

Introduction

We are pleased to share our Food Industry Multiples Valuation Update for Q2 2024.

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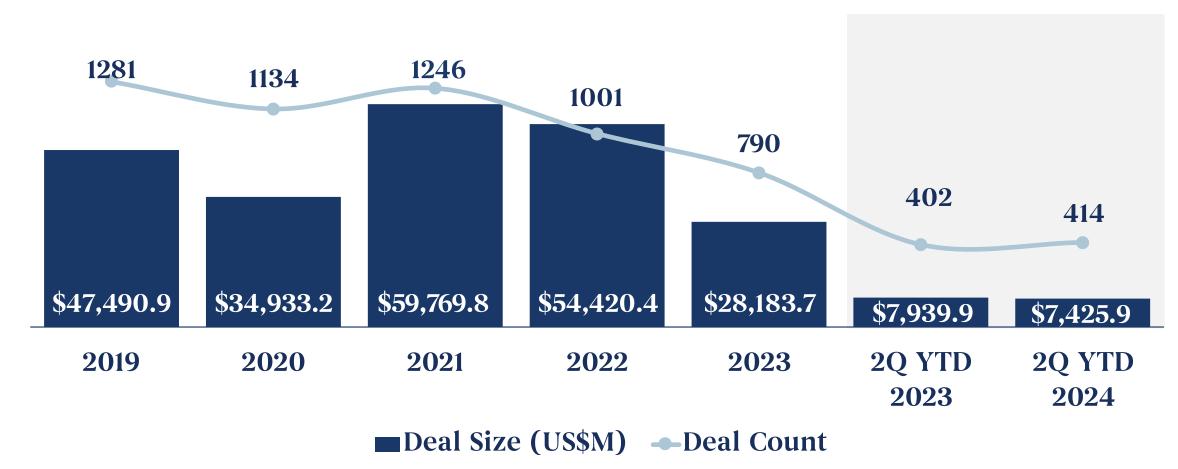
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Food Industry Overview, M&A Trends and Market Intelligence

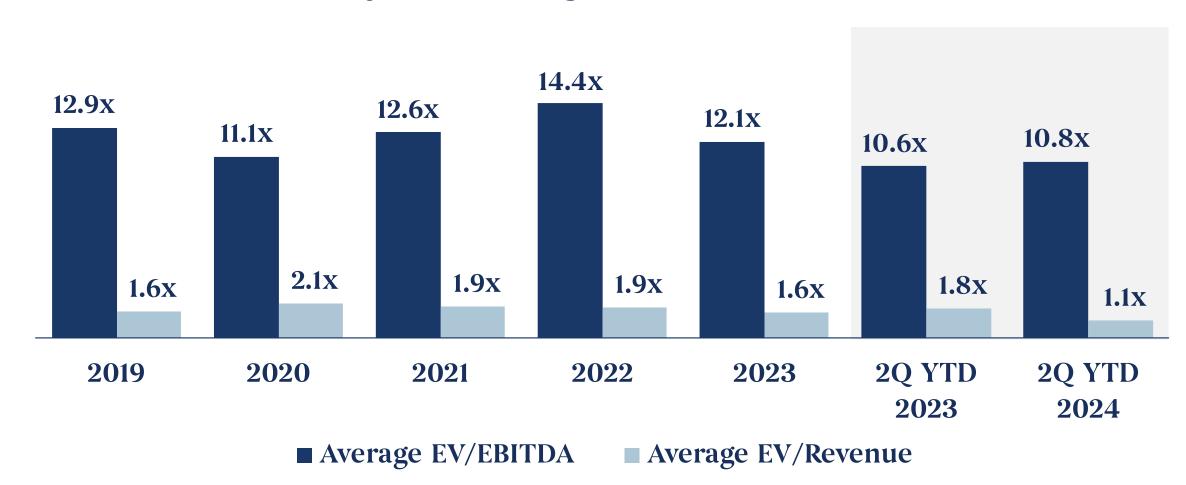
Food Industry Overview

- The global food market hit **US\$9,130.0 billion** in 2024 in terms of revenue. The market is expected to grow annually by **6.6%** (CAGR 2023-2028)
- The shift towards plant-based diets has been gaining momentum, driven by concerns over sustainability, animal welfare, and health. The global plant-based food market Is expected to reach US\$77.8 billion in 2025
- Food inflation is expected to moderate in 2024, with the consumer price index for all food products projected to increase by 2.9% by year-end, potentially influencing M&A strategies focused on volume-driven earnings growth
- In North America, the markets largest segment is the segment of confectionary & snacks. The North American food market amounts to US\$1,408 billion and the market is expected to grow annually by a 4.3% (CAGR 2024-2028)
- As inflation continues to be a problem, rising food costs are forcing consumers to be more budget-conscious, leading to an expectation of value-priced options, smaller portion sizes, and increased use of affordable ingredients

Food Industry M&A Deal Size and Volume



Food Industry M&A Average EV/EBITDA and EV/Revenue



Bread & Bakery Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company		Country	Market	Enterprise	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M		Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
ARYZTA AG	AR ZTA Passion for good food	CHE	\$1,763	\$2,275	\$2,298	12.5%	7.7×	7.5x	7.9x	1.0x
Flowers Foods, Inc.	Flowers	USA	\$4,687	\$6,028	\$5,133	11.7%	11.5x	11.0x	10.0x	1.2x
Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	BIMBO	MEX	\$15,391	\$23,229	\$21,468	14.5%	7.9x	8.7x	7.5x	1.1x
Grupo Nutresa S. A.	nutresa	COL	\$5,733	\$6,788	\$4,366	12.8%	14.5x	13.8x	12.1x	1.6x
J&J Snack Foods Corp.	SNACK FOODS	s USA	\$3,148	\$3,283	\$1,592	13.1%	19.2x	20.4x	15.7x	2.1x
Lotus Bakeries NV	Lotus Since 1932	BEL	\$8,375	\$8,546	\$1,244	17.6%	30.7x	34.3x	39.0x	6.9x
M. Dias Branco S.A. Indústria e Comércio de Alimentos	M.Dias Branco	BRA	\$1,777	\$1,829	\$1,851	15.1%	13.9x	13.9x	6.6x	1.0x
						Mean	12.4x	12.6x	10.0x	1.3x
						Median	13.9x	13.8x	10.0x	1.2x

Seasonings Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company		Country	Market Cap. US\$M	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA Margin	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company		Country					2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Atlantic Grupa d.d.	ATLANTIC GRUPA	HRV	\$769	\$966	\$1,116	8.2%	8.1x	6.7x	10.5x	0.9x
McCormick & Company, Incorporated	112.	USA	\$19,024	\$23,355	\$6,683	20.6%	22.4x	21.0x	17.0x	3.5x
The Kraft Heinz Company Kraft		USA	\$39,125	\$58,210	\$26,317	27.6%	8.8x	8.6x	8.0x	2.2x
						Mean	8.4x	7.7x	9.3x	2.2x
						Median	8.8x	8.6x	10.5x	2.2x

Grains & Cereals Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company	C		Market	Enterprise	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
General Mills, Inc.	General Mills	USA	\$35,308	\$48,457	\$19,857	23.0%	13.5x	13.7x	10.6x	2.4x
Gruma, S.A.B. de C.V.	ويسام	MEX	\$6,652	\$7,939	\$6,642	16.0%	5.0x	7.9x	7.5x	1.2x
Kellanova*	Kellanova	USA	\$19,720	\$26,271	\$12,821	15.5%	12.1x	13.0x	13.2x	2.0x
Post Holdings, Inc.	Post	USA	\$6,311	\$12,401	\$7,858	16.5%	12.1x	12.0x	9.5x	1.6x
*Kellanova was acquired on August 14, 2024						Mean	10.7x	11.6x	10.2x	1.8x
						Median	12.1x	12.5x	10.1x	1.8x

Dairy Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company		Country	Market	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M		US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Danone S.A.	DANONE ONE PLANET. ONE HEALTH	FRA	\$39,365	\$50,421	\$29,154	18.3%	9.2x	10.2x	9.4x	1.7x
Emmi AG			\$5,287	\$5,768	\$4,625	9.0%	13.8x	13.9x	13.8x	1.2x
Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited			\$2,887	\$5,609	\$14,100	10.8%	6.3x	3.8x	3.7x	0.4x
Glanbia plc	glanbia	IRL	\$5,069	\$5,416	\$4,470	10.6%	11.5x	10.4x	11.4x	1.2x
Leche Gloria S.A.	GLORIA	PER	\$542	\$901	\$1,404	10.8%	7.5x	7.2x	6.0x	0.6x
Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd.	meiji	JPN	\$5,956	\$5,859	\$6,971	11.7%	6.9x	7.8x	7.2x	0.8x
Saputo Inc.	Saputo	CAN	\$9,524	\$12,096	\$12,962	8.2%	14.3x	11.9x	11.4x	0.9x
Savencia SA	SAVENCIA FROMAGE & DAIRY	FRA	\$731	\$1,573	\$7,276	6.1%	3.8x	3.8x	3.5x	0.2x
Unibel S.A.		FRA	\$1,908	\$3,099	\$3,905	11.6%	9.0x	8.8x	6.9x	0.8x
Yakult Honsha Co.,Ltd. Yakult		JPN	\$5,421	\$4,786	\$3,131	18.5%	13.1x	12.6x	8.3x	1.5x
						Mean	7.8x	8.0x	6.4x	0.8x
						Median	9.1x	9.5x	7.7×	0.9x

Meat & Seafood Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company	C	ountry	Market	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual A		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company	C.	ountry	Cap. US\$M		US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
BRF S.A.	brf	BRA	\$6,798	\$9,388	\$10,184	8.7%	7.9x	13.1x	10.6x	0.9x
Floridienne S.A.	FLORIDIENNE GROUP	BEL	\$714	\$1,251	\$591	10.6%	20.6x	17.3x	20.0x	2.1x
Hormel Foods Corporation	Hormel	USA	\$16,718	\$19,029	\$12,046	15.7%	14.0x	12.0x	10.1x	1.6x
JBS S.A.	(JBS)	BRA	\$12,893	\$30,514	\$67,999	5.5%	3.5x	5.5x	8.2x	0.4x
L.D.C. S.A.	LDC	FRA	\$2,551	\$2,049	\$6,641	9.3%	3.8x	3.5x	3.3x	0.3x
Minerva S.A.	Minerva Foods	BRA	\$706	\$2,420	\$5,059	9.4%	5.4x	5.0x	5.1x	0.5x
Mowi ASA	MΩWI°	NOR	\$8,623	\$11,375	\$5,833	23.8%	10.8x	7.4x	8.2x	2.0x
ORIOR AG	ORIOR ***** PREMIUM FOOD	CHE	\$405	\$534	\$718	8.8%	12.7x	10.5x	8.5x	0.7x
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	pilgrim's.	USA	\$9,120	\$11,890	\$17,810	8.1%	5.6x	6.8x	8.2x	0.7x
Tyson Foods, Inc.	Tyson	USA	\$20,343	\$29,147	\$53,092	5.7%	5.0x	6.9x	9.6x	0.5x
						Mean Median	7.6x 6.7x	7.2x 7.1x	8.0x 8.3x	0.7x 0.7x

Preserved Products Global Comparable Public Companies

			Market Cap. US\$M	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company		Country				Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
CJ Cheiljedang Corporation	CJ CHEILJEDANG	KOR	\$4,260	\$14,328	\$21,167	10.7%	6.5x	6.5x	6.4x	0.7x
Conagra Brands, Inc.	CONAGRA	USA	\$13,587	\$22,256	\$12,051	20.2%	12.4x	10.1x	9.1x	1.8x
Ebro Foods, S.A.	Ebro	ESP	\$2,562	\$2,922	\$3,329	13.1%	9.1x	8.7x	6.7x	0.9x
Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	LambWeston	USA	\$12,140	\$15,959	\$6,468	28.6%	17.6x	14.7x	8.6x	2.5x
Nissin Foods Holdings Co.,Ltd.	NISSIN	JPN	\$7,676	\$7,435	\$4,672	14.0%	12.7x	14.2x	11.4x	1.6x
Nomad Foods Limited	Nomad Foods	GBR	\$2,686	\$4,587	\$3,280	15.8%	11.2x	9.3x	8.8x	1.4x
Orkla ASA	Orkla	NOR	\$8,122	\$10,069	\$6,463	16.3%	10.2x	9.2x	9.6x	1.6x
The J. M. Smucker Company	THE J.M. SMUCKER Cº	USA	\$11,606	\$20,103	\$8,179	24.4%	11.4x	10.9x	10.1x	2.5x
TreeHouse Foods, Inc.	TreeHouse	USA	\$1,927	\$3,270	\$3,383	10.5%	10.6x	12.0x	9.2x	1.0x
						Mean Median	10.5x 11.2x	10.1x 10.1x	8.9x 9.1x	1.5x 1.6x

LatAm Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company		Country	Market	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Second Quarter Jun. 30, 2024	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M			Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Alicorp S.A.A.	àlicorp	PER	\$1,269	\$2,169	\$3,322	9.8%	6.5x	6.8x	6.6x	0.7x
BRF S.A.	₩ brf	BRA	\$6,798	\$9,388	\$10,184	8.7%	7.9x	13.1x	10.6x	0.9x
Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	BIMBO	MEX	\$15,391	\$23,229	\$21,468	14.5%	7.9x	8.7x	7.5x	1.1x
Camil Alimentos S.A.	© Camil	BRA	\$507	\$1,039	\$2,071	7.6%	7.2x	8.4x	6.6x	0.5x
Carozzi S.A.	C carozz	CHL	\$415	\$1,058	\$1,590	16.2%	6.7x	5.5x	4.1x	0.7x
Colombina S.A.	Colombina C	COL	\$132	\$454	\$787	12.6%	6.5x	4.8x	4.6x	0.6x
Gruma, S.A.B. de C.V.	والالم	MEX	\$6,652	\$7,939	\$6,642	16.0%	5.0x	7.9x	7.5x	1.2x
Grupo Herdez, S.A.B. de C.V.	GRUPO HERDEZ.	MEX	\$951	\$1,833	\$2,026	18.9%	6.3x	5.7x	4.8x	0.9x
Grupo Nutresa S. A.	Grupo nutresa	COL	\$5,733	\$6,788	\$4,366	12.8%	14.5x	13.8x	12.1x	1.6x
Molinos Rio de la Plata S.A.	MOLINOS	ARG	\$974	\$948	\$487	15.4%	12.2x	41.9x	12.7x	1.9x
						Mean Median	6.8x 7.0x	8.3x 8.2x	7.7x 7.0x	1.0x 0.9x

Food Industry - Global Transactions

Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Jun-24*	BENSON • HILL	USA	Develops sustainable food and ingredient solutions through plant-based innovation and advanced crop science	ARGONAUTIC	-	84.0%	\$131.5	NM	0.2x
Jun-24	Summer Garden Food Manufacturing	USA	Produces sauces, dips, and spreads using natural ingredients	Lassonde	-	100.0%	\$35.3	10.0x	1.9x
May-24	PRINCES GROUP	GBR	Engages in producing and supplying food products for retail, wholesale, foodservice, and industrial customers in Europe and internationally	A MULTIBRAND COMPANY	★ Mitsubishi Corporation	100.0%	\$894.5	7.0x	0.4x
May-24	Dolciaria Acquaviva	ITA	Produces a wide range of high-quality bakery and pastry products	Vandemoortele shaping a tasty future	APHEON	100.0%	-	-	-
May-24	BYHEART	USA	Develops and produces infant formula with a focus on high-quality, clean ingredients	PGF	-	100.0%	\$95.0	-	-
May-24*	ROSE (SINCE 1932	DNK	Processes and supplies high-quality poultry products, specializing in fresh and frozen chicken for retail and foodservice markets	PLUKON food group	HKSCAN	100.0%	\$47.8	13.5x	0.2x
Apr-24	PANDRIKS	NLD	Specializes in baking and producing high-quality, long-shelf-life bread products using natural ingredients	LE DUFF	-	100.0%	\$1,003.9	-	-
Apr-24	FLAVOR	USA	Creates and supplies custom flavors and extracts for the food and beverage industry, focusing on innovation and natural ingredient	Glanbia Glanbia	-	100.0%	\$355.0	-	-
Apr-24	3 BRUTARI	ROU	Produces a variety of artisanal bakery products, focusing on traditional recipes and high- quality ingredients	GRUPO BIMBO	Andrei Family	100.0%	-	-	-
Apr-24	THINSTERS	USA	Produces bite-sized cookies	SNACK FOODS CORR	Hain Celestial	100.0%	-	-	-
	_	approval an	d other customary closing conditions				Mean	10.2x	0.7x
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Source: Capital IQ 77

Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRY CLASIFICATION	PERIOD	AVERAGE ENTERPRISE VALUE (IN USD)	REVENUE (IN USD)	TTM REVENUE GROWTH	ENTERPRISE VALUE / REVENUE	EBITDA MARGIN	ENTERPRISE VALUE/EBITDA	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS
	0-0-0-0	\$	\$	\$ \$ \equiv \text{\$}	\$	\$	\$ \frac{1}{2}	\$
Food Manufacturing NAICS 311– Food Manufacturin	2018-2024	\$54.7M	\$51.3M	18.0%	1.4x	17.7%	7.6x	68
Other Food Manufacturing NAICS 3119- Other Food Manuf	2018-2024 Facturing	\$57.3M	\$53.2M	19.2%	1.4x	18.1%	7.6 x	23

Notes:

- Data obtained via GF Data, a subscription-based information platform, offering detailed information and metrics about the transactions of Private Equity funds in the U.S.
- The data is provided under a blind confidential format. Users of the data are unable to identify the exact company and transaction corresponding to the transaction details. Given this blind approach, the data submitted is less likely to be biased or manipulated.

Source: GF Data

GRUPO CHEN

TARGETGrupo Chen

TRANSACTION TYPEDivestiture advisory

INDUSTRIESFood & Beverage

GEOGRAPHYMonterrey, Mexico

SITUATION

Seale & Associates was retained by the owner of Grupo Chen to advise on a sale of the company as part of succession planning. Grupo Chen produces, markets and distributes dairy products, including cheese, yogurt, butter, and dairy cream with a market leadership position in Northern Mexico.

SEALE & ASSOCIATES' APPROACH

Seale managed a preferred buyer process with Sigma Alimentos, while maintaining the option to initiate a competitive auction process with other interested strategic buyers for Grupo Chen. Seale's disciplined approach allowed our client to maintain momentum and negotiating leverage throughout the process and ensure closing at a premium value and more favorable terms.

OUTCOME

The process resulted in a successful acquisition of Grupo Chen by Sigma Alimentos, a subsidiary of ALFA (BMV:ALFA). Grupo Chen became Sigma's branded dairy products growth platform for the Mexican market.

"Seale gave me "peace of mind" as they expertly guided me through the sale process"



"When it came time to decide on a viable succession plan for my business, I knew that none of my children were interested in taking over, and the last thing I wanted was to leave them a potential mess after I was gone. Seale gave me "peace of mind" as they expertly guided me through the sale process for my life's work and made certain I got the very best price and terms."

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- Provided divestiture advisory services to a co-packer and private Label Manufacturer of Frozen Goods
- Provided acquisition advisory services to Grupo Chen, a producer of dairy products on its merger with Sigma Alimentos, a leading Mexican company in refrigerated foods a subsidiary of ALFA
- Provided advisory services to Unifoods, a leading Mexican food and beverage consumer products company
- Represented the shareholders of Caffenio, a leading Latin American coffee roaster and distributor, on the merger of their business with OXXO, the retail chain and distribution business of FEMSA
- Represented Arca Continental on the acquisition of three salty snack brands in the U.S. (Wise Snacks, Deep River Snacks, and Carolina Country Snacks)
- Provided corporate finance and valuation services to a leading Mexican manufacturer of orange juice concentrates
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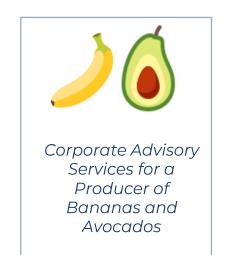






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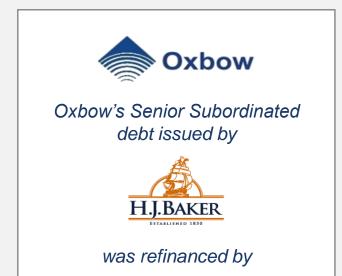












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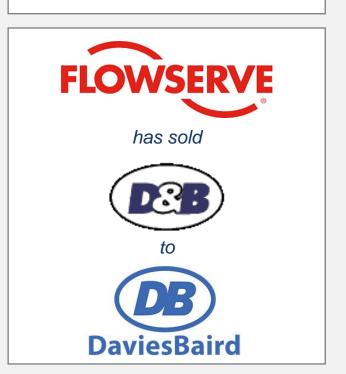
















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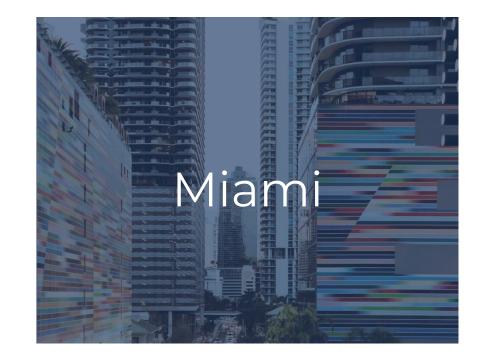
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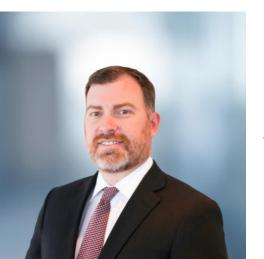


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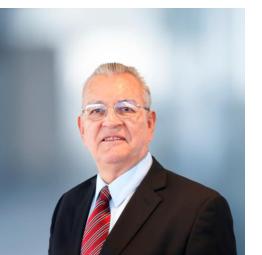
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