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Bloomberg	AJP IN
Equity Shares (m)	129
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	172.7 / 2.1
52-Week Range (INR)	1569 / 1062
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-2/5/-9
12M Avg Val (INR M)	149

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E MARCH	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	33.4	37.6	42.8
EBITDA	9.4	9.2	11.0
Adj. PAT	6.9	6.9	8.3
EBIT Margin (%)	24.5	20.9	22.5
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	53.7	53.8	64.1
EPS Gr. (%)	5.8	0.1	19.2
BV/Sh. (INR)	253.5	294.1	342.4
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
RoE (%)	22.1	19.6	20.1
RoCE (%)	22.3	19.7	20.2
Payout (%)	11.4	24.7	24.7
Valuations			
P/E (x)	25.1	25.1	21.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.2	18.3	14.9
Div. Yield (%)	0.5	1.0	1.2
FCF Yield (%)	2.4	2.4	2.9
EV/Sales (x)	5.1	4.5	3.8

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-22	Jun-22	Sep-21
Promoter	70.5	70.5	70.3
DII	13.1	12.9	12.5
FII	8.2	8.3	8.7
Others	8.2	8.3	8.4

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR1,348 TP: INR1,560 (+16%)

Buy

India and Asia drives, while the US and Africa drag earnings Work-in-progress to improve the pace of ANDA filings

- AJP delivered a miss on operational performance in 2QFY23, led by higher employee and freight costs. Adverse currency movement in Africa Branded Generics and price erosion in US Generics affected profitability in 2QFY23. Branded Generics in India (Domestic Formulation) and Asia witnessed robust industry outperformance in 2QFY23.
- We have cut our FY23/FY24 estimate by 6%/5% to factor in: a) a lack of launches in US Generics, b) moderation in its growth prospects in the Africa business due to currency headwinds, and c) elevated raw material and logistics cost. We continue to value AJP at 22x 12M forward earnings to arrive at our TP of INR1,560.
- While there are near-term headwinds on the OPEX front, AJP remains wellplaced to deliver better-than-industry sales growth in the Branded Generics segment of Domestic Formulation, Asia, and Africa. After the successful compliance at Dahej, ANDA approvals are also expected to gather pace. We maintain our Buy rating.

EBITDA margin at a record low on a quarterly basis

- Revenue grew by ~6% YoY to INR9.4b in 2QFY23 (est. INR9.2b), led by growth across domestic and the Branded Generics segment of Asia and Africa. Sales from Domestic Formulation (DF)/Asia Branded Generics rose by ~27%/~31% YoY to INR3.1b/INR2.5b (34%/27% of sales). Sales from Africa Branded Generics/US Generics fell by ~8%/~5% YoY to INR1.5b/INR1.8b (16%/20% of sales). Institutional Antimalarial sales fell 50% YoY to INR330m (4% of sales).
- Gross margin (GM) contracted by ~140bp YoY to 72.3% due to increased competition in US Generics and higher raw material cost.
- EBITDA margin contracted by ~770bp YoY to ~22% (est. 25%) largely due to higher employee/other expenses (up ~170bp/450bp YoY as a percentage of sales). EBITDA declined by 22% YoY to INR2.1b (est. INR2.3b). R&D spends stood at INR590m, constituting 6% of total sales for 2QFY23.
- However, PAT declined by ~11% YoY to INR1.6b (est. INR1.7b) due to higher other income.
- Revenue grew 16% YoY in 1HFY23. However, EBITDA/PAT fell 5%/1% YoY.
 Highlights from the management commentary
- The management guided at an EBITDA margin of 26% (+/-1%) in 2HFY23.
- It intends to file 10-12 ANDAs in FY23.
- It expects to launch one-to-two ANDAs in the US market in FY23.
- The management expects the Asia business to grow over 20% and India to grow at high-teens on a YoY basis in FY23.
- Considering the INR appreciation with respect to the EUR, it guided at high single-digit YoY growth in the Africa Branded Generics segment.
- Higher freight cost impacted EBITDA margin by 200bp in 1HFY23.

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Consolidated quarterly performance

Consolidated quarterly	performa	nce										(INR m
Y/E March	_	FY2	2			FY2	3		FY22	FY23E	FY23E	Var.
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Net Sales	7,479	8,848	8,379	8,703	9,509	9,381	9,390	9,321	33,410	37,601	9,222	1.7
Change (YoY %)	11.9	23.6	11.9	15.0	27.1	6.0	12.1	7.1	15.6	12.5	4.2	
Total Expenditure	5,278	6,220	5 <i>,</i> 983	6,505	6,992	7,318	7,108	7,009	23,986	28,426	6,916	
EBITDA	2,201	2,628	2,396	2,197	2,518	2,063	2,282	2,312	9,424	9,175	2,305	-10.5
Change (YoY %)	-1.4	-4.2	-0.9	-15.3	14.4	-21.5	-4.8	5.2	-5.6	-2.6	-12.3	
Margin (%)	29.4	29.7	28.6	25.2	26.5	22.0	24.3	24.8	28.2	24.4	25.0	
Depreciation	309	315	317	312	318	327	330	343	1,253	1,318	330	
EBIT	1,892	2,313	2,079	1,886	2,200	1,736	1,952	1,968	8,171	7,856	1,975	-12.1
Change (YoY %)	-3.1	-6.0	-2.2	-17.6	16.2	-24.9	-6.1	4.4	-7.4	-3.9	-14.6	
Interest	15	4	10	73	9	10	13	15	102	47	11	
Other Income	76	145	240	295	48	404	350	327	757	1,128	200	
PBT before EO expense	1,954	2,454	2,30 9	2,107	2,239	2,130	2,289	2,280	8,826	8,938	2,16 4	-1.6
Extra-Ord. expense	-250	-150	0	131	20	100	0	0	-269	120	0	
РВТ	2,204	2,604	2,309	1,977	2,219	2,030	2,289	2,280	9,095	8,818	2,164	-6.2
Тах	467	645	392	465	472	464	526	544	1,968	1,984	487	
Effective Rate (%)	21.2	24.8	17.0	23.5	21.3	22.9	23.0	23.8	21.6	22.5	22.5	
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Reported PAT	1,737	1,959	1,918	1,512	1,746	1,566	1,762	1,737	7,127	6,834	1,677	-6.6
Adj. PAT	1,540	1,847	1,918	1,612	1,762	1,643	1,762	1,737	6,918	6,927	1,677	-2.0
Change (YoY %)	4.2	8.5	8.6	1.2	14.4	-11.0	-8.1	7.7	5.8	0.1	-9.2	

E: MOFSL estimates

Key performance Indicators (Consolidated)

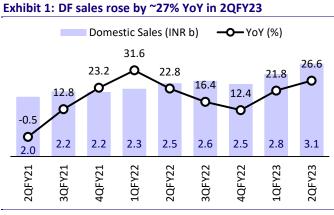
Y/E March		FY2	2			FY2	3		FY22	FY23E	FY23E
INR m	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE
Domestic Formulations	2,290	2,480	2,560	2,450	2,790	3,140	2,958	2,651	9,781	11,539	2,766
Change (YoY %)	31.6	22.8	16.4	12.4	21.8	26.6	15.5	8.2	20.4	18.0	11.5
Asia	1,650	1,910	1,940	2,630	2,400	2,510	2,406	2,440	8,130	9,756	2,330
Change (YoY %)	2.5	6.1	(1.9)	49.4	45.5	31.4	24.0	(7.2)	13.7	20.0	22.0
Africa (Branded +											
Institutional)	1,790	2,250	2,030	1,860	2,450	1,790	2,037	2,138	7,930	8,414	2,117
Change (YoY %)	16.2	38.0	24.5	5.1	36.9	(20.4)	0.3	14.9	18.4	6.1	(5.9)
US	1,680	1,940	1,660	1,680	1,790	1,850	1,793	1,839	6,960	7,272	1,843
Change (YoY %)	12.8	26.0	3.1	(2.9)	6.5	(4.6)	8.0	9.4	9.3	4.5	(5.0)
Cost break-up as a percentag	e of sales										
RM Cost	23.0	26.2	22.6	26.0	26.3	27.7	26.2	26.6	24.5	26.7	26.1
Staff Cost	21.1	18.1	19.4	19.0	19.2	19.8	19.5	18.2	19.3	19.2	19.4
R&D Expenses	6.0	5.5	6.1	6.8	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.0
Other Cost	26.5	26.0	29.5	29.7	28.0	30.5	30.0	30.4	27.9	29.7	29.5
Gross Margin (%)	77.0	73.8	77.4	74.0	73.7	72.3	73.8	73.4	75.5	73.3	73.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	29.4	29.7	28.6	25.2	26.5	22.0	24.3	24.8	28.2	24.4	25.0
EBIT Margin (%)	25.3	26.1	24.8	21.7	23.1	18.5	20.8	21.1	24.5	20.9	21.4
PBT Margin (%)	25.9	27.3	26.8	23.4	23.4	21.8	23.5	23.6	25.8	23.1	23.0
PAT Margin (%)	20.4	20.5	22.2	17.9	18.4	16.8	18.1	18.0	20.2	17.9	17.8



Other highlights from the management interaction

- Elevated RM and freight cost, price erosion in US Generics, adverse currency movements in Africa, and bringing forward of certain costs affected margin in 2QFY23.
- After the USFDA inspection at Dahej, AJP was issued Form 483 with two observations. Successful compliance at this site will drive the pace of ANDA approvals for AJP.
- The management expects RM costs to be ~27% in FY23.
- Sales in the Trade Generics stood at INR710m in 1HFY23 v/s INR570m YoY.
- It expects R&D expenses to be 6% of sales in FY23.
- Overall capex for FY23 is pegged at INR1.5b (INR630m in 1HFY23).

Key exhibits



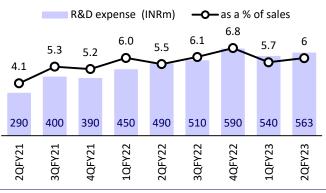
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 3: Africa sales (Branded + Institutional) fell by ~20% YoY in 2QFY23



Source: MOFSL, Company



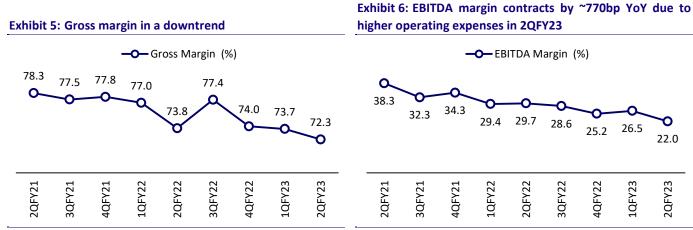


Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 4: Asia sales increase by ~31% YoY in 2QFY23



Source: MOFSL, Company



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Steady growth across segments to drive earnings

DF segment to sustain the growth momentum; Africa business to grow despite currency headwinds

- AJP posted a revenue of ¬INR6b, delivering a strong 24% YoY growth in DF in 1HFY23 and outperformed the domestic market by ~700bp on a 12-month basis ending Sep'22, as per AWACS. It demonstrated considerable outperformance against the IPM in its major therapies.
- We expect AJP to deliver 17% sales CAGR in DF over FY22-24, led by: a) price hikes across the portfolio, including NLEM; b) launches; and c) market share gains in existing products.
- Branded Generics in Asia posted a strong (38% YoY) sales growth in 1HFY23. The same in Africa grew moderately at 5% YoY in 1HFY23. We expect 17% CAGR from AJP's Asia business over FY22-24 on account of launches and steady traction in existing products.
- The Africa business is expected to deliver 8% CAGR over FY22-24 due to the adverse effect of currency movements over the near term.
- The Antimalarial business is expected to remain lumpy, subject to the availability of funding to global institutions focused towards lower middle income countries (LMIC).

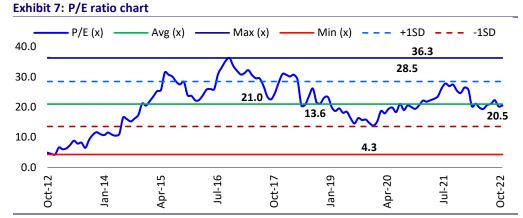
After Dahej inspection, ANDA approvals expected for niche products for the US market

- US Generic sales were stable YoY in 1HFY23. Despite a price erosion and lack of launches, AJP has been able to maintain its US sales run-rate in 1HFY23.
- In 1HFY23, it received a final approval for one ANDA and one tentative approval.
 It filed three ANDAs with the USFDA and is awaiting approval on 21 ANDAs.
- AJP has addressed the issues raised by USFDA during its recent inspection at Dahej. Approvals are expected to pick-up, subject to successful compliance classification by the USFDA.
- We expect AJP to garner 10% sales CAGR over FY22-24.

Expect 9% PAT CAGR over FY22-24

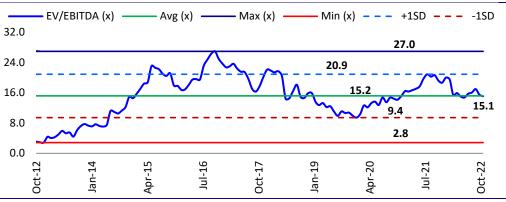
- We have cut our FY23/FY24 estimates by 6%/5%, factoring in: a) a lack of launches in US Generics, b) moderation in the growth prospects of its Africa business due to currency headwinds, and c) elevated raw material and logistics cost.
- We expect 9% earnings CAGR over FY22-24, led by 17%/10%/8%/17% sales CAGR in DF/US/Africa/Asia segments.
- We continue to value AJP at 22x 12M forward earnings to arrive at our TP of INR1,560. We remain positive on AJP on the back of a steady outperformance in DF, Africa, Asia, and certain niche launches in the US market. We maintain our Buy rating.

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Source: MOFSL, Company, Bloomberg

Exhibit 8: EV/EBITDA ratio chart



Source: MOFSL, Company, Bloomberg

Financials and valuations

Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Total Income from Operations	14,852	17,494	20,016	21,309	20,554	25,879	28,897	33,410	37,601	42,828
Change (%)	22.1	17.8	14.4	6.5	-3.5	25.9	11.7	15.6	12.5	13.9
Total Expenditure	9,800	11,623	13,126	14,725	14,809	18,895	18,911	23,986	28,426	31,821
As a percentage of Sales	66.0	66.4	65.6	69.1	72.1	73.0	65.4	71.8	75.6	74.3
EBITDA	5,052	5,871	6,890	6,584	5,744	6,983	9,986	9,424	9,175	11,007
Margin (%)	34.0	33.6	34.4	30.9	27.9	27.0	34.6	28.2	24.4	25.7
Depreciation	516	444	612	596	721	957	1,161	1,253	1,318	1,377
EBIT	4,536	5,426	6,278	5,988	5,024	6,026	8,825	8,171	7,856	9,630
Int. and Finance Charges	59	49	35	4	12	119	83	102	47	37
Other Income	168	212	239	242	211	522	260	757	1,128	1,199
PBT bef. EO Exp.	4,645	5,589	6,482	6,226	5,223	6,429	9,002	8,826	8,938	10,792
EO Items	-85	0	0	0	80	211	0	269	120	0
PBT after EO Exp.	4,560	5,589	6,482	6,226	5,143	6,640	9,002	9,095	8,818	10,792
Total Tax	1,462	1,433	1,413	1,539	1,273	1,963	2,463	1,968	1,984	2,536
Tax Rate (%)	32.0	25.6	21.8	24.7	24.8	29.6	27.4	21.6	22.5	23.5
Reported PAT	3,099	4,156	5,068	4,686	3,870	4,677	6,539	7,127	6,834	8,256
Adjusted PAT	3,156	4,156	5,068	4,686	3,930	4,522	6,539	6,918	6,927	8,256
Change (%)	34.9	31.7	21.9	-7.5	-16.1	15.1	44.6	5.8	0.1	19.2
Margin (%)	21.3	23.8	25.3	22.0	19.1	17.5	22.6	20.7	18.4	19.3

Consolidated Balance Sheet										(INR m)
Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Equity Share Capital	177	177	177	175	175	175	174	172	258	258
Total Reserves	8,234	11,732	15,500	20,237	22,277	25,813	29,782	32,472	37,618	43,834
Net Worth	8,411	11,9 0 9	15,677	20,412	22,452	25,989	29,956	32,644	37,875	44,092
Total Loans	724	814	10	11	7	7	16	19	19	19
Deferred Tax Liabilities	152	107	29	244	271	558	421	463	463	463
Capital Employed	9,286	12,829	15,716	20,667	22,730	26,553	30,393	33,125	38,357	44,573
Gross Block	5,499	7,157	8,949	14,172	16,152	20,045	21,896	22,857	25,080	26,875
Less: Accum. Deprn.	2,618	2,650	3,058	3,646	4,366	5,324	6,485	7,738	9,056	10,433
Net Fixed Assets	2,881	4,507	5,892	10,527	11,786	14,721	15,411	15,120	16,024	16,442
Capital WIP	1,702	2,398	3,393	613	2,613	1,319	1,082	1,529	1,306	1,011
Total Investments	595	860	1,909	2,044	888	476	517	707	707	707
Curr. Assets, Loans, and Adv.	6,286	7,028	7,039	11,077	11,357	16,417	20,276	22,645	29,437	36,437
Inventory	1,590	2,046	2,110	3,506	4,357	4,957	7,665	7,911	9,346	10,026
Account Receivables	2,588	3,724	3,232	4,920	4,595	7,753	7,384	10,198	11,641	13,494
Cash and Bank Balance	1,368	434	713	932	1,005	2,053	2,096	2,118	5,729	9,818
Loans and Advances	740	825	985	1,719	1,400	1,655	3,131	2,418	2,721	3,099
Curr. Liability and Prov.	2,177	1,965	2,516	3,592	3,913	6,379	6,893	6,875	9,117	10,024
Account Payables	1,298	1,650	1,781	2,852	2,251	3,623	3,739	3,272	5,062	5,405
Other Current Liabilities	188	176	562	321	1,278	2,230	2,858	3,302	3,716	4,232
Provisions	691	139	173	419	384	526	296	301	339	386
Net Current Assets	4,108	5,063	4,524	7,485	7,444	10,038	13,383	15,770	20,320	26,413
Appl. of Funds	9,286	12,829	15,716	20,667	22,730	26,553	30,393	33,126	38,357	44,573

Financials and valuations

Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Basic (INR)										
EPS	24.5	32.3	39.4	36.4	30.5	35.1	50.8	53.7	53.8	64.1
Cash EPS	28.5	35.7	44.1	41.0	36.1	42.5	59.8	63.5	64.0	74.8
BV/Share	65.3	92.5	121.7	158.5	174.4	201.8	232.6	253.5	294.1	342.4
DPS	4.1	9.6	8.9	0.0	6.2	8.8	6.4	6.3	13.1	15.8
Payout (%)	18.9	29.6	22.6	0.0	20.6	24.8	12.7	11.4	24.7	24.7
Valuation (x)										
P/E ratio	55.1	41.9	34.3	37.1	44.3	38.5	26.6	25.1	25.1	21.1
Cash P/E ratio	47.4	37.8	30.6	32.9	37.4	31.8	22.6	21.3	21.1	18.1
P/BV ratio	20.7	14.6	11.1	8.5	7.7	6.7	5.8	5.3	4.6	3.9
EV/Sales ratio	11.7	10.0	8.7	8.1	8.4	6.6	5.9	5.1	4.5	3.8
EV/EBITDA ratio	34.3	29.7	25.1	26.3	30.1	24.6	17.2	18.2	18.3	14.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.2
FCF per share	13.7	2.2	24.0	2.9	-1.8	15.3	33.9	32.7	32.1	38.6
Return Ratios (%)										
RoE	44.0	40.9	36.7	26.0	18.3	18.7	23.4	22.1	19.6	20.1
RoCE	39.0	38.4	35.9	26.0	18.4	19.0	23.6	22.3	19.7	20.2
RoIC	56.5	54.7	52.1	33.7	21.4	20.7	25.9	23.1	20.5	23.1
Working Capital Ratios										
Asset Turnover ratio (x)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Inventory (Days)	39	43	38	60	77	66	97	86	91	85
Debtor (Days)	64	78	59	84	82	109	93	111	113	115
Creditor (Days)	32	34	32	49	40	51	47	36	49	46
Leverage Ratio (x)										
Net Debt/Equity ratio	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2

	Consolidated	CF Statement
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Consolidated Cr Statement										
Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	4,560	5 <i>,</i> 589	6,482	6,226	5,303	6,218	9,002	9,095	8,818	10,792
Depreciation	516	444	612	596	721	957	1,161	1,253	1,318	1,377
Interest and Finance Charges	59	49	35	-238	-199	-403	-177	-655	-1,081	-1,162
Direct Taxes Paid	-1,461	-1,615	-1,428	-1,539	-1,273	-1,963	-2,463	-1,968	-1 <i>,</i> 984	-2,536
(Inc.)/Dec. in WC	-817	-1,243	285	-2,742	115	-1 <i>,</i> 548	-1,708	-2,427	-939	-2,005
CF from Operations	2,858	3,224	5,986	2,302	4,667	3,262	5,815	5,298	6,132	6,466
Others	-64	37	106	509	-922	1,306	169	323	0	0
CF from Operations incl. EO	2,794	3,261	6,092	2,811	3,745	4,568	5,983	5,620	6,1 32	6,466
(Inc.)/Dec. in FA	-1,036	-2 <i>,</i> 975	-3,002	-2,444	-3,979	-2 <i>,</i> 599	-1,614	-1,409	-2,000	-1,500
Free Cash Flow	1,759	287	3,090	367	-234	1,969	4,369	4,212	4,132	4,966
(Pur.)/Sale of Investments	-45	-36	-914	-135	1,155	413	-41	-190	0	0
Others	-503	920	85	17	596	-58	-1,169	857	1,128	1,199
CF from Investments	-1,583	- 2,091	-3,831	-2,562	-2,228	-2,244	-2,824	-741	-872	-301
Issue of Shares	0	0	0	-2	0	0	-2	-2	86	0
Inc./(Dec.) in Debt	-581	218	-746	1	-5	1	9	3	0	0
Interest Paid	-60	-49	-35	-4	-12	-119	-83	-102	-47	-37
Dividend Paid	-411	-1,342	-1,287	b	-796	-1,159	-829	-816	-1,688	-2,039
Others	0	0	50	4	-664	-405	-1,832	-3,873	0	0
CF from Fin. Activity	-1,052	-1,173	-2,017	-1	-1,476	-1,683	-2,737	-4,790	-1,649	-2,077
Inc./Dec. in Cash	159	-3	244	248	41	640	422	89	3,611	4,089
Opening Balance	258	417	414	658	906	952	1,592	2,014	2,103	5,715
Closing Balance	417	414	658	906	948	1,592	2,014	2,103	5,715	9,803
Unrealized loss/(gain) on forex				0	4	432	82	14	14	14
Total Cash and Cash Eq.	1,368	434	713	932	1,005	2,053	2,096	2,118	5,729	9,818

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