



HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

(a company incorporated in England with registered number 617987; the liability of its members is limited)

This document (which expression shall include this document and all documents incorporated by reference herein) has been prepared for the purpose of providing disclosure information with regard to HSBC Holdings plc (the "**Issuer**") and has been approved by the United Kingdom ("**UK**") Financial Conduct Authority (the "**FCA**") as a registration document ("**Registration Document**") in compliance with the FCA Handbook Prospectus Rules: Admission to Trading on a Regulated Market sourcebook ("**PRM**") made in accordance with the Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2024 for the purpose of providing the information with regard to the Issuer of debt securities during the period of twelve months after the date hereof. The FCA only approves this Registration Document as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the rules in PRM. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer that is the subject of the Registration Document. This Registration Document is valid for a period of twelve months from the date of approval.

This Registration Document includes details of the long-term and short-term credit ratings assigned to the Issuer by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited ("**S&P**"), Moody's Investors Service Limited ("**Moody's**") and Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**"). Each of S&P, Moody's and Fitch is established in the United Kingdom and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies as it forms part of the domestic law of the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended (the "**EUWA**") (the "**UK CRA Regulation**"). As such, each of S&P, Moody's and Fitch appears on the latest update of the list of registered credit rating agencies (as of the date of this Registration Document) on the UK FCA's Financial Services Register. The ratings each of S&P, Moody's and Fitch has given to the Issuer are endorsed by S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited, Moody's Deutschland GmbH and Fitch Ratings Ireland Limited, respectively, each of which is established in the European Economic Area and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies.

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RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors in any securities issued by the Issuer should carefully consider the risk factors associated with the business of the Issuer and the industry in which it operates together with all other information contained in this Registration Document, including, in particular, the risk factors incorporated by reference into this section. The Issuer considers such risk factors to be the principal risk factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under any of its securities.

The risk factors incorporated by reference herein do not comprise an exhaustive list or explanation of all risks which investors may face when making an investment in securities issued by the Issuer. Additional risks and uncertainties relating to the Issuer that are not currently known to the Issuer, or that the Issuer currently deems immaterial, may individually or cumulatively also have a material adverse effect on the business, prospects, results of operations and/or financial position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries ("HSBC" or the "Group"), and, if any such risk should occur, the price of any securities issued by the Issuer may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment.

The section entitled "*Risk Factors*" on pages 126 to 137 of the Issuer's Form 20-F dated 26 February 2026 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (as set out at <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1089113/000108911326000010/hsbc-20251231.htm>) (the "**2025 Form 20-F**"), as incorporated by reference herein, sets out a description of the risk factors that may affect the ability of the Issuer to fulfil its obligations to investors in relation to any of its securities.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Registration Document. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer, the information contained in this Registration Document is in accordance with the facts and this Registration Document does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

This Registration Document is to be read and construed with all documents incorporated by reference into it.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Registration Document, including any documents incorporated by reference herein, and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, any trustee or any dealer appointed in relation to any issue of debt or derivative securities by the Issuer.

This Registration Document, including any documents incorporated by reference herein, should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, any trustee or any dealer appointed in relation to any issue of debt or derivative securities by the Issuer that any recipient of this Registration Document, including any document incorporated by reference herein, should purchase any debt or derivative securities issued by the Issuer. Each investor contemplating subscribing for or purchasing debt or derivative securities issued by the Issuer should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. No part of this Registration Document including any documents incorporated by reference herein constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, any trustee or any dealer appointed in relation to any issue of debt or derivative securities by the Issuer or any of them to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any of the debt or derivative securities issued by the Issuer.

None of the delivery of this Registration Document or any documents incorporated by reference herein or any prospectus, other offering document referring to this Registration Document or any relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement or the offering, sale or delivery of any debt or derivative securities shall, in any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof, or that the information contained in this Registration Document including any documents incorporated by reference herein, is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other written information delivered in connection herewith or therewith is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in such document. Any dealer or trustee appointed in relation to any issue of debt or derivative or securities by the Issuer expressly does not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer or its subsidiary undertakings during the life of such securities.

The distribution of this Registration Document, including any document incorporated by reference herein, and the offer or sale of securities issued by the Issuer may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession this Registration Document or any document incorporated by reference herein or any securities issued by the Issuer come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of securities issued by the Issuer and on the distribution of this Registration Document, including any document incorporated by reference herein, see the applicable description of arrangements relating to subscription and sale of the relevant debt or derivative securities in the relevant prospectus.

In this Registration Document and in relation to any securities issued by the Issuer, references to the "**relevant dealers**" are to whichever of the dealers enters into an agreement for the issue of such securities issued by the Issuer as described in the applicable description of arrangements relating to subscription and sale of the relevant debt or derivative securities in the relevant prospectus or other offering document and references to the "**relevant Final Terms**" are to the Final Terms or Pricing Supplement relating to such securities.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Registration Document:

- the 2025 Form 20-F, save for the sections entitled "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm to the Board of Directors and Shareholders of HSBC Holdings plc", "Financial Statements" and "Notes on the Financial Statements" that fall within pages 286 to 381. The 2025 Form 20-F is available on the Issuer's website at: <https://www.hsbc.com/investors/results-and-announcements/all-reporting/group?page=1&take=20>. The 2025 Form 20-F has also been filed with the SEC and is available in electronic form at <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1089113/000108911326000010/hsbc-20251231.htm>;
- the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer, the independent auditors' report thereon and the notes thereto, in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2025, as set out on pages 253 to 355 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2025 of the Issuer (the "**2025 Annual Report and Accounts**") and the notes to such audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer that are identified as '(Audited)' and are presented within the sections of the 2025 Annual Report and Accounts entitled "Risk review" and "Directors' remuneration report", which sections are set out on pages 98 to 185 and 216 to 240 respectively of the 2025 Annual Report and Accounts. The 2025 Annual Report and Accounts is available on the Issuer's website at <https://www.hsbc.com/investors/results-and-announcements/all-reporting/group?page=1&take=20>; and
- the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer, the independent auditors' report thereon and the notes thereto, in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2024, as set out on pages 330 to 438 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2024 of the Issuer (the "**2024 Annual Report and Accounts**") and the notes to such audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer that are identified as '(Audited)' and are presented within the sections of the 2024 Annual Report and Accounts entitled "Risk review" and "Directors' remuneration report", which sections are set out on pages 127 to 235 and 279 to 317 respectively of the 2024 Annual Report and Accounts. The 2024 Annual Report and Accounts is available on the Issuer's website at <https://www.hsbc.com/investors/results-and-announcements/all-reporting/group?page=1&take=20>.

The Issuer will, at its registered office, make available for inspection during normal business hours and free of charge, upon oral or written request, a copy of this Registration Document including any document incorporated by reference in this Registration Document. Written or oral requests for inspection of such documents should be directed to the Issuer's registered office. Additionally, this Registration Document and all the documents incorporated by reference herein will be available for viewing at www.hsbc.com (please follow links to 'Investors', 'Fixed income investors' and 'Issuance programmes' for the Registration Document and the alternate links (as relevant) provided in the section entitled "*General Information*" for the other documents incorporated by reference). For the avoidance of doubt, unless specifically incorporated by reference into this Registration Document, any websites referred to in this Registration Document or any information appearing on such websites and pages do not form part of this Registration Document.

Any information incorporated by reference in the above documents does not form part of this Registration Document and, to the extent that only certain parts of the above documents are specified to be incorporated by reference hereunder, the non-incorporated parts of such documents are either not relevant for investors or are covered elsewhere in this Registration Document.

THE ISSUER AND ITS SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

Introduction

HSBC is one of the largest banking and financial services organisations in the world, with a market capitalisation of (approximately) U.S.\$ 270.3 billion as at 31 December 2025.

The Issuer is a public limited company registered in England and Wales under registration number 617987. The liability of members is limited. It has its registered and head office at 8 Canada Square, London, E14 5HQ, United Kingdom; telephone number +44 20 7991 8888. The Issuer was incorporated on 1 January 1959 under the Companies Act 1948 as a limited company and was re-registered under the Companies Act 1985 as a public limited company. The Issuer is the ultimate holding company of the Group.

As at 31 December 2025, the Group had total assets of U.S.\$ 3,233,034 million, and total shareholders' equity of U.S.\$ 198,225 million. For the year ended 31 December 2025, the Group's operating profit was U.S.\$ 27,996 million on total operating income of U.S.\$ 68,274 million. As at 31 December 2025, the Group had a UK CRR common equity tier 1 ratio of 14.9 per cent. As at 1 January 2025, the IFRS 9 transitional arrangements came to an end. Accordingly, HSBC's UK CRR common equity tier 1 ratio figures as of 31 December 2025 are the same on both a transitional and on a non-transitional basis.

Headquartered in London, HSBC operates through an international network in 56 countries and territories. Within these regions, a comprehensive range of banking and related financial services is offered to personal, commercial, corporate, institutional, investment and private banking clients.

HSBC's products and services are delivered to clients through four businesses: Hong Kong; UK; Corporate and Institutional Banking; and International Wealth and Premier Banking.

HSBC's Hong Kong business comprises Retail Banking and Wealth and Commercial Banking of HSBC Hong Kong and Hang Seng Bank.

HSBC's UK business comprises UK Retail Banking and Wealth (including first direct and M&S Bank) and UK Commercial Banking, including HSBC Innovation Bank.

HSBC's Corporate and Institutional Banking business integrates HSBC's Commercial Banking business (outside the UK and Hong Kong) with HSBC's Global Banking and Markets business.

HSBC's International Wealth and Premier Banking business comprises Premier banking outside of Hong Kong and the UK, HSBC's Private Bank, Asset Management and Insurance businesses.

Ratings

The Issuer has been assigned the following long-term credit ratings:

- A- by S&P. This means that S&P is of the opinion that the Issuer has a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher-rated categories;
- A3 by Moody's. This means that Moody's is of the opinion that the Issuer is judged to be upper-medium-grade and subject to low credit risk; and
- A+ by Fitch. This means that Fitch is of the opinion that the Issuer poses expectations of low default risk, indicates strong capacity for payment of financial commitments and that this capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

The Issuer has also been assigned the following short-term credit ratings:

- A-2 by S&P. This means that S&P is of the opinion that the Issuer has satisfactory capacity to meet its financial commitment. However, it is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in the highest rating category;
- P-2 by Moody's. This means that Moody's is of the opinion that the Issuer has a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations; and
- F1+ by Fitch. This means that Fitch is of the opinion that the Issuer has the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of short-term financial commitments.

Each of S&P, Moody's and Fitch is established in the United Kingdom and is registered as a credit rating agency under the UK CRA Regulation.

A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

Major Shareholders

The ordinary shares of the Issuer are widely held and the Issuer is not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any one individual or group of collective shareholders. The Issuer is not aware of any arrangements which may result in a change of this position.

DIRECTORS OF THE ISSUER

The directors of the Issuer, each of whose business address is 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom, their functions in relation to the Issuer and their principal outside activities (if any) of significance to the Issuer are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Function(s) within the Issuer</u>	<u>Principal activities outside the Issuer</u>
Brendan Nelson	<p>Group Chairman</p> <p>Chairman of the Group Audit Committee¹</p> <p>Member of the Chairman's Committee</p> <p>Member of the Group Risk Committee</p> <p>Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee</p> <p>Member of the Group Technology and Operations Committee</p>	<p>Non-executive Director of HSBC UK Bank plc; Non-executive Chairman of BP Pension Trustees Ltd; Director of the Institute of International Finance</p>
Georges Elhedery	<p>Group Chief Executive</p> <p>Member of the Chairman's Committee</p> <p>Chairman of the Group Operating Committee</p>	<p>Principal Member of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero; Member of the Advisory Board of the China Children Development Fund; Member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, International Advisory Panel; Member of the Financial Services Task Force of the Sustainable Market Initiative; Member of the World Bank Private Sector Investment Lab; Member of the UK-India CEO Forum; Member of the Semafor World Economy Global Advisory Board; Director of Peterson Institute for International Economics; Member of the Asia Business Council; and Member of the International Business Leaders Advisory Council (Beijing IBLAC)</p>
Manveen Kaur (known as Pam Kaur)	<p>Group Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Member of the Chairman's Committee</p> <p>Member of the Group Operating Committee</p>	<p>Non-executive Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited</p>

¹ Brendan Nelson will continue to hold the role of Chair of the Group Audit Committee until a permanent successor is appointed. The successor Chair of the Group Audit Committee is expected to be announced and appointed following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 8 May 2026, subject to completion of the regulatory approval process.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function(s) within the Issuer</i>	<i>Principal activities outside the Issuer</i>
Geraldine Buckingham	Independent Non-executive Director Member of the Chairman's Committee Member of the Group Audit Committee Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	Independent non-executive Director of Brunswick Group Partnership Ltd; Independent non-executive Director of H.R.L. Morrison & Co Limited; Member of the Advisory Board of the McKinsey Health Institute
Rachel Duan	Independent Non-executive Director Member of the Chairman's Committee Member of the Group Audit Committee Member of the Group Remuneration Committee Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	Independent non-executive Director of Sanofi S.A.; Independent non-executive Director of The Adecco Group AG; Independent non-executive Director of Kering S.A.
Dame Carolyn Fairbairn	Independent Non-executive Director Chair of the Group Remuneration Committee Member of the Group Risk Committee Member of the Chairman's Committee Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	Senior Independent non-executive Director of Tesco plc; Member of the Advisory Council of Frontier Economics
James Anthony Forese	Independent Non-executive Director Member of the Chairman's Committee Chair of the Group Risk Committee Member of the Group Audit Committee	Non-executive Chairman of HSBC North America Holdings Inc

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Ann Godbehere ²	Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	Non-executive Chair of HSBC Bank plc; Non-executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of Stellantis N.V.; Non-executive Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of Shell plc
	Senior Independent Non-executive Director	
	Member of the Chairman's Committee	
	Member of the Group Audit Committee	
	Member of the Group Remuneration Committee	
Steven Guggenheimer	Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	Independent non-executive Director of Forrit Holdings Limited; Independent non-executive Director of Leupold & Stevens, Inc.; Independent non-executive Director of BT Group plc; Advisor to Quantexa Limited
	Independent Non-executive Director	
	Member of the Chairman's Committee	
	Member of the Group Risk Committee	
	Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	
José Antonio Meade Kuribreña	Member of the Group Technology and Operations Committee	Non-executive Chair of HSBC Latin America Holdings (UK) Limited; Non-executive Chair of Grupo Financiero HSBC, S. A. de C. V; Non-executive Chair of HSBC Mexico, S.A., Institucion de Banca Multiple, Grupo Financiero HSBC; Independent non-executive Director of Grupo Comercial Chedraui S.A.B. de C.V.; Independent non-executive Director of Fibra Uno Administracion SA de CV; Independent non-executive Director of Nemark S.A.B. de C.V.; Member of UNICEF Mexico Advisory Board; Member of the Advisory Board of the University of California, Centre for US-Mexican Studies
	Independent Non-executive Director	
	Member of the Chairman's Committee	
	Member of the Group Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	
	Member of the Group Remuneration Committee	

² Ann Godbehere is expected to step down as a Director with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8 May 2026.

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Kalpana Morparia	Independent Non-executive Director	Independent non-executive Director of Philip Morris International Inc.; Governing Board Member of Generation India Foundation; Governing Board Member of the Bharti Foundation; Advisor to Temasek International; Independent non-executive Director of The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited; Independent non-executive Director of Curefit Healthcare Private Limited
	Member of the Chairman's Committee	
	Member of the Group Remuneration Committee	
	Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	
	Member of the Group Technology and Operations Committee	
Eileen Murray	Independent Non-executive Director	Non-executive Director of HSBC Bank plc; Non-executive Chair of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.; Independent non-executive Director of Guardian Life Insurance Company of America; Chair of Invisible Urban Charging; Operating Partner of Liberty City Ventures
	Chair of the Group Technology and Operations Committee	
	Member of the Chairman's Committee	
	Member of the Group Risk Committee	
	Member of the Group Remuneration Committee	
Swee Lian Teo	Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	Chair of CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust Management Limited; Chair of Singapore Post Limited; Director of Clifford Capital Ptd Ltd
	Independent Non-executive Director	
	Member of the Chairman's Committee	
	Member of the Group Risk Committee	
	Member of the Nomination & Corporate Governance Committee	
Wei Sun Christianson	Member of the Group Technology and Operations Committee	Independent Non-executive Director of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE
	Independent Non-executive Director	

The Board has an established policy and set of procedures to ensure that the Board's management of Directors' conflicts of interest is effective. The Board has the power to authorise conflicts where they arise, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Issuer's Articles of Association. Details of all Directors'

conflicts of interest are recorded in the register of conflicts. Upon appointment, new Directors are advised of the policy and procedures for managing conflicts. Directors are required to notify the Board of any actual or potential conflicts of interest and to update the Board with any changes to the facts and circumstances surrounding such conflicts. Directors are requested to review and confirm their own and their respective closely associated persons' outside interests and appointments twice each year. The Board has considered, and authorised (with or without conditions) where appropriate, potential conflicts as they have arisen during the year in accordance with its conflicts policy and procedures. All non-executive Directors are re-vetted by the compliance team on a triennial basis following appointment. As part of this re-vetting process, all conflicts checks are refreshed. There are no existing or potential conflicts of interest that are material in relation to the debt securities of the Issuer issued pursuant to a relevant prospectus or other offering document between any duties owed to the Issuer by the directors of the Issuer and their private interests and/or other external duties.

Group Company Secretary

All Directors have access to the advice and services of the Group Company Secretary, who is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures and all applicable rules and regulations are complied with, and for advising the Board on corporate governance matters.

The Group Company Secretary is responsible for supporting the Group Chairman in ensuring effective functioning of the Board and its committees, and transparent engagement between senior management and non-executive Directors as well as facilitating induction and assisting with professional development of non-executive Directors as required. The details of the Group Company Secretary and her principal outside activities (if any) of significance to the Group are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function(s) within the Group</i>	<i>Principal outside activities</i>
Angela McEntee	Group Company Secretary	None

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. There has been no significant change in the financial position or financial performance of the Group nor any material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2025.
2. Save as disclosed in Note 28 (*Provisions*) and in Note 35 (*Legal proceedings and regulatory matters*) on pages 332 to 333 and on pages 343 to 345 respectively, of the 2025 Annual Report and Accounts (incorporated by reference herein), there have been no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened against the Issuer or any of its subsidiary undertakings of which the Issuer is aware, during the 12 months prior to the date of this Registration Document which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and/or the Group.
3. The annual consolidated financial statements of the Group comply with UK-adopted international accounting standards and with the requirements of the UK Companies Act 2006, and have also applied international financial reporting standards adopted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 as it applies in the European Union. These financial statements are also prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IFRS Accounting Standards**"), including interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee, as there are no applicable differences from IFRS Accounting Standards for the periods presented.
4. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors, of 1 Embankment Place, London, WC2N 6RH, United Kingdom has audited without qualification the consolidated financial statements of the Issuer contained in the 2024 Annual Report and Accounts and the 2025 Annual Report and Accounts for the financial years ended 31 December 2024 and 2025.
5. For so long as the Issuer may issue securities with respect to which this Registration Document forms part of the prospectus prepared by the Issuer relating to such securities (a "**Prospectus**"), the following documents may be inspected during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer or at the website set out by each relevant document listed below for the 12 months from the date of this Registration Document:
 - (a) the up to date memorandum and articles of the Issuer (website: www.hsbc.com (please follow links to 'Investors', 'Shareholder and dividend information' and 'AGM and shareholder meetings')); and
 - (b) the 2025 Form 20-F, the 2025 Annual Report and Accounts and the 2024 Annual Report and Accounts (website: www.hsbc.com (please follow links to 'Investors', 'Results and announcements' and 'All reporting'))).
6. The Issuer will, at its registered office, make available for inspection during normal business hours, free of charge, upon oral or written request, a copy of this Registration Document and any document incorporated by reference herein, and any Prospectus (as defined above). Written or oral requests for such documents should be directed to the registered office of the Issuer.
7. This Registration Document and all the documents incorporated by reference herein will be available for viewing at www.hsbc.com (please follow links in paragraph 5 above, or for all other documents 'Investors', 'Fixed income investors' and 'Issuance programmes'). For the avoidance of doubt, unless specifically incorporated by reference into this Registration Document, information contained on the website does not form part of this Registration Document.
8. The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code of the Issuer is MLU0ZO3ML4LN2LL2TL39.

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