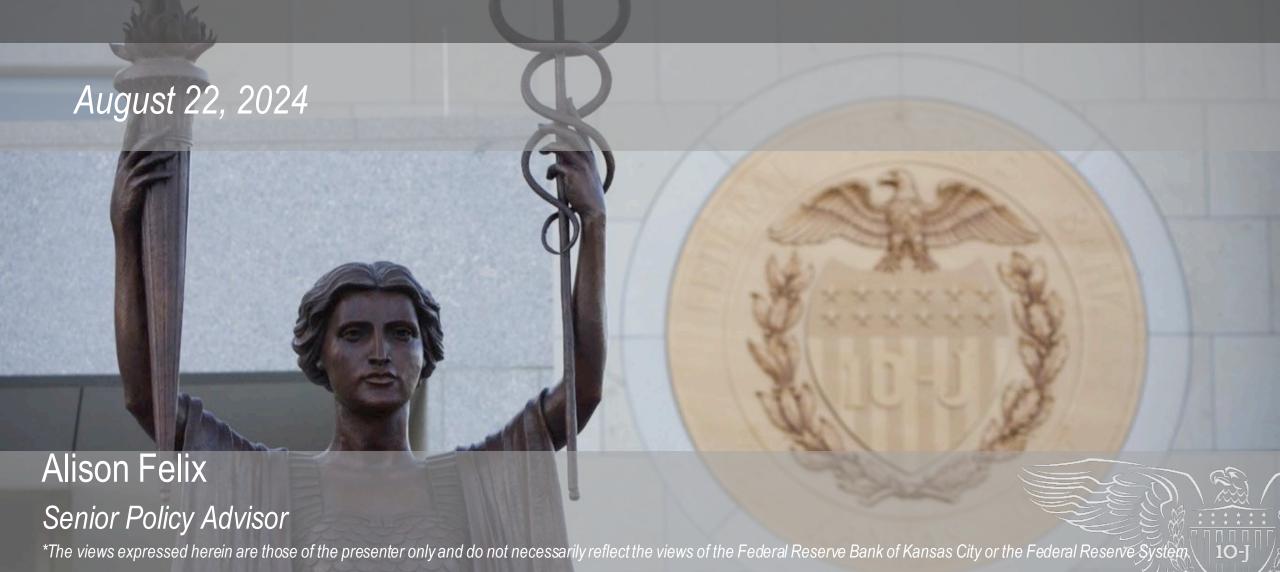
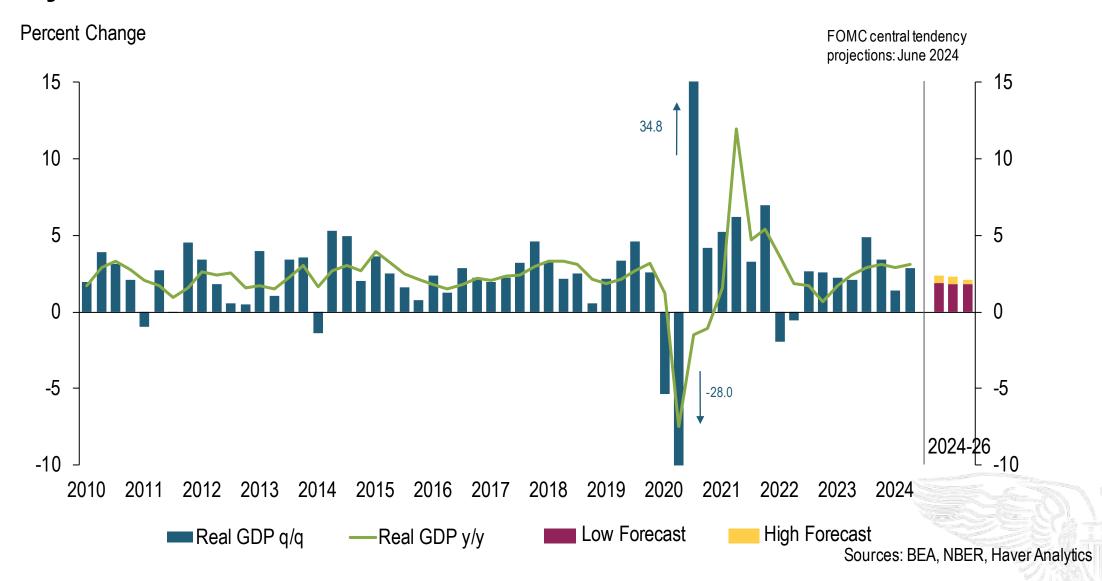
U.S. Economic Outlook



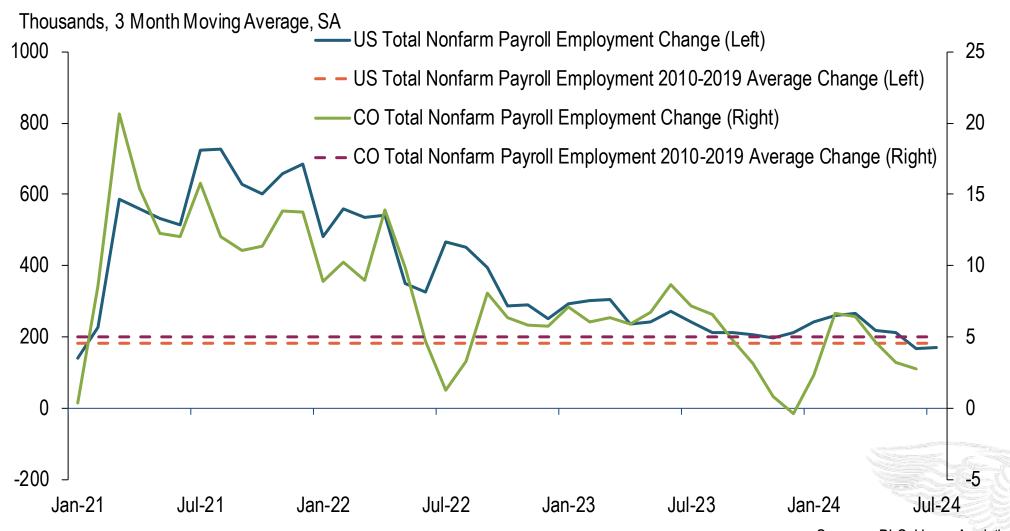
Outlook Themes

- The U.S. economy continues to expand at a solid pace.
- Labor markets have come into better balance this year due to increases in labor supply and softening labor demand.
- Consumer spending continues to be supported by strong labor markets and healthy household balance sheets.
- Inflation has eased considerably but remains above the FOMC's two percent target.
 However, recent inflation reports have been encouraging, with broad-based moderation in both goods and services inflation.

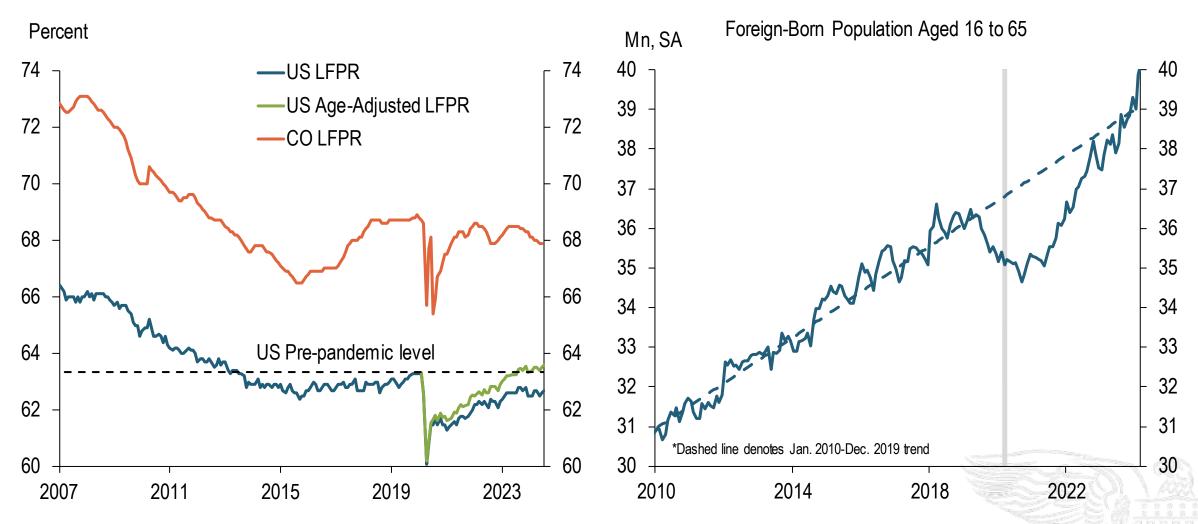
The U.S. economy has been resilient despite tight monetary policy and elevated inflation.



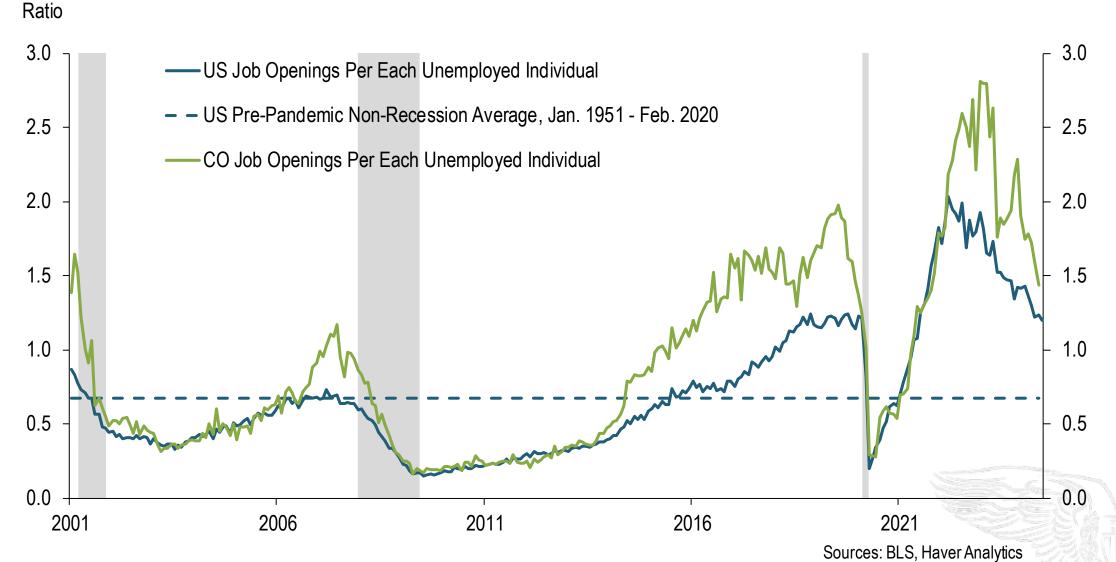
Employment growth has moderated as labor markets have come into better balance.



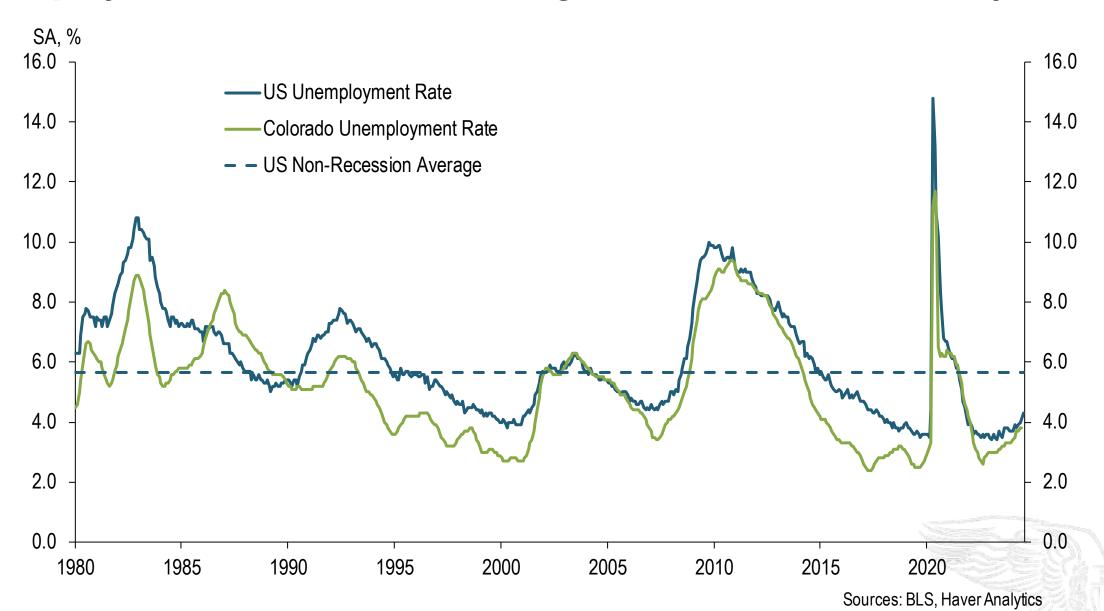
Increases in labor supply have helped bring the labor market into better balance.



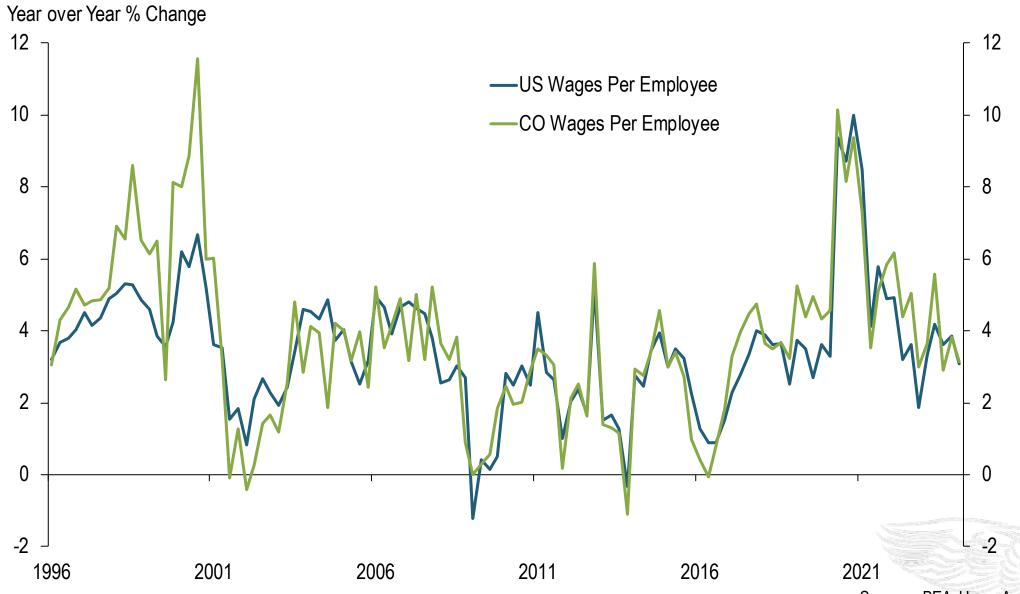
The number of job openings per unemployed individual has come down, but labor markets remain tight.



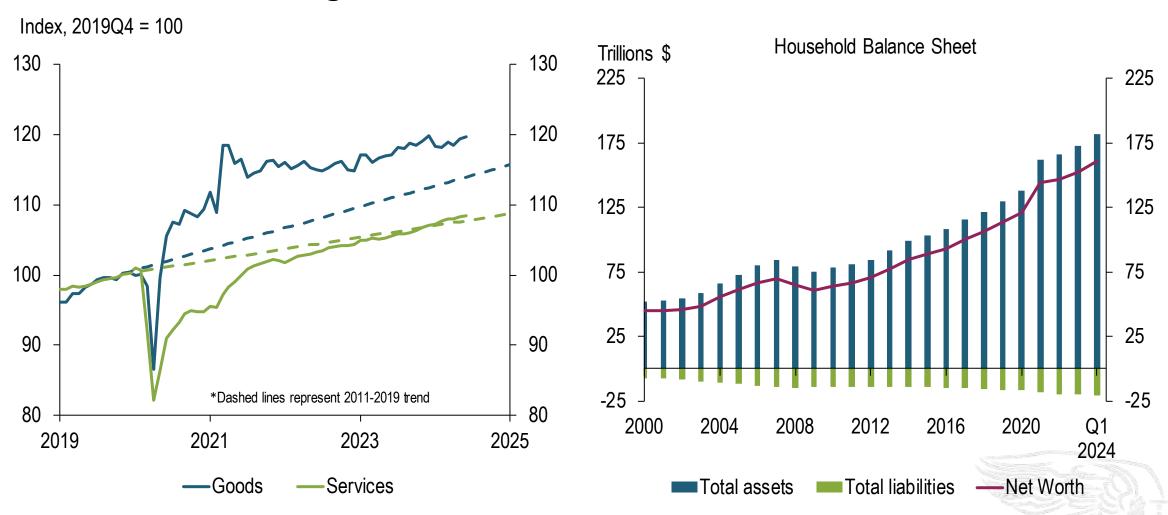
Unemployment rates have moved higher but remain historically low.



Wage growth has eased but remains strong.

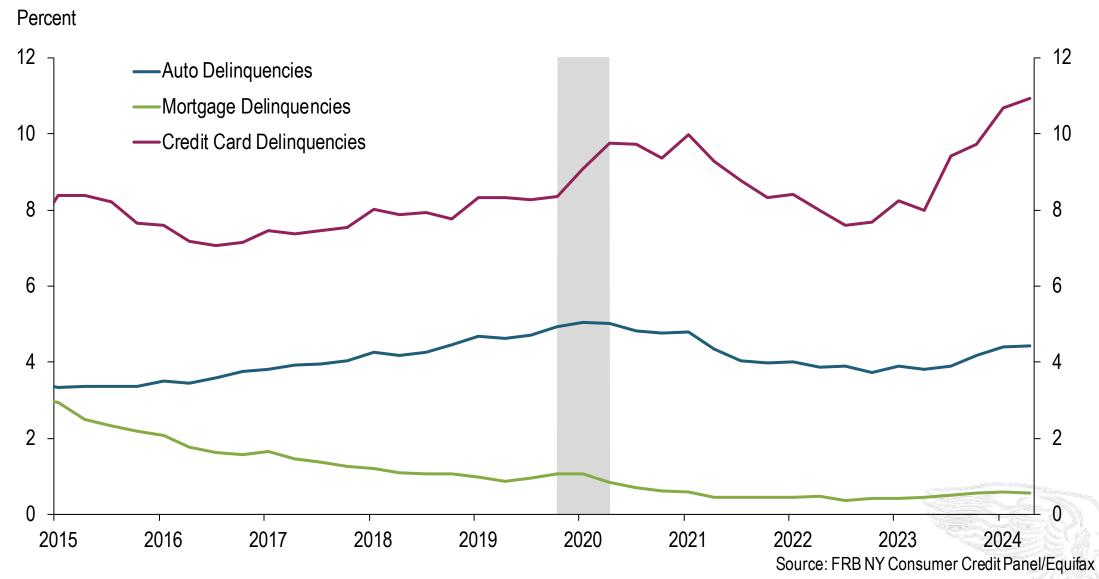


Consumer spending remains elevated, supported by solid labor markets and strong household net worth.

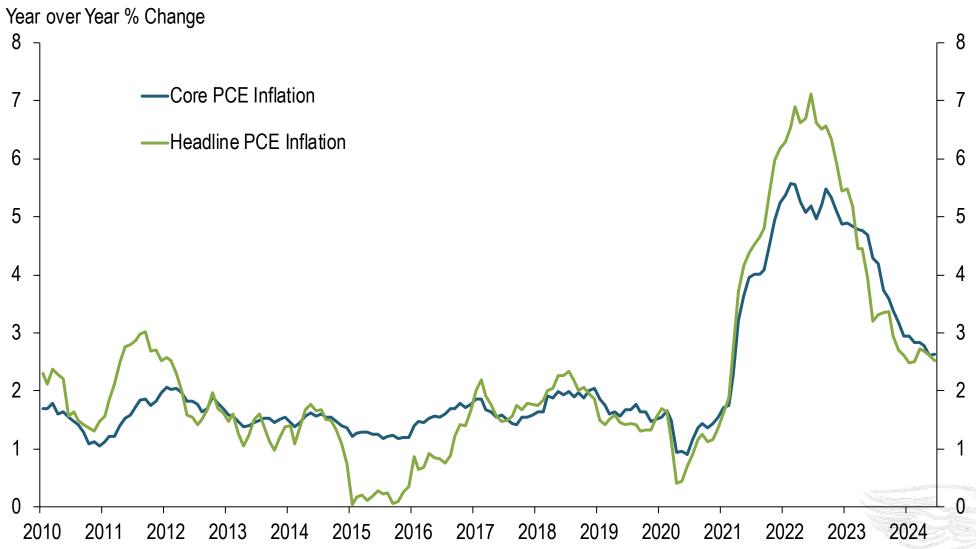


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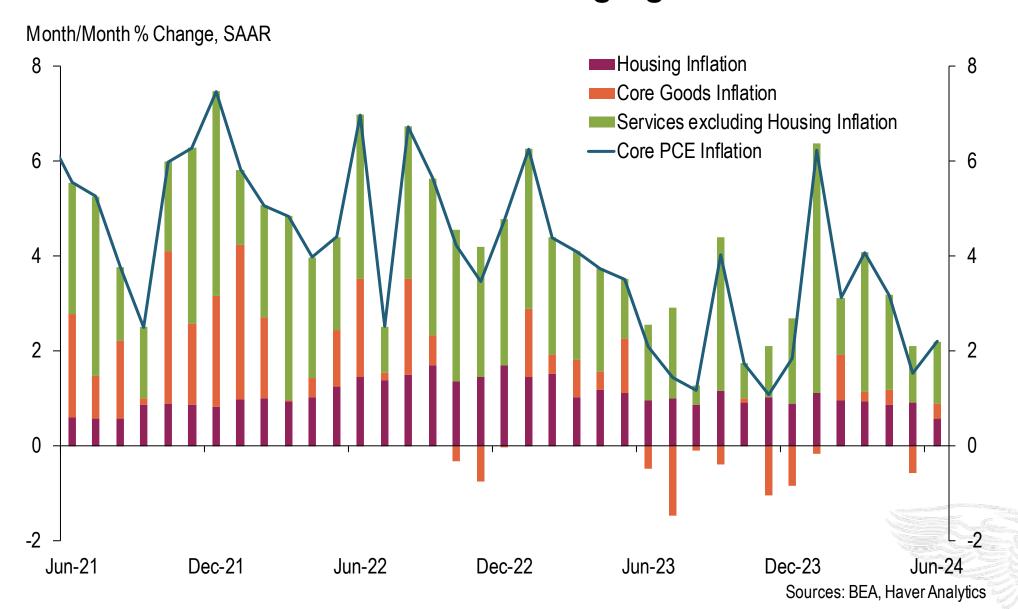
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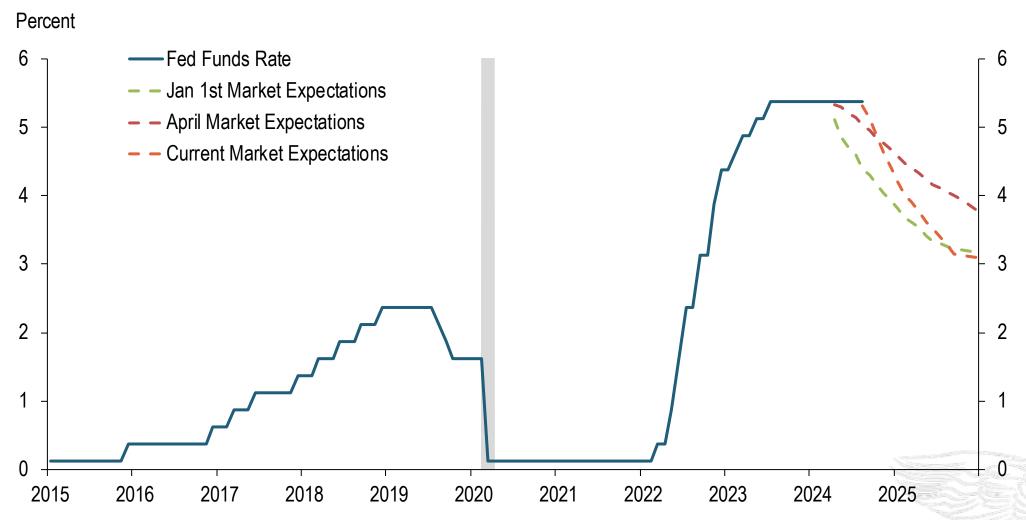
Inflation has moderated but remains above the Fed's two-percent target.



Recent inflation data have been encouraging.



Market participants have adjusted their expectations for rate cuts in response to incoming data.



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