



# IFCCI COMMITTEES E-NEWSLETTER



**JANUARY 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2023**

# 1 MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



**MS. PAYAL S.KANWAR**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
**IFCCI**

Dear Members,

Greetings from IFCCI!

The last few months have been quite engaging with the successful organisation of the **first National Annual Committees Meet** and a series of committee meetings and knowledge-sharing sessions conducted with our member companies across different cities.

At the recently organized Committees Meet, we **welcomed our new leadership of all the Committees for this year** for the period July 2023 to June 2024 and the leaders presented the latest industry trends, the opportunities for members for increased engagement in different sectors and the priority areas for their respective committees for this year. They also highlighted the assistance they seek for their specific sector for ease of doing business and presented these across to Mr. Balamurugan D., Joint Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

**Close to 40 committee interactions have been organized since March 2023**, covering topics such as the Influence of AI, ML and ChatGPT on the Retail Industry, Gati Shakti, Risks and Regulations under ESG, Hiring and Attrition Trends, Developments in International Standards and Regulatory Landscape affecting the Food sector, Building Brands and Strengthening CSR connect between Corporates and NGOs to bridge the impact, to name a few.

In the span of last 8 months, **IFCCI organised two Sessions with the CEO's Committee** – the first one in March in New Delhi with Mr. Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa India and the second one in September in Mumbai in the presence of Mr. Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet, Consul General of France in Mumbai and Mr. Atul Ruia, Chairman of The Phoenix Mills Ltd. The discussion revolved around India's new economy, highlighting some key topics like India's inflection point, growing consumption in luxury and tourism, infrastructure investments, and manufacturing push to Make in India.

During this period, the **Chamber launched the Food and Agri Working Club** with the intention to promote and foster synergies between French and Indian member companies in the agribusiness space in India. The Chamber also **inaugurated its Luxury Committee with its first event, a Conversation on 'Decoding Affluence in India'** with Ms. Shefalee Vasudev, Editor in Chief of The Voice of Fashion, which illuminated the mindset transformation of Indian luxury consumers and increasing category distinction in the curation of elevated luxury experiences in India.

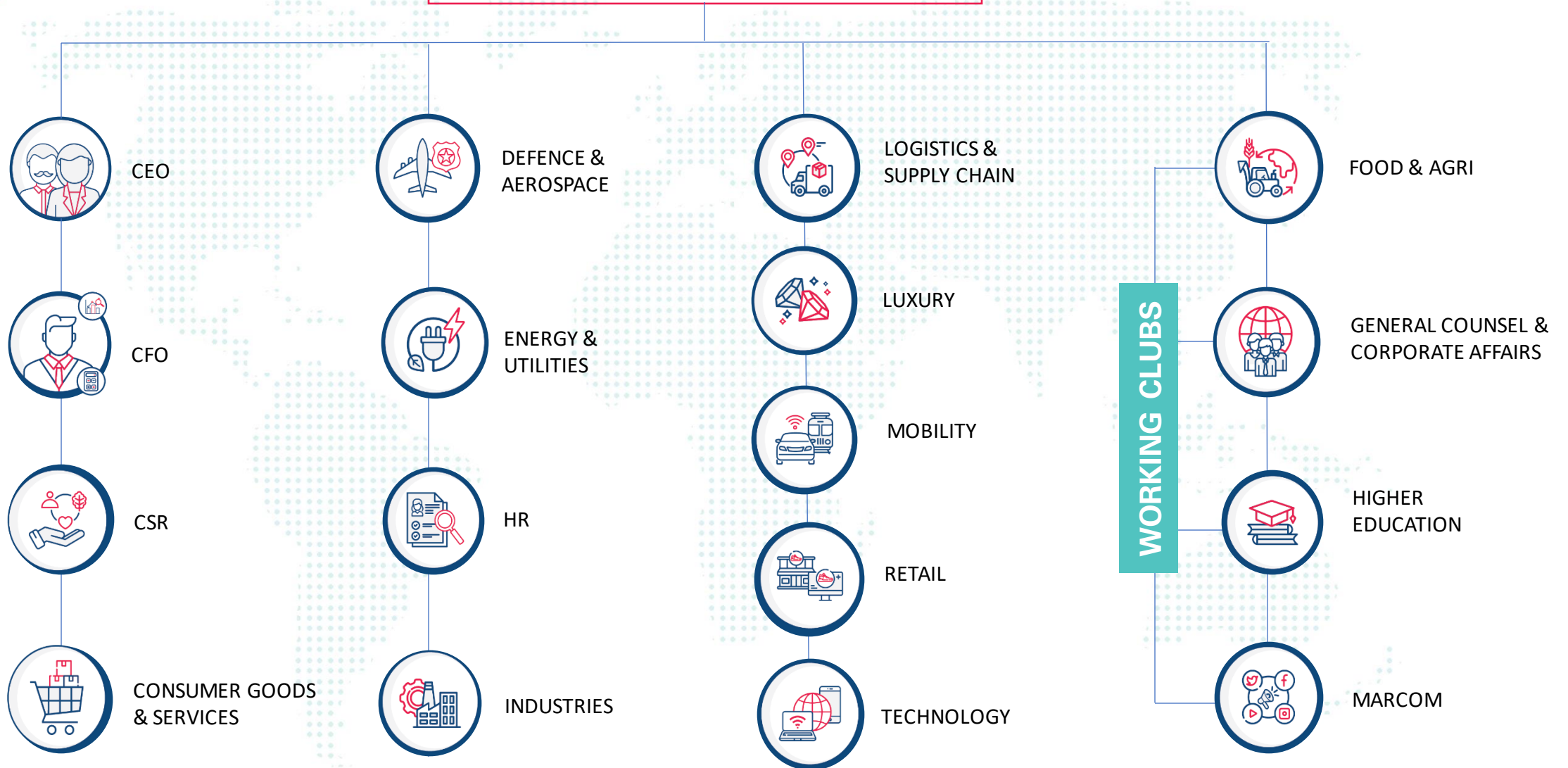
The **HR Committee conducted a first-of-its-kind Multi-City Breakfast Networking Session** across six different cities, whereat members discussed this year's agenda with a focus on the underlying theme 'Reinventing HR - HR as a True Business Partner'. The **CFO Committee Luncheon Meeting** was also organised in Mumbai on the sidelines of IFCCI's 46th Annual General Meeting.

Last few months also witnessed significant progress under IFCCI's CSR Department, which brings together all stakeholders on one platform to contribute to make a larger impact on the society. We are glad to share with you that **the first project of the CSR Department has been initiated** and a few projects are in the pipeline.

We are now gearing up to host our flagship events including the Indo-French Defence & Aerospace Seminar, CSR Conclave & Awards and the Luxury Symposium. A special thanks to our annual sponsors and committees' knowledge partners for their continuous support and collaboration.

I hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter and we look forward to seeing you in person.

## COMMITTEES & WORKING CLUBS



## A SNAPSHOT OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING CLUBS

**13** Committees  
**4** Working Clubs



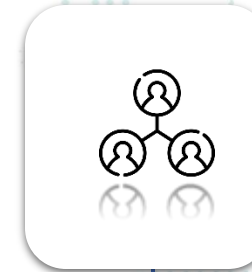
**50+**  
Activities



**950+**  
Members



**34** Leaders



## LUXURY COMMITTEE

The Luxury Committee brings together a rich profile of top Indian, French & European luxury leaders, designers, artists from the industry, with an aim to promote growth of the luxury industry in India and develop business initiatives to enable French & European luxury Maisons to expand their presence and brand engagement in India. The Committee equally aims to support the cultural exchange and initiatives of Indian luxury brands in France and Europe.

LEADERS



## FOOD & AGRI CLUB

The Food and Agri Club comprises of French and Indian companies working in the Food and Beverage Industry and intends to promote synergies between French and Indian member companies in the agribusiness space in India. The Club will have the support from the Embassy of France and IFCCI will work closely with their Agriculture department for this initiative.

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## Consumer Goods &amp; Services



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 ENGIE India

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 New Mobility

## Retail



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 Group Supply Chain

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 ADMnext Group Offer Leader &  
 India Portfolio Leader  
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 MD TNP India &  
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VICE  
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 Capgemini India

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CHAIRPERSON

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 Regional Director  
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**DR. VIGNESH JANAKIRAMAN**  
**COUNTRY HEAD**  
**TIMAC AGRO**

## **‘India-France Partnership: Building a Green Future’**

In a bid to combat the triple challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, both France and India have announced their ambition to become a net-zero emitter by 2050 & 2070, respectively. Outside areas of power and industrial collaborations, the food & agriculture sector is the largest driver for enhancing our bilateral sustainability efforts.

Having become the world's most populous country, food security is paramount to India's future. Agriculture currently contributes close to 18% of India's 3274 Mt annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and our drive to becoming carbon neutral requires significant reductions in scope 3 emissions. Improving electrification of on-farm equipment, improved fertilizer & input management practices, and animal feed optimization will contribute to greater than 70% of estimated GHG reduction by 2050.

[Click here to read full article](#)



**MR. LAURENT LADROYES**  
**PERSONNEL DIRECTOR**  
**MICHELIN INDIA**

## **“In the Michelin of tomorrow, everything will be sustainable”**

The “All-Sustainable” vision of the Michelin Group strives for balanced development **between People, Profit and Planet**. The “All Sustainable” mindset is embraced in Michelin and translated in concrete actions at every level across regions.

Because Michelin is aware of the need to preserve natural resources and earth systems to conduct its business sustainably, we take into account the environmental impacts of our operations and products, starting from the design phase including the full life cycle. In India, as well, we continuously strive to meet this approach through Innovation in our R&D center and business operations in Pune and our factory near Chennai. Michelin India has led numerous green projects as part of the Michelin Group’s global green mission on reaching climate targets, and commitment to becoming carbon-neutral by 2050.

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**CAPT. RAM IYER**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**SEAHORSE SHIP AGENCIES**

## **Ships & Shipping - A changing scenario towards a Green Future**

*(a compilation)*

Industrial revolution post world war has ushered in unabated avarice for increased energy sources and continue to pollute nature and environment due unabated GHG emission with scant regard for sustainability and nature..

The global waste crisis, and climate change are two of the greatest challenges of our time, and the world desperately needs revolutionary solutions that will help address both.

EU is committed to be climate-neutral by 2050 under the Paris Agreement & accordingly has set the target to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 55% by 2030. India too has committed to be Net Zero by 2070.

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**MR. SAURAV KUMAR AND MS. SWATHI  
SREENATH  
INDUSLAW**

## **‘The Green Transformation of India’s Mobility Sector’**

India stands as one of the fastest-growing economies globally, with its mobility sector advancing at an even more accelerated rate. At the same time, mobility stands as one of the foremost sources of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. To address these challenges, India is committed to a green transformation of its mobility sector.

The Government of India (GoI) has set targets for reducing emissions from the sector, and it is investing heavily in the development of green mobility technologies and infrastructure. Drawing insights from leaders in this field, such as France, can provide valuable guidance for the way forward.

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## A GLIMPSE OF COMMITTEE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST

CEO

### CEO Committee Meeting with Mr. Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa India

- 15th March
- The Oberoi, New Delhi



CFO

### CFO Committee Luncheon Meeting

- 29th September 2023
- Mumbai



CEO

### CEO Committee Meeting

- 20th September 2023
- Mumbai



CGS, Retail and Logistics

### Roundtable on Key Takeaways from the Union Budget 2023 with KPMG

- 8th February
- Virtual



CFO

### Decoding the Union Budget 2023

- 6th February
- Delhi



Consumer Goods &amp; Services

### Site visit to KidZania & the Laughing Cow Cheese Factory

- 3rd March
- Mumbai



CFO

### CFO Committee Breakfast Meet

- 15th June
- IFCCI Office, Delhi



CGS &amp; MarCom

### Session on Powering Consumer Insights by leveraging Marketing Technologies

- 26th May
- Virtual



Formats – Webinars, Hybrid Meetings, Advocacy, Knowledge Sessions, Networking, Awards, Site Visits

## A GLIMPSE OF COMMITTEE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST

### CSR & HR

#### CSR & HR Joint Committee Session - "Strengthening Employee Engagement through CSR"

- 30th January
- Hybrid



### Energy & Utilities

#### Energy Committee Roundtable & Networking in collaboration with Trilegal

- 30th January
- Hybrid



### CSR

#### CSR Connect Seminar: Bridging Impact and Transformation

- 9th March
- Delhi



### HR

#### HR Conclave and Awards 2023 : 'Charting a New People Journey'

- 18th April
- Hyatt Regency, Delhi



### CSR

#### Webinar on Navigating ESG: Unveiling Value, Risks and Regulations

- 5th July
- Virtual



### HR

#### Session on 'Hiring & Attrition Trends: Being an Employer of Choice'

- 15th June
- Hybrid



### CSR

#### LP4Y visit to IFCCI Delhi Office

- 6th July
- Delhi



### HR

#### HR Committee Multi-City Breakfast Meeting

- 27th September
- Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune



Formats – Seminars, Knowledge Sharing Sessions, Webinars, Hybrid Meetings, Advocacy Meetings, Networking, Awards, Site Visits



## A GLIMPSE OF COMMITTEE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST

### Industries

#### Indo-French Sustainability Conclave 2023

- 25th January
- Chennai



### Industries

#### Site Visit : NRB Engineering Centre (R&D)

- 6th February
- Mumbai



### Industries

#### Webinar on Fundamentals of Construction Disputes

- 9th August
- Virtual



### Logistics, Supply Chain & Retail

#### Session on Opportunities and Challenges in the Retail Supply Chain Industry

- 2nd June
- Virtual



### Logistics, Supply Chain & Retail

#### Cross-Chamber Session on Readjustment of Sourcing Strategies to address Geopolitical Instability

- 9th June
- Hybrid



### Logistics & Supply Chain

#### Webinar on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

- 19th June
- Virtual



### Logistics & Supply Chain

#### IFCCI Logistics and Supply Chain Committee Meeting

- 20th September
- Hybrid



### Luxury

#### A Conversation on Decoding Affluence in India

- 13th September
- Gurgaon



Formats – Seminars, Knowledge Sharing Sessions, Webinars, Hybrid Meetings, Advocacy Meetings, Networking, Awards, Site Visits

## A GLIMPSE OF COMMITTEE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST

### Luxury

#### Luxury Conference on India Opportunity in Dubai with the French Chamber in UAE

- 19th October
- Dubai



### Technology

#### IFCCI Technology Committee Introductory Meeting

- 13th September
- Virtual



### Mobility

#### Indo-French Mobility Conclave

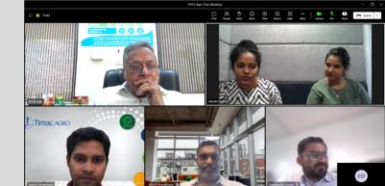
- 11th July
- Chennai



### Food & Agri

#### Food & Agri Club Committee Meeting

- 18th May
- Virtual



### Retail & Technology

#### How AI, ML and ChatGPT will influence the future of the Retail Industry

- 6th April
- Virtual



### Food & Agri

#### Launch of Food & Agri Working Club

- 17th July
- Hybrid



### Retail

#### IFCCI Retail Committee Webinar on Data Protection Act 2023

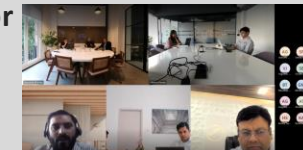
- 13th October
- Webinar



### Food & Agri

#### Session on New Developments in International Standards and Regulatory Landscape affecting the Food, Beverages and Feed sector

- 20th September
- Hybrid



Formats – Seminars, Knowledge Sharing Sessions, Webinars, Hybrid Meetings, Advocacy Meetings, Networking, Awards, Site Visits

## A GLIMPSE OF COMMITTEE EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST

### General Counsel & Corporate Affairs

#### General Counsel & Corporate Affairs Annual Meet

- 20th February
- Delhi



### All Committees

#### Committees Annual National Meet

- 5th October
- Delhi



### Higher Education

#### Webinar on Internationalising Education in India

- 17th August
- Virtual



### MarCom

#### Session on Building Brands

- 11th July
- Virtual



### MarCom

#### IFCCI MarCom Club Networking Cocktail

- 13th October
- Delhi



Formats – Seminars, Knowledge Sharing Sessions, Webinars, Hybrid Meetings, Advocacy Meetings, Networking, Awards, Site Visits

# Glimpses of the First Committees' Annual National Meet – 5th October 2023

*(in the presence of Mr. Balamurugan D., Joint Secretary, DPIIT, Govt. of India)*



## Defence &amp; Aerospace

27 October

BANGALORE

Indo-French Defence &amp; Aerospace Seminar

## CEO

30 October

DELHI

IFCCI CEO Committee Luncheon Meeting

## Mobility

07 November

WEBINAR

Webinar on Future of Indian Mobility:  
Gear 1 Artificial Intelligence

## CEO

20 November

DELHI

CEOs Committee Meeting on India's  
economic growth post G20 Roundtable

## CSR

24 November

DELHI

IFCCI CSR Conclave & Awards – 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Luxury

29 November

DELHI

IFCCI Luxury Symposium

## HR

November

HYBRID

'Ask the Expert' Session with Trilegal

## General Counsel &amp; Corporate Affairs

December

HYBRID

Session on ESG and its future in India

## Retail

01 December

DELHI

Visit to Yak Carpets

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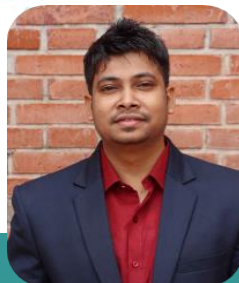
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 SPOC: Technology



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 SPOC: Luxury | Retail



**TRACY FERNANDES**  
 SPOC: Industries



**YOHANN SAMUEL**  
 SPOC: CSR | Defence



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Members of the Chamber can join these Committees depending on the area of activity or expertise. Find the right one for you!

For information on IFCCI Committees' Upcoming events, please [Click Here](#)

For information on IFCCI Committees' Past events, please [Click Here](#)

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### About IFCCI

**Established in 1977, the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry** belongs to a worldwide network of 119 French Chambers (CCIFI) in 95 countries with over 37,000 companies. One of the most active bilateral chambers in India, the Indo-French Chamber is a not-for-profit association that promotes mutually beneficial trade relations between India & France.

We represent a dynamic business platform of over 680 company members and a total network of more than 6,500 individual members. Headquartered in Mumbai, IFCCI has four other offices in New Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, and one representation in Pune.

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