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### **ISW Steel**

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# Standalone division drives robust performance

JSW Steel (JSTL)'s Q2FY24 performance was ahead of our estimates. Key points: 1) Standalone EBITDA/te at INR 12,750 surpassed estimates on lower iron ore and coking coal cost. 2) Overseas subsidiaries posted mixed performance. 3) Enhanced focus on more profitable domestic market and increased sales to value added segments. 4) Net debt rose to INR 692bn due to the JISPL merger. Management retained its sales volume guidance of 25mtpa for FY24 and reiterated its target of reaching 50mtpa capacity by FY30. Taking cognizance of additional volume from BPSL from end-FY24, we raise our FY25E EBITDA by 2%, resulting in a revised TP of INR 775 on an unchanged 6.6x FY25E EBITDA. Maintain HOLD.

#### Performance surpasses estimates

JSTL's Q2FY24 performance surpassed estimates. Key points: 1) Standalone volume of 5.4mnte (up 6% YoY) was slightly ahead of our 5.2mnte estimate. 2) Standalone EBITDA/te, at INR 12,750 (our estimate: INR 10,540), was aided by lower iron ore sourcing from captive mines at 38%, versus 45% in Q1FY24, leading to reduced cost. Besides, coking coal cost was down by USD 54/te QoQ compared to the USD45-50/te guidance. 3) Exports formed a mere 11% of overall volumes due to lower traction from the overseas market. 4) Overseas subsidiaries performance was hurt by lower steel prices, though Piombino fared better owing to robust rail orders. 5) Net debt rose QoQ, mainly due to the JISPL merger adding INR 22bn in Q2FY24. Management expects the impact of higher coking coal cost (up by USD30/te) in Q3FY23 to be likely mitigated by a series of price hikes taken since mid-Aug'23. On the volumes front, management retained its guidance of 25mtpa of sales for FY24.

# On the growth path; but spread uncertainties pose a risk

In our view, JSTL's capacity is likely to reach 37mtpa by FY25E; however, the massive capex outlay of INR 520bn through to FY26 poses a risk, particularly in the current operating environment of uncertain spreads. While we believe that global steel prices are near the bottom and coking coal price is unlikely to sustain at the current elevated levels, we believe that the company is more susceptible to the risk of spread compression compared to peers.

## **Financial Summary**

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenue	14,63,710	16,59,600	20,71,429	22,17,025
EBITDA	3,90,070	1,85,470	3,41,965	4,20,580
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.6	11.2	16.5	19.0
Net Profit	2,16,790	35,480	1,51,548	2,03,863
EPS (Rs)	89.7	14.7	62.6	84.3
EPS % Chg YoY	179.6	(80.2)	266.1	34.5
P/E (x)	8.9	45.0	12.3	9.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.3	13.6	7.4	5.9
RoCE (%)	19.1	5.6	12.2	14.6
RoE (%)	43.2	5.9	21.2	25.2

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#### **Market Data**

Market Cap (INR)	1,882bn
Market Cap (USD)	22,643mn
Bloomberg Code	JSTL IN
Reuters Code	JSTL.BO
52-week Range (INR)	840/615
Free Float (%)	38.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	22.6

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(3.7)	7.9	23.0
Relative to Sensex	(8.0)	(2.8)	11.0

ESG Disclosure	2021	2022	Change
ESG score	57.6	56.8	(0.9)
Environment	50.6	50.6	-
Social	37.3	34.7	(2.6)
Governance	84.9	84.9	_

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: Bloomberg, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	3.8	7.3
EBITDA	(1.1)	1.9
EPS	3.1	7.8

#### **Previous Reports**

21-07-2023: Q1FY24 results review 21-05-2023: **Q4FY23** results review



#### Outlook: Mixed outlook; maintain HOLD

JSTL's Q2FY24 performance was ahead of consensus and our estimates. However, we believe that the massive capital outlay in an environment of uncertain spreads is the key risk. Additionally, steel prices in the domestic market are at a premium to landed cost of imports. This makes JSTL more susceptible to compression in spreads. We believe that at CMP, risk-reward stays balanced. Taking cognizance of Q2FY24 performance and additional volume of BPSL expansion in FY25, we raise FY25E EBITDA by 2%, resulting in a revised TP of INR 775 (earlier INR 755) on an unchanged 6.6x FY25E EBITDA.

**Exhibit 1: Earnings Revision** 

		FY24E		FY25E				
(INR mn)	New	Old	% Chg	New	Old	% Chg		
Sales	20,71,429	19,96,294	3.8	22,17,025	20,65,762	7.3		
EBITDA	3,41,965	3,45,674	(1.1)	4,20,580	4,12,790	1.9		
PAT	1,51,548	1,46,986	3.1	2,03,863	1,89,059	7.8		

Source: I-Sec research

### Q2FY24 conference call takeaways

- The company mentioned Indian steel demand to grow at 8–10% in the medium term. Steel prices have largely been range bound due to strong domestic steel demand.
- Average capacity utilisation during Q2FY24 was 89% as the company has taken some maintenance shutdowns during the Q2FY24.
- Share of exports in Q2FY24 was 11% (15% in Q1FY24). Exports declined due to global headwinds.
- Share of value added products increased to 62% in Q2FY24 (61% in Q1FY24)
- Highest ever quarterly Auto sales, growing by 4% YoY; sales to renewables (solar + wind) sector grew 125% YoY while sales to appliances sector grew 37% YoY.
- Merger of JISPL with JSW Steel has become effective on 31<sup>st</sup> Jul; JISPL has been consolidated in JSW Steel financials from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug'23.
- Outlook for overseas operations: Q2FY24 performance was impacted due to global headwinds, which includes fall in steel prices and holiday season. Expect performance at Baytown to remain stable while Ohio operations may see impact due to market condition but expected to be better than Q2FY24. In Italy, performance is expected to remain range bound in H2FY24.
- The increase in net debt is largely drive by consolidation of net debt of INR 22bn due to JISPL merger.
- Revenue acceptance of USD2.15bn and capital acceptance of USD 227mn.
- Price outlook: Management mentioned that realisation is likely to higher due to a series of price hikes taken since Aug'23.
- Coking coal: Management mentioned that current level of coking coal price is unsustainable. In Q2FY24, the company achieved cost reduction of USD 54/te against guidance of USD 45-50/te. For Q3FY24, the adverse impact of coking coal cost is likely to be USD 30/te.



- Iron ore: Decline in iron ore royalty/te is mainly because of lower production and offtake from captive mines
- Spread outlook: Management mentioned that the price hikes taken thus far are enough to mitigate the bulk of impact of higher coking coal prices.
- All the ongoing projects (brownfield expansion) are on track and progressing well
  and most of these facilities are expected to be completed by FY24end. BPSL phase
  2 (3.5mnte to 5mnte) expansion on track and is expected to be completed by
  FY24end. Full benefit will come in FY25.
- Capex: In Q2FY24 capex was INR37bn on standalone and INR 38.16bn consol. In H1FY24, the company incurred capex of INR79.96bn on consolidated basis. It planned capex of INR 520bn till FY26 and these will be funded mostly from the internal accruals.
- Coking coal security: The company operates two mines in Jharkhand capable of producing ~1mnte of clean coking coal annually and will be able to meet 5% of coking coal requirement. The company is also exploring coking coal opportunities both in domestic and globally. It is also looking for strategic alliance.
- Iron ore security: The company continues to focus on improving the iron ore security. JSTL currently has 13 operating mines and has won seven more mines across Karnataka – Maharashtra – Goa. These new mines are being developed, and the ones in Karnataka mines will be operational earlier than Maharashtra and Goa.
- JSW has submitted its EOI for NMDC Steel plant. The due diligence process will take place as per directives of the government.

Exhibit 2: JSW's standalone Q2FY24 result review

Standalone (INR mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Net sales	3,37,380	3,24,940	3.8	3,27,910	2.9	13,16,870	11,88,200	10.8
Raw Material Consumed	1,62,900	1,89,430	(14.0)	1,80,370	(9.7)	7,62,840	5,16,910	47.6
Stock Adjustment	12,940	28,100	(54.0)	(9,210)	(240.5)	(5,900)	(31,120)	(81.0)
Gross Margin	1,61,540	1,07,410	50.4	1,56,750	3.1	5,59,930	7,02,410	(20.3)
Gross Margin (%)	47.9%	33.1%		47.8%		42.5%	59.1%	
Employee cost	5,760	4,990	15.4	5,900	(2.4)	19,750	18,700	5.6
Power & Fuel cost	29,270	36,080	(18.9)	29,520	(8.0)	1,38,420	89,300	55.0
Royalties	18,160	8,280	119.3	29,220	(37.9)	74,570	1,38,940	(46.3)
Other expenditure	39,370	40,640	(3.1)	43,500	(9.5)	1,73,480	1,36,790	26.8
EBITDA	68,980	17,420	296.0	48,610	41.9	1,53,710	3,18,680	(51.8)
Margin (%)	20.4%	5.4%		14.8%		11.7%	26.8%	
Other Income	4,290	4,220	1.7	4,380	(2.1)	15,720	19,290	(18.5)
Depreciation	13,590	12,070	12.6	12,650	7.4	49,520	45,110	9.8
EBIT	59,680	9,570	523.6	40,340	47.9	1,19,910	2,92,860	(59.1)
Interest	15,310	10,930	40.1	14,570	5.1	50,230	38,490	30.5
Extraordinary Items	2,010	-		-		-	-	
PBT	46,380	(1,360)	(3,510.3)	25,770	80.0	69,680	2,47,150	(71.8)
Tax expense:	17,250	(450)	(3,933.3)	8,720	97.8	20,310	80,130	(74.7)
PAT	29,130	(910)	(3,301.1)	17,050	70.9	49,370	1,67,020	(70.4)
Sales Volume (mnte)	5.41	5.1	6.1	4.93	9.7	19.76	16.41	20.4
RM Cost (INR/te)	30,167	37,886	(20.4)	33,156	(9.0)	36,552	29,337	24.6
Power Cost (INR/te)	5,410	7,075	(23.5)	5,988	(9.6)	7,005	5,442	28.7
Realisation (INR/te)	61,527	62,902	(2.2)	65,966	(6.7)	65,809	71,254	(7.6)
EBITDA (INR/te)	12,750	3,416	273.3	9,860	29.3	7,779	19,420	(59.9)

Source: Company data, I-Sec research



# Exhibit 3: JSW's consolidated Q2FY24 result review

Consolidated (INR mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Net sales	4,45,840	4,17,780	6.7	4,22,130	5.6	16,59,600	14,63,710	13.4
Raw Material Consumed	2,16,560	2,42,630	(10.7)	2,35,650	(8.1)	9,59,700	6,28,710	52.6
Stock Adjustment	27,090	34,730	(22.0)	(21,950)	(223.4)	(26,360)	(36,010)	(26.8)
Gross Margin	2,02,190	1,40,420	44.0	2,08,430	(3.0)	7,26,260	8,71,010	(16.6)
Gross Margin (%)	45.4%	33.6%		49.4%		43.8%	59.5%	
Employee cost	10,970	9,640	13.8	11,610	(5.5)	39,150	34,930	12.1
Power & Fuel cost	38,240	46,020	(16.9)	37,810	1.1	1,74,520	1,12,890	54.6
Royalties	18,160	8,280	119.3	29,220	(37.9)	74,570	1,38,940	(46.3)
Other expenditure	55,960	58,960	(5.1)	59,330	(5.7)	2,52,550	1,94,180	30.1
EBITDA	78,860	17,520	350.1	70,460	11.9	1,85,470	3,90,070	(52.5)
Margin (%)	17.7%	4.2%		16.7%		11.2%	26.6%	
Other Income	2,370	1,880	26.1	3,310	(28.4)	10,300	15,310	(32.7)
Depreciation	20,190	18,050	11.9	19,000	6.3	74,740	60,780	23.0
EBIT	61,040	1,350	4,421.5	54,770	11.4	1,21,030	3,44,600	(64.9)
Interest	20,840	15,230	36.8	19,630	6.2	69,020	49,680	38.9
Extraordinary Items	5,890	5,910		-		5,910	(7,410)	
PBT	46,090	(7,970)		35,140		46,100	3,02,330	
Tax expense:	18,120	620	2,822.6	10,520	72.2	15,160	88,070	(82.8)
PAT	27,970	(8,590)	(425.6)	24,620	13.6	30,940	2,14,260	(85.6)
Sales Volume (mnte)	6.54	5.98	9.4	6.04	8.3	20.93	17.50	19.6
RM Cost (INR/te)	33,091	40,552	(18.4)	38,998	(15.1)	45,843	35,923	27.6
Power Cost (INR/te)	5,843	7,692	(24.0)	6,257	(6.6)	8,336	6,450	29.2
Realisation (INR/te)	66,980	68,730	(2.5)	69,128	(3.1)	78,170	82,180	(4.9)
EBITDA (INR/te)	12,050	2,928	311.5	11,661	3.3	8,859	22,288	(60.2)

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

# Exhibit 4: US – plate and pipe mill quarterly performance

US - Plate & Pipe (USD mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Sales (te)	98,758	79,241	24.6	1,19,902	(17.6)	3,38,524	2,78,956	21.4
Plates	92,423	74,665	23.8	1,08,519	(14.8)	3,17,306	2,66,574	19.0
Pipes	6,335	4,576	38.4	11,383	(44.3)	21,218	12,382	71.4
Revenue	167	158	5.2	207	(19.5)	633	458	38.1
EBITDA	26	25	5.0	45	(42.3)	101	80	25.8

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

# Exhibit 5: US – Ohio quarterly performance

US - Ohio (USD mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Sales (mnte)	0.18	0.12	50.4	0.26	(31.6)	0.58	0.53	9.6
Revenue	132	106	25.3	228	(41.9)	513	637	(19.5)
EBITDA	(29)	(40)	(27.0)	3	(1,230.4)	(74)	127	(158.3)

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

# Exhibit 6: Italy – Piombino quarterly performance

Italu - Piombino (EU mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Production (mnte)	0.62	0.08	714.7	0.11	466.2	0.08	0.32	(73.7)
Sales (mnte)	0.09	0.07	30.8	0.08	5.6	0.08	0.32	(73.6)
Revenue	89	67	34.1	96	(6.8)	387	241	60.3
EBITDA	8	1	760.2	18	(52.4)	(1)	6	(123.7)

Source: Company data, I-Sec research



# Exhibit 7: JSW Steel coated products quarterly performance

JSW Steel Coated (INR mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Production (kte)	1.07	0.68	57.4	0.98	9.2	3.09	2.93	5.5
Sales (kte)	1.09	0.79	38.0	0.94	16.0	3.38	3.23	4.6
Revenue	89,650	67,230	33.3	81,790	9.6	2,93,280	3,17,750	(7.7)
Realisations (INR/te)	82,248	85,101	(3.4)	87,011	(5.5)	87,601	98,454	(11.0)
EBITDA	4,110	(790)	(620.3)	3,870	6.2	2,490	28,900	(91.4)
EBITDA (INR/te)	3,771	(1,000)	(477.1)	4,117	(8.4)	374	9,301	(96.0)
PAT	1,130	(2,600)	(143.5)	1,190	(5.0)	2,370	18,860	(87.4)

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

### **Exhibit 8: BPSL quarterly performance**

BPSL (INR mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Chg YoY	Q1FY24	% Chg QoQ	FY23	FY22	% Chg YoY
Production (kte)	0.77	0.63	22.2	0.74	4.1	2.76	2.04	35.3
Sales (kte)	0.80	0.64	25.0	0.69	15.9	2.51	2.12	18.4
Revenue	58,170	48,050	21.1	54,740	6.3	2,00,770	1,76,860	13.5
Realisations (INR/te)	72,713	75,078	(3.2)	79,333	(8.3)	79,988	83,425	(4.1)
EBITDA	7,450	(1,830)	(507.1)	7,030	6.0	18,050	51,220	(64.8)
EBITDA (INR/te)	9,313	(2,859)	(425.7)	10,188	(8.6)	7,191	24,160	(70.2)
PAT	2,100	(3,400)	(161.8)	1,990	5.5	1,600	24,610	(93.5)

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

# **Exhibit 9: Shareholding pattern**

%	Mar'23	Jun'23	Sep'23
Promoters	45.4	45.4	44.8
Institutional investors	35.5	35.6	35.6
MFs and others	1.8	2.2	2.5
Insurance	7.7	7.4	7.0
FIIs	26.0	26.0	26.1
Others	19.1	19.0	19.6

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

### **Exhibit 10: Price chart**



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



# **Financial Summary**

### **Exhibit 11: Profit & Loss**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Sales	14,63,710	16,59,600	20,71,429	22,17,025
Operating Expenses	4,80,940	5,40,790	6,75,905	6,95,639
EBITDA	3,90,070	1,85,470	3,41,965	4,20,580
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.6	11.2	16.5	19.0
Depreciation & Amortization	60,010	74,740	78,757	86,791
EBIT	3,30,060	1,10,730	2,63,208	3,33,789
Interest expenditure	49,680	69,020	67,119	67,661
Other Non-operating Income	15,310	10,300	8,240	9,064
Recurring PBT	2,95,690	52,010	2,04,329	2,75,192
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	9,170	(1,370)	700	700
Less: Taxes	88,070	15,160	53,481	72,029
PAT	2,07,620	36,850	1,50,848	2,03,163
Less: Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	(7,410)	5,910	-	-
Net Income (Reported) Net Income (Adjusted)	2,09,380 2,16,790	41,390 35,480	1,51,548 1,51,548	2,03,863 2,03,863

Source Company data, I-Sec research

### **Exhibit 12: Balance sheet**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total Current Assets	6,53,740	6,81,500	6,79,321	7,69,114
of which cash & cash eqv.	1,73,910	2,07,190	1,49,774	1,84,238
Total Current Liabilities &	3,45,700	4,24,150	4,67,756	4.07.672
Provisions	3,45,700	4,24,150	4,67,756	4,97,673
Net Current Assets	3,08,040	2,57,350	2,11,565	2,71,441
Investments	51,120	48,870	58,870	68,870
Net Fixed Assets	9,95,810	10,42,380	11,11,713	11,74,922
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	1,69,050	2,21,660	2,59,660	2,94,660
Total Intangible Assets	1,190	1,280	1,280	1,280
Other assets	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	16,19,150	16,86,630	17,58,178	19,26,264
Liabilities				
Borrowings	8,29,730	9,15,890	8,64,397	8,64,397
Deferred Tax Liability	76,210	79,360	79,360	79,360
provisions	27,860	20,990	20,990	20,990
other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	3,010	3,010	3,010	3,010
Reserves & Surplus	6,69,960	6,53,940	7,76,981	9,45,067
Total Net Worth	6,72,970	6,56,950	7,79,991	9,48,077
Minority Interest	12,380	13,440	13,440	13,440
Total Liabilities	16,19,150	16,86,630	17,58,178	19,26,264

Source Company data, I-Sec research

### **Exhibit 13: Quarterly trend**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23
Net Sales	3,91,340	4,69,620	4,22,130	4,45,840
% growth (YOY)	(12.8)	12.5	(9.7)	4.5
EBITDA	45,470	79,390	70,460	78,860
Margin %	11.6	16.9	16.7	17.7
Other Income	1,880	4,650	3,310	2,370
Extraordinaries	-	-	-	5,890
Adjusted Net Profit	4,900	36,640	25,740	40,710

Source Company data, I-Sec research

### **Exhibit 14: Cashflow statement**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Operating Cashflow	2,62,700	2,23,230	2,77,552	3,23,839
<b>Working Capital Changes</b>	(72,630)	93,170	(11,632)	(25,412)
Capital Commitments	(2,48,580)	(1,74,750)	(1,88,000)	(1,85,000)
Free Cashflow	14,120	48,480	89,552	1,38,839
Other investing cashflow	88,710	67,640	(1,760)	(936)
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(1,59,870)	(1,07,110)	(1,89,760)	(1,85,936)
Issue of Share Capital	(10)	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(45,840)	(66,550)	(67,119)	(67,661)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	1,85,680	86,160	(51,493)	0
Dividend paid	(48,927)	(6,227)	(26,597)	(35,778)
Others	(2,37,473)	(73,153)	-	-
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(1,46,570)	(59,770)	(1,45,209)	(1,03,439)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	(43,740)	56,350	(57,416)	34,464
Closing cash & balance	1,73,910	2,07,190	1,49,774	1,84,238

Source Company data, I-Sec research

# **Exhibit 15:** Key ratios

(Year ending March )

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	86.6	17.1	62.6	84.3
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	89.7	14.7	62.6	84.3
Cash EPS	114.5	45.6	95.2	120.2
Dividend per share (DPS)	17.3	2.2	9.4	12.6
Book Value per share (BV)	278.4	271.6	322.4	391.9
Dividend Payout (%)	20.0	12.9	15.0	15.0
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	83.3	13.4	24.8	7.0
EBITDA	97.4	(52.5)	84.4	23.0
EPS (INR)	179.6	(80.2)	266.1	34.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	8.9	45.0	12.3	9.1
P/CEPS	6.7	16.9	8.1	6.4
P/BV	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.0
EV / EBITDA	6.3	13.6	7.4	5.9
Dividend Yield (%)	2.2	0.3	1.2	1.6
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	59.5	43.8	49.1	50.3
EBITDA Margins (%)	26.6	11.2	16.5	19.0
Effective Tax Rate (%)	29.8	29.1	26.2	26.2
Net Profit Margins (%)	14.2	2.2	7.3	9.2
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.9	1.0	8.0	0.6
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	1.6	3.6	1.9	1.5
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4
Inventory Turnover Days	124	93	78	76
Receivables Days	27	20	19	18
Payables Days	113	107	90	84
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	19.1	5.6	12.2	14.6
RoE (%)	43.2	5.9	21.2	25.2
RoIC (%)	22.7	6.7	14.3	17.0

Source Company data, I-Sec research



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