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# Orange County Transportation Authority

**Investment Management Presentation** 

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## **Presenter Bios**



#### Christopher Harris, CFA, CAIA

Chris joined PFM Asset Management in 2008 and works in the Harrisburg office. He is the head of the Portfolio Strategies Group and the head of the Structured Products Group.

As the head of the Portfolio Strategies Group, Chris focuses on the investment strategy development process for many large and strategically important client relationships. He is also a member of the Fixed Income Investment Committee and Credit Risk Management Committee.

As the head of the Structured Products Group, Chris oversees projects related to the procurement, valuation, and termination of structured investments and the structuring and procurement of assetliability matching portfolios such as refunding and cash defeasance escrows. Chris also has experience negotiating and monetizing bankruptcy claims settlements and restructuring and terminating leveraged lease portfolios.



#### James Sims, CFA

James Sims is a managing director and senior portfolio manager who manages multi-sector investment-grade fixed-income portfolios for state and local governments across the country. The assets under management (AUM) include operating funds, capital reserves, bond proceeds and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligation funds. James specializes in securitized products and has more than 20 years of banking and capital markets experience. He is also a member of the Fixed-Income Investment Committee and Credit Risk Management Committee.

James began his career at SunTrust Banks where he held various positions in commercial and corporate loan analysis, foreign exchange trading and fixed income portfolio management. He continued his career in portfolio management at Evergreen Investments and Columbia-Threadneedle Investments where he managed mutual funds and institutional separate accounts.



#### **Monique Spyke**

Monique Spyke joined PFM Asset Management in 2003 and serves as a client liaison for Western region clients, where her primary focus is the development and implementation of investment strategies for operating funds and bond proceeds related accounts.

Monique has substantial experience drafting investment policies and indenture and resolution provisions governing permitted investments. She has served as a client manager for billions of assets under management and advisement. Her clients include municipalities, non-profit corporations, hospitals, universities and colleges. Monique has conducted numerous training workshops for clients and is a frequent lecturer on bond proceeds reinvestment-related matters.

## **PFM Asset Management LLC**

## **43 years** of **experience 290+ professionals**

- Specialist in customized, investmentgrade fixed income and multi-asset portfolios
- Fixed income strategies include:
  - Liquidity management
  - Enhanced cash
  - ▶ 1–3, 1–5, and 1–10 year mandates
- Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) builds multi-asset portfolios based on client's risk/return objectives



**Total assets nationwide** 

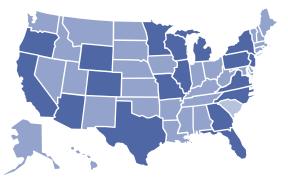
\$176.3b

#### Discretionary assets under management

\$53.4b

Non-discretionary assets under advisement

> National Reach: PFMAM Offices



## **Fixed Income Portfolio Management**



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#### Fixed Income Leadership

Ken Schiebel, CFA Chief Investment Officer

Robert Cheddar, CFA Co-Head of Short & Intermediate Fixed Income

James Sims, CFA Co-Head of Short & Intermediate Fixed Income

Jeff Rowe, CFA Head of Liquidity Products Portfolio Management

#### Sector Specialist Portfolio Managers

Joseph Creason, CFA Corporates Brian Raubenstine Municipals

Michael Downs, CFA Mortgage-Backed Securities

**Giancarlo Morales-Belletti** Asset Backed Securities

**Meredith LaBuda Sullivan** Treasury, Agency, and Supranationals Kerri Muskin LGIPs and TERM

John Zhang, CFA Corporates

Mitul Patel, CFA, FRM Cash & Short-Duration Separate Accounts

#### Investment Resources and Tools

Proprietary Models | Bloomberg AIM | TradeWeb MarketAxess | S&P Global | CreditSights | Sustainalytics



#### Portfolio Trading

Laura Creason CP & Agency

Greta Foust Repo & CDs **Crystal Eckenrode** Treasury & Agency

**Treasury & Agency** 

**Ryan Petrasic** 

Kylie Bueti, CFA Treasury & Agency

#### Portfolio Strategies Group

Gray Lepley Jack Wilhelm Eric Simpson Aaron Gober Chris Harris, CFA, CAIA Chris Rekawek, CFA Mariana Clark Andrew Marchesseault

Portfolio Construction | Investment Analytics & Attribution | Structured Products Group

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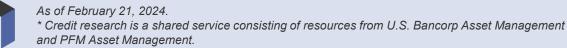
#### **Investment Services Group**

Trading Support | Trade Settlement Data Management



#### Supported by Credit Research Group\*

Preserve Principal | Manage Approved Lists Generate Alpha



## **PFMAM's Approach to Credit**

#### Formal Groups for Research and Risk Management



#### Research

## **Credit Research Group**

- Responsible for all credit analysis on credit, municipal and asset-backed issuers
- Performs fundamental research on individual issuers and maintains Approved Issuers Lists
- Credit research is a shared service, consisting of resources from U.S. Bancorp Asset Management, as well as PFM Asset Management.

#### Taxable Credit Committee

#### Public Finance Credit Committee

#### PFMAM Risk Assessment

## Credit Risk Management Committee

 Establishes and oversees credit management polices within PFMAM client portfolios

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- Formulates risk management guidelines, such as issuer-specific diversification and maturity limits
- Utilizes information received from Credit Research Group to manage issuers to internal risk viewpoints

U.S. Bancorp Asset Management provides credit research and analysis to PFM Asset Management including development and management of various approved issuers lists and approved counterparties used by both parties.

Market Overview and Portfolio Strategy

## **Federal Reserve Projects a Soft Landing**



**PCE Inflation** 

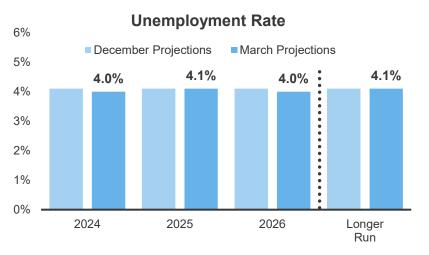
2.2%

2025

December Projections

2.6%

2024



8% March Projections December Projections 6% 4.6% 2.0% 2.0% 4% . . • ••••• 2% 0% 2026 Longer 2024 2025 Run

**Federal Funds Rate** 





4%

3%

2%

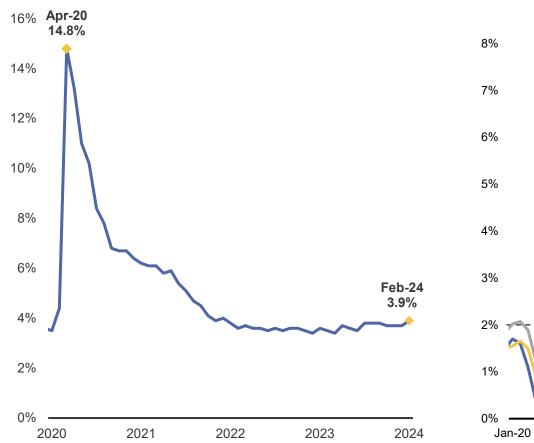
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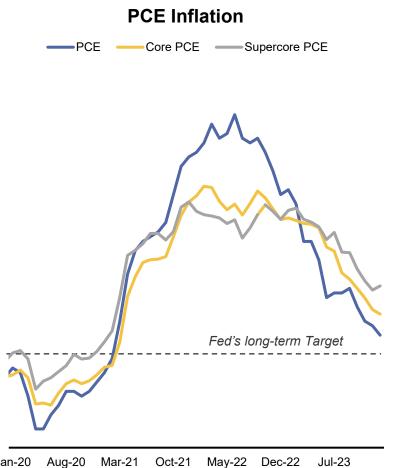
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Source: Federal Reserve, latest economic projections as of March 2024.

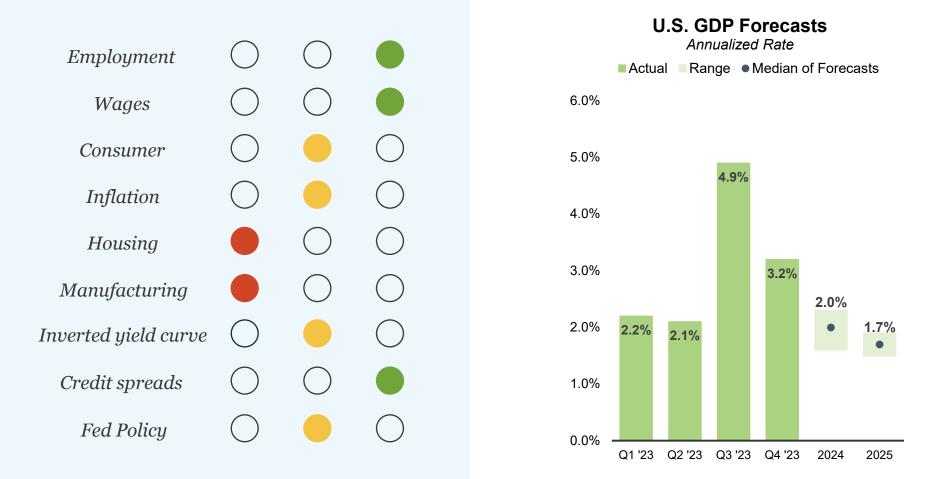
## Labor Market and Inflation Overview

**Unemployment Rate** 

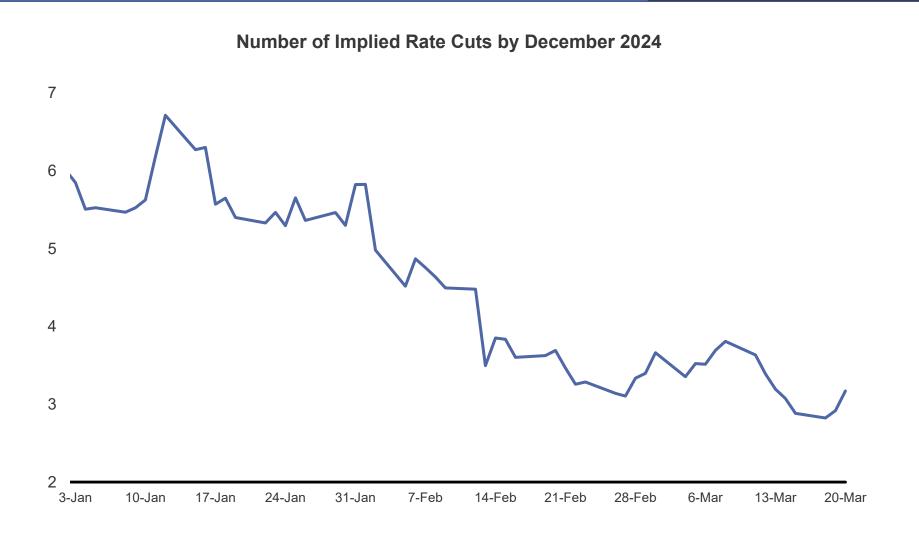




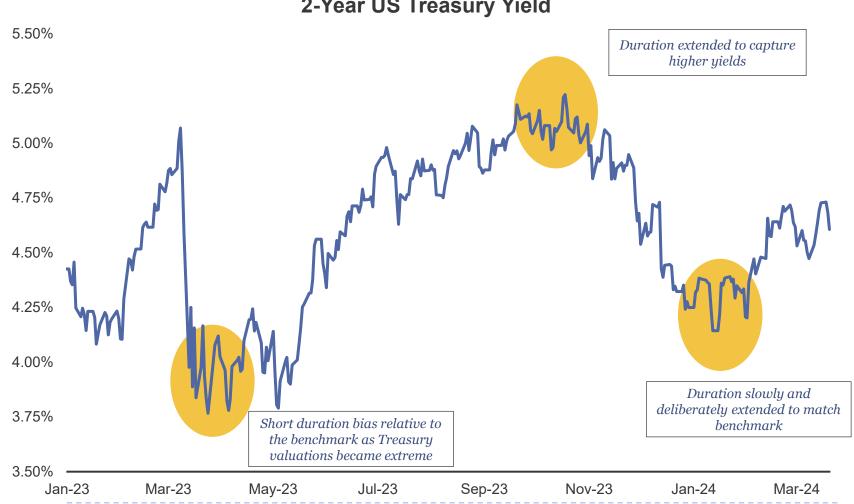
## **Balanced Risks Support Soft Landing**



## Market Prices in Fewer Rate Cuts by Year End



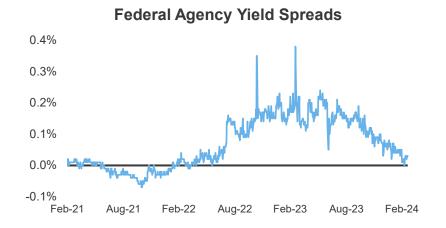
## 2 Year Treasury Displays Volatility



2-Year US Treasury Yield

Source: Bloomberg; as of 03/20/2024.

## **Fixed-Income Sector Outlook – 1Q 24**



Agency MBS

Feb-22

1.0%

0.8%

0.5%

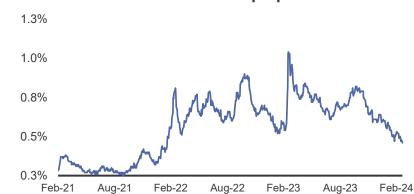
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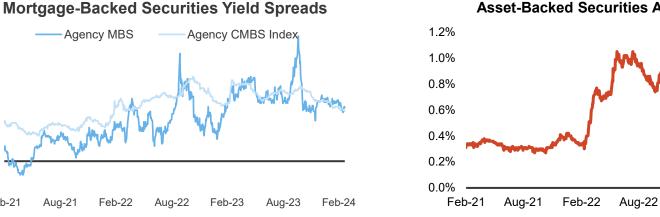
-0.3%

Feb-21

Aug-21



1-3 Yr. AAA-A Corp Spreads





Feb-23

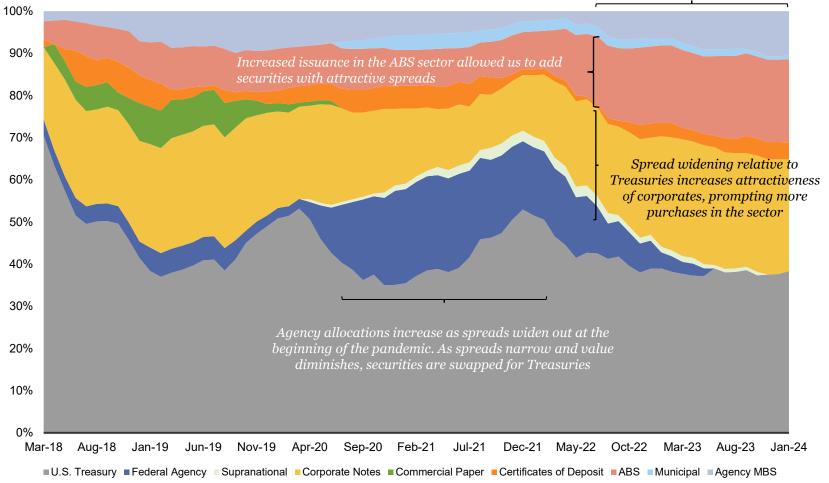
Aug-23

Source: ICE BofA 1-5 year Indices via Bloomberg, MarketAxess and PFMAM as of 3/19/2024. Spreads on ABS and MBS are option-adjusted spreads of 0-5 year indices based on weighted average life; spreads on agencies are relative to comparable maturity Treasuries. CMBS is Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities.

Feb-24

## **Historical Sector Allocation**

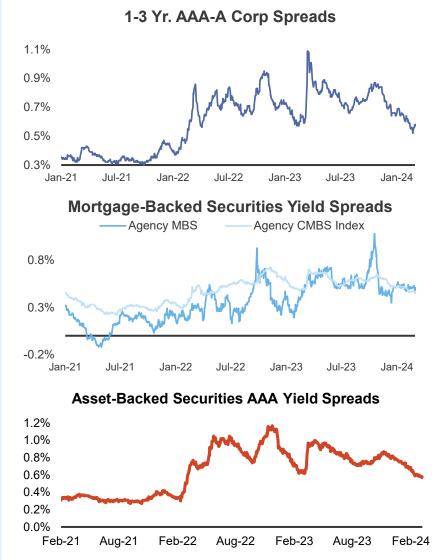
Increased supply allows us to add Agency CMBS while attractive risk-adjusted returns relative to corporates presents an opportunity to buy ABS



Only includes investments held within the separately managed accounts

## Fixed-Income Sector Outlook – 1Q 24

Cheap Fair Rich **Treasury Securities** Agencies/Supranationals Agency CMBS **Municipals** Asset-Backed Securities Credit



Source: ICE BofA 1-5 year Indices via Bloomberg, MarketAxess and PFMAM as of 2/29/2024. Spreads on ABS and MBS are option-adjusted spreads of 0-5 year indices based on weighted average life; spreads on agencies are relative to comparable maturity Treasuries. CMBS is Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities.

# **Portfolio Review**

### **Consolidated Portfolio Summary** *As of 3/13/2024*

#### **Account Statistics<sup>1</sup>**

Total Market Value	\$496,874,504
Effective Duration	1.74 years
Benchmark Effective Duration	1.75 years
Yield at Cost	4.19%
Yield at Market	4.70%
Portfolio Credit Quality	AA

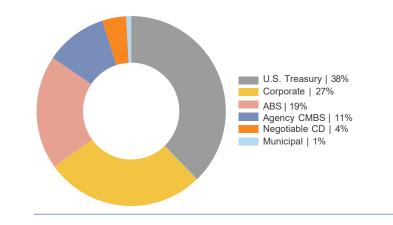
**Credit Quality** 

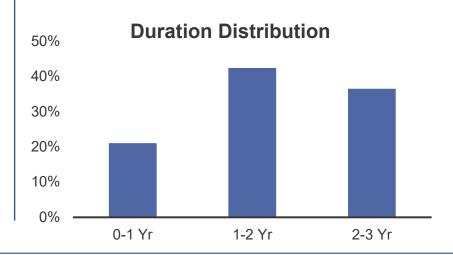
AA

58%

S&P Ratings, or Moody's equivalent if not rated by S&P

#### **Sector Allocation**





#### 1. Market Values include accrued interest and money market fund balances as of March 13, 2024. Maturity Distribution and sector allocation excludes money market fund balances. Please see important disclosures.

2. An average of each security's credit rating was assigned a numeric value and adjusted for its relative weighting in the portfolio.

AAA 16%

BBB

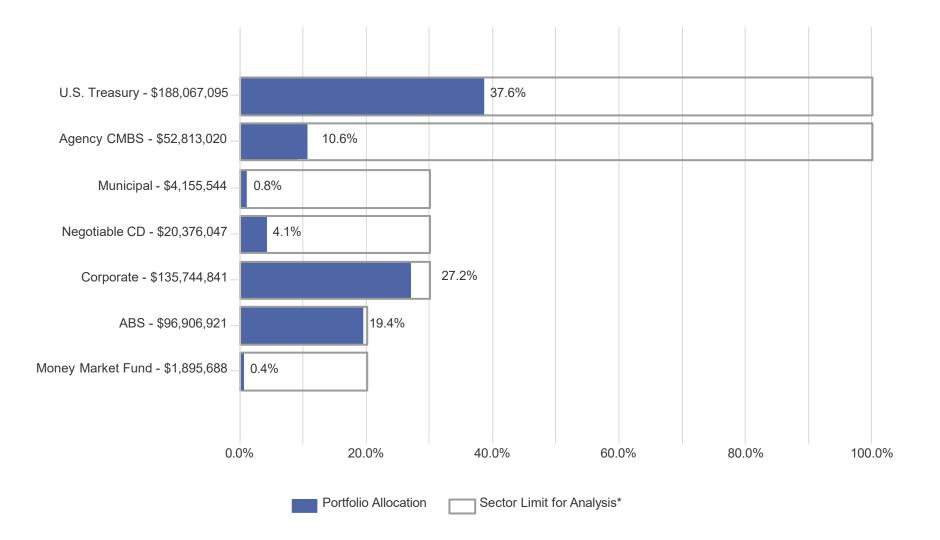
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2%

3. The portfolio/s benchmark is the ICE BofAML 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index. Source: Bloomberg

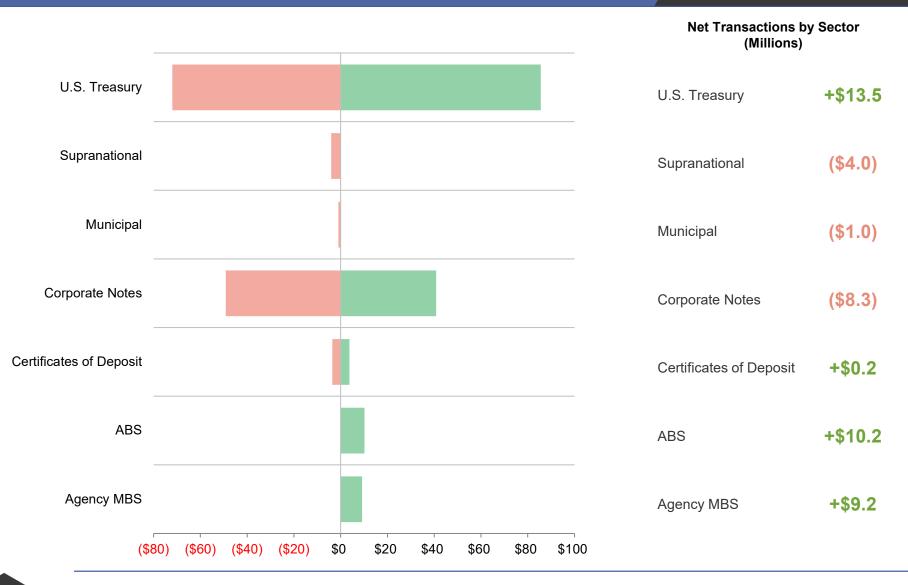
A 20%

### **Sector Allocation Analytics** *As of 12/31/2023*



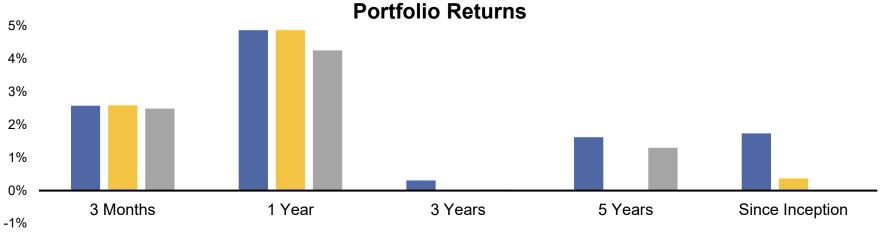
For informational/analytical purposes only and is not provided for compliance assurance. Includes accrued interest. \*Sector Limit for Analysis is as derived from our interpretation of your most recent Investment Policy as provided.

#### **Trade Recap** 10/1/2023 through 3/13/2024



Based on total proceeds (principal and accrued interest) of buys, sells, maturities, and principal paydowns.

## **Portfolio Performance** As of 12/31/2023



PFMAM Managed Account

-405 Sub-Account Benchmark

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Total Return	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Main Account	2.60%	4.93%	0.37%	1.68%	1.80%
-405 Account	2.61%	4.92%	-	-	0.42%
Benchmark	2.49%	4.26%	-0.04%	1.30%	-
Difference (Main Acct)	0.11%	0.67%	0.39%	0.38%	0.35%
Difference (-405 Acct)	0.12%	0.66%	-	-	0.35%

1. Performance inception date for the combined portfolio is June 30, 2021.

2. Returns for periods one year or less are presented on a periodic basis. Returns for periods greater than

3. The portfolio's first benchmark is the ICE BofAML 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury Index. Source: Bloomberg.

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