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**TOP RATED  
DIVIDEND  
STOCKS**

for 2016

# The 10 Top Rated Dividend Stocks for 2016

With so many different investments options, investors often have a difficult time deciding which direction is the best one for them to take.

Here at *TheStreet*, we attempt to declutter the plethora of information available and present it to our readers in a way so that they can make wise investment decisions.

When you are looking for a solid income stream and not just an implied return on your money, it is hard to beat dividends. However, according to Dave Peltier Portfolio Manager for ***Dividend Stock Advisor***, “Not all dividends are created equal. It is not always easy to decide which ones are good investments simply by looking at their stock offerings.”

According to Peltier, “Being an investor is a little like having a crystal ball. You need to be able to look at the past, present and the future. In general when you’re evaluating a dividend-paying stock, the primary thought should be the viability and sustainability of the dividend itself. We look at past performance. One way is to take a look at a company’s dividend history. While it’s never possible to predict the future from the past, some companies have exhibited a tendency to raise their payouts annually. It’s also wise to seek out yields that are trending toward the higher end of the industry and the company’s historical range.”

Peltier continues, “However, earnings power alone is not the ultimate gauge for dividend stocks. A lot of the same fundamental homework that goes into picking growth stocks will still apply here, but you need to add a layer of fixed income-like analysis. In other words, it’s also important to look at the present, which a company’s current balance sheet. While a quick glance at the ratings from the major agencies help, we’re generally looking for a manageable level of debt and a solid cash position. The clearest danger to a dividend is a lack of cash flow.”

Peltier warns, “A dividend stock that stops paying its dividend is of little value to anyone’s portfolio. Remember that while more than 75% of the companies in the S&P 500 offer a dividend, the payout remains a luxury, not a necessity. Other bills, namely interest on debt, must be paid before investors can be rewarded with a dividend. When a company has weak cash flow, the dividend is among the first costs to be cut.”

Due to the myriad of dividend stocks that an investor can choose from, ***TheStreet Quant Ratings*** team has put together a list of 10 dividend stocks that yield over 4% rated most highly by over 32 major data factors. ***TheStreet Quant Ratings*** proprietary stock algorithm identified these dividend stocks as being both fundamentally and technically strong with lower potential for risk. Note that these ratings can change at any time. If you would like access to real-time ratings of these stocks, you can access them by subscribing to ***TheStreet Quant Ratings***.

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## The Company:

#10: ALLETE INC (ALE)

## Dividend Yield:

4.03%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A- (BUY)

## What They Do:

ALLETE, Inc. operates as an energy company. The company operates through Regulated Operations, and Investments and Other segments. It generates electricity from coal-fired, hydro, wind, and biomass co-fired facilities.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate ALLETE INC (ALE) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its robust revenue growth, growth in earnings per share, compelling growth in net income, largely solid financial position with reasonable debt levels by most measures and attractive valuation levels. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company shows low profit margins.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, ALE has a growth score better than 90% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>3.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 50% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 60% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 70% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 90% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#9: PEOPLE'S UNITED FINL INC (PBCT)

## Dividend Yield:

4.29%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A- (BUY)

## What They Do:

People's United Financial, Inc. operates as the bank holding company for People's United Bank that provides commercial banking, retail banking, and wealth management services to individual, corporate, and municipal customers.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate PEOPLE'S UNITED FINL INC (PBCT) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its revenue growth, growth in earnings per share, increase in net income, expanding profit margins and solid stock price performance. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company shows weak operating cash flow.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>2.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	☆	☆	☆
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, PBCT has a growth score better than 40% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 70% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 50% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 90% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 60% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#8: SOUTHERN CO (SO)

## Dividend Yield:

4.58%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A- (BUY)

## What They Do:

The Southern Company, together with its subsidiaries, operates as a public electric utility company.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate SOUTHERN CO (SO) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its revenue growth, growth in earnings per share, increase in net income, expanding profit margins and good cash flow from operations. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company has had lackluster performance in the stock itself.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, SO has a growth score better than 80% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 70% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 60% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 70% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 90% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#7: PPL CORP (PPL)

## Dividend Yield:

4.45%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A (BUY)

## What They Do:

PPL Corporation, a utility company, delivers electricity and natural gas in the United States and the United Kingdom. It serves 321,000 natural gas and 397,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties; and 543,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and 5 counties in Virginia.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate PPL CORP (PPL) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its notable return on equity, solid stock price performance and expanding profit margins. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company has had sub par growth in net income.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, PPL has a growth score better than 70% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 90% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 60% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 80% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>3.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 50% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#6: HIGHWAY HOLDINGS LTD (HIHO)

## Dividend Yield:

8.92%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A (BUY)

## What They Do:

Highway Holdings Limited, through its subsidiaries, manufactures and sells metal, plastic, electric, and electronic components, subassemblies, and finished products for original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and contract manufacturers.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate HIGHWAY HOLDINGS LTD (HIHO) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its revenue growth, largely solid financial position with reasonable debt levels by most measures, solid stock price performance, increase in net income and attractive valuation levels. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company shows low profit margins.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, HIHO has a growth score better than 70% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 70% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 80% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 80% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 60% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 90% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#5: DOUGLAS DYNAMICS INC (PLOW)

## Dividend Yield:

4.47%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A (BUY)

## What They Do:

Douglas Dynamics, Inc. manufactures snow and ice control equipment for light and heavy duty trucks in the United States and Canada. The company offers snowplows, sand and salt spreaders, dump bodies, mini-bodies, replacement parts, and related parts and accessories.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate DOUGLAS DYNAMICS INC (PLOW) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its robust revenue growth, impressive record of earnings per share growth, compelling growth in net income, notable return on equity and attractive valuation levels. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company has had lackluster performance in the stock itself.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, PLOW has a growth score better than 80% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 60% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 80% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 70% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 60% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#4: PACWEST BANCORP (PACW)

## Dividend Yield:

4.78%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A (BUY)

## What They Do:

PacWest Bancorp operates as the holding company for Pacific Western Bank that provides commercial banking products and services to individuals, professionals, and small to mid-sized businesses in the United States. It accepts demand, money market, and time deposits.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate PACWEST BANCORP (PACW) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its revenue growth, growth in earnings per share, increase in net income, good cash flow from operations and expanding profit margins. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company has had lackluster performance in the stock itself.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, PACW has a growth score better than 80% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 60% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 60% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 70% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 80% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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# The 10 Top Rated Dividend Stocks for 2016

## The Company:

#3: KENTUCKY FIRST FEDERAL BNCRP (KFFB)

## Dividend Yield:

4.25%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A (BUY)

## What They Do:

Kentucky First Federal Bancorp operates as the holding company for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hazard, and First Federal Savings Bank of Frankfort that provide various banking products and services.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate KENTUCKY FIRST FEDERAL BNCRP (KFFB) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its increase in net income, growth in earnings per share, expanding profit margins, solid stock price performance and notable return on equity. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company shows weak operating cash flow.

FACTOR	SCORE	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Growth</b> Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, KFFB has a growth score better than 80% of the stocks we rate.	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Total Return</b> Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 90% of the companies we cover.	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Efficiency</b> Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 40% of the companies we review.	<b>2.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Price volatility</b> Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 80% of the stocks we monitor.	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Solvency</b> Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 60% of the companies we analyze.	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Income</b> Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★

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## The Company:

#2: NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES (NNN)

## Dividend Yield:

4.31%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A (BUY)

## What They Do:

National Retail Properties, Inc. is a publicly owned equity real estate investment trust. The firm acquires, owns, manages, and develops retail properties in the United States.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES (NNN) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its revenue growth, growth in earnings per share, compelling growth in net income, expanding profit margins and good cash flow from operations. We feel its strengths outweigh the fact that the company has had lackluster performance in the stock itself.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, NNN has a growth score better than 90% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 90% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>3.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 50% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 70% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>3.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 50% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 80% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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## The Company:

#1: MANHATTAN BRIDGE CAPITAL INC (LOAN)

## Dividend Yield:

7.44%

## TheStreet Quant Rating Grade:

A+ (BUY)

## What They Do:

Manhattan Bridge Capital, Inc., a real estate finance company, originates, services, and manages a portfolio of first mortgage loans in the United States.

## Our Quantitative Briefing:

We rate MANHATTAN BRIDGE CAPITAL INC (LOAN) a BUY. This is based on the convergence of positive investment measures, which should help this stock outperform the majority of stocks that we rate. The company's strengths can be seen in multiple areas, such as its robust revenue growth, growth in earnings per share, attractive valuation levels, expanding profit margins and good cash flow from operations. Although the company may harbor some minor weaknesses, we feel they are unlikely to have a significant impact on results.

FACTOR	SCORE					
<b>Growth</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, LOAN has a growth score better than 90% of the stocks we rate.		weak				strong
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company has beaten 80% of the companies we cover.		weak				strong
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 80% of the companies we review.		weak				strong
<b>Price volatility</b>	<b>4.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	☆
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 80% of the stocks we monitor.		weak				strong
<b>Solvency</b>	<b>3.5</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	☆	☆
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 60% of the companies we analyze.		weak				strong
<b>Income</b>	<b>5.0</b> out of 5 stars	★	★	★	★	★
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. The company's dividend is higher than 90% of the companies we track.		weak				strong

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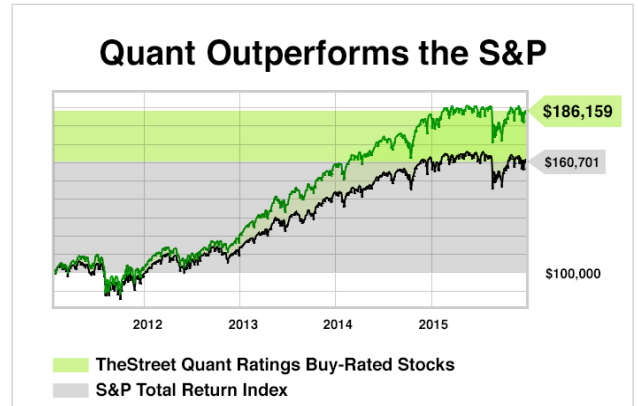
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