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Last day for Austria

AUSTRALIA is in danger of

falling significantly behind its

casinos, according to Crown

Speaking in Canberra this

morning at the TTF Leadership

Summit, Packer cited the huge

growth of visitation to Singapore

since the construction of its two

integrated resorts - contrasting it

chairman James Packer.

tourism competitors unless there

is major investment in man-made

infrastructure such as resorts and

DON'T forget to get those last minute entries in for this month's amazing Travel Daily competition, with the major prize being a trip for two to Austria courtesy of the Austrian National Tourist Office - see page ten.

What an issue!

Travel Daily today has ten pages of news and photos, plus full pages from: (click)

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with lower numbers for Australia.

Singapore's attractions have seen huge economic benefits, including a whopping 14.5% growth in GDP, a 49% rise in visitor expenditure and a near doubling of visitor numbers.

That's not to mention more than \$1 billion in taxes remitted to the Singapore government.

"Our overseas competitors get it - we need to do the same," Packer said, urging tourism authorities to not just rely on Australia's natural attractions.

He said that Crown's ongoing product development at its properties in Melbourne and Perth, as well as planned the development in Sydney, was "squarely focused on the emerging Asian middle class".

"We are building a global luxury brand," he said, with Crown creating "memorable life experiences" for clients which aims to keep them coming back to Australia time and time again.

Packer added that the Sydney plans were for an iconic building which would house the "best six

BA 777 for SYD-LHR

BRITISH Airways today announced that from the Summer 2013 schedule, its flights from London to Sydney via Singapore will be operated using its newest aircraft, a four-class 777-300ER with the latest product.

The changes, which occur in the lead-up to the dissolution of the **longstanding QF Joint Services** Agreement, will also see BA's SYD flights move to the awardwinning Heathrow Terminal 5.







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MU year-round to Cairns

CHINA Eastern's first scheduled nonstop flight from Shanghai Pu Dong to Cairns arrived on time this morning, with airline officials announcing the carrier now plans to fly the route all through 2013.

There were concerns MU would quit the route after next Mar due to low passenger loads (*TD* 22 Oct), but talks over the past week have seen a change of heart.

"We've decided to keep operating after getting strong financial support from the Queensland Govt and Tourism Queensland," China Eastern gm Oceania Kathy Zhang said.

Junction termination

THE Travel Compensation Fund has non-voluntarily terminated a second agency in the space of a week after claims were received for The Junction Travel of Bondi Junction (ABN:52 002 833 794).

TCF ceo told **TD** today about 10 claims had been received so far.

MEANWHILE, Wells said claims for Travelworld Carnarvon, terminated last Thu, are expected to surpass the \$100,000 mark.

She told **TD** in Cairns the airline has many plans for promotional events in China and "we needed support from this end."

Zhang confirmed the thrice weekly service would still be cut from three to two from early Nov but would be back to three by Feb, as flagged by **TD** yesterday.

"The flight was full and we hope this is a sign of things to come," said Queensland Tourism Minister Jann Stuckey at an airport welcoming ceremony.

"The new route has the potential to inject millions of dollars into the economy and we hope China Eastern will increase capacity to this region in the future," she added.

More from the launch on pg 5.

Trafalgar iPad prize

TRAVEL agents have a chance to win an iPad by playing Trafalgar's Insider Challenge online game between now and 15 Nov, which showcases its insider experiences.

There's also runner-up prizes valued at \$300 on offer - more at www.TheInsiderChallenge.com.au.



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TA launches Great Walks range

A NEW collection of walking routes, encouraging nature lovers to explore Australia's remote wilderness has been launched by Tourism Australia today.

Titled "Great Walks of Australia", the range of iconic & inspirational walking routes initially features



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seven independently owned and managed routes, including Cradle Mountain, Freycinet, The Bay of Fires & Maria Island Walk in Tas, the Great Ocean Walk in Vic, the Arkaba Walk in SA & the Larapinta Trail in the Northern Territory.

Showcasing Australia & building awareness as a prime destination for nature walk aficionados is a main motive behind the launch.

Tourism Australia md Andrew McEvoy praised the quality of the walk operators included in the list.

"The professional experience & expertise behind this initiative will help make these walks more accessible to visitors, especially those markets who want to explore & interact with nature" - www.greatwalksofaustralia.com.au.

AWS Africa 2013

WHOLESALER African Wildlife Safaris has launched a beefed up 2013 Africa program, with 132pages choc-a-bloc of safaris, lodges and boutique hotels across East and Southern Africa.

Further, the brochure offers a range of tours & accom in Dubai, Madagascar, Mauritius and Egypt.

AWS ceo Stephen Cameron said the firm continues to expand its Africa program each year to keep pace with new camps and lodges being built, and to maintain growth over the past five years.

"As a specialist in tailor-made itineraries, we like to ensure that our clients have access to the best the continent has to offer," Cameron said.

US interline bag rules

QANTAS is advising agents of changes to baggage rules that are being enforced by the US Dept of Transportation on services to or from the United States.

Adopted in Jul, conditions require baggage allowances and fees that apply at the start of a pax's flight itinerary to be consistent across the entire journey.

QF has produced a 'Frequently Asked Questions' memo on the rules for the trade explaining the IATA Resolution 302 concept - see www.bit.ly/QFDOTbagrules.

Sunlover NSW STARS

DESTINATION NSW ceo Sandra Chipchase has confirmed New South Wales as the 2013 host for Sunlover Holidays' STARS progam.

The travel agent recognition event will see 85 of Sunlover's top agents explore Sydney, Byron Bay, the Blue Mountains and the Hunter Valley between 01-05 Jun.

It's the first time STARS will have been held in NSW.



Window Seat

BILLIONAIRE James Packer clearly isn't spending much of his mountains of cash in online shopping.

Speaking at this morning's TTF Australia summit in Canberra (see **p1**, **4**), Packer was quite vocal in his criticism of Australian visa requirements for Chinese tourists.

As well as putting significant barriers in place by requiring applicants to complete details in English, the current procedures see prospective Chinese tourists to Australia having to send their passport to an Australian consulate, and Packer said this was a fairly insecure practice that he wasn't keen on.

"The day I'll put my passport in the hands of a postal service is the day that I'll put my credit card details on the internet," the Crown chairman said.



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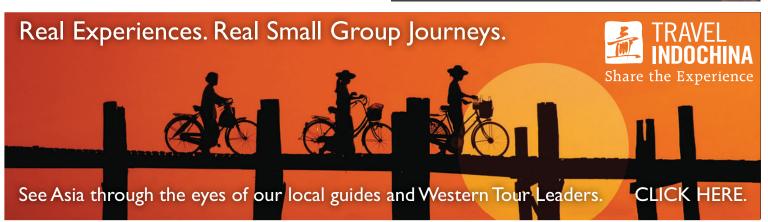
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Today's issue of TD is coming to you from Parliament House in Canberra, courtesy of Tourism Australia.

SENIOR figures from across the Australian travel and tourism sector have gathered in Canberra this week for two major events - the TTF Leadership Summit today, followed by Tourism Australia's Directions conference tomorrow.

This morning's sessions have seen presentations by James Packer (p1) as well as senior political figures including Tony Abbott and Bob Carr, while this afternoon Carnival Australia ceo Ann Sherry will speak, as well as Qantas chief Alan Joyce.

See tomorrow's **TD** for all the news from the events.

Connections by A&K

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has rolled out a new range of itineraries offering a more in-depth touring experience within a destination.

Dubbed "Connections by Abercrombie & Kent", the range delves deeper into a location's culture, history & natural vistas, with local guides offering first hand accounts of a destination.

The initial range encompasses 16 tours across five continents. For more details on the range, see www.abercrombiekent.com.au.

JQ props up QF Group

QANTAS Group pax numbers for Sep were up 3% year-on-year, the carrier reported today, with the rise fed by its Jetstar offshoots.

Carried passengers on Qantas Domestic & Qantas Int'l fell 2.8% & 4.6% respectively in Sep, whereas Jetstar Domestic grew 14.5%, and Jetstar Int'l & Jetstar Asia saw gains of 12.5% & 6.9%, for a Group total of 4m pax.

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VRL China projects

VILLAGE Roadshow Limited has outlined plans to develop two attractions in China including a 240-acre marine and water park project on Hainan Island.

The \$550 million Hainan R&F Ocean Paradise is envisaged to be running by mid-2015 and attract over 2.5 million visitors annually.

In an investor update yesterday, the firm (which operates Warner Bros. Movie World, Sea World & Wet'n'Wild on the Gold Coast) also revealed it's "actively looking for other opportunities, a potential park in Beijing signed but awaiting Government funding & approval."

The company said first quarter attendance and ticket sales at its theme park portfolio was stronger than the same time last year, with revenue up 6%, however pre-tax profit fell \$4m to \$29.3m for the year ended 30 Jun 2012.

Attendance at Gold Coast parks was up during Q1, including a 19% rise in Sep.

Cover-More on Sandy

COVER-MORE travel insurance has confirmed it will cover the thousands of policyholders who have had their travel plans disrupted by Hurricane Sandy.

The firm said over the next two weeks it expects to assist 11,500 policyholders who are in the US travelling, or about to travel in coming days and weeks, to impacted zones.

Coverage applies to policies purchased on or before 28 Oct.

Spokesperson David Ferguson said policyholders would be able to claim for additional expenses incurred due to cancelled accom and transport due to the storm, and for expenses incurred due to evacuation.

Pax yet to depart for the US are also able to claim for amendment or cancellation charges, to the limits of their policy.

He said Cover-More was offering 24-hr assistance to customers.

More at www.bit.ly/CMsandy.







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CNS rolls out MU welcome mat



CAIRNS has warmly welcomed this morning's inaugural China Eastern arrival direct from Shanghai, with tourism operators across the city ready to welcome the expected surge in Chinese tourists flying in on the airline.

A traditional water cannon salute welcomed the carrier's A330 jet as it taxied to the terminal, with a group of Aboriginal dancers giving pax on the flight a hearty Aussie welcome as they left Customs.

Excitement levels in the city are palpable, with huge "Welcome to Cairns" banners lining the 2.5km Esplanade in Chinese and English.

"Even our shops have employed Chinese-speaking staff, and

they're even sending employees to TAFE to learn basic Mandarin and to understand Chinese culture," marketing manager for Tropical North Qld Tourism Vicki Tang told *Travel Daily*.

"The whole community it seems is behind China Eastern's new flights," Tang added.

She said the Chinese are now "our number one market" with 110,249 visitors from mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong in the past year, 12,000 more than the number of Japanese arrivals.

Pictured above from left is Qld Tourism Minister Jann Stuckey, China Eastern ceo Ma Xulun and MU Oceania gm Kathy Zhang.

Makati hotel sale

THE yet to open Fairmont Hotel and Raffles Suites & Residences Makati in Manila have been sold to AyalaLand Hotels and Resorts Corp. for an undisclosed sum.

The deal covers the 280-room Fairmont, the 32-suite Raffles Hotel & 237-room Raffles Residences, along with eight food & beverage outlets, swimming pools, spa, fitness centre and event space.

The project opens next month.

Morocco Byroads

SMALL group specialist Byroads Travel is offering a comprehensive 17-day tour of Morocco departing on 17 Apr and 11 Sep, priced from \$3,250pp twin share.

The trip includes visits to Rabat, Fes, Meknes, Chefchaouen, Tetouan and Essaouria, along with five days on the 'kashbah trail' on the edge of the Sahara.

More at www.byroads.com.au.

Abu Dhabi stays up 15%

THE Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority has reported a 15% year-on-year spike in hotel visits for the first nine-months of 2012, with numbers up to 1.74m.

The figures show a 10% rise in hotel guest nights, up to 5 million.

Sep statistics alone showed guest numbers increased by 14% to nearly 190,000, while guest nights rose 16% to over 566,000.



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CTC Global Summary

CANADIAN Tourism Commission has released its five-year global tourism watch report, praising the traditional market of Australia for remaining a strong supplier of tourist arrivals during periods of economic downturn elsewhere.

The Global Tourism Watch report also noted a downturn in what it described as "destination consideration" in the global demographics pondering a visit to Canada, blaming big spenders such as Brand USA and Tourism Australia for "stealing its thunder in consumer's minds".



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Stayz buys YesBookit

FAIRFAX-owned Stayz Group has acquired holiday rental booking system YesBookit, which was developed by Australian firm Midac Technologies.

YesBookit currently has 170 property manager clients and 14,000 holiday rental properties which are bookable online, and integrates with a number of online accommodation providers including Stayz, Rentahome, HomeAway and Wotif.com.

The system enables instant bookings and online transactions, with credit card payments going directly into managers' accounts.

Justin Butterworth has been appointed YesBookit gm, with the founders to remain actively involved in the business.

Butterworth said the deal will enable the Stayz Group to offer a more sophisticated booking system for property managers.

"Holiday rental guests will benefit from more choice of bookable accommodation with accurate availabilty, pricing and an online payment option".

Bench boosts tour departures

BENCH International has expanded its range of escorted tours to include Southern Africa for 2013, following the success of the offering to Egypt and East Africa this year.

Product director Fiona Orton said the new 18-day tour would take in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, with departures personally escorted by a Bench International Africa specialist.

The 2013 program also includes expanded use of Bench's own luxury aircraft in East Africa, with the 8 day 'Out of Africa' scenic air safari to Kenya's game reserves to be complemented by an 8 day 'Wings over the Great Rift Valley' which includes the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

New land product includes more tented options in Kruger National Park, as well as weekly short guided tours from Cape Town - more info 1300 195 873.

Arctic sightseeing

GERMAN carrier Airberlin will operate its annual North Pole sightseeing flight on 27 Apr 2013.

The service is run in conjunction with a firm called Airevents, with the 12 hour return flight utilising an A330-200 and departing 8am.

Off to London with BA!



Etihad Airbus order

ETIHAD overnight announced the purchase of two more Airbus A330-200 passenger aircraft, as well as converting seven previously ordered A320s to the larger A321 variant.

The additional A330s are scheduled for delivery in Jan and Mar 2014 respectively, configured with 22 business class lie-flat beds and 240 economy seats.

Etihad has a total of 67 aircraft, with EY ceo James Hogan saying the A330 had been an "integral part of our global passenger and cargo success" with routes incl Brisbane, Dublin and Tokyo.

ABOVE: Nikki Behrens from Flight Centre Met Centre in Sydney is heading off to the UK courtesy of British Airways and Mandarin Oriental.

She was the lucky winner of a BA incentive, with agents able to enter by booking customers on British Airways Club World or First Class for travel in Oct or Nov.

Nikki has won two Club World tickets to London along with two nights at the luxurious Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park.

She's pictured above centre receiving her prize from Hanna Wilson, BA Account Executive; and Petter Hession, Mandarin Oriental regional director of sales.





TOURISM representatives from seven South Pacific nations blitzed the Far North Coast of NSW and the Gold Coast last week to update local agents on the uniqueness of each destination.

Agents heard presentations on

Crowne Dead Sea

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group will open its latest hotel tomorrow - the Crowne Plaza Jordan Dead Sea Resort & Spa.

The 420-room hotel is 30mins from Jordan's capital, Amman. Launch rates start at \$135 per room per night - 1800 781 066. Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Samoa and the Cook Islands, all leaving armed with a mountain of facts on the paradisiacal lands.

A swag of prizes was on offer, including trips to visit and try out the places and their numerous attractions first-hand.

Having just won a holiday to Vanuatu, staying at the Iririki Island Resort and the Havannah, Danielle Admitt-Gray from STA Travel Broadbeach is **pictured** above centre, flanked by Anne Morris from Vanuatu Tourism (left) and Annaleen Chacon from Destination Specific (right).

VS re-enters Mumbai

VIRGIN Atlantic has announced the restart of services between London Heathrow & Mumbai, four years after dropping the route as a result of deteriorating economic conditions in the UK.

Further justification for the doubling of flights into India came from the success of the existing service between LHR and Delhi, VS spokesperson Fay Burgin said.

"Demand for our Delhi route has been unprecedented - pax numbers rose 13% on the sector last year," Burgin said.

The newly resumed service will be operated using a brand new Airbus A330 in a three-class fitout.

VS president Richard Branson revealed the carrier is mulling the launch of flights to Hyderabad, Bangalore and Goa in India too.



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Jetstar 1c NZ sale

JETSTAR has launched an aggressive campaign in New Zealand, offering 600 airfares of just 1c each weekday between 6pm and 7pm this week.

Chief commercial officer, David Koczkar, said the move was to "help connect families and friends," with the carrier "committed to being the low fares leader in New Zealand".

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BIG4 Holiday Parks around the country are holding a 'Camp and Care with BIG4' event on 16 Nov, raising money for local charities.

Discounted camping sites at the 100 participating parks are available at \$20 per site - more info at BIG4.com.au/comecamp.

Al 100th ticket free

AIR India is giving away a free domestic ticket in India for every 100th ticket sold online between 26 Oct and 15 Dec 2012.

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IMMIGRATION minister Chris Bowen has released a discussion paper covering visa arrangements for international airline crew operating on domestic routes in Australia, as a result of "complex practices" being undertaken by some airlines.

He said the government was reviewing the current system which provides Special Purpose Visas for foreign aircrew, which were first introduced in 1994.

"While visa arrangements for foreign aircrew are only intended for international flight duties, Australian and New Zealand international airlines have been increasingly combining their international and domestic services, resulting in a complex range of practices," he said.

The Special Purpose Visas are managed by the immigration department via the Crew Travel Authority which allows airlines to register crew in advance before arrival and facilitate their passage through airports, with the current framework broad enough to allow foreign carriers to operate

Domestic traffic spike

TOTAL passenger movements in

Australian airports continued to

rise for the year ending Aug 2012

despite comparitively large climbs

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in available seats for the period.

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with the facility retaining its

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Great Hotels growth

LONDON-based hotel network Great Hotels of the World has added four new properties to its Luxury Collection.

They include the Majestic Hotel Tower Dubai, Principe Forte dei Marmi, Pisa in Italy, and Starling Geneva Hotel & Conference Center and Starling Hotel Lausanne - both in Switzerland.

New ATR72 for NZ

AIR New Zealand has taken delivery of an "all-black" ATR 72-600 turboprop aircraft, its first of the type, which will be deployed on domestic routes across NZ.

EY/Seychelles to HKG

ETIHAD Airways has announced it will codeshare on a new service between Abu Dhabi & Hong Kong, operated by partner carrier Air Seychelles thrice weekly from Feb.

MEANWHILE, EY has been forced to indefinitely delay introducing five-times weekly services to Addis Ababa following rejection of its operating permit application by Ethiopian aviation authorities, despite a 2007 agreement signed.

An exceptional group

TRAVEL The World has launched a range of tours encompassing a mixture of product from the tour operators represented by the firm.

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Accommodation Updates

WELCOME to *Accommodation Updates*, *Travel Daily's* Wednesday feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



The recently rebranded **Novotel Sydney Parramatta** is receiving a total renovation of all rooms, with half due for completion this month and half by the end of May. All bathrooms will be re-done, with showers and vanities to be replaced. Soft furnishings and carpets will also be given a fresh look.



Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa in the Cook Islands has completed an enhancement to bungalow roofing, along with interior refurbishment, repainting and new plumbing. Deluxe beachfront bungalows also saw bathrooms trebled in size, and the reception and lobby area was refreshed.



Fresh off an US\$18-million makeover, the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach in Honolulu now delivers what the resort describes as a "renewed Hawaii vacation experience". All 524 rooms were renovated, with new carpets, bedding and artworks in each room. There's also a new oceanfront swimming pool.



Six new suites have been recently launched at the Silverneedle managed **Kiridara Luang Prabang** in Laos. Entitled the "Kiri Suites", the new abodes range in size from 57 to 70 square metres and offer generously sized terraces and garden courtyards. Inside the rooms, the rooms feature Laotian

textiles and artworks that enhance the feel from authentic local décor.

Delta baggage change

DELTA Air Lines will enforce a new checked baggage policy from 15 Jan 2013 whereby pax with a 2nd ticket for travel on another carrier beyond the DL destination will need to recheck their bags.

Currently, Delta airport agents at the origin offer to check baggage through to the final destination on a courtesy basis, even if sold on a separate ticket.

The amendment means pax travelling on two tickets must collect luggage at the baggage claim destination of their first ticketed point.

The change does not apply to interline itineraries and will be adopted to ensure DL's policy "is consistent for all customers."

TICNSW praises Barry

A PLEDGE to offer discounted public transport ticketing options to international students by NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell has been welcomed by Tourism Industry Council NSW gm Andrew Jefferies.

Under the initiative, overseas students will be able to buy fares at up to 35% discount, with Jefferies congratulating the govt for giving students easier access to be able to explore Sydney.

KQ ups JNB services

KENYA Airways will increase frequencies between Nairobi and Johannesburg from 21 to 25 per week, following the acquisition of a new Embraer E190 aircraft.



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DUBAI International Airport has reported a 12.8% jump in pax traffic for Sep - the 7th double digit month of growth for 2012.

The result pushes year-to-date figures to over 42m passengers, up 13% compared to last year.





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Sydney shopaholics

A GLOBAL travel shopping poll ranking Asia-Pacific cities on their shopping appeal has ranked Sydney 6th out of 10 cities, with Hong Kong taking the top spot.

The survey was based on the appeal of a destination for shops, hotels, convenience, affordability, transport, climate and culture.

SCDL Facebook comp

SUNSHINE Coast Destination Ltd photo competition to promote its

The trail takes in a number of

2016 debut for 3rd IST

A THIRD major international airport proposed for the Turkish city of Istanbul could be up and running by 2016, according to revealed plans for the facility.

The new airport would consist of five runways and be capable of handling 100m pax annually under its initial operating phase.

An additional stage opening in 2023 would boost capacity to 150m passengers per year.

Agents catch the bus to Hawaii

HAWAIIAN Airlines and Outrigger recently gave this group of agents from Flight Centre and Infinity Holidays in Adelaide an education in Hawaii with a difference.

Ditching the formal classroom, HA and Outrigger loaded the group onto a double-decker bus for an informative tour to hear the latest updates from both companies.

Enjoying a variety of Hawaiian pizzas, drinks, snacks and music, the group were briefed on the latest to do with Hawaiian's new routing to HNL through Brisbane & the new facilities & attractions available on the ground at Outrigger's range of properties.



Of particular interest to the group was the news that clients will be able to make it on to a late domestic connecting service to Adelaide on the same day as landing back in Brisbane.

The busload of agents are pictured prior to their tour around the streets of Adelaide.

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