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Rob Myers

As Chairman & CEO of the RM Group of Companies, Rob Myers' entire career has been devoted to the classic car industry. Rob started his first restoration shop in a single-car garage in Chatham, Ontario, in 1976, and quickly developed a powerful reputation and strong following among car collectors across Canada and the United States. As Rob's reputation grew, so did his business, with Rob eventually partnering with Dan Warrenner and Mike Fairbairn to expand their services and facilities beyond restoration and into sales and auctions. Rob's strong entrepreneurial spirit and incredible business acumen have led him to build a state-of-the-art Harley-Davidson dealership in Chatham-Kent, as well as renovate and restore a dilapidated section of Historic Downtown Chatham, leading to the opening of the Retro Suites, a unique boutique hotel. Rob's understanding of classic cars is unparalleled, and he continues to play a very significant role at RM Sotheby's.



Gord Duff

Gord Duff began his journey with RM Sotheby's in 1998. Since then, he has gained an intimate knowledge of a variety of marques as well as the trust and friendship of clients around the world. His instinctive understanding of the collector car industry has proven to be the key to success when it comes to managing auctions and consigning cars. This has been demonstrated through the many successful auctions that Gord has managed. Gord's consistent success is a direct result of the deep roots he has established in the industry, which stretch throughout North America, Europe, Russia, and Asia, where he regularly travels and personally meets with clients. This fosters a deep trust between Gord and his clientele, which is most prominently displayed on auction days where clients trust Gord enough to have him buy high-value cars—sight unseen—over the phone on their behalf. When the time comes for these clients to sell their cars, they also trust Gord with the duty of managing the sale of their large collections. Gord has sold thousands of cars from a variety of marques and from a number of different individuals and collections.



Shelby Myers

Shelby Myers grew up with the classic car industry infused into every aspect of his life. He had the unique opportunity to watch the RM restoration facility and auction house be built from the ground up, gaining a great deal of valuable hands-on experience during this time. Having graduated from Mount Allison University with a degree in Accounting and Economics, Shelby played an instrumental role in the establishment and growth of RM's European branch, including the record-breaking Ferrari – Leggenda e Passione sales, along with the company's London, Monaco, and Villa d'Este auctions. Shelby has a broad knowledge of the collector car market, spanning from American classics to European sports cars and Brass Era automobiles. In his spare time, he continues to be an active participant in the hobby, regularly competing in various rallies around the world, in addition to being a member of many clubs, including the Bentley Drivers Club, the Bugatti Owners Club, and the Petersen Checkered Flag 200 Club.



Augustin Sabatié-Garat

Augustin Sabatié-Garat joined RM Europe in 2012 as a Car Specialist after more than a decade in the collector car hobby. Graduating from the Université de Technologie de Compiègne (UTC) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and Project Management, Gus also served as a classic car consultant during his academic years. In 2002, he joined Artcurial in Paris, France, as a junior car specialist, playing an integral role in the Rolf Meyer Mercedes Auction. His extensive experience in the auction business also includes a role in Sotheby's 2005 Maranello Auction. Fluent in French, English, Italian, and Spanish, Augustin specializes in numerous European marques, including Ferrari, post-war Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Lamborghini, Bugatti, Hispano-Suiza, Jaguar, and Citroën. He is also knowledgeable about Aston Martin, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, Austin-Healey, and Riva (boats). Fully immersed in the classic car hobby, Augustin regularly attends classic car rallies throughout Europe and practices his mechanical proficiency by restoring the cars in his collection.

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Donnie Gould

Donnie Gould joined the RM team in 2002 as a partner and Car Specialist after more than two decades in the vintage automobile auction and restoration industries. Donnie's vast knowledge of classic cars stems from learning first-hand from his father, Tiny Gould, one of the first full-time antique automobile dealers in the country and a pioneer in the field. Donnie has played an integral role in developing RM's Florida auction presence and was a natural choice for president when RM established its subsidiary company, Auctions America, in 2010. An experienced Vintage Winston Cup racer, Donnie has a strong familiarity with a wide variety of vintage marques, with a particular specialization in Shelby Cobras and Mustangs. Donnie has been a long-time member of the CCCA, the SAAC, and the Austin-Healey Vintage Racing Club. He is also a lifetime member of the AACA.



Alexander Weaver

Alexander Weaver joined RM Sotheby's in 2011 as a Car Specialist after graduating from Furman University in South Carolina. Born into a car family with a fourth-generation car dealership, Alexander grew up surrounded by collectible cars and was always encouraged by his father and grandfather to learn as much about them as possible. Noting that his father was always generous enough to share his car collection, Alexander says that driving and washing old cars are two of the most intimate ways to get to know a vehicle. A true enthusiast who is thoroughly immersed in all aspects of the collector car hobby, Alexander fills his time with research and rallies, having participated in the Sarasota Exotic Car Rally and the 34th Annual Bastille Day Tour with the Petersen Automotive Museum. Based in RM's California office, he is a member of the Petersen Museum's Checkered Flag 200 Club and the Shelby American Automobile Club. Alexander possesses a broad knowledge of a variety of marques and eras, but his passion and specialization lies in American and European sports cars, including Shelby and Ferrari, along with American muscle cars.



Barney Ruprecht

Barney's interest in classic cars began at an early age after being introduced to his father's all-original 1965 Porsche 911. Barney later went on to attend Boston University, where he graduated with a degree in Hospitality Administration. Prior to joining RM Sotheby's as a Car Specialist in January 2015, Barney honed his skills in hospitality, finance, and consulting at Deloitte, where he worked in both the consulting and finance divisions. Barney is especially interested in complexly engineered vehicles and spends much of his time studying aerodynamics, geometry, packaging, and the advanced materials used in automobile fabrication. Barney is a member of the BMW Car Club of America and can usually be found working on his 1972 BMW 2002. An avid Formula One fan, Barney has a strong passion for open-wheel race cars, supercars, and small two-door coupes of the '70s, '80s, and '90s.



David Swig

David Swig joined RM Sotheby's West Coast division as a Car Specialist in May 2015. David is a lifelong automobile enthusiast and grew up immersed in the collector car hobby. His father, well-known California motoring enthusiast and founder of the internationally renowned California Mille, Martin Swig, introduced David to an eclectic and unique version of California car culture at a very young age. David has been extremely active in the field of collector car auctions since 2010 and has also devoted time to automotive academia through his three-time participation at the Symposium on Connoisseurship and the Collectible Car, held at Miles Collier's museum in Naples, Florida. David's background also includes automotive journalism, with internships completed at Motor Trend and Road & Track during his college years. In addition to his day-to-day involvement in the collector car market, David is a regular participant in historic car activities, including circuit racing, road tours, and concours d'elegance events.

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Oliver Camelin

With an extensive background in exotic sports car history and sales, a particular passion for American curves, and fluency in three languages, Oliver Camelin is the perfect addition to RM's team of global car specialists. Oliver Camelin joined RM Sotheby's in the spring of 2016 as a UK-based Car Specialist, working from our London office. The son of a German mother and a French father, Oliver attributes his love for cars to his German roots and to his uncle, former German race car driver Reinhold Joest, who raced cars in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Oliver was introduced to cars at a very young age and immediately found himself fascinated by them, developing a particular love for the curves and lines of 1950s and 1960s American cars. Oliver began collecting cars with his father in 2005, and from there, he went on to attend BMW AG School in Germany, focusing on sales, marketing, and management. Following graduation, Oliver worked for several years as a sales executive for BMW FAUDE in Germany before moving on to Mécaniques Modernes & Classiques in Paris, where he managed a stock of more than 30 sports and collectible cars. Fluent in French, German, and English, Oliver joins RM Sotheby's with more than 15 years' experience in the collector car industry and brings with him an expert knowledge of modern exotics from marques such as Porsche, BMW, Ferrari, and Lamborghini. He also specializes in "youngtimers"—sports cars from the late 1970s to 2000s that were not necessarily high priced, but were still very popular.



Matt Malamut

A longtime car enthusiast and Southern California native, Matt studied Automotive Technology at San Diego Miramar College and completed his studies in Communication at the University of Southern California. After finishing school, Matt worked for BMW in auto sales, continuing to work as an automotive journalist in his spare time before joining the RM Group of Companies in 2012. Matt credits his love and knowledge of cars to his father, a Porsche mechanic and collector, who has truly given him the "Porsche-bug." As a Porsche Club of America, Early 911S Registry, and 365 Club of Southern California member, Matt continues to further his knowledge and share his affinity for the Porsche marque. Matt takes part in a number of automotive events, including North Meets South, the Los Angeles Lit Meet, and Rennsport; he also has his SCCA track license. Matt's involvement in classic cars is not limited to Porsche, as he is experienced in other German marques, including classic VWs, Mercedes, and BMWs. He also has a strong love for Italian sports and rally cars, as well as Japanese cars. Well-versed in the principles of collecting, he has developed a passion for making friends in the industry and is dedicated to expanding the hobby to the next generation of enthusiasts.



Tonnie Van der Velden

Tonnie Van der Velden joined RM Sotheby's European division in September 2015 as a Car Specialist. A lifelong enthusiast, Tonnie traces his love for classic cars back to 1975, when his brother bought a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster. His brother's purchase quickly led to buying and selling as a hobby, exposing Tonnie to a wide variety of makes and models from a young age. In 1987, Tonnie entered into business with his brother and has since been actively involved in buying and selling classic and modern examples on an international level, including such marques as Ferrari, Maserati, and Mercedes-Benz. While Tonnie's passion for automobiles spans the spectrum of the market, from pre-war to modern sports cars, he has a particular penchant for European sports cars, with a focus on Ferrari. He purchased his first collector car in 1982—a 1963 Alfa Romeo Giulia SS—and has gone on to own a diverse range of motor cars from a 1909 Jackson to a 1956 Chevrolet Corvette, a 1963 AC Cobra, and numerous contemporary Ferraris. Tonnie fully embraces the automotive lifestyle and regularly participates in a number of hobby events. He also takes a keen interest in automobilia and automotive art, as well as other passion-driven hobbies such as fine art and watches.



Paul Darvill

Paul Darvill joined the RM Sotheby's European team at the beginning of 2015. Paul holds a degree in French and Politics from the University of Bath and Sciences Po, Paris. Having studied international relations in Paris, Paul is also fluent in French. A lifelong classic car enthusiast, Paul's route into the world of auctions was somewhat atypical. After graduation, he accepted a job in the aviation industry dealing with the private jet travel of high-net-worth individuals and multinational companies—that is, until the classic car bug got the better of him and he decided to turn his enthusiasm and knowledge of classic cars into a career. Paul's passion for classic cars started with French marques, and he maintains a great enthusiasm for unusual and technically advanced classics. Today, Paul has a broad area of expertise and a particular passion for British sports cars, pre- and post-war French cars, and Italian and German marques. He always loves an unusual car, especially one with a good story! In his spare time, Paul never misses an opportunity to use his faithful 1969 MGB GT, which has taken him to motor circuits, club meets, and rallies across Europe.

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Evan Shone

Evan Shone joined RM Sotheby's North American team as a Car Specialist in July 2017. Evan developed a passion for cars at a young age, gazing at his Mercer Raceabout wallpaper and working on his father's 1932 Buick. His education in the automotive world has been lifelong, working as an apprentice at an auto upholstery shop and buying his first car—a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda with a 273 "Commando" engine—before he even had a license. Evan comes to RM Sotheby's following tenure at the duPont Registry, Lamborghini USA, Ferrari, and an independent dealership. Further to his professional involvement in the classic car world, Evan has also attended many driving schools, participated in numerous vintage rallies, and is a proud member of the Ferrari Owners Group in Northern California. Although Evan appreciates all of history's great cars, he has a particular affinity for contemporary European sports cars from the 1970s to today. He has even been fortunate enough to have experienced and owned hundreds of cars that fall into this category. It's one thing to read about them, but quite another to get behind the wheel!



Jake Auerbach

Jake Auerbach got his start in the automotive industry at an early age, spending his summers during high school working at a classic car restoration shop in Long Island, New York. He graduated from Pace University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Photography, spending two years managing a classic car facility in New York before joining the RM Group of Companies in February 2015. Jake's primary passion is for competition vehicles and post-war European sports and touring cars. He is a member of AMOC, VSCCA, and MOC and has competed in a number of long-distance road rallies, including the Great Race and the Trans-America Challenge. When speaking about his favorite RM moment, Jake says that nothing compares to the moment the doors to the Richard Roy Collection first opened. Mr. Roy had privately collected some of the most amazingly original early American cars, and in his barn were 25 prime examples. Some of the vehicles had been sitting there for 60 years or more, and it was a real privilege to be entrusted to bring the cars into the light and out onto the block.



Pete Fisher

Pete Fisher was first introduced to antique cars in high school, working for Classic Coachworks in his hometown of Blenheim, Ontario. He attended McPherson College in Kansas, majoring in Restoration Technology and Business Management. Pete graduated in the spring of 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree, becoming the first Canadian alumnus of the college. While in school, he worked for Salina, Kansas, car collector Roger Morrison, and was very active in the traditional hot rod industry. Pete joined RM Sotheby's in the summer of 2010 as part of a college internship, working in the Restoration department. Upon completion of his diploma, he joined RM on a full-time basis as a member of our Specialist team. Pete has a strong passion for Early V-8 Fords, and in his spare time, he enjoys working on his personal restoration projects in his home-based shop. In addition to a 1931 Model A Coupe and 1939 Ford Tudor Sedan, Pete is currently building a pre-war Dry Lakes 1932 Ford Roadster.



Mike Fairbairn

As one of the three founding partners of RM Sotheby's, Mike has a long-standing interest in the classic car industry. Graduating from the University of Alberta with a degree in Commerce, Mike began his career while still a student by restoring—and subsequently selling—old American cars. With a major in Marketing and a minor in Computing Science, Mike engaged in several entrepreneurial ventures that facilitated his growing passion for collecting vintage automobiles. He now possesses a modest but interesting personal collection of cars and motorcycles that span a wide range of eras. As one of RM's most experienced and knowledgeable car specialists, Mike's primary area of interest is pre-war American and European classics, along with interesting post-war sports cars. A true gearhead, Mike has many additional motorized interests outside the world of cars. He is a licensed pilot and holds captain's papers for sail and power boats.

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Michael Squire

Michael Squire joined RM Sotheby's European Division in the summer of 2016. He comes to RM with a prestigious racing background and equipped with an in-depth knowledge of the market, having worked with various prominent dealers and restorers across the United Kingdom. After receiving his masters in Mechanical Engineering from London's Imperial College, Michael joined legendary engineer Gordon Murray's design consultancy, where he was involved in several projects for OEMs, including a flat-pack truck! After his stint working in modern engineering, Michael moved back into the world of historic cars, most recently managing CKL Developments' racing and sales interests. In addition to his professional and academic experience, Michael and his father are regular participants in various historic car events, including historic racing, rallies, and concours d'elegance; his racing talent was most recently displayed at the 2016 Goodwood Revival, where he piloted a 1964 AC Cobra to an impressive 2nd overall in the Royal Automobile Club TT Celebration Race.



Felix Archer

Felix Archer joined RM Sotheby's European Division as a Car Specialist in August 2017. Son of well-known Aston Martin author and historian Stephen Archer, Felix developed a passion for cars at a young age, with most of his weekends being spent watching his father compete in his Porsche 964 RS. After finishing school at 18, Felix joined a band as the drummer, signed to Sony Music, and embarked on three years of international touring. Having scored chart success, achieved over 60 million streams, performed on various television shows, and played to large festival crowds, Felix took to the track and began racing in a variety of Porsches and modern GT4 Astons. He also carried out demos with Bruno Senna at the Aston Martin Owners Club Centenary Meeting in an Ulster and GTE car. Felix maintains a broad range of expertise in European marques, with a particular soft spot for Aston Martin, Porsche, and a wide range of competition cars from the 1960s to the present day.



Nick Wiles

Nick Wiles joined RM Sotheby's European Division as a Car Specialist in the fall of 2017. A lifelong car enthusiast, Nick found himself working as a broker in the London finance industry after university before realizing that his true passion lies in the automotive world. He has now been working at the forefront of the UK and European collector car scene for more than 12 years. Nick comes to RM Sotheby's with valuable experience and knowledge of the market having consigned automobiles to over 100 classic car auctions. This exposure has allowed Nick to develop a wide network of collectors as well as provided vast experience dealing with pre-war motoring through to modern supercars. Nick prides himself in keeping his finger on the pulse when it comes to locating and bringing fresh cars to market, with career highlights to date including a Ferrari 250 GT Series 1 Pininfarina Cabriolet, a Lamborghini Miura, and an ex-Le Mans Porsche 550 Spyder.



Will Smith

Will Smith joined RM Sotheby's European Division as a Car Specialist in the fall of 2017. Will has been immersed in the collector car auction world for nearly a decade since graduating from law school. He is an experienced international auction negotiator and a passionate enthusiast at heart. Will specializes in British Classics and has also been involved in numerous record-setting sales for modern classics from the 1980s and 1990s. In his spare time, Will can be found tinkering with his 1959 Mini, 1983 Alpina B9, and step-nose Alfa Romeo. A commitment to customer service, reliable valuations, and a personable attitude make for an enjoyable buying or selling experience with Will. Feel free to contact him to discuss your important car or simply for an impartial discussion on the classic car industry.

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Ken Wallace

Ken Wallace first joined the RM Group of Companies in 1999 as a Car Specialist based out of RM's Ypsilanti office. Following the purchase of the Auburn Auction Park in Auburn, Indiana, he played an instrumental role in the establishment of Auctions America, which launched in July 2010. Born and raised in the enthusiastic classic car climate of California, Wallace has made a significant contribution to the vintage automobile sector over the years. Prior to joining RM, Wallace spent close to 20 years in the restoration business working for an esteemed private collector who focused primarily on Pierce-Arrows, Packards, Corvettes, Shelbys, and Ferraris. It was through that position that he developed an impressive and comprehensive knowledge of a broad variety of classic marques and models. Ken currently represents RM on the East Coast of the United States.



Jake O'Gorman

Jake O'Gorman's passion for collector cars developed at a very young age from a curiosity for taking things apart and figuring out how to put them back together again. This eventually landed him a high school internship at Harry Sherry's restoration shop in Warsaw, Ontario, which specializes in Marmion Sixteens, opening Jake's eyes to the Classic Era of automobiles. Jake pursued his interest in mechanics at the renowned McPherson College in Kansas, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Automotive Restoration Technology in 2016. Upon graduation, Jake received the Jay Leno/Autoweek Award for dedication to excellence in automotive restoration, which also landed him an internship at Duesenberg historian Randy Ema's shop in Orange, California. Though Jake joined RM Sotheby's as a Car Specialist in 2017, he is no stranger to the RM team or clientele. Jake has interned in various RM departments from Marketing to Research since 2013, while also assisting with logistics and mechanics at auction events around the world. A member of numerous car clubs, Jake's area of expertise lies in Veteran and early Brass Era motor car, with a particular affinity for Packard, Oldsmobile Limited, Thomas Flyer, and Mercer. Jake's extensive restoration background allows him to advise clients on both the mechanical and physical condition of vehicles, as well as their authenticity.



Thatcher Keast

Thatcher Keast joined the RM Sotheby's Group as a Car Specialist in 2015 shortly after graduating from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing. Thatcher began working in the automotive industry at just 14 years old when he started his own automotive detailing business in Salina, Kansas. He soon found a mentor in local car collector Roger Morrison and became responsible for maintaining his diverse collection of automobiles, including Shelbys, Porsches, and Brass Era Rolls-Royces. What started as a summer business venture nurtured a strong appreciation for a broad spectrum of collector cars, as well as what it means to maintain a significant piece of automotive history, and further developed his passion for the industry. Thatcher has a special interest in Shelby Cobras and Mustangs, German performance cars, and modern supercars and is a member of several enthusiast clubs, including the BMW Car Club of America, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, and the Antique Automobile Club of America.



Ramsey Potts

Ramsey Potts joined the team of Specialists in early 2017. His lifelong love of all things automotive began at a young age, watching his father collect and race classic British sports cars. Ramsey holds a Diploma in Automotive Service and an ASE Technician Certification from Vale Technical Institute. While earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, he worked as a mechanic in a BOSCH authorized service center, where he was also on the crew supporting customers' amateur racing efforts. Throughout a 25-year career in the financial services industry, Ramsey has maintained his connection to the collector car hobby as a consultant for friends and colleagues, purchasing, maintaining, and selling collector cars, both via auction and private sale. Ramsey specializes in European marques, having owned and maintained numerous examples, though as a teenager of the 1980s, has also enjoyed rewarding ownership of a DeLorean DMC12. A true enthusiast, Ramsey is a member of several car clubs and has raced Porsches, BMWs, and Mazdas on the SCCA and Grand-Am circuits while remaining active in kart racing throughout the Southeast.

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Matt Traylor

Matt Traylor joined the team in 2012 following a wide range of experience in the hobby. A passionate classic and collector car enthusiast, he began his career in the auction business in 1998 and has worked in the industry as a car specialist, auctioneer, and ringman ever since. Most recently, Matt was a key sales team member with the Evans Toyota car dealership in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As a Car Specialist, Matt's expertise lies in 1950s and 1960s American cars.



Zach Oller

Zach Oller first joined the company in 2014 as an intern, working on the editorial team before starting full-time in 2016. Prior to transitioning to the role of Car Specialist in January 2017, Zach's efforts were concentrated on catalogue writing, where he could harness his in-depth knowledge of automotive history. A passionate enthusiast fully immersed in the hobby, Zach completed his bachelor's degree in Automotive Restoration at McPherson College in 2016, with an emphasis on history and automotive technology. Over the years, his experience in the hobby has included the management of various prominent collections in both Kansas and Michigan, where he completed an internship with Hagerty Classic Cars. In 2014/2015, Zach was the recipient of the Phil Hill Pebble Beach Scholarship, which saw him shadow various judges on the field for both pre- and post-war Rolls-Royce classes at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.



Roger Willbanks

Roger Willbanks joined the RM Sotheby's Group as a Car Specialist in 2017, equipped with decades of involvement in the collector car hobby. Roger's interest in all things automotive was piqued at a young age when he began cataloguing his Matchbox cars via his father – prolific collector Roger Willbanks Sr.'s – automotive library. He soon discovered the flowing lines and shapes of Delahaye and Bugatti, and was hooked. Roger graduated from the University of Denver with a bachelor's degree in Marketing, which led him to a long-time career at Royal Publications Inc., managing the company for the last 12 years. In his downtime, Roger was assisting his father in building his collection and exhibiting cars across the country at a variety of events and concours, including 25 consecutive years at the famed Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Roger has also been a judge at several concours events, including the Concours d'Elegance of America, where his own judging system has been adopted.



Kurt Forry

Having worked for Bonhams' Automobilia department for over 10 years, Kurt Forry joined RM Sotheby's with more than a decade of experience in the North American auction scene and a well-rounded knowledge of automobilia. While he maintains a strong interest in cars, Kurt has a deep passion for the history of collectibles and has been responsible for bringing many rare finds to market and helping set numerous auction benchmarks over the years. While he has a firm grasp on all things "automotive collectible," his particular expertise lies with Lalique glass mascots, along with bronzes and other bespoke mascots, and automotive fine art and photography. Among his career highlights, Kurt played a key role in helping secure the record 2012 sale of the rare Lalique 'Le Renard' (The Fox) for an outstanding \$338,000. Kurt also played a key role in the organization and sale of the Richard Roy Collection, including the sale of a North American Aviation P-51 Mustang Model Plane for \$21,850. Kurt attributes much of his success to his hands-on approach, and while based on the West Coast, he is frequently on the road looking for new, fascinating, and undiscovered treasures to present on the auction podium.

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