

Q3 FY25/26: Adhesive Solutions driving the bottom-line


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Yesterday, hoenle reported Q3 25/26 results, clearly reflecting turnaround progress despite the guidance cut on July 26. In detail:

Bottom line strengthened. EBITDA came in at € 1.7m (eNuW: € 0.7m), up 54.3% yoy. This against moderate top-line growth of 4.6% to € 23.7m (eNuW: € 22.6m). The profitability gains were especially driven by a stronger-than-anticipated contribution from Adhesive Solutions, carried by project-related growth in electronics and med tech as well as internal optimization efforts. The Q3 EBITDA margin improved from 2.5% to 3.6%.

Adhesive Solutions EBITDA more than tripled to € 1.71m (eNuW: € 0.6m), while revenue rose by 17.5% yoy to € 9.2m (eNuW: € 8.4m). The beats were driven by higher project-related revenue in electronics and med tech as well as stronger-than-anticipated profitability gains from portfolio optimization and operational efficiency measures.

Disinfection grew 22.8% yoy, with sales reaching € 7.5m (eNuW: € 6.6m). The bottom-line improved by 26.3% yoy to € 0.8m (eNuW: € 0.7m). In addition to anticipated demand from new customers, hoenle was able to leverage new sales potential from existing customers on the basis of an expanded product portfolio.

Curing improved but remained under pressure. The business unit's EBITDA contribution of € -0.8m came in lower than expected (eNuW: € -0.5m) but notably improved on restructuring initiatives compared to € -2.2m in Q3 24/25. This came against a 19.6% top-line decline to € 7.0m (eNuW: € 7.6m) on headwinds from a weak investment environment in mechanical engineering and partially due to the insolvency of key customer manroland.

Turnaround progress clearly visible, further internal optimization expected. Both Adhesive Solutions and Curing show marked bottom-line improvements on a yoy basis. This clearly shows progress made on various initiatives within hoenle aimed at reducing costs and improving margins. However, given the weak environment in Curing we view further cost reduction measures, i. e. capacity adjustments due to prolonged demand reduction, as essential to returning to a positive bottom-line contribution. Hence, we expect management to remain focused on internal optimization efforts in Curing, while leveraging growth opportunities in Disinfection and Adhesives. With our core estimates and valuation assumptions unchanged, we **reiterate BUY at € 14.0**, based on DCF.

RECOMMENDATION

BUY

TARGET

EUR 14.00

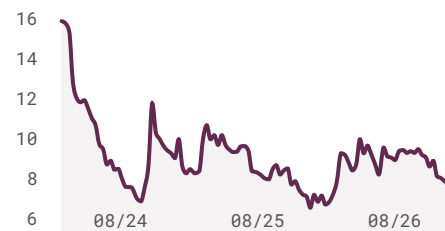
UPSIDE

+74.6%

PREVIOUS

EUR 14.00 BUY

Share Performance



52W H/L (EUR)	10.3 / 6.5
3M rel.	-13.76%
6M rel.	-7.60%
12M rel.	-4.07%

Market Data

Share Price (in €)	8.02
Market Cap (in € m)	48.62
Number of Shares (in m pcs)	6.06
Enterprise Value (in € m)	91.00
Ø Volume (6 Months)	5,420

Ticker

Bloomberg	HNL GR
WKN	515710
ISIN	DE0005157101

Key Shareholders

Free Float	74.60%
Peter Möhrle GmbH	25.40%

Guidance

2025/26 sales: € 92-95m
2025/26 EBITDA: € 5-6m

Forecast Changes

	2026e	2027e	2028e
Sales	-	-	-
EBITDA	-	-	-
EPS	1.6%	27.5%	12.5%

Comment on changes

Adjusting D&A assumptions based on 9m 25/26 run-rates.

Issuer-Sponsored Research

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Y/E 31.09. (EUR M)	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Sales	106.3	98.7	93.7	93.1	100.7	109.3
Sales growth	-8.4%	-7.2%	-5.1%	-0.6%	8.1%	8.6%
EBITDA	0.4	3.1	5.8	6.0	10.1	12.5
Net debt (if net cash=0)	47.5	45.7	38.4	42.4	41.7	39.9
FCF	0.2	3.4	3.1	-4.0	0.6	1.8
Net Debt/EBITDA	119.3	14.8	6.6	7.1	4.1	3.2
EPS reported	-1.82	-2.19	-0.51	-0.23	0.44	0.74
EBITDA margin	0.4%	3.1%	6.2%	6.4%	10.0%	11.4%
ROCE	-5.7%	-6.9%	0.1%	0.5%	4.6%	6.4%
EV/sales	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
EV/EBITDA	426.0	29.8	15.5	15.7	9.2	7.3
PER	-10.5	-3.2	-22.3	-43.5	17.6	10.6
Adjusted FCF yield	-1.8%	-1.0%	-1.5%	1.0%	5.1%	7.2%

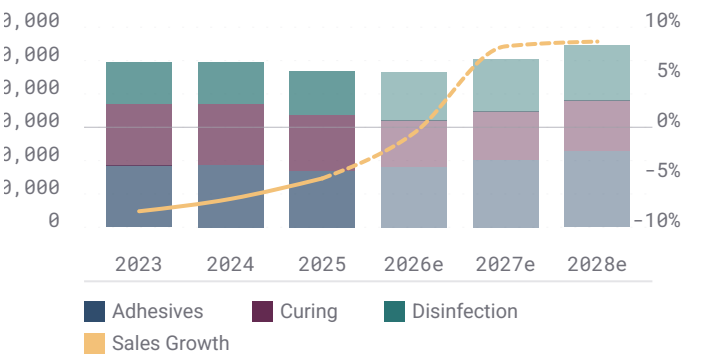
Source: Company Data, NuWays AG | e = estimate, p = preliminary

Close Price as of 17.08.2026

Company Profile

Hoenle is a German specialist in UV lamps and systems used in printing to dry and harden ink, and disinfect water and surfaces. It also offers adhesives for niche applications in consumer electronics, automotive, medical, and other sectors. The business is divided into Adhesives, Curing and Disinfection. The company serves a diverse customer base. Until 2030, the company plans to grow the business to € 139.8m sales with a 13.9% EBITDA margin carried by its ongoing transformation.

Segment Chart



Catalysts

- Gradually generating sales from the defined new use cases.
- A sustainable return to cash generation.

Investment Case

- Technology leader for UV systems and adhesives with a focus on niche applications.
- A patchy track record but better times ahead: A new CEO is to accelerate goal execution on market expansion and is to accelerate strategic initiative development, resulting in revenue growth for the years to come.
- Sales are seen to rise by 8.0% CAGR (FY 25/26e - 29/30e) to € 126.5m in FY 29/30e as consequence of stronger after-sales activities and strategic initiative efforts.
- EBITDA should rise to € 17m by FY'30e from € 6m in FY 25/26e, predominantly driven by increased sales and EoS.

Upcoming Events

Dec 08	Publication of Preliminary Annual Report
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Strengths + Strong expertise in UV and LED curing technology: hoenle is a recognized leader with decades of experience in UV lamps, LED curing, and industrial drying systems. + Innovative product portfolio: Broad range of products tailored to diverse industries including printing, electronics, automotive, and medical. + High quality and reliability: Products known for precision, durability, and performance. + Global presence: Operations and sales network in many countries providing access to international markets.	Weaknesses - Market sensitivity to industrial cycles: Demand can fluctuate with manufacturing and industrial investment trends. - Limited brand awareness outside core sectors: Less recognized outside specialized industrial and technical circles. - High capital costs: Advanced technology solutions can be expensive, potentially limiting smaller customers. - Niche market dependency: Focused primarily on UV and LED curing technology which may limit diversification.
Opportunities Growth in LED technology adoption: LED curing is energy-efficient and environmentally friendly, aligning with sustainability trends. Rising demand in electronics and medical device industries: Increasing miniaturization and precision manufacturing drive need for advanced curing solutions. Environmental regulations: Stricter environmental standards push industries towards cleaner UV and LED technologies. Collaborations and partnerships: Potential to expand through alliances with OEMs and system integrators.	Threats ! Technological disruption: Rapid advances in alternative curing or drying technologies may challenge current offerings. ! Intense competition: Both from established UV/LED technology providers and emerging low-cost manufacturers. ! Economic downturns: Industrial slowdowns can reduce capital expenditure on new equipment.

PROFIT AND LOSS (EUR M)	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Net sales	106.3	98.7	93.7	93.1	100.7	109.3
Sales growth	-8.4%	-7.2%	-5.1%	-0.6%	8.1%	8.6%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	-1.9	-1.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Total sales	104.5	97.3	93.8	93.3	100.7	109.3
Other operating income	3.3	2.2	3.0	1.7	2.0	2.2
Material expenses	51.1	39.3	35.1	33.8	36.2	39.3
Personnel expenses	39.5	41.3	40.5	41.7	39.2	41.8
Other operating expenses	16.7	15.8	14.9	13.5	17.2	17.9
Total operating expenses	104.1	94.2	87.5	87.4	90.6	96.8
EBITDA	0.4	3.1	5.8	6.0	10.1	12.5
Depreciation	8.2	12.0	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0
EBITA	-7.8	-8.9	1.6	2.0	6.0	8.5
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.2	0.1
Impairment charges	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	-9.4	-10.3	0.1	0.6	5.8	8.4
Interest income	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest expenses	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
Investment income	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial result	-1.6	-2.0	-1.8	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	-11.0	-12.2	-1.7	-1.4	3.8	6.3
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	-11.0	-12.2	-1.7	-1.4	3.8	6.3
Income tax expense	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.0	1.1	1.8
Net income from continuing operations	-11.3	-13.0	-3.1	-1.4	2.7	4.5
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	-10.9	-13.0	-3.1	-1.4	2.7	4.5
Minority interest	0.1	0.3	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit (reported)	-11.3	-13.3	-2.1	-1.1	2.7	4.5
Average number of shares	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
EPS reported	-1.82	-2.19	-0.51	-0.23	0.44	0.74

Source: Company Data, NuWays AG

PROFIT AND LOSS (COMMON SIZE)	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sales growth	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	-1.8%	-1.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Total sales	98.2%	98.5%	100.1%	100.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Other operating income	3.1%	2.2%	3.2%	1.8%	2.0%	2.0%
Material expenses	48.1%	39.8%	37.4%	36.2%	36.0%	36.0%
Personnel expenses	37.2%	41.9%	43.2%	44.7%	38.9%	38.2%
Other operating expenses	15.7%	16.0%	15.9%	14.5%	17.1%	16.4%
Total operating expenses	97.9%	95.4%	93.4%	93.8%	90.0%	88.6%
EBITDA	0.4%	3.1%	6.2%	6.4%	10.0%	11.4%
Depreciation	7.7%	12.1%	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.7%
EBITA	-7.3%	-9.0%	1.7%	2.2%	6.0%	7.8%
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.5%	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Impairment charges	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	-8.9%	-10.4%	0.1%	0.7%	5.8%	7.6%
Interest income	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest expenses	1.7%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	1.9%
Investment income	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Financial result	-1.5%	-2.0%	-1.9%	-2.2%	-2.0%	-1.9%
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	-10.3%	-12.4%	-1.8%	-1.5%	3.8%	5.8%
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Earnings before taxes	-10.3%	-12.4%	-1.8%	-1.5%	3.8%	5.8%
Tax rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net income from continuing operations	-10.6%	-13.2%	-3.4%	-1.5%	2.7%	4.1%
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	-0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net income	-10.3%	-13.2%	-3.4%	-1.5%	2.7%	4.1%
Minority interest	0.1%	0.3%	-0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net profit (reported)	-10.3%	-13.5%	-3.3%	-1.5%	2.7%	4.1%

Source: Company Data, NuWays AG

BALANCE SHEET (EUR M)	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Intangible assets	19.7	12.6	12.8	11.7	11.5	11.3
Property, plant and equipment	75.1	71.6	69.0	68.1	67.0	66.0
Financial assets	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Fixed Assets	96.3	84.8	82.2	80.1	78.9	77.7
Inventories	35.0	30.5	28.6	33.3	36.0	39.0
Accounts receivable	15.6	14.9	13.8	14.3	15.5	16.8
Other assets and short-term financial assets	14.7	11.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Liquid assets	9.3	7.5	7.8	3.7	4.4	6.2
Deferred taxes	5.2	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Assets	79.9	70.6	63.4	64.5	69.0	75.3
Total Assets	176.2	155.4	145.5	144.7	147.9	153.0
Shareholders Equity	95.8	79.4	76.9	75.5	78.1	82.6
Minority interest	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	3.2	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Short-term liabilities to banks	12.4	13.0	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7
Accounts payable	7.6	6.4	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.8
Advance payments received on orders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accrued taxes	1.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	9.5	9.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Liabilities	32.0	30.7	30.2	30.8	31.3	31.9
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	176.2	155.4	145.5	144.7	147.9	153.0

Source: Company Data, NuWays AG

BALANCE SHEET (COMMON SIZE)	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Intangible assets	11.2%	8.1%	8.8%	8.1%	7.8%	7.4%
Property, plant and equipment	42.6%	46.1%	47.4%	47.1%	45.3%	43.1%
Financial assets	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Fixed Assets	54.6%	54.6%	56.5%	55.4%	53.3%	50.8%
Inventories	19.9%	19.6%	19.6%	23.0%	24.3%	25.5%
Accounts receivable	8.9%	9.6%	9.5%	9.9%	10.5%	11.0%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	8.3%	7.7%	5.4%	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%
Liquid assets	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%	2.6%	3.0%	4.1%
Deferred taxes	2.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Current Assets	45.4%	45.4%	43.5%	44.6%	46.7%	49.2%
Total Assets	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Shareholders Equity	54.4%	51.1%	52.8%	52.2%	52.8%	54.0%
Minority interest	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	1.8%	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Short-term liabilities to banks	7.0%	8.4%	8.7%	8.8%	8.6%	8.3%
Accounts payable	4.3%	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%	5.1%
Advance payments received on orders	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accrued taxes	0.8%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	5.4%	6.1%	7.9%	7.9%	7.7%	7.5%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Current Liabilities	9.7%	19.8%	20.8%	21.3%	21.2%	20.9%
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Company Data, NuWays AG

CASH FLOW (EUR M)	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Net profit/loss	-10.9	-13.0	-3.1	-1.4	2.7	4.5
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	9.8	12.0	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	0.0	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.2	0.1
Other costs affecting income / expenses	4.8	1.8	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operating activities	0.1	2.5	-0.7	-6.1	-0.6	0.7
Increase/decrease in inventory	-1.8	4.6	1.5	-4.7	-2.7	-3.1
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	4.0	0.7	0.9	-0.5	-1.2	-1.3
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	-2.7	-1.2	-0.1	0.6	0.5	0.6
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	0.0	-1.8	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in working capital	-0.5	2.3	0.4	-4.6	-3.3	-3.8
Cash flow from operating activities	3.1	5.5	5.0	-1.0	3.6	4.8
CAPEX	2.9	2.1	1.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Payments for acquisitions	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	-0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	5.0	0.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	2.7	-2.4	1.6	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0
Cash flow before financing	5.7	3.0	6.4	-4.0	0.6	1.8
Increase/decrease in debt position	-3.3	-4.8	-6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchase of own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-3.4	-4.9	-6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	2.2	-1.7	0.2	-4.0	0.6	1.8
Liquid assets at end of period	9.3	7.5	7.8	3.7	4.4	6.2

Source: Company Data, NuWays AG

KEY RATIOS	2023	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
P&L growth analysis						
Sales growth	-8.4%	-7.2%	-5.1%	-0.6%	8.1%	8.6%
EBITDA growth	-96.7%	676.1%	86.7%	3.3%	69.2%	23.8%
EBIT growth	-261.4%	9.0%	-101.1%	463.6%	855.5%	43.6%
EPS growth	-17.6%	20.7%	-76.6%	-54.6%	-290.5%	67.0%
Efficiency						
Sales per employee	171.2	166.8	160.8	162.0	175.1	190.1
EBITDA per employee	0.6	5.2	9.9	10.4	17.5	21.7
No. employees (average)	621	592	583	575	575	575
Balance sheet analysis						
Avg. working capital / sales	46.5%	41.7%	40.3%	41.6%	42.4%	42.3%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Accounts receivable turnover	53.6	55.2	56.2	56.2	56.2	56.2
Accounts payable turnover	25.9	23.5	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9
Cash flow analysis						
Free cash flow	0.2	3.4	3.1	-4.0	0.6	1.8
Free cash flow/sales	0.2%	3.5%	3.3%	-4.3%	0.6%	1.7%
FCF / net profit	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Capex / sales	2.2%	2.3%	2.1%	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%
Solvency						
Net debt	47.5	45.7	38.4	42.4	41.7	39.9
Net Debt/EBITDA	119.3	14.8	6.6	7.1	4.1	3.2
Dividend payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest paid / avg. debt	3.1%	3.8%	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Returns						
ROCE	-5.7%	-6.9%	0.1%	0.5%	4.6%	6.4%
ROE	-11.5%	-16.7%	-4.0%	-1.9%	3.4%	5.4%
Adjusted FCF yield	-1.8%	-1.0%	-1.5%	1.0%	5.1%	7.2%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPS reported	-1.82	-2.19	-0.51	-0.23	0.44	0.74
Average number of shares	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
Valuation ratios						
P/BV	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
EV/sales	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
EV/EBITDA	426.0	29.8	15.5	15.7	9.2	7.3
EV/EBIT	-18.0	-9.0	828.5	153.6	16.0	10.9

Source: Company Data, NuWays AG

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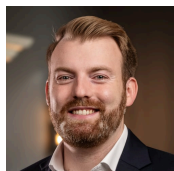
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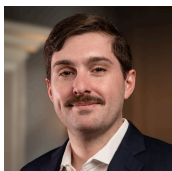
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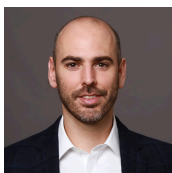
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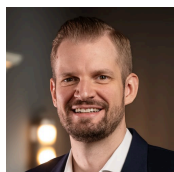
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