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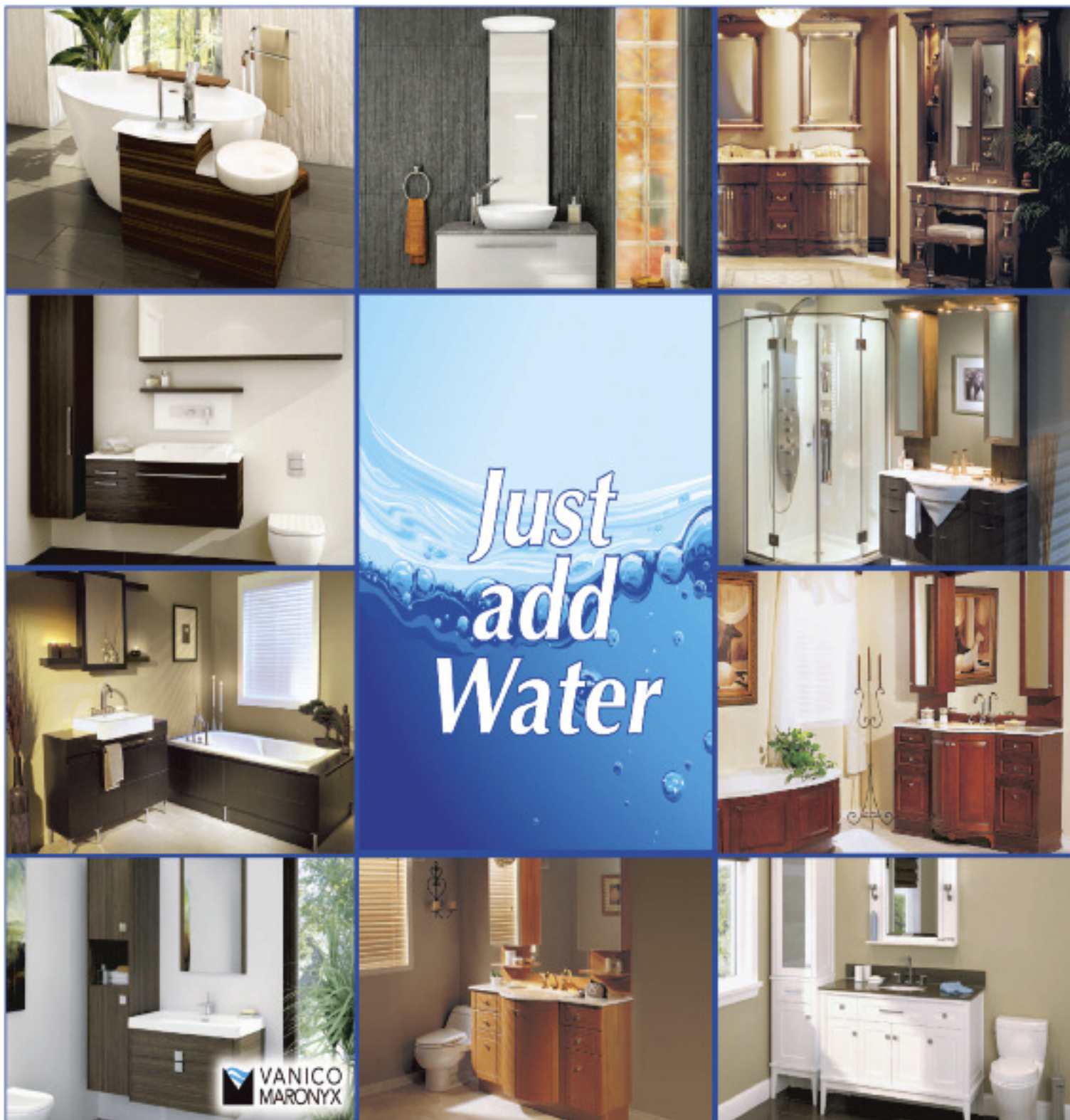


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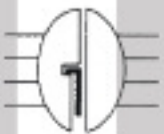
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Breathtaking Waterfront Condo Designed for Grace & Comfort

DESIGNER Pepe Calderin of
Pepe Calderin Design, Miami, Florida

PHOTOGRAPHER
Barry Grossman

Look up anywhere along mid Miami Beach, and you're bound to see the the white teepee blocks of the Acoya. To the unknowing eye they might look like another club, or a fabulous restaurant. In reality, they are the crown of a fabulous luxury penthouse, but perhaps more importantly, a beautiful home. Capitalizing on the spectacular view was key in creating an open yet intimate space with ocean views all around. From the outdoor deck to the master bedroom, The blues of the sea and sky were essential playing points for designer Pepe Calderin. The retired couple that currently reside in the unique Miami Beach home stressed a desire for modernity and singularity with the compliments of warmth. In other words, they wanted their home to feel like a haven as well as a marvelous Miami art piece. The natural approach, incorporating the hues of the surrounding environment, filled the large rooms with life and brightened every nook of their home.

To invite the external in, wood, water and translucent materials like glass and onyx played an integral role in the space's design. The perfect example manifests itself in the terrace complete with a wooden deck and a stunning customized infinity pool, giving the illusion of living on the edge with a private Niagra Falls.

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When Calderin first inspected the apartment, it was not the open breath of fresh air it is today. The space contained tiny bed rooms and awkward hallways so Calderin ordered a gutting of the space to redesign the flow of the penthouse, expanding the access of the views as well as restructuring the flow of the apartment. My opening up the first level to create one large room, the floor gives the freeness of a loft space, making it almost like an intimate gallery piece.

The entrance welcomes with a balance of cream and deep brown hues with the limestone floors and the wenge-wood-paneled walls, leading to the plash of color from the outside sky. Beyond, a glass encased staircase of limestone steps leads to the bedroom level and terrace. the focal point comes at the back wall of the staircase with a woven wood art piece assembled in Brazil and reassembled upon arriving in Miami Beach. Competing for attention are the lovely leather and lined sectionals of the sofa and lounge chairs, offering an all access view to the sunny Florida skies. However, for entertaining on cloudy days, the push of a button summons a screen and projector from the ceiling for the couple's film and TV viewing pleasure.

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The open kitchen is a welcoming and user-friendly as the living area.

The apartment's gutting allowed for an open kitchen, as inviting as the main living space. From the zebra-wood and frosted-glass cabinets to the wide gray quartz freestanding counter complete with polished steel, radiance and simplicity go hand in hand. Garnished with a full set of top of the line stainless steel appliances, the Acoya kitchen is every chef's dream. For the guests and on lookers, clean cut steel and leather barstools line the island's counter for an intimate connection.

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Calderin also created a powder room so lovely, is the space itself is the perfect reason to go freshen up. A book-onyx wall divides the room while the bath holds an eye-level electrical fireplace that accents and warms the bedroom as well. Rounding out every corner of the home for beauty, functionality and comfort, Calderin creating a nurturing space fit for luxurious habitation as well and a lovely artist's haven full of eye candy from the outside in.

Pepe Calderin's vision was to create not just a beautifully designed space, but also a splendid and comfortable home that is able to anticipate everything one might need.

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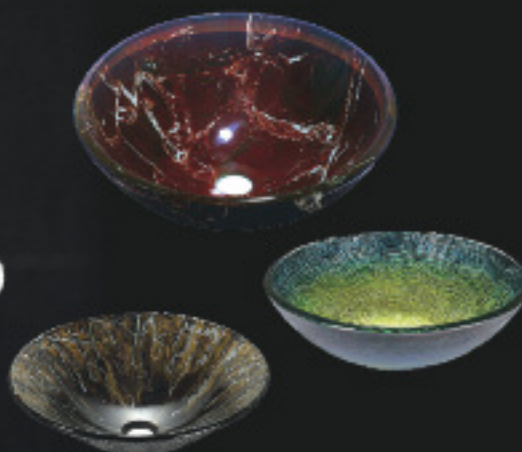
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WHY WE LOVE IT AND HOW WE CAN USE IT BY LAURA BASILI

Pewter, titanium, silver, lead, pietra serena, cement, charcoal – do I need to go on? There really are over 50 shades of gray, and that makes it a versatile color to work with. Gray is a perfect color because it is neutral and can be used to achieve any number of styles. It is a color that can look traditional or trendy, masculine or feminine, elegant and sophisticated or understated and simple depending on the complementary furniture and décor used. In recent times we have seen gray replacing more traditional colors such as beige, and even being used in previously unthinkable spaces such as children's nurseries. Modern parents want modern nurseries and gray tones can give them just that look of effortless sophistication. Themes and patterns have replaced childish cartoon characters or traditional alphabet letters, and gray is just the color to pull the look together. The most classic color combination is gray and white; however the biggest color trend at the moment is pairing gray with yellow, although for a more feminine room the color goes well with lavender and violet. So why is gray so appealing? Aside from being a versatile and gender-neutral color, it transitions well for other types of rooms in case the room changes purpose or the house changes ownership. If you would like to know about other decorating trends such as wainscoting and the reappearance of chevron? Visit our website at www.crownmaxdecor.com. (see our ad below). *Laura Basili is a home decorating blogger and sales manager for Crown Max Decor.*



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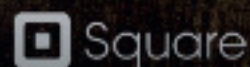
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THE TRANSFORMATION OF A RITZ-CARLTON CONDO

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Written by David Pearson



Kerry Sakolsky, a Miami real estate investor/developer needed an apartment for himself and his three children. Two are away at school, and one lives with him part time. He also works from home, and needed space for an office. After looking at several units, he realized a space of 2500 square feet would meet his needs. He chose The Ritz Carlton in Coconut Grove for its world-class amenities, service and proximity to Coral Gables and Downtown Miami

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The 12th floor unit Sakolsky selected had breathtaking views to the north, west and east, but its size and layout did not match his needs. He saw the possibility of opening up the space, and building an additional room, but the task would be tricky, and the details critical. Impressed by her sense of design and use of space, he chose designer Alena Capra. With custom built-ins and furniture Capra was able to create 2500-feet of functionality in a 2000-foot space

Sakolsky wanted a workspace that didn't look like a home office. So a glass top desk was used, taking on the look of a breakfront. Capra was able to design a sofa to fit flush with the desk, which defined the living room/media area. A silver mac laptop was placed on a stand to look like a centerpiece, and could easily be stowed in a hallway closet that had been converted to a standing workstation with wireless printer. An Adriana Hoyos chair was custom upholstered to match the bar stools, and used as a double duty desk chair. When guests come over, the office can easily disappear.



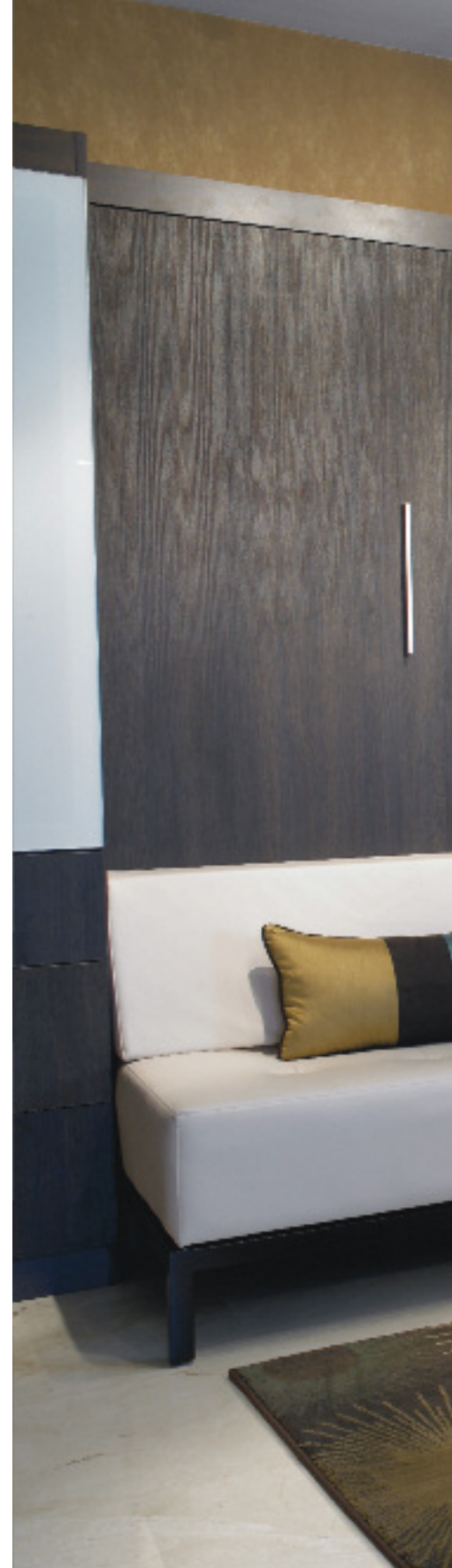


A wall facing the living room was removed, opening the kitchen to the entire unit and its panoramic views. The adjacent dinette was converted into a bedroom for Sakolsky's daughter. Its 8-foot entry provided enough space for a 4-foot closet and sliding door. Existing cream-colored walls were painted a deep gray to minimize glare and soften the space. White colonial doors and trim were replaced by modern espresso, with nine-inch matching valances to hide new solar shades, and frame the view.

The kitchen set the tone for the apartment's transformation with modern horizontal cabinets in black wenge wood, and white quartz counter tops with light gray highlights. A colorful metallic backsplash was installed to blend with amber highlights picked up in the pendant lights over the bar and throughout the apartment.

At just over 10 feet long, the bar was constructed in the open area of the kitchen. Its quartz countertop is fifteen inches deep, allowing it to function well as a bar, with enough depth for comfortable dining. Its side panels match the black wenge kitchen cabinets, making a smooth transition from the living to kitchen area

Anchored by two columns, a wall-to-wall banquette frames out a Central Park-like view of downtown Coral Gables. Because the kitchen is a feature of the living space, Capra wanted to blend its elements by adding the reflective glass mosaic tiles used in the kitchen to the banquette columns. They reflect different colors throughout the course of the day, so the mood is always changing. Additionally, lighting was built into its cabinets to illuminate the tiles at night. Solar shades on a remote were incorporated, to reduce the glare during the daytime; yet through the perforation allow an impressionistic view of the Bay and Coconut Grove.





The third bedroom for Sakolsky's daughter was the most difficult to design, but turned out to be the most interesting. Because she attends boarding school, he wanted the ability to open the room to the living area when she is away. A dark wenge wood Murphy bed/sofa with white glass cabinets was designed to save space and balance the layout of the room. A custom built love seat with removable cushions was placed in front of it. The full-sized bed behind its cabinet can be easily pulled over the sofa. With the sliding doors open, and bed concealed, the space doubles as a den or sitting area..

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Capra transformed the master bedroom by adding a dramatic pop of color on the walls with textured wallpaper by Arte in a rust tone, and a Mink wood bedroom set from Adriana Hoyos' Grafito Collection. A floating media console was built in wenge wood with sliding white glass doors to hide the TV and reveal bookshelves when closed.

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Designer: Daniela Saliba

Quote: "The thought behind this design is to represent a comfortable and approachable environment within a sophisticated envelope. The intention of affording a subtle coastal feeling mixed with a metropolitan atmosphere brings a personal detail to the picture, and conveys my nostalgia of my Brazilian background connecting with my affection for Miami. The overall space is composed of four different functions merged together by proximity. The café is meant to feel as an extension of the entrance living room, while the kid's entertainment area appears and disappears as needed; the reception stays as an independent unit to preserve its significance. The material and color choices reflect a modern-industrial appearance, blending cleanly crafted lines with slightly ornamental suggestions."



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(above) Designer: Marisol Pinto

Quote: "Inspiration derived from the bright colors of a Miami sunrise; a fashion soiree on the beach; the classic style of Manhattan; the elegance of a London loft. Peaceful whites and graceful grays combine with dramatic purple; this is a sanctuary where various textures, patterns and materials come together in harmony. All to create not just a living room but the heart of the home; a space one feels the need to stay in and enjoy every detail; from the natural light, soothing sounds and rousing art to the marble floors, quartz walls and silk shades."

(left) Designer: Christina Hamoui

Contemporary, clean-lined white furniture accented by yellow-colored items and artwork create an atmosphere that says, "this room is one with nature." The coffee table with its natural wood pattern, also adds to the light, airy, and cozy breath-of-fresh-air look!





(above) Designer: João Armentano

Quote: "Miami is a cool, fresh and modern city with high energy people...to reflect this vibrant tones and textures currently in trend were used. The idea is to express personality and sophistication without being uptight or conservative."

(left) Designer: Stanley Matz

Quote: "Just another sunny day in beautiful Miami surrounded by chic outdoor furniture from Artefacto. Enjoy! Life's a beach!!!"



(above) Designer: Karla Pohlmann

Quote: "An interior is a natural projection of the soul. The space was inspired and designed as a reflection of the freshness of Miami. As the soul of a diverse and exhilarating city. Inviting. Simple. Warm. Elegant."

(right) Designer: Debora Aguiar

Quote: "Upon arrival, one is immersed with delicate water sounds in a cozy atmosphere with graceful intricacy. The social, central living room is framed by a wood pergola and intertwined with linen gauze fabric allowing light to pass and create an intimate welcoming area. The challenge was maintaining the magnitude of the space while having it communicate, "Welcome, please stay and enjoy the experience". Comfortable chaises, couches, benches and ottomans extend the invitation of hospitality and pleasure. Small collections, artwork and plants compliment this while adding a touch of sophistication."





Designer: Suzy Acosta

Quote: "Lift the veil and see the possibilities beyond the walls...in this space I want to be true to my design values and Artefacto's as well. We both believe in the marriage of beauty and sustainability. I like to design spaces that tell a story. What caught my eye in this space was an existing light box and I decided to preserve it. In order to create the important rooms of a home – a sanctuary where you feel nurtured loved and relaxed. I decided to surround the unique beautiful style of Artefacto's furniture with light and a sense of nature by using a porcelain floor that evokes wood, natural linens and lamps that resemble part of a branch. The feeling of well-being is strengthened by our bond with nature. After all Artefacto's spaces are created to make you feel special...Lift the veil and let the light through..."

Designer: Gisela Martin

Quote: "I normally go for a more modern, elegant look, but this time I wanted to stay in touch with Mother Nature by using organic materials such as clay, brick and wood. This gave my dining room the look of a chic, urban loft that naturally welcomes guests."



(right) Designer: Valeria Lopes

Quote: "When asked to design this bedroom space, I knew I wanted to create a room that would welcome both Him & Her. I sought to create an elegant though cozy atmosphere by blending warm colors with natural textures."

(below) Designer: Mirtha Arriaran

Quote: "So God created Man..." Genesis 1:27

He's been my Muse, symbol of strength and greatness throughout the ages. The timelessness of what he represents anchors my design: black and white for his transparency, variety of textures for his elegance, large scale elements for his power. As my protagonist, he plays different roles in my décor and in all our lives."



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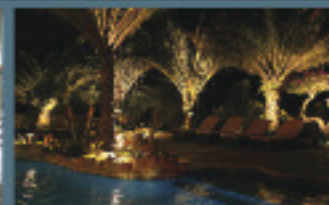
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