Cathay magazine

CATHAY Pacific has launched a travel lifestyle magazine, *Cathay*, to provide customers with inspiration and advice in the premium travel space.

The publication features sections dedicated to the airline’s home base of Hong Kong, plus travel and holidays, wellness, dining, and shopping.

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Radisson La Vie pact

RADISSON Hotel Group has announced a new Master Collaboration Agreement with La Vie Hotels & Resorts, which will see the addition of more than 30 new properties to the portfolio over the next 10 years.

The company has also announced an “enhanced operating model” in Australasia, with the launch of a centralised franchising services option.

Radisson will become La Vie Hotels & Resorts’ preferred partner, enabling La Vie to develop, manage and operate properties under the Radisson Blu, Radisson RED, Radisson, Park Inn by Radisson, and Country Inn & Suites by Radisson brands, under a non-exclusive brand license.

The new franchising service will “enable independent and small-scale hotel companies to harness the power of Radisson Hotel Group’s global network,” the company said, while The Club of Revenue Management will also be made available within the region to help operators optimise their yields.

Viking Great Lakes double act

VIKING Cruises is now operating both of its revolutionary expedition vessels in the Great Lakes region of North America, with *Viking Polaris* kicking off its 2023 season by joining sister ship *Octantis*, which is now sailing there for the second year.

Both vessels will sail across all five of the freshwater lakes until Sep 2023, on a variety of itineraries between Toronto, Canada and Duluth, Minnesota.

OS to Kittila

AUSTRIAN Airlines is expanding its operations in Finland, with the addition of a new non-stop route between Vienna and Kittila.

Seasonal Airbus A321 flights will operate each Sat between 20 Jan and 16 Mar 2024.

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Andrew Young, General Manager Sales, TTC Tour Brands Oceania



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THE NEW BIZ EVENTS BODY IS HERE

THE hotly anticipated Australian Business Events Association will officially launch on 03 Jul to provide a unified voice for the industry (**TD** 01 Feb).

First announced late last year (**TD** 27 Sep 2022), the new body is made up of the Association of Australian Convention Bureaux (AACB), the Australian Convention Centres Group (ACCG), and the Exhibition & Events Association of Australasia Ltd (EEAA).

Respected industry figure, Peter King (**pictured**), who was most recently CEO of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), has been named as the independent chair of the board.

"The industry has been on the fringe of the government's radar for too long...COVID taught us that we need to get serious about amplifying our collective voice,"

King explained.

"A consolidated and united association can commission much-needed research, create policy, train its people, tackle sustainability, develop career paths, link with international and domestic trade opportunities and powerfully advocate to government.

"We are building a platform through which we can develop the outcomes and the impact the people and organisations who deliver approximately 480,000 business events annually need to thrive, create jobs, and contribute to the economy," he said.

The membership categories for the new association are designed to be accessible for small businesses, as well as large venues, destinations & corporates.

"We will be focused on our



pillars of advocacy, research and policy, development of the industry, the services members need to run their teams and businesses, and the promotion of the sector as a great place to work and do business.

"Ultimately, the Australian Business Events Association is about member prosperity; when our members win, everyone benefits," King concluded.

The association is currently on the search for a CEO.

Big biz for NZ

TE PAE Christchurch is celebrating a successful first year of operations, having hosted 234 events for more than 129,700 delegates and generating more than \$50 million in direct economic value for the region since opening on 02 May 2022.

The venue is also preparing to host TRENZ, the biggest international tourism business event on New Zealand's calendar, which is set to return next week for the first time since the pandemic.

MEANWHILE, Auckland's Viaduct Events Centre has reopened after being shut since 2018, with the waterfront venue once again offering eight event spaces across three levels.

MCEC experts

MELBOURNE Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) has released three new episodes of its Event Expert Docuseries, which aims to inspire and educate event planners on how they can leverage the venue's facilities.

The new episodes offer insight into how Customer Service Manager David Howie, Operations Manager Anthea Fahey and Lighting Specialist Matthew Dix bring events to life - watch **HERE**.

NTMEC in to win

THE Northern Territory Major Events Company (NTMEC) has been announced as a finalist in 10 categories for the international Eventex Awards 2022.

Parttjima - A Festival in Light 2022, BASSINTHEGRASS Music Festival and The Darwin Triple Crown Supercars Indigenous Round are all up for multiple awards.

Combined, the three events generated around \$58.9 million for the local economy.

BET magazine

BUSINESS Events Tasmania (BET) is highlighting its Visionary Program, launched late last year, in the newest issue of its magazine.

The pages feature inspiring stories from the state's leaders and experts who help secure industry-aligned events to Tasmania.

BET boasts a line-up of 10 Tasmanian Visionaries, who represent various sectors including tourism and food - read about it **HERE**.

TA: Biz events value

TOURISM Australia Managing Director Phillipa Harrison highlighted the importance of business events at the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) this week.

"We work to attract incentives and association business to Australia and it's a big part of our inbound business."

"It's 15% of our spend...and so we are reactivating with our campaigns to re-attract business events to Australia...there's a lot of pent up demand," she said, adding that conference and incentive bookings for 2023 remain strong from short-haul destinations.



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APPOINTMENTS



WELCOME to Industry Appointments, *Travel Daily's* Thursday feature which has the latest job appointments from across the industry. If you have just appointed someone to a new position and would like to update the industry email appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

Michael Issenberg has joined TFE Hotel's Board to better prepare the group for the next phase of its global expansion. Issenberg is regarded as a prominent hotelier, and carries over 42 years of extensive experience across the industry.

Tourism Bay of Plenty has welcomed **Janine Tulloch** and **Peter Blakeway** as the organisation's new board trustees until Apr 2026. Both Tulloch and Blakeway will be succeeding two long-serving trustees, Laurissa Cooney and Gwendoline Keel. Tulloch was most recently the director of Tourism Waitaki, while Blakeway is currently the academic leader at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology.

Annemiek van Bommel has become the new Director of Customer Operations Asia at **FCM Travel Asia**. Bommel will manage operations with corporate clients in the region while formulating customer success strategies. She was previously the Head of Account Management, Hong Kong under the same group.

Following a vote at the **International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators'** (IAATO) general meeting last week, **Stefan Kredel** has been appointed to the association's Executive Committee. Kredel brings in-depth experience and is considered a valuable asset to IAATO.

itravel has announced the appointment of **Joe Karbo** to the newly created role of Chief Operating Officer, while **Mark Brooker** is the agency network's new Head of Wholesale.

Vanessa Hudson has been named as the new CEO of **Qantas Airways Limited**, and will replace incumbent Alan Joyce when he retires in Nov.

Travellers Choice has expanded its national Business Development Manager team with the appointment of **Paula Moylan** to support members of the group across the country. Moylan previously worked with Travellers Choice for almost four years, and returns to the group after 18 months at Sydney-based hospitality group CINC.

Hornblower Group's **American Queen Voyages** has announced the appointment of **Lisette Balbiers** as its Senior VP of Finance & Accounting, while **Susan Anderson** is the cruise operator's new Director of Finance and Contoller.

Celestyal Cruises has appointed **Tobias Klitsch** as its new Vice President of Global Market Development, joining the cruise line after a career including roles at Virgin Atlantic, British Airways and PA Consulting. Also new to Celestyal is **Beth Hulett**, the company's new Global Market Development Manager who most recently worked at Virgin Voyages.

Adventurer, explorer and environmentalist **Mike Horn** has been named as a Brand Ambassador for **Explora Journeys**, in the lead-up to the cruise line's first *Explora I* departure sailing from Reykjavik to New York in Sep this year.

Get into the outback spirit



JOURNEY Beyond's Outback Spirit has announced the launch of its 2024 season, with each tour now including entrance fees, lodging, transportation, scenic flights on select tours, gourmet dinners, and all beverages.

For the first time, travellers on the Arnhem Land Wilderness Adventure will be able to enjoy an epic train journey through the desert heart of Australia aboard The Ghan.

The upcoming season also includes two new tours in South Australia and Western Australia, including the eight-day Kangaroo Island & SA Coastal Adventure, which takes in Kangaroo Island,

Coffin Bay and the Barossa Valley, and is priced from \$6,995pp.

Also on offer is the Gems of the Southwest itinerary, an eight-day tour exploring forests of jarrah, tingle and karri trees in WA, priced from \$5,995pp, with highlights including a harbour cruise at Mandjar Bay, high tea at Blackwood Emporium 1864 in the town of Mullalyup, and climbing the famous Gloucester Tree in Pemberton.

Outback Spirit is now offering savings of up to \$3,000pp on its 2024 tours, for bookings made before 30 Sep - [CLICK HERE](#).

Garden Inn Darwin

HILTON Garden Inn Darwin, formerly known as DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin, has opened its doors again following a complete transformation.

The 184-key property is NT's first Garden Inn featuring a swimming pool, a bar, and a shop for culinary options, as well as a multi-function space, a garden and a 24-hour business centre.

The Sebel: set Hutt!

WELLINGTON is set to receive a new four-and-a-half star apartment-style hotel, The Sebel Wellington, which will open on 10 May in the city of Lower Hutt, overlooking the Hutt River and Wellington Harbour.

The Accor property will offer 60 rooms spanning five levels, ranging from studio, one-bedroom, and dual-key for families and groups, as well as a new Italiano restaurant.



South Korea with MW Tours

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years of the group taking visitors to this beautiful destination.

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