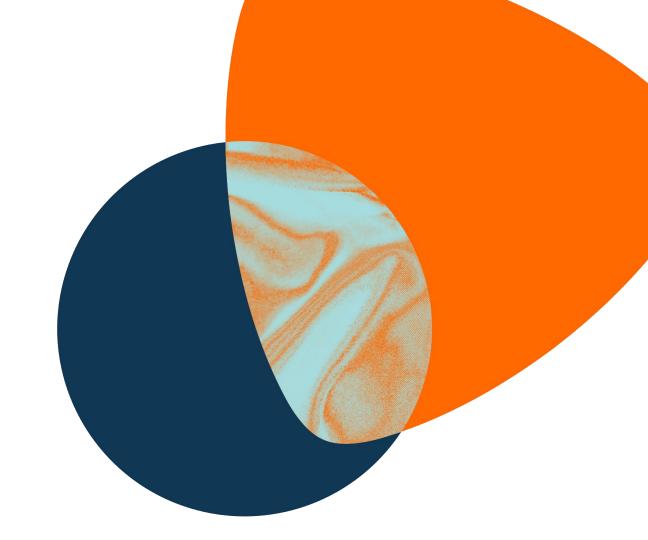


# Strategy Update

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## **Agenda**



## **Looking back**

Strategy update
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# 2020 was a year like no other and we responded decisively to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic

Prio #1
Ensure safety of our people



Prio #2
Safeguard financial success



Prio #3
Be part of the solution



We are a truly European fashion platform and have reached key milestones in 2020



>50% of GMV generated outside of DACH



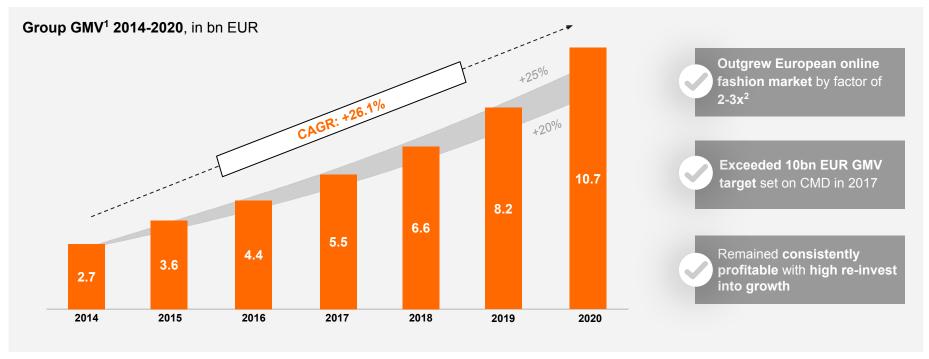
Exceeded **1bn EUR in GMV** in the **Nordics** 



Generated **highest active customer growth** in **Southern Europe** 



# We have a strong and consistent growth track record, growing 4x in 6 years after IPO - clear confirmation of our strategy



Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) incl. VAT



<sup>2)</sup> Source: Euromonitor International, February 2020. Values based on actuals and estimates; fixed exchange rates. Fashion data incl. apparel and footwear, bags and luggage, jewelry and watches. Data for Europe (excluding Russia) inclusive of sales tax

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## Our vision is to be the Starting Point for Fashion in Europe

## We want to be the destination that consumers gravitate to for all their fashion needs

We provide customers a distinct and compelling fashion proposition ...



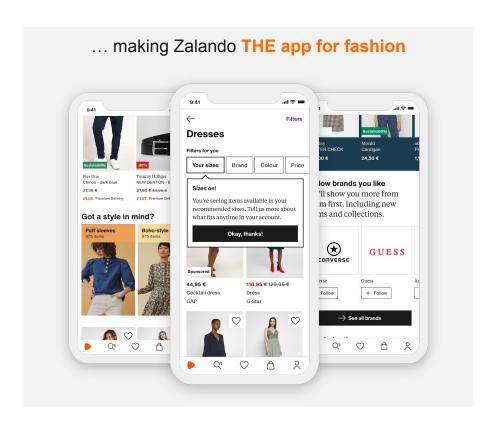
**Endless choice** 



Seamless convenience

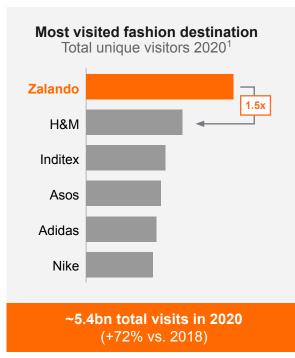


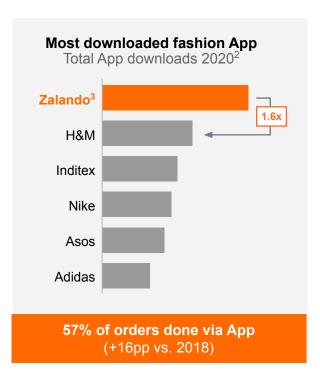
Tailored digital experience





## Key indicators of a Starting Point confirm the strong position we already have today







Fashion Store only

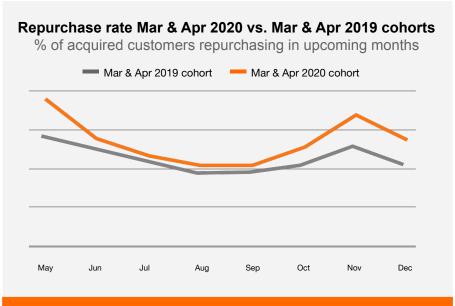
Source: Comscore, February 2021

<sup>2)</sup> Source: SensorTower, February 2021

## COVID-19 led to a step change in online penetration that substantiated the relevance of being the Starting Point for Fashion



continue to increase from its higher base

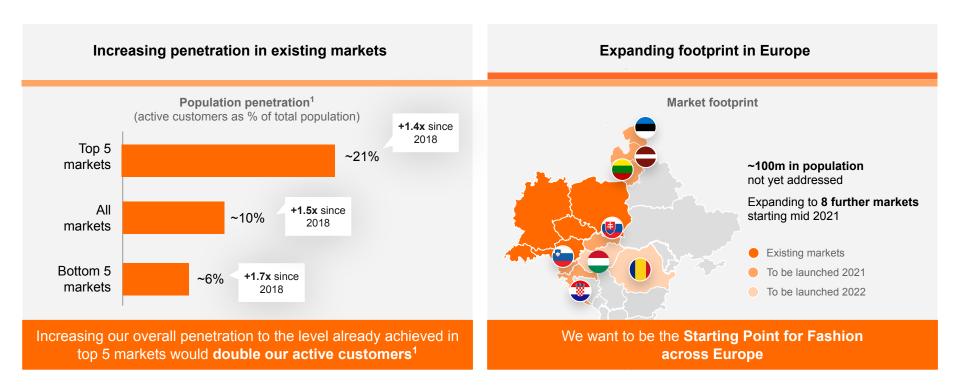


Customers acquired during the first lockdown **performed** consistently strong, also as stores reopened in the summer

Source: Euromonitor International, February 2020, Values based on actuals and estimates; fixed exchange rates, Fashion data incl. apparel and footwear, bags and luggage, jewelry and watches, Data for Europe (excluding Russia) inclusive of sales tax

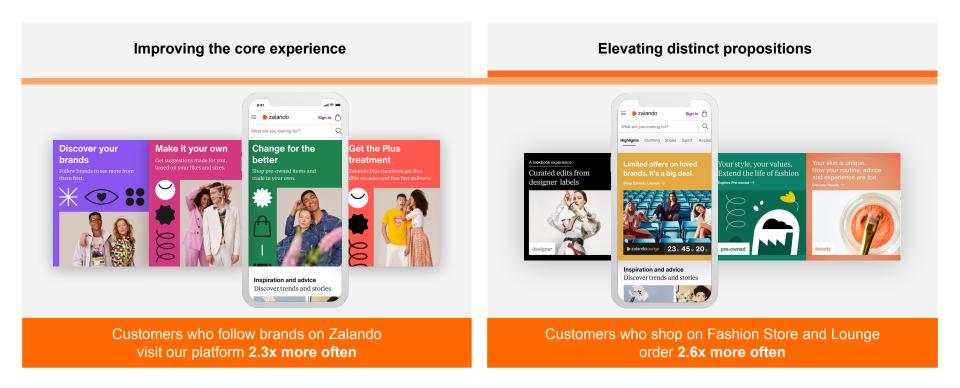


# We have substantial leeway to grow active customers in existing markets and will expand our footprint to reach even more customers



Source: Statista, February 2021. Excluding UK & Ireland

# We also continuously innovate the way we engage with our customers to build deeper relationships

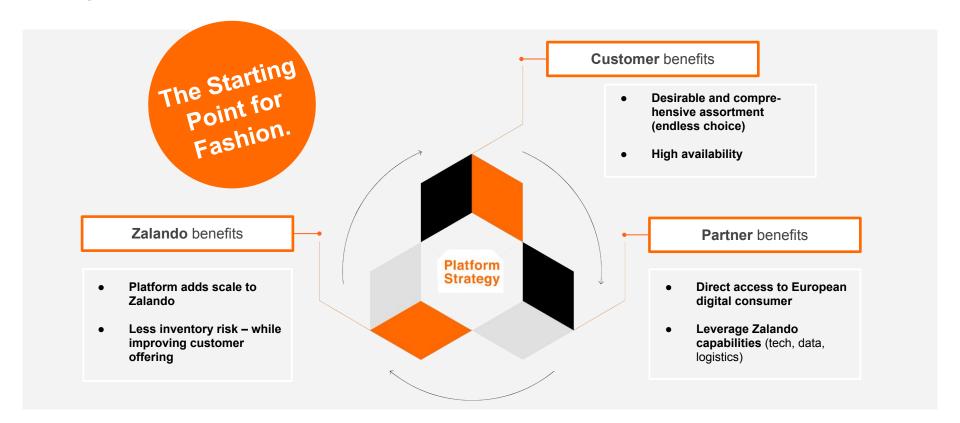






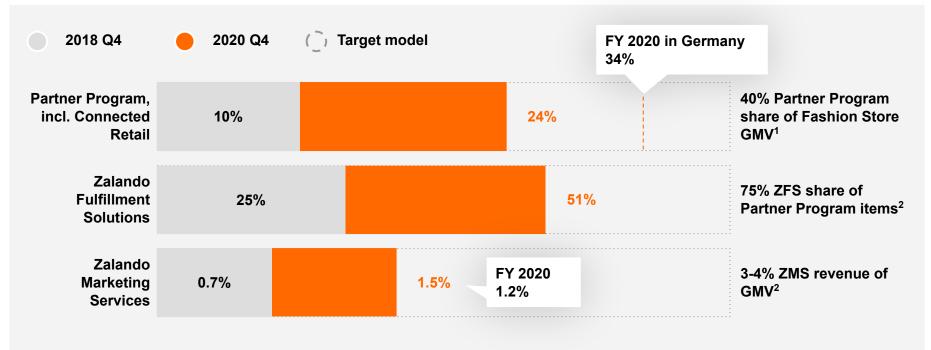
# To achieve our vision we are transitioning towards a true platform business

# The most important building block of the Starting Point vision is our transition towards a true platform business model



## We have further accelerated our transition towards a platform business

### Progress towards our target model



<sup>1)</sup> Partner Program share of 40% refers to our business model mix ambition for 2023/24. In our long-term target model, we aim for a 50% Partner Program share

Refers to our long-term target model ambition

## Partners engage with Zalando more deeply than ever to capture the online opportunity

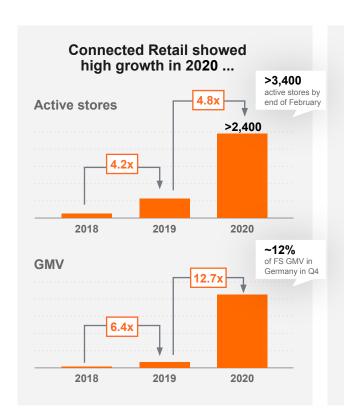




<sup>1)</sup> Dec 2020 vs. Dec 2019

Partner expansions to a market other than Germany

## Connected Retail expands the platform model to the offline world



... and stores make it part of their strategy ...

For the customer, the close linking of brick-and-mortar and online is a huge advantage because they get services that we probably don't even know about today. And I think we're just scratching the surface here.

Heiko Ronge, CEO PTH Group



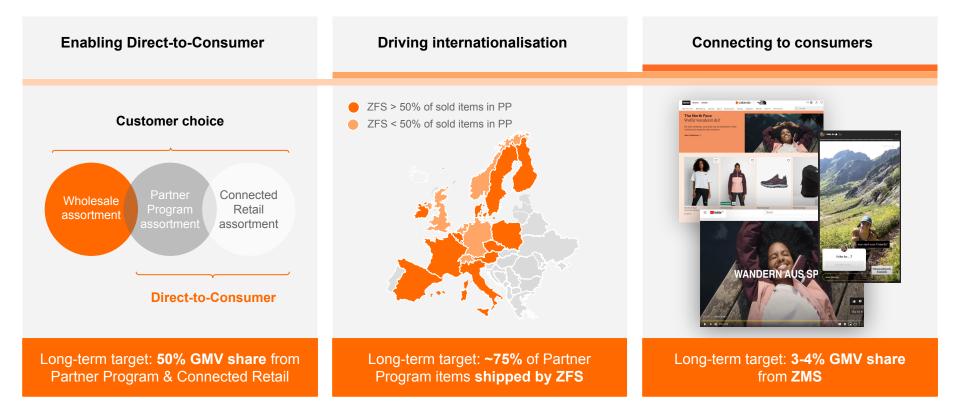
... opening up huge growth potential

~300,000 fashion stores across Europe

~75% share of total fashion market

Expanding Connected Retail to 13 markets and tripling the no. of stores by end of 2021

# We are building a platform that provides a scalable solution for brands, retailers and stores and thereby allows us to serve an increasing number of active customers





# In order to win the hearts and minds of consumers, we want to build a truly sustainable platform

# To be the Starting Point for Fashion, we need to become part of the solution on the sustainability challenges we face

#### Our planet has a problem ...

1°C

increase in global temperature since 1880<sup>1</sup>

Up to 4.8°C

expected increase in global temperature by 2100 if we don't take action<sup>2</sup>

... fashion is part of the problem ...

~4%

fashion industry share of global greenhouse gas emissions<sup>3</sup>

2x

increase in global clothing production since 2002<sup>4</sup>

... and customers want to see change

9 of 10

Gen Z customers believe companies have responsibility to address environmental & social issues<sup>5</sup>

50%

of customers bought at least one product carrying the sustainability flag

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), SR15 Headline Statements, 2019

<sup>2)</sup> Climate Action Tracker, Global Temperatures, December 2020

<sup>3)</sup> Fashion on Climate 2020, McKinsey and Global Fashion Agenda, August 2020

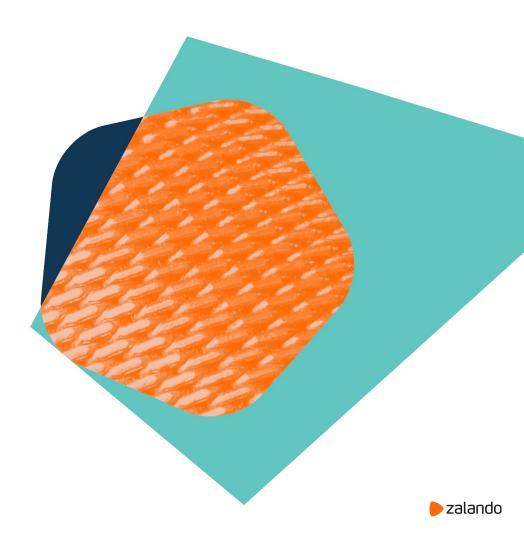
<sup>4)</sup> Ellen MacArthur Foundation, "A New Textiles Economy: Redesigning Fashion's Future," Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2017

The influence of woke consumers on fashion, McKinsey, February 2019

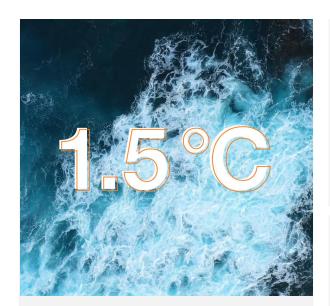
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## Our sustainability vision:

To be a sustainable fashion platform with a net-positive impact for people and the planet.



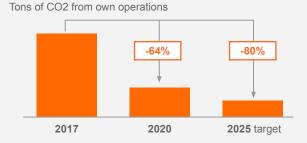
## We are drastically reducing our own emissions and will work with our partners to do the same



#### Our aspiration:

We are carbon neutral in our own operations and aim for a 1.5°C pathway in line with the Paris Agreement

### Our own operations (Scope 1+2)





As of 2019, we offset all remaining emissions, making us carbon neutral in our own operations, deliveries & returns

### Our supply chain (Scope 3)

#### **Our Science Based Target:**

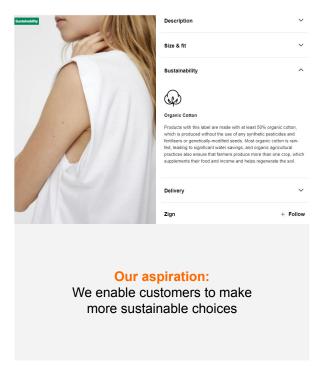
Zalando commits that 90% of our suppliers will have set Science Based Targets by 2025

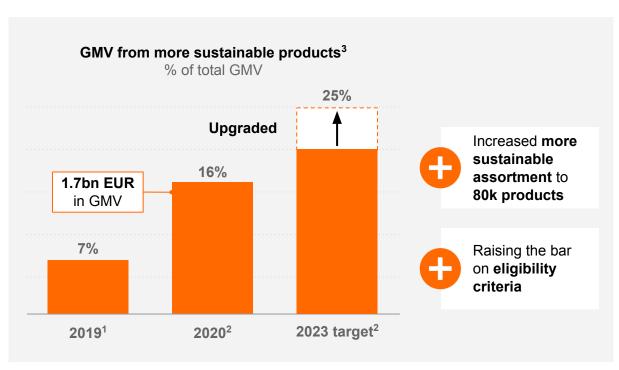






## We encourage brands to produce and customers to choose more sustainable products



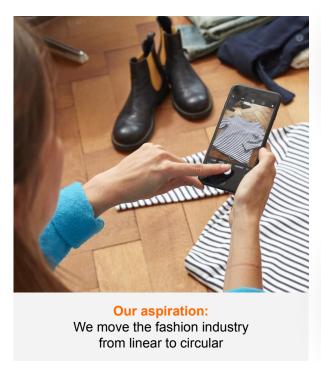


<sup>1)</sup> Zalando Fashion Store

<sup>2)</sup> Zalando Group

Products carrying the sustainability flag. Does not include Pre-Owned

## On our path towards having a net-positive impact, we will continue to shape new business models and expand into circular systems





## **Our Starting Point Strategy**



## Customers

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## **Partners**

To achieve our vision, we are transitioning towards a true **platform business** 



## **People and Planet**

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# We are confident that we can capture more than 10% of the total European fashion market long-term by further executing on our vision and strategy

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated change in the fashion industry that has long been in progress and blurred the boundaries between offline and online

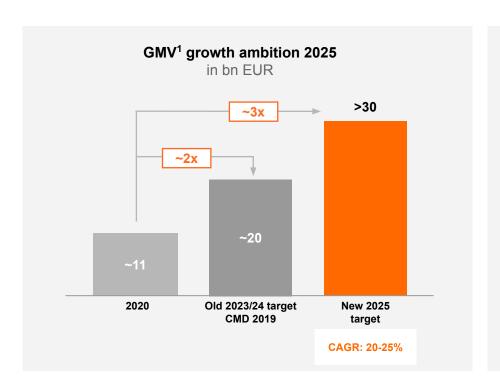
Our platform strategy allows us to play an even bigger role in fashion for customers and partners



<sup>1)</sup> Source: Company estimates and Euromonitor International forecasts, February 2020. Euromonitor forecasts the overall European Fashion Market to grow to roughly 450bn EUR over the next 5-10 years. Values based on actuals and estimates; fixed exchange rates. Fashion data incl. apparel and footwear, bags and luggage, jewelry and watches. Data for Europe (excluding Russia) inclusive of sales tax



## We significantly upgrade our 2025 GMV ambition to more than 30bn EUR



### Margin trajectory

Primary focus is on capturing the immense growth opportunity

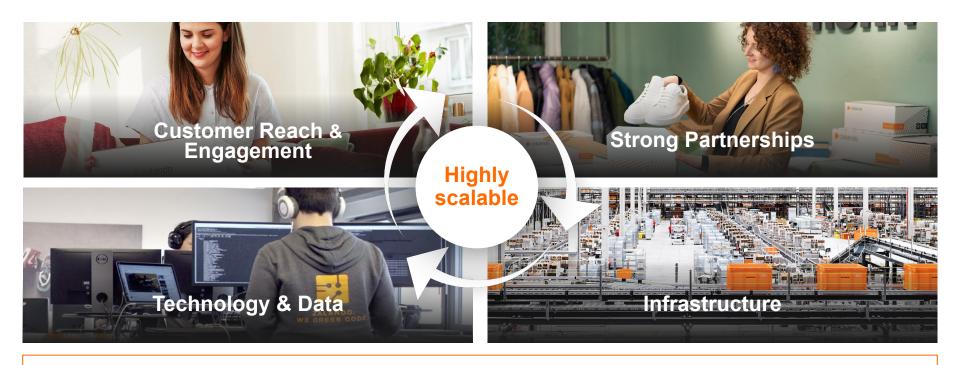
Coming years therefore marked by **continued growth investments** 

Long term double digit profitability ambitions are unchanged, but on a higher level of scale

Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) incl. VAT



## We are distinctly positioned to capitalize on this tremendous growth opportunity



Focus on continued organic investments, supported by selective M&A

## Management responsibilities following the Annual General Meeting



Robert Gentz Co-CEO



David Schneider Co-CEO



Astrid Arndt
Chief People Officer



Jim Freeman
Chief Business and
Product Officer



**David Schröder**Chief Financial Officer

## **Key takeaways Keynote**

We have a clear vision and strategy and our number one priority is growth

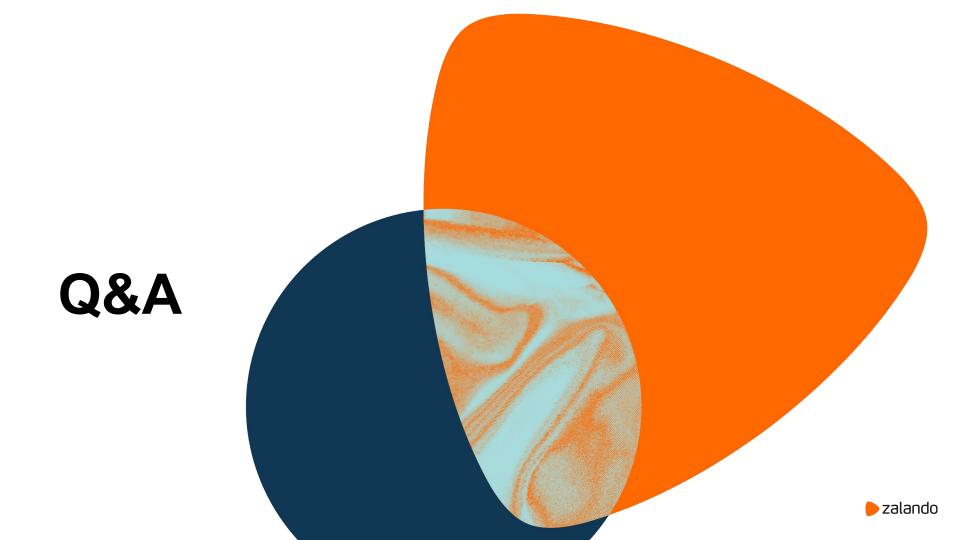
We are making tremendous progress and have consistently delivered on our targets

The opportunity for Zalando is immense, making us confident that we can reach >30bn EUR GMV by 2025 and capture >10% of the fashion market long-term

We continue to drive investments that will catalyze long-term growth for our business







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