

GLOBAL ECONOMIC MONITOR

Monthly update of developments in the global economy





Brief Summary

The global economy is in a synchronized slowdown, with growth for 2019 projected to be at the slowest pace since the global financial crisis. As per the IMF's World Economic Outlook, global growth is projected at 3.0% in 2019 and 3.4% in 2020. For advanced economies, growth is projected to soften to 1.7% in 2019 and 2020. Growth in the emerging market and developing economy group is expected to bottom out at 3.9% in 2019, rising to 4.6% in 2020.

The major economies have recorded a downward trend in their guarterly GDP growth. In US, household consumption, government spending and exports were the main drivers of growth while business investment fell and imports made a negative contribution to GDP. The Eurozone economy grew 0.2% on guarter in the three months to September 2019 and among the bloc's largest economies, France's GDP expanded 0.3% and Spain's economy grew 0.4%. In Japan, there was a sharp downward revision of capital expenditure amid weakness in the global economy and worsening trade protectionism.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in October 2019. Manufacturing PMI of United States and France increased, while that of Spain and Japan decreased as compared to the previous month. Manufacturing PMI of India and Eurozone recorded no change as compared to the previous month. Increasing manufacturing PMI in the US pointed to the strongest expansion in factory activity since April, as output, new orders and employment increased at a faster pace.

Core inflation in most of the major economies has eased in September 2019 as compared to the previous month. Inflation declined in Germany, Italy, Japan and South Africa, while inflation rate increased in India and China. Inflation rate United States and United Kingdom remained flat at 1.7% each in September 2019 as compared to the previous month.

On the market front, most of the key international indices exhibited an increasing trend. Japan's NIKKEI registered a maximum increase of 5.4% as on 31st October 2019 as compared to 30th September 2019, followed by India's SENSEX, which registered a rise of 3.8%, Germany's DAX, with an increase of 3.3%, China's SHSZ with the rise of 1.9% and US DJIA, with an increase of 1.0%.

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a mixed trend. While trade deficit of US widened; Russia and Brazil's trade surplus narrowed; China recorded an increase in trade surplus, while India's and Russia's trade deficit declined.

Going forward, priority should be given to undoing the trade barriers put in place with durable agreements and reining in geopolitical tensions to significantly boost confidence, rejuvenate investment, halt the slide in trade and manufacturing, and raise world growth.



World Economy: Key Monetary and Fiscal Indicators

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Country	GDP Billion (US\$)	GDP Growth (YoY)	Government Debt as % of GDP	Interest Rate	Inflation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Current Account	Government Budget	
	Dec '18	Jun'19	Dec '18	Sep'19	Sep'19	Sep'18	Dec '18	Dec '18	
United States	20,494	2.0%	105.4% ³	2.00%	1.7%	3.5%	(-)2.4%	(-)3.8%	
Canada	1,709	0.9%	90.6%	1.75%	1.9%	5.5%	(-)3% ³	(-)0.9% ³	
Japan	4,970	0.3%	253% ³	-0.10%	0.2%	2.2%	4.02% ³	(-)4.5% ³	
				Euro A	rea				
United Kingdom	2,825	(-)0.2%	84.7%	0.75%	1.7%	3.9% ⁸	(-)3.9%	(-)2.0%	
Germany	3,996	(-)0.1%	60.9%	0.00%	1.2%	3.1%	7.3%	1.7%	
France	2,777	0.3% ⁷	98.4%	0.00%	0.9%	8.5% ⁵	(-)0.3%	(-)2.5%	
				European	PIIGS				
Portugal	237	0.5%	121.5%	0.00%	(-)0.1%	6.3% ⁵	(-)0.6%	(-)0.5%	
Ireland	375	0.7%	64.8%	0.00%	0.9%	5.3%	9.1%	0.0%	
Italy	2,073	0.0%	132.2%	0.00%	0.3%	9.5% ⁸	2.5%	(-)2.1%	
Greece	218	0.8%	181.1%	0.00%	-0.1%	16.9% ⁶	(-)2.9%	1.10%	
Spain	1,426	0.4%	97.1%	0.00%	0.1%	13.9%	0.9%	(-)2.5%	
				BRICS Cou	ıntries				
Brazil	1,868	0.4%	77.2%	5.5%	2.89%	11.8% ⁸	(-)0.77%	(-)7.8%	
Russia	1,657	0.2%	13.5% ³	6.5% ⁹	4.0%	4.5%	2.2% ³	(-)2.7%	
India	2,726	1.0%	68.7% ³	5.15% ⁹	3.99%	6.0%~	(-)2.3%	(-)3.4%	
China	13,608	1.5%	47.6% ³	4.2%9	3.0%	3.61% ⁵	0.4%	(-)4.2%	
South Africa	366	3.1%	53.1% ³	6.50%	4.1%	29.1%	(-)2.5% ³	(-)4.6%	
ASEAN Economies									
Indonesia	1042	4.2%	29.8%	5.0% ⁹	3.39%	5.01%®	(-)3.0%	(-)1.76%	
Thailand	504	0.6%	41.8% ³	1.5%9	0.32%	1.0%	7.5%	(-)2.5%	
Singapore	364	0.6% ⁷	110.6% ³	1.72%	0.50%	2.3%	19.5% ³	0.40%	
Malaysia	354	1.0%	51.8%	3.0%	1.1%	3.3%6	2.3%	(-)3.7%	
Philippines	330	1.4%	41.9%	4.00%	0.9%	5.4%	(-)2.4%	(-)3.0%	

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources. Note: "Data pertains to December 2018; "data pertains to March 2019; "data pertains to January 2019; ¹ data pertains to April 2019; ² data pertains to 2018; ³ data pertains to December 2017; ⁴ data pertains to May 2019; ⁵ data pertains to June 2019; ⁶ data pertains to July 2019; ⁷ data pertains to September 2019; ⁸ data pertains to August 2019; ⁹ data pertains to October 2019



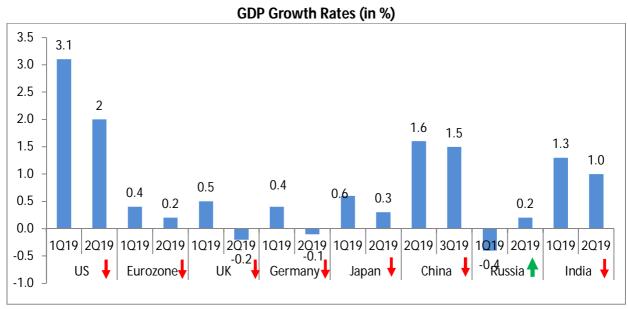
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1. Growth

The major economies have recorded a downward trend in their GDP growth as per the latest data. GDP growth of US, Eurozone, Japan and India declined to 2%, 0.2%, 0.3% and 1.0% in 2Q19 as compared to 3.1%, 0.4%, 0.6% and 1.3% in 1Q19 respectively. Further, GDP contracted in economies like UK and Germany at rate of 0.2% and 0.1% in 2Q19 respectively. China's QoQ GDP growth rate declined to 1.5% in 3Q19. On the other hand, Russia recorded an increase in its GDP growth rate, that rose to 0.2% in 2Q19 as compared to (-)0.4% in 1Q19.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

Easing growth momentum in the OECD area- Composite leading indicators (CLIs), designed to anticipate turning points in economic activity relative to trend six to nine months ahead, point to easing growth momentum in the OECD area as a whole.

Composite Leading Indicators

	Composite Eduling Indicators											
	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted				Мо			Year on Year change				
	(long term average =100) 2019			(%)				(%)	Growth cycle outlook			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	month	
OECD Area	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.1	99.1	-0.06	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-1.10	Stable growth momentum
Euro Area	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.0	-0.11	-0.11	-0.11	-0.10	-0.10	-1.38	Easing growth momentum
Major Five Asia**	99.2	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.2	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.05	-0.38	Stable growth momentum
Major Seven	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.0	98.9	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.09	-0.09	-1.49	Easing growth momentum
Canada	99.1	99.1	99.0	98.9	98.8	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06	-0.08	-0.11	-1.36	Stable growth momentum
France	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.4	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.04	-0.49	Stable growth momentum
Japan	99.6	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.2	-0.09	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.08	-1.04	Stabilising growth momentum
Germany	99.3	99.1	98.9	98.7	98.6	-0.22	-0.21	-0.21	-0.19	-0.15	-2.21	Easing growth momentum
Italy	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.0	-0.10	-0.09	-0.09	-0.08	-0.08	-1.28	Stabilising growth momentum
United Kingdom	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	98.9	0.04	0.05	0.03	-0.01	-0.08	-0.90	Stable growth momentum
United States	99.2	99.1	99.0	98.9	98.8	-0.12	-0.12	-0.11	-0.11	-0.10	-1.74	Easing growth momentum
Brazil	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.50	Stable growth momentum
China***	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.8	99.0	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.18	-0.06	Stable growth momentum
India	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.6	-0.11	-0.11	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	-1.06	Easing growth momentum
Russia	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.5	99.3	-0.03	-0.06	-0.09	-0.12	-0.13	-1.41	Signs of easing growth momentum

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from OECD; ** China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea; *** The reference series for China is the value added of industry, at 1995 constant prices, 100 million Yuan.



Industry 2.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in October 2019. Manufacturing PMI of United States and France increased to 51.5 and 50.5 respectively, while manufacturing PMI decreased to 47.7 and 48.5 for Spain and Japan as compared to the previous month. Manufacturing PMI of India and Eurozone remained at the level of 45.7 and 51.4 as per the latest data compared to the previous month.

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of Select Countries

Country	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019	Change*
United States	50.6	50.1	50.4	50.3	51.1	51.5	↑
Eurozone	47.7	47.8	46.5	47.0	45.7	45.7	\leftrightarrow
France	50.6	52.0	49.7	51.1	50.1	50.5	^
Spain	50.1	47.9	48.2	48.8	47.7	-	↓
Japan	49.6	49.5	49.4	49.3	48.9	48.5	↓
India	52.7	52.1	52.5	51.4	51.4	-	\leftrightarrow

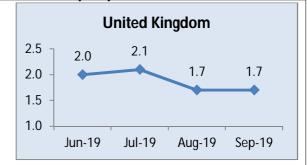
Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources (*change in the latest month data as compared to the previous month)

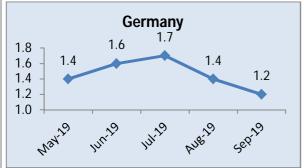
3. Inflation

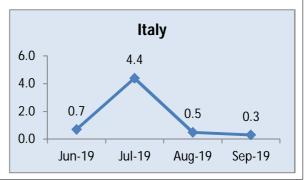
Core inflation in most of the major economies has eased in September 2019 as compared to the previous month. Inflation declined in Germany, Italy, Japan and South Africa to 1.2%, 0.3%, 0.2% and 4.1%, while inflation rate increased in India and China to 4.0% and 3.0%. Inflation rate United States and United Kingdom remained flat at 1.7% each in September 2019 as compared to the previous month.



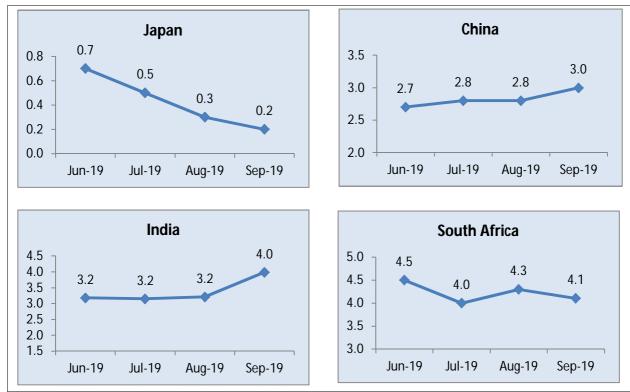












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4. **Markets**

Most of the key international indices exhibited an increasing trend- Japan's NIKKEI registered a maximum increase of 5.4% as on 31st October 2019 as compared to 30th September 2019, followed by India's SENSEX, which registered a rise of 3.8%, Germany's DAX, with an increase of 3.3%, China's SHSZ with the rise of 1.9% and US DJIA, with an increase of 1.0%.

Global Indices

Index	Index	Index	Monthly Change	
	(as on 30 th September, 19)	(as on 31 st October, 19)	(in %)	
DAX ¹	12,428	12,842	3.3 ↑	
DJIA ²	26,916	27,186*	1.0 ↑	
NIKKEI ³	21,755	22,927	5.4 ↑	
SENSEX ⁴	38,667	40,129	3.8 ↑	
SHSZ ⁵	3,814	3,886	1.9 ↑	

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources. Note: 1 Deutscher Aktien Index (Germany), 2 Dow Jones Industrial Average (US), ³ NIKKEI (Japan), ⁴ BSE SENSEX (India), ⁵Shanghai Shenzhen (China); * data pertains to 30th October 2019.



5. **Commodities**

International prices of the most of the key commodities showed decreasing trend- During the period September 2019 to October 2019, the prices of crude oil recorded the maximum decrease of 9.3% to around 59.2\$/bbl, followed by the prices of gold that recorded a dip of 4.9% to 1,493\$/ounce and prices of silver, which exhibited decrease of 1.1% to the price of 17.6\$/ounce. However, prices of sugar recorded an increase of 7.7% to 346.4\$/tonne, followed by prices of copper, which increased by 0.3% to 5,763\$/tonne during the period September 2019 to October 2019.

International Commodity Prices

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Commodity Units		As on 19 th September, 2019	As on 14 th October, 2019	Monthly Change (in %)					
Gold	\$/ounce	1,500.3	1493.0	(-)4.9 ↓					
Silver	\$/ounce	17.8	17.6	(-)1.1↓					
Copper	\$/tonne	5,745.0	5763.0	0.3 ↑					
Crude Oil	\$/bbl	65.3	59.2	(-)9.3 ↓					
Sugar	\$/tonne	321.6	346.4	7.7 🛧					

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

Trade 6.

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a mixed trend. While trade deficit of US widened; Russia and Brazil's trade surplus narrowed; China recorded an increase in trade surplus, while India's and Russia's trade deficit declined.

The **US** trade deficit widened to USD 54.9 billion in August 2019 from USD 54.0 billion in the previous month.

Russia's trade surplus narrowed to USD 12.0 billion in August of 2019 from USD billion 15.8 in corresponding month of the previous year.

The **UK** trade deficit narrowed to GBP 1.6 billion in August 2019 from a revised GBP 1.7 billion in the previous month.

Brazil's trade surplus narrowed to USD 2.3 billion in September 2019 from USD 5.1 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.

China's trade surplus widened to USD 39.7 billion in September 2019 from USD 30.3 billion in the same month a year earlier.

India's trade deficit narrowed to USD 10.9 billion in September 2019 from USD billion in the corresponding month of 2018.

Canada's trade gap decreased to CAD 0.96 billion in August 2019 from an upwardly revised CAD 1.38 billion in the previous month.

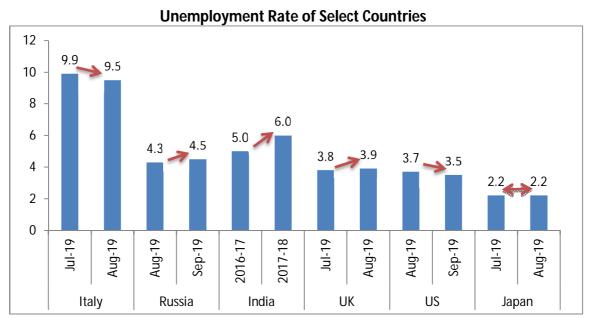
Green color indicates that trade deficit has narrowed or trade surplus has increased Red color indicates that trade deficit has widened or trade surplus has reduced

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources



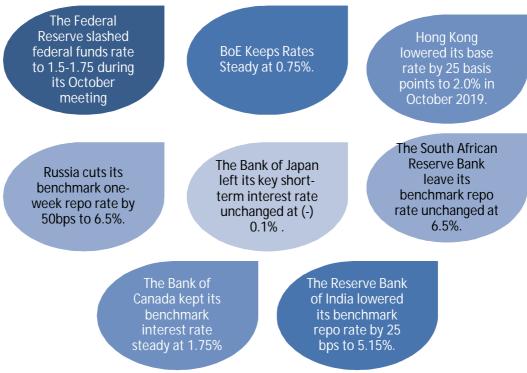
7. **Unemployment**

Unemployment rate in most of the major economies showed an increasing trend- Economies including Russia, India, US and UK recorded increase in their unemployment rate as compared to the previous month. India's unemployment rate increased to 6% in 2017-18, as compared to 5% in 2016-17. Unemployment rate declined in Italy and US and remained flat in Japan.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

Policy Developments 8.



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Special Feature

Analysis of IMF's World Economic Outlook, October 2019

According to International Monetary Fund's (IMF) World Economic Outlook (WEO): Global Manufacturing Downturn, Rising Trade barriers, October 2019, the global economy is in a synchronized slowdown, with growth for 2019 projected at 3%—its slowest pace since the global financial crisis. After slowing sharply in the last three quarters of 2018, the pace of global economic activity remains weak. Growth is projected to pick up to 3.4% in 2020 reflecting primarily a projected improvement in economic performance in a number of emerging markets in Latin America, the Middle East and emerging and developing Europe that are under macroeconomic strain.

World Economic Outlook Projections (in %)

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	2018	2019 (P)	2020(P)
World	3.6	3.0	3.4
Advanced Economies	2.3	1.7	1.7
US	2.9	2.4	2.1
Euro Area	1.9	1.2	1.4
Japan	0.8	0.9	0.5
UK	1.4	1.2	1.4
Canada	1.9	1.5	1.8
Other Advanced Economies*	2.6	1.6	2.0
Emerging Markets and Developing Economies	4.5	3.9	4.6
Emerging and Development Asia	6.4	5.9	6.0
China	6.6	6.1	5.8
India	6.8	6.1	7.0
Emerging and Developing Europe	3.1	1.8	2.5
Latin America and the Caribbean	1.0	0.2	1.8
Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan	1.9	0.9	2.9
Sub Saharan Africa	3.2	3.2	3.6

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from IMF World Economic Outlook October 2019 Note: Real effective exchange rates are assumed to remain constant at the levels prevailing during July 26-August 23, 2019. Economies are listed on the basis of economic size. The aggregated quarterly data are seasonally adjusted. WEO = World Economic Outlook. For India, data and forecasts are presented on a fiscal year basis and GDP from 2011 onward is based on GDP at market prices with FY2011/12 as a base year.

*Excludes the Group of Seven (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States) and euro area countries

For advanced economies, growth is projected to soften to 1.7% in 2019 and 2020. The forecast is 0.1 percentage point lower for 2019 than in the April 2019 WEO.

- In the United States, the economy maintained momentum in the first half of the year. Although investment remained sluggish, employment and consumption were buoyant. Growth in 2019 is expected to be 2.4%, moderating to 2.1% in 2020.
- In the euro area, weaker growth in foreign demand and a drawdown of inventories have kept a lid on growth since mid-2018. Activity is expected to pick up only modestly over the remainder of this year, and into 2020, as external demand is projected to



regain some momentum and temporary continue to fade. Growth is projected at 1.2% in 2019 (0.1 percentage point lower than in April) and 1.4% in 2020.

- The United Kingdom is set to expand at 1.2% in 2019 and 1.4% in 2020. The unchanged projection for both years (relative to the April 2019 WEO) reflects the combination of a negative impact from weaker global growth and ongoing Brexit uncertainty and a positive impact from higher public spending announced in the recent Spending Review.
- Japan's economy is projected to grow by 0.9% in 2019. Strong private consumption and public spending in the first half of 2019 outweighed continued weakness in the external sector.

Growth in the **emerging market and developing economy** group is expected to bottom out at 3.9% in 2019, rising to 4.6% in 2020.

- Emerging and Developing Asia remains the main engine of the world economy, but growth is softening gradually with the structural slowdown in China. Output in the region is expected to grow at 5.9% this year and at 6.0% in 2020.
- Subdued growth in emerging and developing Europe in 2019 largely reflects a slowdown in Russia and flat activity in Turkey. The region is expected to grow at 1.8% in 2019 and 2.5% in 2020.
- In Latin America growth is expected at 0.2% this year (1.2 percentage point lower than in the April 2019 WEO). The sizable downward revision for 2019 reflects downgrades to Brazil and Mexico.
- Growth in the Middle East and Central Asia region is expected to be 0.9% in 2019, rising to 2.9% in 2020. The forecast is 0.9 and 0.4 percentage point lower, respectively, than in the April 2019 WEO, largely due to the downward forecast revision for Iran (owing to the effect of tighter US sanctions) and Saudi Arabia.
- In sub-Saharan Africa, growth is expected at 3.2% in 2019 and 3.6% in 2020, slightly lower for both years than in the April 2019 WEO. In South Africa, despite a moderate rebound in the second quarter, growth is expected to be weaker in 2019 than projected in the April 2019.

Outlook for India

- India's economy is set to grow at 6.1% in 2019, picking up to 7% in 2020.
- The downward revision relative to the April 2019 WEO of 1.2 percentage points for 2019 and 0.5 percentage point for 2020 reflects a weaker-than-expected outlook for domestic demand. Growth will be supported by the lagged effects of monetary policy easing, a reduction in corporate income tax rates, recent measures to address corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty, and government programs to support rural consumption.
- Monetary policy and broad-based structural reforms should be used to address cyclical weakness and strengthen confidence. A credible fiscal consolidation path is needed to bring down India's elevated public debt over the medium term. This should be supported by subsidy-spending rationalization and tax-base enhancing measures.



Conclusions

At the global level, momentum in manufacturing activity has weakened substantially, to levels not seen since the global financial crisis. Rising trade and geopolitical tensions have increased uncertainty about the future of the global trading system and is taking a toll on business confidence, investment decisions and global trade. Increased monetary policy accommodation has cushioned the impact of these tensions on financial market sentiment and activity, however, the outlook remains precarious.

The slow pace of growth in Indian economy reflects a weaker-thanexpected outlook for domestic demand. However, the growth is expected to be supported by the lagged effects of monetary policy easing, a reduction in corporate income tax rates and recent measures to address corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty.

While monetary easing has supported growth, it is important to ensure that financial risks do not build up, going forward. Further, countries should simultaneously undertake structural reforms to raise productivity, resilience, and equity.



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