The Emerging World Fund (Institutional)

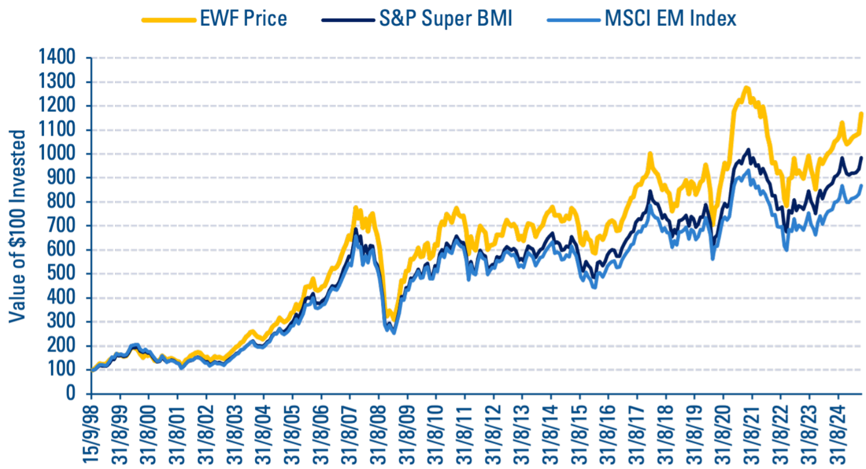
CITY OF LONDON
Investment Management Company Limited

May 2025 Month-End Report

Summary

During May, the share price of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) rose 7.59%, net of fees, whilst its benchmark index, the dollar-adjusted S&P Emerging Frontier Super Composite Net Total Return Broad Market Index (S&P Super BMI), rose 4.93%. Additionally, and for comparative purposes only, the MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (MSCI EM Index) rose 4.27% over the period. The discount movements and NAV performances of the Fund's underlying holdings, as well as country allocation versus the benchmark index, were all favourable. Since its inception in September 1998, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark index on an annualised basis by 0.7 of a percentage point and outperformed the MSCI EM Index on an annualised basis by 1.2 percentage points, net of fees. Please note attribution in the table below is shown gross of fees, whilst performance reported in the narrative above and chart below is net of fees.

EWF Performance* Compared to the S&P Super Composite Net Total Return BMI** and MSCI EM Index (US$) Since Inception **(Rebased from inception, where 15th September 1998 = 100)**



**Performance figures are net returns. Historical figures are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum; as of 7 February 2022, the IM Fee is 0.95% per annum.*
***The benchmark was changed from the S&P Emerging BMI Plus on January 1, 2009 to better reflect the investment strategy of the Fund. The S&P Emerging BMI Plus was the successor index to the S&P/IFC Global Composite Index, the benchmark for the Fund prior to September 1, 2008, which has been discontinued. Benchmark changes have not been applied retroactively and therefore historical benchmark performance is a blend of the BMI and IFC indices.*
The MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (MSCI EM Index) is shown for comparative purposes.
Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

EWF Performance & Attribution Analysis (Gross)

Performance (%)	Apr	May	Jun	QTD	YTD
EWF	+0.58	+7.68		+8.30	+11.68
S&P Super BMI*	+1.46	+4.93		+6.46	+7.85
Relative to S&P	**-0.88**	**+2.75**		**+1.84**	**+3.83**
MSCI EM Index*	+1.31	+4.27		+5.64	+8.73
Relative to MSCI	**-0.73**	**+3.41**		**+2.66**	**+2.95**
Attributed to (%)**					
Country Allocation	-0.09	+0.68		+0.60	+0.99
Portfolio Holding NAV	-0.49	+0.18		-0.33	-1.40
Discount Movements	-0.30	+1.89		+1.57	+4.24
Relative to S&P	**-0.88**	**+2.75**		**+1.84**	**+3.83**

**Index returns subject to change due to restatements by index vendors in the historical index levels.*
***CLIM estimates.*

The above returns have been rounded and are presented as gross of fees performance figures, which do not reflect the deduction of investment management fees. Please see Prospectus for information regarding fees and expenses. The actual return is reduced by the investment management fees and any other expenses the Fund may incur in the management of the account. Performances for the Quarter and Year to Date are compounded and therefore will not always equal the sum of the individual component months.

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Source: CLIM, S&P, MSCI

Performance Figures

	EWF* (USD)	S&P Super BMI (USD)	MSCI EM Index (USD)
1 Month	+7.59%	+4.93%	+4.27%
3 Months	+8.73%	+6.76%	+6.31%
6 Months	+12.01%	+7.18%	+8.58%
1 Year	+13.94%	+12.04%	+13.04%
Since Inception	+1066.63%	+882.97%	+768.29%
Inception (Annualised)	+9.63%	+8.93%	+8.43%

	EWF* (GBP)	S&P Super BMI (GBP)	MSCI EM Index (GBP)
1 Month	+6.57%	+3.93%	+3.27%
3 Months	+1.52%	-0.32%	-0.74%
6 Months	+5.57%	+1.02%	+2.34%
1 Year	+7.57%	+5.78%	+6.72%
Since Inception	+1352.07%	+1123.48%	+980.74%
Inception (Annualised)	+10.54%	+9.83%	+9.32%

	EWF* (Euro)	S&P Super BMI (Euro)	MSCI EM Index (Euro)
1 Month	+7.73%	+5.07%	+4.40%
3 Months	-0.39%	-2.20%	-2.61%
6 Months	+4.21%	-0.28%	+1.02%
1 Year	+8.96%	+7.14%	+8.09%
Since Inception	+1092.57%	+904.84%	+787.60%
Inception (Annualised)	+9.72%	+9.02%	+8.52%

	EWF* (SGD)	S&P Super BMI (SGD)	MSCI EM Index (SGD)
1 Month	+6.27%	+3.64%	+2.98%
3 Months	+3.97%	+2.08%	+1.64%
6 Months	+7.76%	+3.10%	+4.45%
1 Year	+8.74%	+6.89%	+7.84%
Since Inception	+126.59%	+127.13%	+106.27%
Inception (Annualised)	+5.28%	+5.30%	+4.66%

**Historical figures are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum; as of 7 February 2022, the IM Fee is 0.95% per annum. Returns are quoted in GBP, EUR and S$ for the convenience of shareholders, however the base currency of the Fund is USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

Volatility*

	EWF Price (USD)	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
12 Months	+11.45%	+10.18%	+10.73%
Inception	+20.04%	+20.00%	+20.90%

**Annualised standard deviation of monthly returns over the period (US$).*

Price

Price	US$116.66
	£86.52
	EURO102.76
	S$150.34
Exchange Rate	£1 = US$1.34855
	EURO 1 = US$1.13525
	S$1 = US$0.77543
Yield	NIL

Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

Investment Commentary

Economic Overview* *(Macroeconomics)*

Global equities continued to recover in May following a de-escalation in the trade war, with the US and China agreeing to reduce the bilateral tariffs to 30% and 10%, respectively, for 90 days to allow for negotiations. In addition, President Trump's threat to hike tariffs on the EU to 50% was pushed back. Lower tariffs, and therefore better US growth prospects, meant that market expectations for Fed cuts this year fell from four at the start of May to just two being priced in a month later. However, the market's risk appetite improved following the US Court of International Trade's ruling that the Trump administration could not use the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to levy tariffs (excluding sector-specific tariffs such as those on steel and aluminium). The ruling was shortly overturned however, and the tariffs reinstated. Another market theme in May was continued optimism over artificial intelligence (AI) after a handful of firms released strong AI capex guidance, large AI deals were made during President Trump's Middle East tour and Biden-era AI diffusion rules were repealed. The 2-year and 10-year US Treasury yield rose by 30 bps and 24 bps, respectively, on the back of fiscal concerns in the US as President Trump's budget bill was sent to the Senate.

Emerging market (EM) equities (as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index) rose by 4.3% in US dollar terms in May, underperforming developed market (DM) equities (as measured by the MSCI World Net TR Index) by 1.7 percentage points. The US dollar (DXY Index) fell 0.1%, while the MSCI EM Currency Index gained 1.9%.

The best performing EM in May was the MSCI Taiwan Index, increasing by 12.5% in US dollar terms. Taiwan's stock market benefited from AI enthusiasm, as did South Korea (+7.8%). Elsewhere in Asia, the MSCI China Index rose by 2.7% in US dollar terms. US-China trade tensions rose at the end of May, leading US Treasury Secretary Bessent to note that bilateral negotiations had "stalled". The MSCI India Index gained only 1.1% in US dollar terms as escalating tensions with Pakistan hurt performance. Nonetheless, EM Asia outperformed the EM aggregate by 0.7 percentage points in May.

The weakest performers in May were Saudi Arabia (-4.8%), Thailand (-3.3%) and Colombia (-2%). Saudi Arabian equities struggled to benefit from higher oil prices, as disappointing earnings and data showing soft government capex spending weighed on sentiment. The Brazilian stock market also did not fare well, with the MSCI Brazil Index flat on the month. The country's fiscal health is still a concern, while the central bank hiked rates by 50 bps at its meeting.

In commodities, the Bloomberg Commodity TR Index fell by 0.6%, driven by declines in precious metals (-0.3%) and agriculture (-3.3%). Gold prices were flat on the month as safe haven demand softened in the wake of improved risk appetite. Industrial metals (+1.2%) and energy (+0.5%) benefited from tariff de-escalation. The price of Brent crude oil rose by 1.2% despite more OPEC+ supply increases.

Portfolio Commentary* *(Investment Management)*

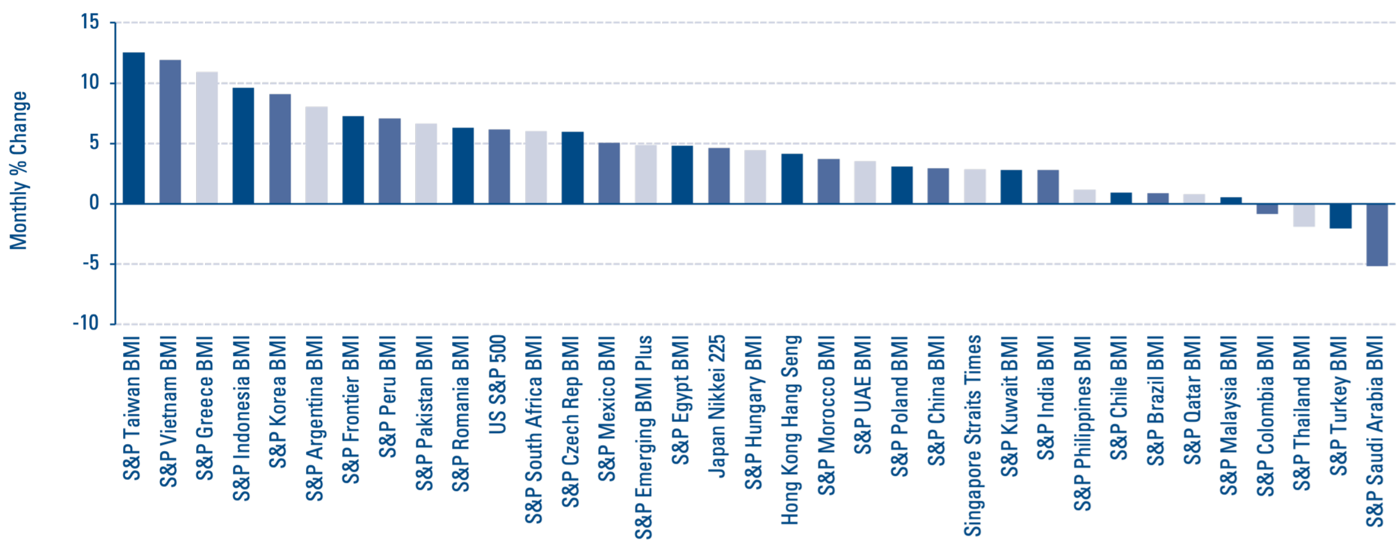
In May, emerging markets generalist exposure was adjusted as we sold shares of **JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust** at a 12% discount, while shares of **Fidelity Emerging Markets** were purchased at a 13% discount and shares of **Mobius Investment Trust**, which offers a 100% redemption opportunity every three years, were purchased at an average discount of 7.5%.

In Asia, generalist exposure was adjusted as shares of **Pacific Horizon Investment Trust** were purchased at a 13% discount, while shares of **abrdn Asia Focus** were sold at discounts as narrow as 12%. Exposure to China was adjusted as we purchased shares of **Morgan Stanley China A-Share Fund**, **Fidelity China Special Situations** and **JPMorgan China Growth & Income** at discounts ranging from 10.5% to 19%, while shares of **Prosus** were sold at a 31% discount. Exposure to South Korea was adjusted as shares of **LG Corp**, **Samsung C&T** and **SK Inc** were sold into strength at discounts ranging from 48% to 66%, while shares of **LG Chem** were purchased at a 73% discount. Exposure to India was increased as we purchased shares of **JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust** at a 13% discount after the fund announced multiple measures aimed at narrowing the discount, including a 30% tender offer in the third quarter.

In Latin America, Mexican exposure was increased as we purchased shares of **Grupo Mexico SAB de CV** and **Mexico Fund Inc** at average discounts of 44% and 20%, respectively.

**The portfolio section includes major transactions undertaken over the period.*

Index Performances May 2025 (US$)



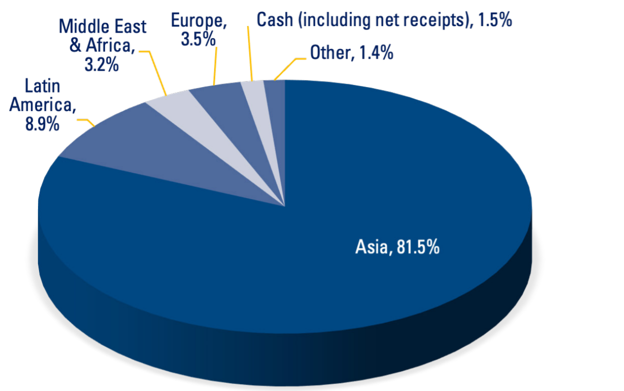
**The countries and other indices included in this graph are not benchmarks for EWF, they are included to provide an indication as to how the underlying countries themselves have performed over the period.*

Source: Bloomberg, S&P

Fund Objective & Background

The objective of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) is to invest for capital growth in a portfolio of closed-end funds whose investment policy is directed mainly towards emerging markets. This approach allows great flexibility in asset allocation, a wider diversification of investments, participation in the performances of high quality fund managers and potentially enhanced performance when the discounts to net asset value at which closed-end funds tend to trade narrows. EWF is a sub-fund of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc. ◆

Portfolio Breakdown (%)



Source: CLIM

Fund Portfolio

Top Holdings	Fund (%)	Discount* (%)
1 Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	9.3	12.8
2 Invesco Asia Dragon Trust	7.1	9.4
3 JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust	6.0	10.2
4 Fidelity China Special Situations	5.5	10.1
5 Taiwan Fund Inc	5.1	19.3
6 Schroder AsiaPacific Fund	4.5	12.4
7 JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust	4.5	6.7
8 Utilico Emerging Markets Trust	4.2	11.0
9 abrdn Asia Focus	4.1	13.2
10 Fidelity Emerging Markets	3.8	11.2
	54.1	

**Based upon NAV estimate.*
This is provided for information purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice to buy or sell any securities.

Source: CLIM

Portfolio Data

Fund Size	$96.49m
Number of Shares in Issue	841,371.587
Number of Portfolio Holdings	41
Size Weighted Portfolio Discount of closed-end funds	15.12%*
Size Weighted Average Life of Portfolio	1.62 years**

Excluding 43.42% of the portfolio with unlimited life.

**Size Weighted Portfolio Discount represents the see-through discount of the underlying closed-end funds. It is calculated by multiplying the percentage position sizes of the underlying closed-end funds by their respective discounts. These calculations are then added together to determine the size weighted portfolio discount for the portfolio. The size weighted portfolio discount is a measure of value within the portfolio, with a higher value representing wider discounts, and accordingly more value within the portfolio.*

***Some of the closed-end funds have either fixed maturities or continuation votes that allow shareholders to vote on a restructuring of the underlying closed-end fund. The size weighted portfolio life is calculated by taking the percentage position sizes of the relevant holdings on the portfolio and multiplying them by their respective time periods remaining to the corporate event. These calculations are then added together to determine the minimum size weighted portfolio life for the portfolio. A lower size weighted portfolio life is beneficial for the portfolio as it may equate to potentially more corporate activity in the near term.*

Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon

EWF and EM Indices Country Weightings

	April 2025			May 2025		
	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*
Asia						
Australia	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Bangladesh	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
China	25.2	27.7	29.6	25.1	27.1	29.1
Hong Kong	2.9	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0
India	15.3	19.3	19.2	15.5	18.9	18.6
Indonesia	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.3
Malaysia	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.3
Philippines	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.5
Singapore	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
South Korea	12.6	9.3	9.3	11.2	9.7	9.6
Sri Lanka	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Taiwan	15.0	16.2	17.1	15.7	17.4	18.4
Thailand	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1
Vietnam	4.8	0.3	0.0	4.7	0.3	0.0
Other Asia	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
	82.5	**78.1**	**79.6**	**81.5**	**78.6**	**79.9**
Europe						
Czech Republic	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Greece	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Hungary	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Iceland	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Kazakhstan	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Poland	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.5	1.1	1.1
Romania	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Slovenia	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Turkey	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.5
Other Europe	1.4	0.2	0.0	1.4	0.2	0.0
	3.5	**3.6**	**2.7**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**2.7**
Latin America & Caribbean						
Argentina	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.0
Brazil	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.4
Chile	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5
Colombia	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Mexico	3.2	1.8	2.1	3.6	1.8	2.0
Panama	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Peru	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Other Lat Am	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	8.4	**8.3**	**7.5**	**8.9**	**8.0**	**7.3**
Middle East & Africa						
Egypt	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Kuwait	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.8
Morocco	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Oman	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Qatar	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.8
Saudi Arabia	0.7	3.4	3.9	0.7	3.1	3.6
South Africa	1.3	2.7	3.2	1.3	2.8	3.2
UAE	0.7	1.6	1.4	0.6	1.6	1.6
Other Middle East & Africa	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0
	3.3	**10.0**	**10.2**	**3.2**	**9.8**	**10.1**
Other	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0
Cash (including net receipts)	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0

Values as at month-end
**Index allocation may not add to 100% due to rounding.*

Source: CLIM, S&P, MSCI

Country Allocation (+0.68%)

(Relative performance is in US dollar terms and references the country's S&P Super BMI component or an appropriate market index versus the S&P Super BMI composite index)

Country allocation was positive, with outperformance stemming from an overweight position to Vietnam (which contributed 28 basis points to performance) as its index outperformed the composite index. An underweight position to Saudi Arabia (+26 bps) also contributed to performance as its index underperformed.

Conversely, some underperformance resulted from an underweight position to Taiwan (-9 bps) as its index outperformed.

Portfolio Holding NAV (+0.18%)

(Performances are quoted in US dollar terms against their respective S&P Super BMI component, or for out-of-benchmark exposure, against a comparable country or regional index)

NAV performances were positive as the NAVs of **Taiwan Fund Inc** (+25 bps) and **Fidelity China Special Situations** (+22 bps) outperformed their indices by 5.8 and 4.2 percentage points, respectively. **Taiwan Fund Inc's** NAV outperformed due to favourable stock selection within the information technology sector; in particular, a position in Jentech Precision was the largest contributor as the company rose 45.8% over the month. The NAV of **Fidelity China Special Situations** outperformed mostly due to an overweight position to the consumer discretionary sector; however, stock selection within the consumer staples sector was also positive.

Some underperformance stemmed from **VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund** (-13 bps) as its NAV underperformed its index by 6.8 percentage points due to negative stock selection, stemming from an underweight position to Vingroup, which was buoyed by a proposal for it to build a high-speed train link between HCMC and Hanoi at a cost of US$60bn.

Discount Movements (+1.89%)

(Performances are quoted in US dollar terms unless specified otherwise)

Discount movements were positive as the discounts of **Samsung C&T** (+61 bps) and **JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust** (+34 bps) narrowed by 7 and 6.9 percentage points, respectively.

Conversely, **Taiwan Fund Inc** (-5 bps) contributed underperformance as its discount widened by 0.7 percentage points.

Source: Bloomberg, S&P, CLIM

Risk Profile

- *There is no capital guarantee or protection on the value of the Fund. Investors can lose all capital invested in the Fund.*
- *Some emerging markets in which the Fund invests may have less developed political, economic and legal systems. Such markets may carry a higher than average risk to investment and may lead to large fluctuations in the value of the Fund.*
- *The Investment Manager does not engage in currency hedging. Changes in currency exchange rates may therefore adversely affect the value of your investment.*
- *During difficult market conditions, some of the Fund's assets may become difficult to accurately value or to sell at a desired price.*
- *The Fund may invest in warrants. Warrants carry a degree of risk significantly higher than the underlying company shares due to their leveraged nature and therefore have higher volatility.*

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and any income is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up and may be affected by exchange rate fluctuations. This means that an investor may not get back the amount invested. Index returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and unlike fund returns do not reflect fees or expenses. The indices are unmanaged and cannot be invested directly. All information expressed in USD. All data: Bloomberg, BNY Mellon, CLIM, S&P, MSCI.

All values and calculations in this report are as at 31 May 2025 unless otherwise stated.

Fund Details

The Emerging World Fund is a sub-fund of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc

Domicile	Dublin
Status	UCITS
Inception	15th September 1998
Income	Reporting status
Investment Management Charge	0.95%
Ongoing Charges including Investment Management Charge	1.40%
Minimum Investment	US$10,000, additions US$750
Dealing	Daily (Excl. Bank Holidays in UK and Ireland)
	Shares are allocated only on receipt of cleared funds and completed application form.
Valuation	Daily at 4:00 p.m. EST
Sedol	0293059
ISIN	IE0002930596
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