

times are paramount is the guiding principle of the book, which offers a new approach to the age-old problem of where do you put your money? Years of experience, both as a finance professor and as a consultant, have led Ang to see that the traditional approach, with its focus on asset classes, is too crude and ultimately too costly to serve investors adequately. He focuses instead on factor risks," the peculiar sets of hard times that cut across asset classes, and that must be the focus of our attention if we are to weather market turmoil and receive the rewards that come with doing so. Optimally harvesting factor premiums - on our own or by hiring others - requires identifying your particular set of hard times, and exploiting the difference between them and those of the average investor. Clearly written yet chock-full of the latest research and data, *Asset Management* will be indispensable reading for trustees, professional money managers, smart private investors, and business students who want to understand the economics behind factor risk premiums, harvest them efficiently in their portfolios, and embark on the search for true alpha."

Socially responsible investing (SRI) is an investment approach that combines investors' financial as well as nonfinancial goals in the security selection process. Technically, investors can engage in SRI either by directly investing in companies that implement corporate social activities or by investing their money in SRI funds, which apply screening criteria to select securities. The screening process applied by the SRI funds has led to controversy among academics regarding whether the use of SRI screens in the security selection process influences the financial performance of the funds. The empirical study analyzes whether or not the screening process applied by such funds influences their financial performance. Previous research mostly has focused on analyzing the performance of SRI equity funds established in the United States. The study at hand not only includes SRI equity funds, but also SRI balanced and fixed income funds established in Europe, the biggest market for SRI globally. The study provides unexpected results that are not only of interest for investors, who want to get a better understanding of the effect on the financial performance of their portfolios in case SRI funds are added. The results are also relevant for SRI fund managers, who are interested in promoting their funds and attracting (new) investors, and for academics, whose research interests are e. g., located in the fields of SRI, fund portfolio performances and market efficiencies.

This provocative book provides insight into a finance industry that is run for the benefit of banks and service providers who rely on Beatles-era theories and regulation which are totally unsuited to the modern world. The author has a near-unique perspective based on over 30 years of working – literally around the globe – for corporates, fund managers and as finance academic. In his last role his research has focused on investment decisions, and during 2012 he interviewed 34 fund managers in Istanbul, London, New York and Melbourne. He blends rich understanding of finance theory and practice to unravel the investment industry's structure and show how banks and other finance institutions privilege themselves at investors' expense. The book highlights that finance industry self-regulation is weak. Risks from inexpertise, theft, bad data and other sources are high. Regulation of the industry appears to be ineffectual with the setting of such a high bar that it is virtually impossible to successfully prosecute even the most blatant and egregious offenders. The book closes with the simple suggestion that corporations' regulations be altered to introduce the strict liability offence of being a director or officer of a large bank that becomes bankrupt. This follows the strategy of legislation that has been effective in cleaning up the environment, making workplaces safer and reducing crime by punishing those responsible for an offence.

This customized text includes the first four chapters from "Investments" by Bodie, Ariff, Da Silva Rosa, Kane & Marcus. 1st Australian ed., 2007; and 15 chapters from "Investments" by Bodie, Kane & Marcus. 9th ed., 2010.

Your complete guide to quantitative analysis in the investment industry Quantitative Investment

Analysis, Third Edition is a newly revised and updated text that presents you with a blend of theory and practice materials to guide you through the use of statistics within the context of finance and investment. With equal focus on theoretical concepts and their practical applications, this approachable resource offers features, such as learning outcome statements, that are targeted at helping you understand, retain, and apply the information you have learned. Throughout the text's chapters, you explore a wide range of topics, such as the time value of money, discounted cash flow applications, common probability distributions, sampling and estimation, hypothesis testing, and correlation and regression. Applying quantitative analysis to the investment process is an important task for investment pros and students. A reference that provides even subject matter treatment, consistent mathematical notation, and continuity in topic coverage will make the learning process easier—and will bolster your success. Explore the materials you need to apply quantitative analysis to finance and investment data—even if you have no previous knowledge of this subject area Access updated content that offers insight into the latest topics relevant to the field Consider a wide range of subject areas within the text, including chapters on multiple regression, issues in regression analysis, time-series analysis, and portfolio concepts Leverage supplemental materials, including the companion Workbook and Instructor's Manual, sold separately Quantitative Investment Analysis, Third Edition is a fundamental resource that covers the wide range of quantitative methods you need to know in order to apply quantitative analysis to the investment process.

Introducing... Essentials of Investments, 9th Global Edition, by Zvi Bodie, Alex Kane and Alan J. Marcus. We are pleased to present this Global Edition, which has been developed specifically to meet the needs of international Investment students. A market leader in the field, this text emphasizes asset allocation while presenting the practical applications of investment theory without unnecessary mathematical detail. The ninth edition includes new coverage on the roots and fallout from the recent financial crisis and provides increased content on the changes in market structure and trading technology. Enhancements to this new Global Edition include: - New 'On the market front' boxes highlight important investment concepts in real world situations across the globe, to promote student thinking without taking a full case study approach. Topics include short-selling in Europe & Asia, credit default swaps and the debt crisis in Greece and include examples from Commerzbank, JP Morgan, Facebook, Coca-Cola, Santander, The European Energy Exchange, plus many more! - Revised worked examples illustrate problems using both real and fictional scenarios from across the world to help students develop their problem solving skills. Regional examples include Hutchinson Whampoa (Asia), The Emirates Group (The Middle East) and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (The Netherlands). - Revised end-of chapter material includes brand new global questions and global internet exercises that feature currencies, companies and scenarios from Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia to increase engagement for international students. - Global Edition of Connect Plus Finance, McGraw-Hill's web-based assignment and assessment platform with eBook access, helps students learn faster, study more efficiently, and retain more knowledge. This Global Edition has been adapted to meet the needs of courses outside of the United States and does not align with the instructor and student resources available with the US edition.

Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, by Brealey, Myers and Marcus, provides students with a solid framework of theory and application to use well after they complete the course. This author team is known for their outstanding research, teaching efforts, and world-renowned finance textbooks, so it's no surprise that they provide clear exposition of difficult material without sacrificing up-to-date, technically correct treatments. And with the Ninth Edition, McGraw-Hill's Connect® empowers students by continually adapting to deliver precisely what they need, when they need it, and how they need it, so your class time is more engaging and

effective.

The official CFP guide for career excellence CFP Board Financial Planning Competency Handbook is the essential reference for those at any stage of CFP certification and a one-stop resource for practitioners looking to better serve their clients. This fully updated second edition includes brand new content on connections diagrams, new case studies, and new instructional videos, and a completely new section devoted to the interdisciplinary nature of financial planning. You'll gain insights from diverse fields like psychology, behavioral finance, communication, and marriage and family therapy to help you better connect with and guide your clients, alongside the detailed financial knowledge you need to perform to the highest expectations as a financial planner. The only official CFP Board handbook on the market, this book contains over ninety chapters that are essential for practitioners, students, and faculty. Whether a practitioner, student, or faculty member, this guide is the invaluable reference you need at your fingertips. Comprehensive, clear, and detailed, this handbook forms the foundation of the smart financial planner's library. Each jurisdiction has its own laws and regulations surrounding financial planning, but the information in this book represents the core body of knowledge the profession demands no matter where you practice. CFP Board Financial Planning Competency Handbook guides you from student to practitioner and far beyond, with the information you need when you need it.

This book will help you gain a master of business administration (MBA) degree. Think you've got what it takes to become a future leader? An MBA could help you achieve those goals. Intensive, competitive and highly respected, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an elite professional qualification. This book provides best reports with good grades. Reading the papers, you can get a sense of how to write a good paper to get good grades. This is a book that tells you how to get good grades on MBA courses in the U.S. For the MBA course, students have to take a total of 36 credits. Each class is worth 3 credits and the students should take 12 classes. It's a series of 12 books, one book for each subject. This book is a collection of best answers for the "Investment Management" subject.

Revised by Fiona Chou, University of California San Diego, and Matthew Will, University of Indianapolis, this manual provides detailed solutions to the end-of-chapter problems. There is consistency between the solution approaches in the examples featured within the text and those presented in the manual.

Essentials of Investments McGraw-Hill Education

Security Analysis, Portfolio Management, and Financial Derivatives integrates the many topics of modern investment analysis. It provides a balanced presentation of theories, institutions, markets, academic research, and practical applications, and presents both basic concepts and advanced principles. Topic coverage is especially broad: in analyzing securities, the authors look at stocks and bonds, options, futures, foreign exchange, and international securities. The discussion of financial derivatives includes detailed analyses of options, futures, option pricing models, and hedging strategies. A unique chapter on market indices teaches students the basics of index information, calculation, and usage and illustrates the important roles that these indices play in model formation, performance evaluation, investment strategy, and hedging techniques. Complete sections on program trading, portfolio insurance, duration and bond immunization, performance measurements, and the timing of stock selection provide real-world applications of investment theory. In addition, special topics, including equity risk premia, simultaneous-equation approach for security valuation, and Itô's calculus,

are also included for advanced students and researchers.

Investing in yourself is one of the major keys to success. You should invest your time, effort, money, and actions in activities and investments that will yield a profitable return in the future. Over the years, legendary investors like Benjamin Graham, Warren Buffett, Peter Lynch, and Sir John Templeton have provided investment insights based on a lifetime of mastering the craft. May these quotes inspire you to become a wise investor in all aspects of your life so that you make your dreams a reality. Here are some famous investment quotes by successful investors, before you begin in this field, ask yourself, are you an entrepreneur, trader, investor or speculator? Tags: investment banking, investment books, investment banking for dummies, investment books for kids investment analysis, investment analysis and portfolio management, investment a history, investment analysis for real estate decisions, investment analysis and portfolio management 11th edition, essentials of investments 11th edition, real estate finance and investments, investments herbert b mayo, investment club investment checklist, investment casting, investment concepts, investment contracts, investment dictionary, investment ethics, investment for beginners, investment for dummies 2019, investment finance, investment for teens investment guide for teens, investment guide investment gurus, investment guide palmer, investment gifts, investment hacks, investment intelligence from insider trading, investment journal, investment kane, investment leadership, investment law, investment management, investment mathematics, investment manager analysis, investment magazines subscriptions, investment mastery investment notebook, investment options, investment properties, investment performance measurement investment policy, investment planning, investment psychology explained, quantitative investment analysis quantitative investment analysis workbook, quantitative investment analysis workbook, 3rd edition, investment risk management, investment real estate, investment real estate finance and asset management, investment strategy, investment science, investment strategies of hedge funds investment science 2nd edition, barron s dictionary of finance and investment terms investment theory, investment textbook, investment tax investment analysis for real estate decisions by phillip t. kolbe investment under uncertainty, investment valuation damodaran 3rd edition, investment valuation damodaran investment warren buffet, the only investment guide you'll ever need the only investment guide you'll ever need by andrew tobias, the smartest investment book you will ever read investment zvi bodie, investment 101 investment 2020, commercial real estate analysis and investments 3rd edition, the 3 secrets to effective time investment, options as a strategic investment 4th edition, real estate finance and investments risks and opportunities, options as a strategic investment 6th edition, mathematics of investment and credit 7th edition, fundamentals of investments valuation and management 7th edition, 7 investments the government will pay you to make fundamentals of investments 8th edition, investment analysis for real estate

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Bodie, Kane, and Marcus' *Investments and Portfolio Management* sets the standard for graduate/MBA investments textbooks. It blends practical and theoretical coverage, while maintaining an appropriate rigor and a clear writing style. Its unifying theme is that security markets are nearly efficient, meaning that most securities are priced appropriately given their risk and return attributes. The text places greater emphasis on asset allocation and offers a much broader and deeper treatment of futures, options, and other derivative security markets than most investment texts. It is also the only graduate Investments text to offer an online homework management system, McGraw-Hill's Connect Plus Finance. This introductory textbook for business statistics teaches statistical analysis and research methods via business case studies and financial data using Excel, Minitab, and SAS. Every chapter in this textbook engages the reader with data of individual stock, stock indices, options, and futures. One studies and uses statistics to learn how to study, analyze, and understand a data set of particular interest. Some of the more popular statistical programs that have been developed to use statistical and computational methods to analyze data sets are SAS, SPSS, and Minitab. Of those, we look at Minitab and SAS in this textbook. One of the main reasons to use Minitab is that it is the easiest to use among the popular statistical programs. We look at SAS because it is the leading statistical package used in industry. We also utilize the much less costly and ubiquitous Microsoft Excel to do statistical analysis, as the benefits of Excel have become widely recognized in the academic world and its analytical capabilities extend to about 90 percent of statistical analysis done in the business world. We demonstrate much of our statistical analysis using Excel and double check the analysis and outcomes using Minitab and SAS—also helpful in some analytical methods not possible or practical to do in Excel.

This advanced undergraduate/graduate textbook teaches students in finance and economics how to use R to analyse financial data and implement financial models. It demonstrates how to take publically available data and manipulate, implement models and generate outputs typical for particular analyses. A wide spectrum of timely and practical issues in financial modelling are covered including return and risk measurement, portfolio management, option pricing and fixed income analysis. This new edition updates and expands upon the existing material providing updated examples and new chapters on equities, simulation and trading strategies, including machine learnings techniques. Select data sets are available online.

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Managerial Economics, also known as business economics or Applied Microeconomics, helps in dealing with business decisions and management units effectively. This book discusses the theories and applications of Managerial Economics with the help of its various quantitative techniques like operations research, mathematical programming, game theory for strategic decisions, and other computational methods. Divided into 8 sections and 24 chapters, the book shows how conveniently one can find a solution to the business problems, such as Risk analysis, Production analysis, Pricing, Budgeting, Sales promotion and so on with Managerial Economics tools. Section I analyses the economic behaviour of the consumers; Section II discusses producers' behaviour and issues related to the production; Sections III, IV and V talk about markets and firms and their types. The concluding Sections VI, VII and VIII delve on the application part of Economics in human resource management, finance, marketing and strategy. The chapters are well-supported with the cases, figures and important facts. The book is equipped with pedagogical aids in the form of Summary, Glossary, Important Terms, Numerical Problems and Multiple Choice Questions. Intended for the postgraduate students of Management, the book will be equally beneficial for the practising Managers.

Portfolio management is an ongoing process of constructing portfolios that balances an investor's objectives with the portfolio manager's expectations about the future. This dynamic process provides the payoff for investors. Portfolio management evaluates individual assets or investments by their contribution to the risk and return of an investor's portfolio rather than in isolation. This is called the portfolio perspective. Thus, by constructing a diversified portfolio, a portfolio manager can reduce risk for a given level of expected return, compared to investing in an individual asset or security. According to modern portfolio theory (MPT), investors who do not follow a portfolio perspective bear risk that is not rewarded with greater expected return. Portfolio diversification works best when financial markets are operating normally compared to periods of market turmoil such as the 2007-2008 financial crisis. During periods of turmoil, correlations tend to increase thus reducing the benefits of diversification. Portfolio management today emerges as a dynamic process, which continues to evolve at a rapid pace. The purpose of Portfolio Theory and Management is to take readers from the foundations of portfolio management with the contributions of financial pioneers up to the latest trends emerging within the context of special topics. The book includes discussions of portfolio theory and management both before and after the 2007-2008 financial crisis. This volume provides a critical reflection of what worked and what did not work viewed from the perspective of

the recent financial crisis. Further, the book is not restricted to the U.S. market but takes a more global focus by highlighting cross-country differences and practices. This 30-chapter book consists of seven sections. These chapters are: (1) portfolio theory and asset pricing, (2) the investment policy statement and fiduciary duties, (3) asset allocation and portfolio construction, (4) risk management, (V) portfolio execution, monitoring, and rebalancing, (6) evaluating and reporting portfolio performance, and (7) special topics.

A major revision of the author's investment classic introduces managers to important new findings in psychology to demonstrate why most investment strategies are flawed, outlining atypical strategies based on the author's "efficient market theory" designed to prevent over- and under-valuations while crash-proofing a portfolio. 40,000 first printing.

Debunking outdated and inaccurate beliefs about investment management and reveals the new realities of the post-modern financial markets There have been a lot of big changes in the investment world over the past decade, and many long-cherished beliefs about the structures and performance of various investments no longer apply. Unfortunately the news seems not to have reached many thought leaders and investment professionals who persist in trying, and failing, to apply 20th-century thinking to 21st-century portfolio management. Nowhere is this more true than when it comes to the subject of alternative investments.

Written by an all-star team of investment management experts, this book debunks common myths and misconceptions about most classes of alternative investments and offers valuable advice on how to develop investment management and asset allocation strategies consistent with the new realities of the ever-changing world of alternative investments. Covers most alternative asset classes, including private equity, real estate, managed futures, hedge funds, commodity indices, and more Debunks long-held assumptions about the structure and performance of various investment classes that continue to dominate the industry Explores the implications for investment managers of the proliferation of international marketable securities and global financial markets Provides an overview of both the micro and the macro aspects of each alternative investment class

Whether you're studying to become a financial planner or a practitioner looking for a comprehensive reference to help serve your clients' needs, this is the ultimate guide. Developed by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP Board), the Financial Planning Competency Handbook gives you everything you need to meet the daily challenges of your current or future profession. This all-inclusive handbook covers the entire list of nearly 90 vital topics on integrated financial planning, including such major components as: General Principles of Finance and Financial Planning Insurance Planning Employee Benefits Planning Investment and Securities Planning State and Federal Income Tax Planning Estate Tax, Gift Tax, and Transfer Tax Planning Retirement Planning Estate Planning Principles of Communication and

Counseling And more

Offers a practical and theoretical coverage of investments market. This book places emphasis on asset allocation, and offers a treatment of futures, options, and other derivative security markets.

A New York Times bestseller and one of the Ten Best Business Books of 2013 by WealthManagement.com, this book brings a new vision of the value of debt in the management of individual and family wealth In this groundbreaking book, author Tom Anderson argues that, despite the reflex aversion most people have to debt—an aversion that is vociferously preached by most personal finance authors—wealthy individuals and families, as well as their financial advisors, have everything to gain and nothing to lose by learning to think holistically about debt. Anderson explains why, if strategically deployed, debt can be of enormous long-term benefit in the management of individual and family wealth. More importantly, he schools you in time-tested strategies for using debt to steadily build wealth, to generate tax-efficient retirement income, to provide a reliable source of funds in times of crisis and financial setback, and more. Takes a "strategic debt" approach to personal wealth management, emphasizing the need to appreciate the value of "indebted strengths" and for acquiring the tools needed to take advantage of those strengths Addresses how to determine your optimal debt ratio, or your debt "sweet spot" A companion website contains a proprietary tool for calculating your own optimal debt ratio, which enables you to develop a personal wealth balance sheet Offering a bold new vision of debt as a strategic asset in the management of individual and family wealth, The Value of Debt is an important resource for financial advisors, wealthy families, family offices, and professional investors. Investing in yourself is one of the major keys to success. You should invest your time, effort, money, and actions in activities and investments that will yield a profitable return in the future. The easiest way to replicate success is to emulate the thinking of successful people. With that in mind, I collected a set of quotes from a dozen incredibly successful people to inspire and motivate you to get to the top. Tags: investment banking, investment books, investment banking for dummies, investment books for kids investment analysis, investment analysis and portfolio management, investment a history, investment analysis for real estate decisions, investment analysis and portfolio management 11th edition, essentials of investments 11th edition, real estate finance and investments, investments herbert b mayo, investment club investment checklist, investment casting, investment concepts, investment contracts, investment dictionary, investment ethics, investment for beginners, investment for dummies 2019, investment finance, investment for teens investment guide for teens, investment guide investment gurus, investment guide palmer, investment gifts, investment hacks, investment intelligence from insider trading, investment journal, investment kane, investment leadership, investment law, investment management, investment mathematics, investment manager analysis, investment magazines subscriptions, investment mastery investment notebook,

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The Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) and the mean-variance (M-V) rule, which are based on classic expected utility theory, have been heavily criticized theoretically and empirically. The advent of behavioral economics, prospect theory and other psychology-minded approaches in finance challenges the rational investor model from which CAPM and M-V derive. Haim Levy argues that the tension between the classic financial models and behavioral economics approaches is more apparent than real. This book aims to relax the tension between the two paradigms. Specifically, Professor Levy shows that although behavioral economics contradicts aspects of expected utility theory, CAPM and M-V are intact in both expected utility theory and cumulative prospect theory frameworks. There is furthermore no evidence to reject CAPM empirically when ex-ante parameters are employed. Professionals may thus comfortably teach and use CAPM and behavioral economics or cumulative prospect theory as coexisting paradigms.

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COVERS THE FUNDAMENTAL TOPICS IN MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR A THOROUGH STUDY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS This comprehensive yet accessible book introduces students to financial markets and delves into more advanced material at a steady pace while providing motivating examples, poignant remarks, counterexamples, ideological clashes, and intuitive traps throughout. Tempered by real-life cases and actual market structures, *An Introduction to Financial Markets: A Quantitative Approach* accentuates theory through quantitative modeling whenever and wherever necessary. It focuses on the lessons learned from timely subject matter such as the impact of the recent subprime mortgage storm, the collapse of LTCM, and the harsh criticism on risk management and innovative finance. The book also provides the necessary foundations in stochastic calculus and optimization, alongside financial modeling concepts that are illustrated with relevant and hands-on examples. *An Introduction to Financial Markets: A Quantitative Approach* starts with a complete overview of the subject matter. It then moves on to sections covering fixed income assets, equity portfolios, derivatives, and advanced optimization models. This book's balanced and broad view of the state-of-the-art in financial decision-making helps provide readers with all the background and modeling tools needed to make "honest money" and, in the process, to become a sound professional. Stresses that gut feelings are not always sufficient and that "critical thinking" and real world applications are appropriate when dealing with complex social systems involving multiple players with conflicting incentives. Features a related website that contains a solution manual for end-of-chapter problems. Written in a modular style for tailored classroom use. Bridges a gap for business and engineering students who are familiar with the problems involved, but are less familiar with the methodologies needed to make smart decisions. *An Introduction to Financial Markets: A Quantitative Approach* offers a balance between the need to illustrate mathematics in action and the need to understand the real life context. It is an ideal text for a first course in financial markets or investments for business, economic, statistics, engineering, decision science, and management science.

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Whether you are a seasoned professional looking to explore new areas within the alternative investment arena or a new industry participant seeking to establish a solid understanding of alternative investments, *Alternative Investments: An Allocator's Approach, Fourth Edition* (CAIA Level II curriculum official text) is the best way to achieve these goals. In recent years, capital formation has shifted dramatically away from public markets as issuers pursue better financial and value alignment with ownership, less onerous and expensive regulatory requirements, market and information dislocation, and liberation from the short-term challenges that undergird the public capital markets. The careful and informed use of alternative investments in a diversified portfolio can reduce risk, lower volatility, and improve returns over the long-term, enhancing investors' ability to meet their investment outcomes. *Alternative Investments: An Allocator's Approach* (CAIA Level II curriculum official text) is a key resource that can be used to improve the sophistication of asset owners and those who work with them. This text comprises the curriculum, when combined with supplemental materials available at caia.org, for the CAIA Level II exam. "Over the course of my long career one tenet has held true, 'Continuing Education'. Since CalSTRS is a teachers' pension plan, it is no surprise that continuing education is a core attribute of our Investment Office culture. Overseeing one of the largest institutional pools of capital in the world requires a cohesive knowledge and understanding of both public and private market investments and strategies. We must understand how these opportunities might contribute to delivering on investment outcomes for our beneficiaries. *Alternative Investments: An Allocator's Approach* is the definitive core instruction manual for an institutional investor, and it puts you in the captain's chair of the asset owner." —Christopher J. Ailman, Chief Investment Officer, California State Teachers' Retirement System "Given their diversified cash flow streams and returns, private markets continue to be a growing fixture of patient, long-term portfolios. As such, the need to have proficiency across these sophisticated strategies, asset classes, and instruments is critical for today's capital allocator. As a proud CAIA charterholder, I have seen the practical benefits in building a strong private markets foundation, allowing me to better assist my clients." —Jayne Bok, CAIA, CFA, Head of Investments, Asia, Willis Tower Watson

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