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## World Stockmarket Forecasts

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Stockmarket	One-Year	Fundamental	Technical	Monetary	Economic		l Performano		Share
	Forecast	Indicators	Indicators	Indicators	Indicators	3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	Index
Australia	65%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+14.4%	+26.3%	+28.0%	6,297.30
Austria		Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+6.6%	+19.3%	+15.8%	4,667.71
Belgium	63%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+7.5%	+16.3%	+26.0%	4,667.12
Canada	59%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+12.9%	+15.3%	+15.5%	14,003.82
Denmark	52%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+5.4%	+20.9%	+25.2%	490.00
Finland	63%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+9.5%	+21.8%	+23.3%	10,720.60
France		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+10.1%	+17.3%	+23.9%	4,302.68
Germany		Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+12.6%	+23.7%	+32.7%	7,479.34
Ireland	53%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+2.6%	+16.0%	+29.5%	9,584.72
Italy	57%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+6.6%	+14.2%	+20.8%	33,824.00
Japan	48%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+1.6%	+6.5%	-2.7%	17,553.72
Netherlands	50%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+8.9%	+13.3%	+22.5%	531.20
New Zealand _	51%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+6.3%	+15.5%	+27.1%	2,668.03
Norway	72%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+2.9%	+19.7%	+12.5%	393.25
Spain	53%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+2.7%	+12.3%	+33.9%	1,630.74
Sweden	58%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+6.2%	+18.5%	+30.3%	405.76
Switzerland	49%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	+3.9%	+9.5%	+16.8%	9,408.25
Un. Kingdom _	58%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+4.7%	+9.7%	+16.5%	6,565.70
USA	56%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+4.7%	+9.0%	+16.6%	1,505.85
Argentina	65%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+2.2%	+14.9%	+19.0%	7,552.71
Brazil	75%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+19.8%	+33.3%	+33.5%	50,902.38
Czech Rep	52%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	+12.3%	+23.8%	+25.9%	1,818.50
Chile	58%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	+11.2%	+29.5%	+41.0%	14,440.52
China	63%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+66.4%	+173.1%	+203.4%	289.21
Greece	64%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+5.2%	+17.0%	+18.3%	4,741.57
Egypt	68%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+11.3%	+19.5%	+29.4%	2,637.66
Hong Kong	56%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	-1.1%	+7.8%	+20.1%	20,468.21
Hungary	66%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+15.6%	+22.5%	+18.3%	25,955.81
India	38%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	+1.6%	+12.7%	+22.7%	13,796.16
Indonesia	65%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+18.6%	+24.8%	+31.1%	2,022.30
Israel	55%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+19.1%	+28.7%	+33.9%	1,099.58
Korea	73%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+13.3%	+15.8%	+11.7%	1,603.56
Malaysia	80%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+11.6%	+41.1%	+46.9%	1,351.45
Mexico	57%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+9.4%	+26.8%	+45.0%	30,058.75
Philippines	80%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish			+46.4%	
Poland	63%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+19.5%	+30.3%	+42.1%	59,667.38
Portugal	53%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+10.1%	+25.8%	+35.4%	3,934.96
Russia		Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	-3.2%	+3.8%	+0.5%	20,613.27
Singapore		Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+8.1%	+28.7%	+35.8%	3,446.92
Sth Africa		Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+14.6%	+24.7%	+17.4%	28,671.48
Taiwan		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+1.2%	+10.2%	+4.0%	8,031.54
Thailand		Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	-0.5%	+1.1%	-1.0%	706.90
Turkey		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+11.5%	+22.6%	+11.8%	44,820.76
Venezuela	66%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	+15.6%	+13.0%	+14.6%	42,980.03

One Year Forecasts predict the probability that a stock-market will rise over the next year. Investors should seek to invest in markets with forecasts of 60-100%, while avoiding markets with forecasts of 0-40%. Bullish = Favourable. Bearish = Unfavourable.

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# World Stockmarket and Currency Outlook

At *International Investor* we normally take a fairly neutral view of currencies.

Firstly, predicting currency fluctuations is particularly difficult.

Secondly, stockmarket returns over the medium to long term probably have a bigger impact on the value of an international portfolio than currency movements.

Thirdly, shares are a natural currency hedge. A strong currency will tend to depress economic activity and share prices, while a weak currency will boost the stockmarket.

Fourthly, if you have a diversified portfolio of international equities then your portfolio is invested in a diversified spread of shares valued in US dollars, Sterling, Euros, Yen and other currencies.

Finally, hedging an international portfolio is not particularly easy or cheap - especially for a private investor. Institutions can hedge foreign exchange exposure, but that can still cost around 2% per annum off the expected long term returns. Compounded over the long term, that is a high price to pay. Costs would be higher for smaller investors, with more "tracking error".

If you are a long term investor then why hedge a diversified basket of currencies back to your *home* currency? An *un*hedged international portfolio will offset fluctuations in your home currency. If your home currency weakens, then you will enjoy an exchange rate gain on your international investments - which will compensate for the increasing cost of living as the local cost of imports (e.g. oil, clothing, motor vehicles, overseas travel) increases. If your home currency appreciates, then you will suffer an exchange loss on the international investments, but imported goods will be cheaper.

So an *un*hedged international investment portfolio *hedges* the exchange rate risks in your future living expenses!

#### The High New Zealand Dollar

The current very high value of the NZ dollar, however, suggests a strategic opportunity to buy foreign currency assets for investment and to diversify a greater percentage of one's investments offshore into assets valued in other currencies. A NZ based investor should hold substantial

Australian shares but also up to 20-30% internationally.

We remain cautious about the US economy and the value of the US dollar. Even if we avoid direct investment in the United States, however, our Technology funds have some exposure to US shares and many Asian currencies are directly or indirectly linked to the US dollar

The European economies are performing well, so European shares (giving a currency exposure to Euros) remain attractive for investment. UK shares (valued in Pounds Sterling) and Asian shares (valued in their local currencies, but usually linked to the US dollar) are also attractive.

Our Japanese investments have performed poorly over the last 18 months but offer a counter-cyclical opportunity. The Japanese Yen is a very under-valued currency, caused by low interest rates. "Carry trade" speculators borrow Yen cheaply and sell them to buy high yielding currencies like the NZ dollar. This depresses the Yen and inflates the NZ dollar. Eventually - and probably quite suddenly - sentiment will change and these speculators will seek to unwind these positions and eliminate their exposure to Yen debts. That will require selling NZ dollars (and other high yielding currencies where the money is invested) and repurchasing Yen. That could lead to a major movement in exchange rates for the currencies involved.

The Japanese economy and stockmarket also remain depressed owing to low consumer spending. Unfortunately, these trends can go on for longer than one could imagine - we are now approaching two decades - and then begin to appear that they will continue forever. That is <u>not</u> the case. The current long recession is perhaps the result of excessive growth and expectations and Japanese asset valuations in the 1970's and 1980's. That boom ended - as will the current recession. The economy is showing signs of its potential to recover - but that actual recovery is painfully slow. Especially when our current Japanese investments continue to slip in value.

And that is just another reason why good *diversification* is important!

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## Recommended International Investment Funds

#### **Fund Report**

**JPMorgan European Fledgling Investment Trust plc** performed well in its financial year to 31 March, with net assets up 23.7% exceeding the benchmark smaller European companies index by 4.2%.

The share price discount to net assets narrowed from 10.3% to 8.2%, resulting in a 26.6% increase in the shares for the period.

The board of directors is "somewhat cautious" about the European market, but mainly owing to the "extended period of good performance".

#### **Management Fee Change**

**Fidelity European Values plc** has approved a new management fee structure. The old fee was 1.0% p.a. of gross assets (i.e. including borrowings), while the new fee, back dated to 1 January, is 0.85% of net assets *plus* an incentive fee equal to 20% of returns in excess of the change in the FTSE World Europe index plus a margin of 0.5%.

Any under performance will need to be made up in

future years before the incentive fee becomes payable. The maximum incentive payable will be 1.5% per annum, with any excess carried forward only to be offset against any future under-performance, but will not count towards future incentive fees payable.

Overall, the base fee will fall about 0.2-0.3% per annum, with the Manager able to earn up to an additional 1.5% per annum by outperforming the index by a margin of at least 8% each year.

#### **Share Buy Backs**

**Fidelity European Values plc** made three on-market share buy-backs over the last month, acquiring a total of 97,000 shares for £1,328,688 (i.e. £13.52-13.85 per share).

**JFMorgan European Fledgling Investment Trust plc** re-purchased 140,000 shares on-market at 828 pence on 24 May.

**Fidelity Japanese Values plc** has made two onmarket share buy-backs, acquiring 250,000 shares on 7 June and 500,000 shares on 8 June at 65.5-65.9 pence

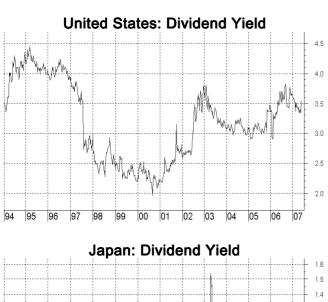
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BUY	Fidelity European Values plc	FEV	13/05/03	463.5p	1291.1	-6%	1330.0p	3427.8	+166
BUY	JFM Fleming Euro Fledgeling IT plc	JFF	15/01/02	226.5p	765.8	-11%	810.0p	2087.6	+173
	United Kingdom			•			·		
BUY	Aberforth Smaller Cos Trt plc	ASL	15/07/03	375.5p	1042.0	-11%	779.5p	2009.0	+93
BUY	Invesco English & Int'l Trust	IEI	10/01/06	273.5p	700.6	-6%	366.0p	943.3	+35
	Asian Regional								
BUY	Aberdeen Asian Sm Co WARRANT	SAASW	09/09/03	75.3p	209.1		214.5p	552.8	+164
HOLD	Gartmore Pacific Growth Fund	*	29/10/85	41.4p	105.4		333.09p	858.5	+715
HOLD	HSBC Asian Fund	*	10/11/98	34.4p	106.3		74.06p	190.9	+80
HOLD	HSBC Greater China Fund	*	07/04/98	159.4p	481.6		244.8p	630.9	+31
HOLD	Henderson Asia Pac Capital	*	08/08/00	342.2p	1122.6		478.1p	1232.2	+10
BUY	Scot Oriental Smaller Coy	SST	11/11/03	121.9p	330.5	-6%	328.25p	846.0	+156
	Japan								
BUY	Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	BGS	11/01/94	156.0p	440.3	-7%	184.75p	476.2	+8
BUY	Fidelity Japan Values plc	FJV	10/01/06	126.0p	322.7	-11%	65.5p	168.8	-48
BUY	Invesco Japan Discovery Trust	IJD	13/07/99	95.5p	284.0	-12%	77.0p	198.5	-30
	Korea								
HOLD	Baring Korea Trust	*	12/04/94	81.1p	209.4		231.4-245.0p	613.9	+193
	International								
BUY	Aberdeen Emerging Markets	*	13/08/91	61.7p	184.0		284.2p	732.5	+298
BUY	Herald Investment Trust	HRI	12/10/04	310.8p	820.1	-14%	408.0p	1051.5	+28
BUY	Private Equity Investor plc	PEQ	11/12/01	122.5p	420.2	-1%	169.0p	435.6	+4
* United	* United Kingdom based Unit Trust								

The average Gains/Losses of all current investments from initial recommendation is +122.0%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +16.2%, based upon the length of time each position has been held. The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 17 current and 45 closed out) is +13.7%.

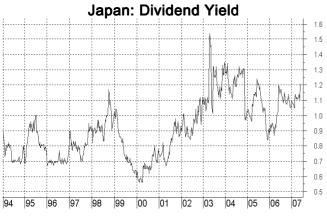
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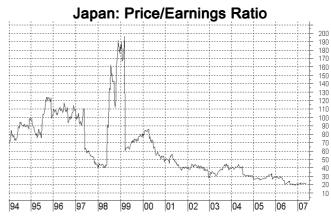
Alternative investments in the UK listed investment trust warrants recommended above include **Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies** shares at 315 pence (trading at an 11% discount to net asset value).

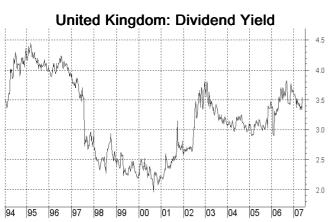
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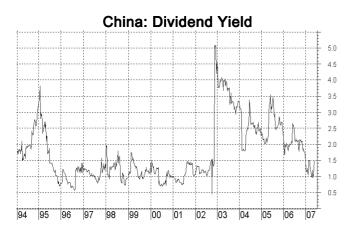














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### World Stockmarket Valuations

Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio	Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio
Australia	3.4	15.9	Chile	1.7	21.2
Austria	1.2	17.4	China	1.5	21.5
Belgium	3.2	10.8	Greece	2.2	21.5
Canada	1.9	17.6	Egypt	1.0	57.2
Denmark	1.4	19.9	Hong Kong	2.5	13.2
Finland	2.9	18.9	Hungary	2.5	10.4
France	3.8	15.8	India		
Germany	2.4	14.6	Indonesia	1.7	18.8
Ireland	2.7	14.5	Israel	0.9	49.8
Italy	3.4	15.1	Korea	1.5	14.4
Japan	1.2	22.4	Malaysia	2.7	18.8
Netherlands	2.8	14.2	Mexico	1.4	18.0
New Zealand	4.0	20.5	Philippines	2.0	17.3
Norway	2.6	14.4	Poland	3.1	18.2
Spain	3.0	15.6	Portugal	2.7	16.4
Sweden	2.7	14.1	Russia	0.9	10.8
Switzerland	2.0	16.8	Singapore	2.5	15.6
Un. Kingdom	3.6	16.8	Sth Africa	2.5	13.0
USA	1.5	17.2	Taiwan	3.2	18.8
Argentina	0.9	14.0	Thailand	4.0	12.3
Brazil	1.4	4.0	Turkey	2.7	15.0
Czech Rep	2.9	20.5	Venezuela	10.4	4.4

## Recommended Funds Geographic Portfolio Spread

Fund Name	Size I	_everage	Top 10	Portfo	lio inve	ested in (	(%):-								
	(Mil)	(% debt)	Hldgs (%)	Cash	HK /	Australia	Malay	/Taiwa	nKore	a Sing.	Thail'd	Phil.	China	India	
Aberdeen Asian Sm Coys plc		6	33.5	2.0	15.0		16.0		6.0	21.0	10.0	6.0		11.0	Indo 6.0%, Sri Lanka 4.0%
Baring Korea	£165	Nil	43.0	6.6					93.4						
Gartmore Pacific Opps	£113	Nil	29.4	0.0	13.3	33.9	0.4	14.3	20.0	7.1		0.6	8.6		
HSBC Asian Fund	£66	Nil	25.5		13.4		5.6	19.1	28.0	11.6	2.5	0.3	18.1		Indonesia 1.3%
HSBC Greater China Fund	£27	Nil	38.8		44.6			38.8					16.6		
Henderson Asia Pacific Cap	£156	Nil	34.5	0.9	9.3	20.6	4.9	9.8	18.3	9.0			14.3	4.1	Indonesia 5.4%
Scottish Oriental Sm Coys plo	£106	Nil	18.8	3.8	7.3		12.3	8.3	12.2	18.4	10.2	3.2	9.7	4.0	Indonesia 5.3%
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				Cash	USA	UK	Euro	pe Ja	apan	Other					
Aberforth Small Cos Trust plc	£906	1	21.0	0.0		100.0		•							
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	£74	19	27.9	2.0				ç	98.0						
Fidelity European Values plc	£992	12	27.5	2.0			98	3.0							
Fidelity Japan Values plc	£87	18	16.8	2.8				ç	97.2						
Herald Investment Trust plc	£451	8	24.5	3.0	16.0	68.0	6	6.0		7.0					
JPM Fleming Euro Fledgling	£498	3	24.4				100	.0							
Invesco England & Int'l	£157	17	16.1	3.0		93.0				4.0					
Invesco Japan Discovery Trt	£26	Nil	34.7	0.0				10	0.00						
Private Equity Investor plc	£85	Nil	25.9	38.0	62.0										
				Cash		Asia	La	atin Am	ner	Africa	Europ	e & M	iddle Ea	ast	
Aberdeen Emerging Markets	£392	Nil	34.0	2.8		48.7		27.2		6.5		14	.8		

Fidelity European Values plc continues to have its largest investments in Germany (22.0% of the portfolio), followed by France (16.0%) and Switzerland (12.0%). It has smaller holdings in Sweden (9.0%), Italy (8.0%), Netherlands (8.0%), Spain (6.0%), Greece (4.0%), Finalnd (3%), Norway (2.0%) and other European holdings 8.0%.

**JPMorgan Fleming European Fledgling** has its largest investments in the Netherlands (18.0% of the portfolio), Spain (14.0%), Germany (11.0%), Finland (9.0%), Italy (8.0%), France (8.0%), Denmark (7.0%), Switzerland (6.0%) and Austria (4.0%).

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## Listed Investment Trust Warrant Analysis

#### **Review of Speculative Warrants**

**Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceuticals** shares rose  $15^{3}$ /4 pence or 3.2% over the last quarter, but the warrants slipped  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pence to 103 pence.

The warrants are relatively fairly valued (i.e. just 7% under-valued), but offer a very high 3.6 times leverage and have a moderate 7% per annum *Break Even rate*. So if the shares can rise just 7% per annum, then investors in these warrants will start to enjoy high returns on their investment. There is still just over two years until the final exercise/expiry date.

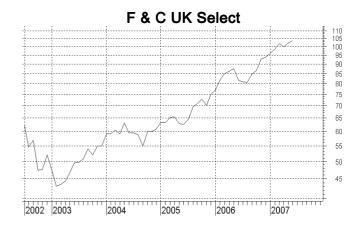
Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceuticals warrants remain an attractively leveraged way to profit from a recovery by technology shares over the next few years. A small exposure to these warrants could therefore be appropriate for many investors.

Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceuticals

600
550
450
400
350
300

F & C UK Select (formerly ISIS UK Select) is an extremely high risk, extremely leveraged situation.

The final exercise date is 31 October 2007 - just 4½ months away - when warrant holders will have the right to buy shares at 104 pence. The shares are currently worth 100½ pence. So *if* the shares rise 3½ pence or more over the next 4½ months then the warrants will have some value. If the shares are below 104 pence, then the warrants will expire worthless.



Warrant	Current Share Price	Warrant Exercise Price	Years & Months to Expiry	Warrant	Black- Scholes Value	Warrant Over/Under Valued (%)	Share Vola- tility	Warrant Leverage	Share I	nt Return (% Price appre 10%pa	. ,	
UNITED KINGDO	М											
Edinburgh Smaller Coys	 133.0p	100.0p	1-3	38.75p	42.31p	-8	0.285	2.9	+5.4	+22.3	+55.0	+3%
F & C UK Select	100.5p	104.0p	0-4	4.50p	3.63p	+24	0.186	17.7	-100.0	-100.0	-76.0	+26%
<b>EUROPE</b> Blue Planet Gth & Inc	2290.0p	1000.0p	3-1	1477.50p	1462.49p	+1	0.307	1.5	+3.9	+11.6	+26.1	+3%
FAR EASTERN Aberdeen Asian Small	315.0p	100.0p	3-5	214.50p	232.98p	-8	0.201	1.4	+7.2	+14.1	+27.1	-0%
GOLD & MINING City Nat Res High Yld	169.0p	85.0p	2-4	80.50p	94.77p	-15	0.174	1.8	+11.8	+21.2	+39.0	-1%
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> Finsbury Worldwide Pharm.	495.5p	464.0p	2-1	103.00p	110.17p	-7	0.226	3.6	-9.1	+16.0	+56.1	+7%

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## World Stockmarket Capitalisations

World stockmarket capitalisations rose 8.9% to US\$50,860 billion over the three months to the end May 2007. The United States share of that total continued to decline from 37.02% to 36.28%. China's capitalisation rose a further 24% over the quarter to US\$2,133 billion.

Country	Market Capitalisation (US\$ Billions)	Percentage of Total	Country	Market Capitalisation (US\$ Billions)	Percentage of Total
United States	18,456	36.29	Greece	208	0.41
Japan	4,883	9.60	Austria	190	0.37
United Kingdom	3,838	7.55	Turkey	163	0.32
France	2,466	4.85	Ireland		
China	· ·		Chile	162	0.32
Canada	•		Poland	157	0.31
Germany	1,708	3.36	Thailand	140	0.28
Switzerland	1,313	2.58	Israel	137	0.27
Australia	•		Portugal	123	0.24
Italy	·		Indonesia	120	0.24
Spain			Peru	73	0.14
South Korea			Egypt	63	0.12
Russia			Philippines	63	0.12
Brazil			Morocco	55	0.11
India			Czech Republic	52	0.10
Netherlands			Argentina	51	0.10
Hong Kong			Luxembourg	44	0.09
Taiwan			New Zealand	43	0.08
Sweden			Iceland	42	0.08
Mexico			Hungary	40	0.08
South Africa			Columbia	40	0.08
Singapore			Pakistan	37	0.07
Belgium			Nigeria	33	0.07
Finland			Jordan	23	0.05
Norway			Slovenia	13	0.02
Denmark			Venezuela	2.9	0.01
Malaysia	240	0.47			
			TOTAL	\$50,860	100.00%

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