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Turkish hotel group Rixos opens first resort in Egypt

Turkish luxury operator Rixos Hotels has opened its first hotel in Egypt in the country's premier beach destination, Sharm El Sheikh.

Rixos Sharm El Sheikh comprises 695 bedrooms and luxury suites, 10 of which have private plunge pools offering panoramic views of the Red Sea.

The resort includes a 1,100sq m (11,840sq ft) Rixos Royal Spa spread over two levels. The upper floor has 10 treatment rooms providing a range of massages and beauty sessions. The lower floor offers Turkish baths, a steamroom, two saunas, a resting area and a vitamin bar.

The resort also offers a fully equipped fitness centre along with two tennis courts, beach volleyball, football and basketball courts.



Rixos was founded in 2000 and currently operates 15 premium resorts, villas and hotels

Other facilities include a large conference hall as well as two dining rooms, six à la carte restaurants and five bars. The resort is located in the heart of Sharm El Sheikh with a view

of the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba and the Tiran Island, on the beach in Nabq Bay, 22 km from Naama Bay.

Rixos Hotels, which is based in the Turkish capital Ankara, was established by a group of investors in 2000.

The group currently owns and operates 15 premium resorts, villas and city hotels across Turkey, south east Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and North Africa.

The Sharm El Sheikh hotel is its first site in the Middle East. The group is planning to continue its expansion with particular focus on eastern and central Europe, the Mediterranean coasts, north Africa and the Gulf region. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=R9.q4H>

Iranian skincare market burgeoning

Marketing and advertising efforts, combined with a rise in oil prices – which has boosted the average national income for Iranian consumers – has led to an increase in spending on skincare products according to Euromonitor International.

The market grew by 24 per cent in 2010 to reach US\$300m (£190m, €230m), with both international and domestic skin care players expanding their foothold.

A spokesperson for Euromonitor said: "A growing youth population and changes in consumer patterns are likely to fuel further growth in the region's skincare market."

Floating spa for Amsterdam lake

It has been confirmed that Amsterdam's floating spa, Floating Gardens, will open its doors in 2014. As well as being groundbreaking in its location and design it will also offer forward thinking treatments.

Designed by Dutch architects Studio Noach, the spa is being built using recycled polystyrene, which is stronger than steel and provides excellent insulation. It is also buoyant, which allows the spa to float on a lake just outside the city centre. Coated in vegetation, the concept will breathe oxygen.

"We turn trash into green treasure," says Michel Kreuger of Studio Noach, one of the concept designers who has travelled the world to find the best treatments. Arenas such as psychoneuroimmunology (PNI) – which looks at



The spa island has been designed by Studio Noach

how emotions and health are linked and how stress leads to disease – will be explored.

"Today's pioneering experiments in neuroplasticity – a new science studying the brain's potential for change – gives clear evidence that the brain can adapt, heal and renew itself. Our spa will offer this wealth of knowledge to its customers," says Kreuger. "Spas should not just offer relaxation and attention, change is what people are looking for." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=u9hik>

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First Indian resort for Ritz-Carlton in 2013

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company will launch its first hotel in India in 2013.

Situated in the city of Bangalore, the hotel will comprise 250 rooms, a luxury spa, outdoor swimming pool and an entire floor dedicated to high-end retail boutiques. There will also be several restaurants and extensive meeting and events space.

Additional information on the spa facilities will be revealed in the coming weeks. The Ritz-Carlton Club will also be located in the hotel, a private floor accessible only by elevator and offering light fare and dedicated concierge service throughout the day.

Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo will be the architect for the hotel and Peter Silling will carry out the interior design.

Simon F. Cooper, president and chief operating officer of Ritz-Carlton, said: "India represents the next great international expansion opportunity for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company."



An early artist's impression of what the Bangalore hotel could look like

"We are especially pleased that our initial presence will be in Bangalore, a city whose thriving economy has made it the Silicon Valley of the nation." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=boEoB>

• The news comes just a month after Ritz Carlton opened its first hotel in Austria – the 202-bedroom Ritz-Carlton, Vienna – which features a 1,000sq m (10,764sq ft) Guerlain Spa – the first Guerlain-branded spa in the country. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=P3K5v>

Austrian spa unveils insomnia programme

A programme to aid sleep has been launched at Austrian destination spa, The Grand Park Hotel Bad Hofgastein.

The Insomnia programme has been 18 months in the making and devised in response to customer demand.

The seven-night programme includes two medical consultations and Helios sleep analysis, which uses measuring devices such as infra-red video and audio techniques to diagnose insomnia. Among other things, the machine measures EEG brainwaves, oxygen in the blood, the body's position and breathing. A number of relaxation techniques are used in the programme, such as massage, Tibetan bell massage, qi gong and meditation. Advice on stress reduction techniques and nutrition to improve sleep is also given.

According to Dr. Liane Weber, who is part of the programme's team: "Worry is the most commonly reported reason for sleep problems and this has certainly increased in the current



Millions of dollars are spent each year on insomnia-related medical costs

economic climate. Women are twice as likely to suffer from insomnia than men and there is a rise in sleeping disorders among teenagers and young adults."

• The US-based Institute of Medicine estimates that millions of dollars are spent each year on a range of medical costs that are directly related to sleep disorders. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=v1m5F>



SpaFinder expands Last Minute service

SpaFinder Wellness is to expand its Last Minute platform to Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles in November.

The service has been designed to help spas, health clubs and wellness centres more easily fill open appointment times that previously would have gone un-booked by posting available appointment times over the following 48 hours.

According to SpaFinder, un-booked appointment rates run at 30-60 per cent industry-wide in the US and the company says un-monetized inventory now represents the biggest drain on spa, wellness and beauty businesses' profitability.

Peter Manice, SpaFinder's vice president of partner development, said: "Last Minute represents a far smarter and pro-business alternative to the standard daily deal sites.

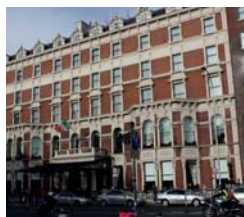
"No hefty commissions, no brand dilution and, most importantly, unprecedented control. Businesses can now precisely target discounts at their un-booked times, and use those openings



Pete Ellis, chair and CEO of the global SpaFinder Wellness group

to draw a more price-sensitive consumer – all while maximizing revenue. It's a re-imagining of the deal concept, a sustainable way to manage inventory, and we're thrilled to bring it to these three major markets."

Last Minute launched in New York City earlier this month (October 2012) and so far 40 sites – such as Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa at The Plaza Hotel and The Spa at Trump SoHo – have joined the service. A national rollout across major markets in the US will take place in 2013. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=moS7y>



The Shelbourne will benefit from a new spa

Landmark Dublin hotel prepares for spa launch

The Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin, one of Marriott's Renaissance Hotels, is gearing up to open its spa at the end of this month.

Set over three floors, The Spa at The Shelbourne will have six treatment rooms, a manicure area and a large relaxation room lit by chandeliers, as well as a pool, sauna, steamroom and dance studio. Elemis and Pevonia have been chosen as the skincare ranges. The spa will be actively marketed to both hotel guests and the day spa market while the health and fitness club will offer limited memberships.

"The Spa at The Shelbourne is another string to the bow of Dublin's favourite hotel," said Stephen Hanley, general manager. "We're delighted to partner with these two superb product ranges which, with their focus on excellent quality and a luxurious sensory experience, make a perfect fit."

The spa will be managed in-house and there are no plans to make it a blueprint for the rest of the Renaissance Hotels.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=r4AOt>

Centara to open spa resort on Mauritius

Centara Poste Lafayette Resort and Spa in Mauritius will have its soft launch on 15 December, as final touches are being made to the interiors and landscaping.

The resort marks the debut in Mauritius for Thailand-based Centara Hotels & Resorts. Located at Poste Lafayette on the north east coast of the island, the low-rise resort is flanked by a beach with its own lagoon and reef to one side and a mountain to the other. The resort has 100 rooms and will house a Spa Cenvaree – the group's signature spa brand.

The Spa Cenvaree at Centara Poste has been designed around a traditional Vietnamese house from the city of Hu, and will combine modern concepts with local culture.

It will offer a range of traditional treatments – including the signature Chen Sea Herbal Compress Body Massage.

Other facilities at the resort include a fitness centre, a free form swimming pool and



The resort is Centara's first on Mauritius and includes a Cenvaree Spa

children's pool, conference room, cocktail bar and children's clubs.

The resort has a range of dining facilities that include Café Nautilus, an all-day restaurant serving international food and Phi, a beachfront restaurant specialising in Asian and Indian Ocean cuisines.

Centara Hotel & Resorts have 38 luxury hotels in Thailand with a further 18 resorts worldwide. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=o8E7H>

Group survey shows spa market is still 'challenging'

The majority of spa owners (68 per cent) are confident 2013 will bring higher revenues than 2012, despite saying they have felt no positive turn in their business since 2010.

This is one of the findings of Groupson's spa survey, which questioned 180 spas. The market is still challenging, with 57 per cent of owners saying their revenue was either lower (15.9 per cent) or not changed much (42 per cent) compared with 2011.

Despite this, operators are remaining upbeat. More than one third believe that marketing and promotions are the key to success, while 23 per cent said education was a vital area.

Most spa customers come because they are stressed (40.5 per cent) and 36 per cent have back and sports injury pain.



The resort will immerse guests in local traditions

Balinese resort uses local culture in new programmes

Spa Village Resort Tembok, in Bali, has launched a selection of discovery paths aimed at offering guests an authentic Balinese experience, while inspiring them to discover a new skill or philosophy.

All paths involve yoga and treatments but have unique elements.

The one entitled 'Balance' is the most restorative path, with soothing treatments, relaxation techniques and tranquil walks. Guests will learn about the Balinese philosophy of good and evil being present all the time and health and wellbeing coming from a balance between the two.

Meanwhile, 'Creativity' uses guided meditation and other activities to get the creative juices going. There are also classes in Balinese crafts such as basket weaving, carving, drama, music and dance.

'Vigour' is about getting active and building strength. It is supported by a balanced nutritional plan and involves personal training sessions and beach walks. Guests will be encouraged to take up activities like scuba diving and snorkelling. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=v5P7U>*

Bodrum's Kempinski Hotel invests in detox programme

The Six Senses Spa at Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay in Bodrum, Turkey is now running three-, five- and seven-day detox programmes. Only natural products are being used, including a new organic skincare range, Anika.

The programmes combine detoxifying treatments such as seaweed and mineral mud wraps and special massage techniques are used in facials to stimulate blood flow to the face. Yoga, pilates and healthy cuisine, including daily green smoothies, are also part of the programme. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=LoXia>*

Swissotel continues Chinese expansion

Swissôtel Hotels & Resorts is to extend its portfolio in China with a luxury hotel in Changsha, the capital of Hunan Province.

The resort is set to have 400 rooms and suites as well as five restaurants and bars and more than 2,000sq m of meeting and banqueting space.

Opening at the end of 2014, facilities at the hotel include a Pürovel spa – the hotel group's recently launched full-service wellness offer.

The Pürovel Spa centres use natural materials and resources such as stone, wood, water and flowers as a reminder of the pure and natural mountain air of the Swiss Alps. The Swissôtel Changsha will be part of a mixed-use development featuring an office tower and just steps away from a new metro station, which will be operational in 2014. The new line will connect the eastern and western parts of the city.



The Changsha hotel will include a Pürovel Spa among its facilities

Meinhard Huck, President of Swissôtel Hotels & Resorts said: "Changsha is one of the most important economic centres in the country, and as the 'entertainment capital of China' it is a year-round attraction for visitors.

"Swissôtel Changsha is another important step in our expansion in China and it is significant for the growth of our brand recognition in Asia." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=x3y2r>*

Four Seasons launches its largest urban spa

Toronto's largest spa opened earlier this month at the Four Seasons Toronto hotel.

At 30,000sq ft, the spa spans a whole floor of the hotel, which represents the 'next generation' of the Four Seasons brand.

The spa, which is the largest of any Four Seasons urban hotel, features 17 treatment rooms, a hair and nail bar, indoor relaxation pool, two steamrooms and an outdoor terrace overlooking the Toronto skyline.

Amala is the skincare brand in use, which is made using whole plant ingredients. According to Todd Hewitt, senior spa director of Four Seasons Hotel Toronto: "Amala is a natural choice for The Spa at Four Seasons Toronto.

"The brand's purity, luxurious feel and tangible results will help us deliver an uncompromising spa experience befitting Four Seasons' new flagship hotel and this great cosmopolitan city."

Signature treatments include the 75-minute advanced firming facial, which features



The spa features 17 treatment rooms and indoor pool

an aromatherapeutic acupressure stimulation technique to boost firmness and a scalp massage targeting marma energy points.

The Cultural Mosaic of Canada is a three hour retreat which combines treatments reflecting the culture of Toronto's mix of residents. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=Y6l6e>*

SA Spa Association to compile consumer resource

The South African Spa Association is now inviting all spa operators in the country to participate in compiling data for the official SA Spa Association Spa Index 2012. The aim of the new index is to provide a comprehensive source for

consumer reference as well as showcasing the best spas and spa brands in Africa.

The publication is set to be distributed in conjunction with the December issue of *Longevity* magazine. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=T7L6v>*

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Holbrook to direct spa operations for Marriott

Suzanne Holbrook has been promoted to director of spa operations for the Americas for the Americas Continental Lodging team, which encompasses Ritz-Carlton, JW Marriott, Renaissance, Marriott & Gaylord spas. She will be responsible for driving spa performance through a focus on aspects such as marketing, revenue generation, service and training, supporting all existing and future owned and managed spas.

With over 30 years' spa experience in the industry, Holbrook is seen as a leader and widely credited for her vision in moving forward the Ritz Carlton spa brand. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=s3E7H>*



The eco hotel will be entirely self-sufficient

First net-zero energy hotel to open in North America

The first net-zero energy hotel is currently under construction in Delavan, Wisconsin, US and is set to open next year.

The Green Leaf Inn will be a luxury green retreat and demonstration model and will act as a living laboratory for new technology, products and providers.

The project will include the remodeling of an existing cottage with three suites and dining areas as well as the construction of a new building with 16 additional suites and a spa area with massage suites.

The first phase is now complete and included the installation of sustainable systems such as an on-site aerobic wastewater treatment plant, an 18,000-gallon rainwater storage tank, a 153 ft Endurance 50kw wind turbine and a cogeneration system generating hot water and electricity.

Solar thermal hot water systems and solar electric systems will also be installed and all of the energy systems will be online for consumers and businesses to learn from.

Phase two will be completed shortly and involves the interior design of the cottage including radiant floor heating and an air lock entrance way. The Inn is owned by Catherine McQueen and Fritz Kreiss who've been in the energy industry for more than 17 years. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=P9b3K>*

Dorchester refreshes spa offerings

The Dorchester Collection is refreshing the spa, wellness and fitness offerings across its hotel portfolio.

Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan, Italy is among eight of the group's hotels to undergo a revamp. As part of the new wellness offer, the hotel's spa now has a range of anti-ageing spa and beauty treatments, including the Algae Body an intensive treatment for fluid retention and cellulite. Other treatments on offer are the facial lifting treatment and the Kanebo facial sensai beauty.

The spa facilities at Dorchester Spa Valmont pour Le Meurice in Paris, France are also being refreshed. Now on offer is a limited edition Bulle Emotionnelle, a revitalising facial protocol that focuses on restoring the skin's natural glow through massage and Vamony's renewing pack. At the Dorchester Spa London, a series of new treatments by Carol Joy London have been added. The treatments include the innovative Diamond Facial with Oxygen and the "For Your Eyes Only" treatment.



The Dorchester Spa London is one of the spas to feature new treatments

Spa facilities have also been improved at Hotel Plaza Athenee, Paris; 45 Park Lane, London; Coworth Park Ascot; the Beverly Hills Hotel and Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles; and Le Richemond in Switzerland.

The Dorchester Collection launched in 2006 and is the successor to the Dorchester Group, originally established in 1996 to manage a portfolio of some of the world's foremost luxury hotels in Europe and the US. As part of the group's new strategy, chief executive Christopher Cowdard has set out the company's goal to have 15-20 hotels by 2015.

IHG opens third Crowne Plaza in Jordan

The InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has officially launched the Crowne Plaza Jordan Dead Sea Resort & Spa. The resort, located at the lowest point on earth on the banks of the Dead Sea, boasts a 6,000sq m (6,450sq ft) Thalga Spa with 30 treatment rooms.

Thalga Spa Management, the operations arm of the France-based product house, will manage the spa, and all treatments will be provided exclusively by Thalga.

Guests can also enjoy a health and fitness club, a swimming pool, three indoor heated hydrotherapy pools, a Dead Sea salt-water pool and a gym and Jordan's longest stretch of private beach at 408m below sea level. The Hotel has 420 rooms with eight bars and restaurants including Burj Al Hamam serving traditional Lebanese dishes, a Latin American restaurant and an Aqua pool bar.

Guests can also use the Promenade where there is an amphitheatre, Kid's Club and café. The hotel's meeting and event facilities include the Obadas ballroom, which can hold up to



Outdoor facilities include a promenade, amphitheatre and café

600 people, as well as two smaller meeting rooms which cater for up to 50 people.

Situated 30 minutes from the capital Amman and 45 minutes from Queen Alia International Airport, this resort is the third Crowne Plaza in Jordan, joining Crowne Plaza Petra and Crowne Plaza Amman.

Intercontinental Hotels has seven hotels in Jordan including Holiday Inn Dead Sea Resort and InterContinental Jordan. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O1y4K>*



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Rosewood launches Phuket spa resort

Rosewood hotels and resorts is to open its second Asian resort in Phuket, Thailand in 2014. Located on a 600m (1,968ft) Emerald Bay beachfront in Western Phuket, the Rosewood Phuket resort comprises 87 villas, 20 residences and five hideaway homes and a spa. The Sense Spa will feature five treatment rooms, seven spa villas with steamrooms and showers and a swimming and watsu pool.

The central feature of the spa is a Labyrinth garden that will provide herbs and ingredients used in spa treatments.

The resort's villas include one- and two-bedroom beach, lagoon and pool villas that provide privacy and uninterrupted ocean views. At a minimum total area of 2,600sq ft (240sq m), the villas will include separate lounge and dining spaces, swimming pools, gardens and outdoor showers and baths.

There are also 20 tropical mansion residences – ranging in size from two to nine bedrooms – set on half an acre (a quarter of a hectare) site and five forest hideaway homes. The forest hideaways are positioned with panoramic



The resort features large communal areas and a spa with a 'labyrinth'

views of Emerald Bay and with a private gymnasium, 20m lap pool and lounge.

There will also be a spa café; a beachside lap pool and a cascading spa pool; a health club with gymnasium; yoga spaces and a rooftop tennis court. The villas have been designed by Phuket-based architect PMC and Singapore-based WOHA while the restaurants and hideaway homes were designed by Melbourne, Australia-based Bar Studio. The designs incorporate sustainable practices and indigenous materials such as stone and timber.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=17F5A>

Shangri-La opens second Changzhou property

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts has opened its second resort in the Chinese city of Changzhou. The resort includes a 4,000 sq m (43,055sq ft) spa and health club, as well as a fitness centre and an indoor pool.

Located within the Wujin Hi-tech Industrial Park in Changzhou, the hotel has 350 guestrooms and suites ranging from 45 - 225sq m (485sq ft - 2,420sq ft) and all suites have floor-to-ceiling windows. The resort will target both corporate and leisure travellers.

The hotel houses three restaurants and two lounges. The signature restaurant, Shang Palace, introduces a new style of Huaiyang cuisine alongside Cantonese dishes. Situated at the lake, the Lobby Lounge serves cocktails and light snacks.

Guests on the Horizon Club floors will receive personalised benefits including privileged access to the Horizon Club Lounge. Other facilities include a 1,500sq m (16,145sq



The luxury hotel will be heavily themed according to Chinese culture

ft) grand ballroom, seven function rooms, a dedicated VIP room, chairman's room and two pre-dining rooms which overlook a lake.

This is the second collaboration between Shangri-La International Hotel Management and property company Qiaoyu Group, Changzhou following the successful opening of Traders Fudu Hotel, Changzhou in 2005.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=zz05G>

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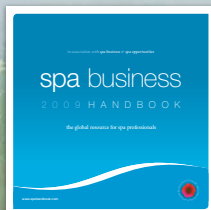
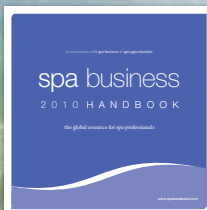
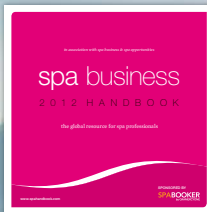
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Two new Chinese resorts for Langham

Langham Hospitality Group has expanded its portfolio in China with the addition of two new properties – Langham Place and Eaton Luxe in Rio Carnival, Qingdao.

Located in the twin towers of the Rio Carnival, the hotels are set to open in 2013 and will feature Langham's signature spa brand – Chuan Spa – which offers spa experiences based on the principles of traditional Chinese medicine.

Guests will choose from a range of health and beauty treatments including massages, body wraps and polishes, facials and intensive foot and hand therapies.

Chuan Spa takes an holistic approach to wellness, embracing the centuries-old healing philosophies of traditional Chinese medicine. Treatments are based on the principles of Wu Xing, incorporating the five elements of wood, fire, earth, metal and water.

The two hotels will have a combined total of 700 guestrooms and also offer



Langham's Chuan Spa brand takes an holistic approach to wellness

duplex villas and lofts in the twin towers. There will also be two fine-dining restaurants operated under the Michelin starred restaurants Ming Court and Yat Tung Heen brands. Each hotel will also house two ballrooms and a host of function rooms.

The addition of Langham Place and Eaton Luxe brings the Langham portfolio in China to 19 hotels across the county with a total of 28 hotels in operation worldwide. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K4p8>

Stanley House estate opens luxury day spa

Stanley House estate, in the Ribbles Valley, UK has completed the final chapter in a major investment programme with the launch of a day spa, 18 new bedrooms and an extension to the bar and brasserie.

Spanning two floors, the multi-million pound 923sq m (11,000sq ft) spa has a rural theme. There are five treatment rooms, relaxation rooms, a thermal suite, hydro pool with mood lighting, a double treatment suite with Rasul or private steamroom, a sauna with panoramic views, experience showers and an ice fountain, as well as a gym and pilates studio.

A top team were charged with creating the spa: Howard Spa Consulting, which counts the London Dorchester among its clients, delivered the project. Trevillion Interiors, which has formerly worked for Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxford, created the funky interior. Barr & Wray and Thermarium provided the hydro pools and thermal suites.

"We've always listened to our customers and committed to innovation," says hotel director Simon Glassbrook. "The opening of the spa



The spa was designed by Howard Spa Consulting and Trevillion Interiors

and our new woodland bedrooms will see us diversify our offering and make Stanley House a genuine national destination of which we are extremely proud."

The team are hoping to see a return on investment within 12-18 months. The affluent RV sector are being targeted for day visits, as well as national and international clients who are keen followers of luxury spa breaks and the male grooming market.

Treatments use Ila products and other skin care brands used are Natura Bisse, Orly nail care, Organic Glam and BeauBronz tanning. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=1w50>

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