

QUARTERLY REPORT
30 November 2023

**AHAM World Series –
Global Income Fund**
(Formerly known as
Affin Hwang World
Series – Global
Income Fund)

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**AHAM WORLD SERIES – GLOBAL INCOME FUND
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES – GLOBAL
INCOME FUND)**

**Quarterly Report and Financial Statements
As at 30 November 2023**

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QUARTERLY REPORT

FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM World Series – Global Income Fund (Formerly known as AHAM World Series – Global Income Fund)	
Fund Type	Income	
Fund Category	Bond feeder (wholesale)	
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide investors with regular income through investments in global fixed income instruments.	
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	
Distribution Policy	Subject to the availability of income, the Fund endeavours to distribute income for respective Classes in the following manner, after the end of its first financial year.	
	Class(es)	Distribution Policy
	USD Class	Monthly basis
	MYR Class	
	MYR Hedged-class	Quarterly basis
	SGD Hedged-class	
	AUD Hedged-class	
	GBP Hedged-class	
	EUR Hedged-class	

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

AUD-Hedged Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	14.388	12.036
NAV per Unit (AUD)	0.4512	0.4551
Unit in Circulation (million)	31.890	26.448

GBP-Hedged Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	3.419	3.347
NAV per Unit (GBP)	0.4178	0.4197
Unit in Circulation (million)	8.183	7.974

MYR Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	71.075	28.483
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.5249	0.5230
Unit in Circulation (million)	135.414	54.464

MYR-Hedged Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	71.075	28.483
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.5249	0.5230
Unit in Circulation (million)	135.414	54.464

SGD-Hedged Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	10.933	9.900
NAV per Unit (SGD)	0.4415	0.4454
Unit in Circulation (million)	24.761	22.226

USD Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	15.461	14.625
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.4665	0.4680
Unit in Circulation (million)	33.143	31.251

EUR-Hedged Class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2023	As at 31 Aug 2023
Total NAV (million)	0.147	0.088
NAV per Unit (EUR)	0.4003	0.4036
Unit in Circulation (million)	0.367	0.219

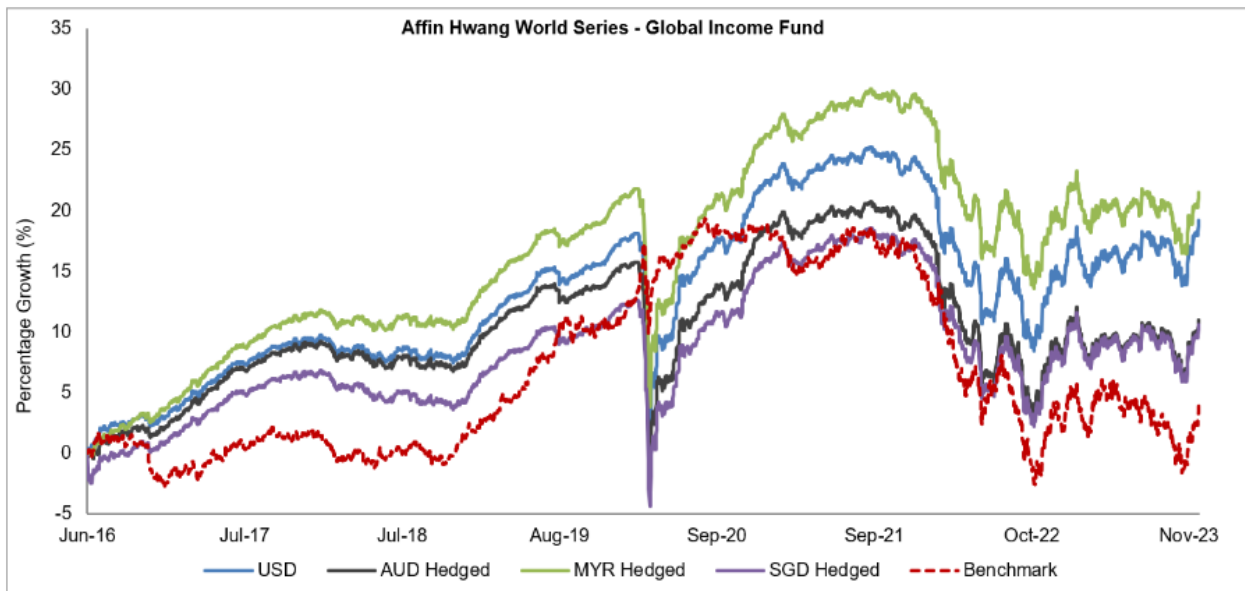
Fund Performance

Performance as at 30 November 2023

	3 Months (1/9/23 - 30/11/23)	6 Months (1/6/23 - 30/11/23)	1 Year (1/12/22 - 30/11/23)	3 Years (1/12/20 - 30/11/23)	5 Years (1/12/18 - 30/11/23)	Since Commencement (13/6/16 - 30/11/23)
Benchmark	0.26%	(0.80%)	1.18%	(12.83%)	3.61%	3.51%
USD	0.99%	2.89%	4.39%	(1.41%)	10.47%	18.97%
Outperformance	0.73%	3.69%	3.21%	11.42%	6.86%	15.46%
AUD Hedged	0.44%	2.00%	2.30%	(5.15%)	3.53%	10.74%
Outperformance	0.18%	2.80%	1.12%	7.68%	(0.08%)	7.23%
MYR Hedged	0.28%	1.41%	1.98%	(2.59%)	9.69%	21.20%
Outperformance	0.02%	2.21%	0.80%	10.24%	6.08%	17.69%
SGD Hedged	0.46%	1.93%	2.77%	(3.47%)	6.34%	10.39%
Outperformance	0.20%	2.73%	1.59%	9.36%	2.73%	6.88%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



Performance as at 30 November 2023

	3 Months (1/9/23 - 30/11/23)	6 Months (1/6/23 - 30/11/23)	1 Year (1/12/22 - 30/11/23)	3 Years (1/12/20 - 30/11/23)	5 Years (1/12/18 - 30/11/23)	Since Commencement (2/9/16 - 30/11/23)
Benchmark	0.26%	(0.80%)	1.18%	(12.83%)	3.61%	2.19%
MYR	1.48%	4.00%	9.46%	12.79%	23.01%	32.36%
Outperformance	1.22%	4.80%	8.28%	25.62%	19.40%	30.17%
GBP Hedged	0.90%	2.66%	3.42%	(3.55%)	3.93%	5.69%
Outperformance	0.64%	3.46%	2.24%	9.28%	0.32%	3.50%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark

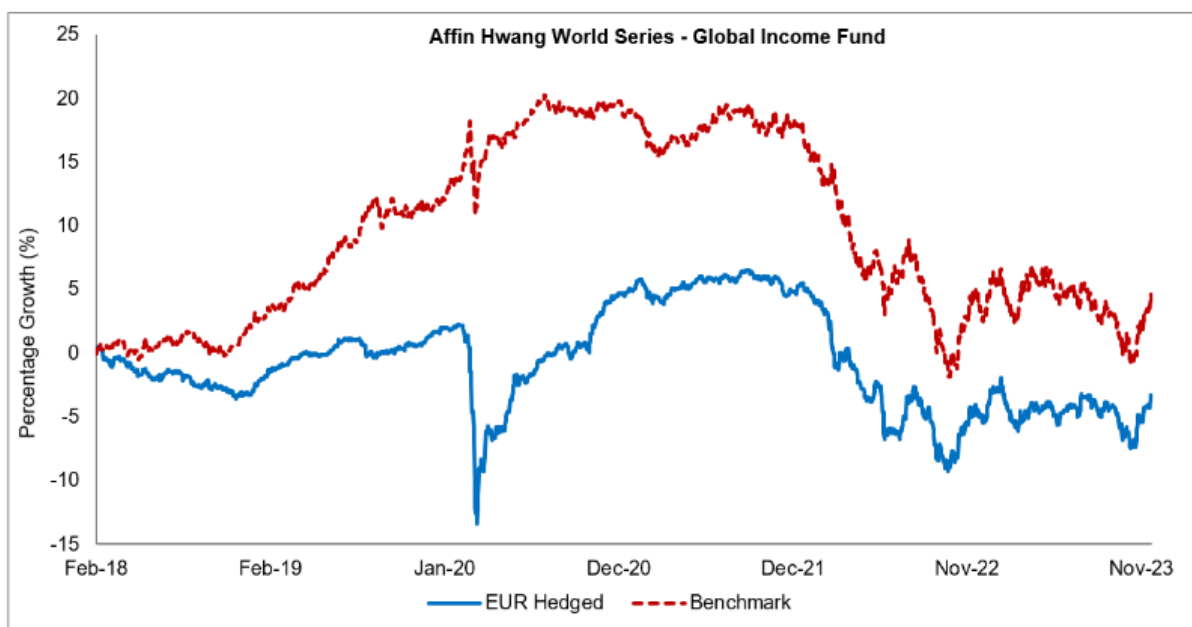


Performance as at 30 November 2023

	3 Months (1/9/23 - 30/11/23)	6 Months (1/6/23 - 30/11/23)	1 Year (1/12/22 - 30/11/23)	3 Years (1/12/20 - 30/11/23)	5 Years (1/12/18 - 30/11/23)	Since Commencement (22/2/18 - 30/11/23)
Benchmark	0.26%	(0.80%)	1.18%	(12.83%)	3.61%	4.31%
EUR Hedged	0.39%	1.70%	1.67%	(6.59%)	(0.12%)	(3.48%)
Outperformance	0.13%	2.50%	0.49%	6.24%	(3.73%)	(7.79%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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 Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index

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Asset Allocation

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	30 November 2023
	(%)
Unit Trust	97.84
Derivative	-0.50
Cash & money market	2.66
Total	100.00

Strategies Employed

The Target Fund maintains diversified portfolio exposures with a focus on liquidity, quality and seniority in the capital structure. Overall duration moved modestly higher over the month to 3.13 years (from 2.95 years), sourced mainly from the intermediate part of the US yield curve. The Target Fund remains defensive on corporate and EM spread risk and slightly reduced exposure to both investment grade and high yield corporate credit, as well as exposure to external debt from emerging markets, including Mexico and Romania. Elsewhere, the Target Fund added exposure to AAA-rated US Agency MBS, focusing primarily on higher coupons, as it maintains a constructive view on the sector.

Market Review

The global markets experienced varied trends over the three months. September and October saw declines with the MSCI World Index and the S&P 500 both falling, primarily due to the Federal Reserve's rate hike signals and geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. However, November marked a significant turnaround with both the S&P 500 and MSCI World Index rising over 9%, fueled by dovish signaling from major central banks and broad disinflation.

Developed market sovereign yields broadly fell in November as market data suggested optimism and central banks held rates steady. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield fell 60 basis points (bps) to 4.33% as the Fed signaled little urgency to hike rates, prompting expectations of earlier rate cuts. The German 10-year Bund yield fell 36 bps to 2.45% and the U.K. 10-year Gilt yield fell 34 bps to 4.18% as inflation cooled in Europe. In Japan, the 10-year JGB yield fell 28 bps to 0.67% while the Bank of Japan (BOJ) reaffirmed its commitment to accommodative monetary policy during its meeting in late October.

Agency MBS realized positive returns in November, outperforming like-duration Treasuries; MBS delivered its second-best month of performance versus Treasuries on record, benefitting from large inflows to MBS funds, moderate bank buying, and purchases from overseas investors. GNMA's outperformed FNMA's, and 15-year MBS marginally outperformed 30-year MBS. Gross issuance was down 7% month-over-month (MoM) and down 4% YoY. The Fed continued to allow about \$20 billion of MBS to roll off its balance sheet, and U.S. mortgage rates decreased to 7.60%. Legacy non-agency residential MBS spreads were unchanged during the month while non-agency CMBS ended the month higher, outperforming like-duration Treasuries

Global investment grade credit spreads tightened in November and the sector posted positive returns, outperforming like-duration government bonds. Credit spreads tightened amid benign inflation data and investor optimism that the Fed rate-hiking cycle in the U.S. has ended. Global high yield bond spreads tightened in November. The different quality segments of the sector performed relatively in line with each other, altogether posting positive returns for November.

Inflation-linked bonds reflected the changing market sentiment across the months. September saw core PCE inflation rising by 0.14% MoM. However, in November, U.S. TIPS delivered positive returns, and U.S. breakevens moved lower across the curve, with headline CPI dropping to 3.2% YoY, indicating easing inflationary pressures

Investment Outlook

The Target Fund continues to focus on maintaining high levels of liquidity (cash, Treasuries and Agency MBS) which will provide additional flexibility and potentially deploy capital opportunistically.

The Target Fund maintains a moderate exposure to duration risk with a preference for US rates. The exposure focuses on the front and intermediate segments of the yield curve where they see the most attractive opportunities. Elsewhere, the Target Fund holds a short position to Japanese duration, as a cheap duration hedge. Target Fund Manager maintain a long exposure to US TIPS to protect the portfolio against elevated inflation risks. It also maintains a modest short to UK inflation.

Target Fund Manager continue to like non-Agency mortgage-backed securities due to their attractive yields and risk profile. The exposure is mainly in senior tranches of legacy, well seasoned deals, with very solid underlying fundamentals that should be resilient even in very distressed house price scenarios. Target Fund have avoided deeply subordinated parts of the market that have stronger upside potential in positive economic scenarios, but have asymmetric downside and risk of permanent capital loss in negative

scenarios. They also continue to hold select higher coupon Agency MBS and senior AAA-rated tranches of CMBS indices. Both sectors provide "safe spread" along with an attractive risk profile in the event of a flight to quality. We remain focused on maintaining flexibility and ensuring a high level of liquidity in the portfolio.

Within investment grade corporates Target Fund Manager continue to like systemically important banks with strong capital positions and direct support from central banks, with a focus on the most senior parts of banks' capital structures. Outside of financials, they continue to hold a preference for defensive, less cyclical sectors, such as utilities, telecommunications and healthcare. The target fund is highly selective in cash High Yield bonds, with a focus on short dated senior and secured bonds from non-cyclical sectors, as well as select hung loans and restructuring opportunities. The Target Fund continues to maintain an allocation to high yield CDX, which benefit from attractive relative value and superior liquidity versus cash bonds, although this has been reduced in recent months.

They have continued to reduce overall exposure to emerging markets as a way to limit volatility in the portfolio. They still believe that EM assets can be a good source of carry and diversification, but they keep individual country exposures small. Target Fund Manager are focused on select regions which provide higher yields and what we perceive is limited potential for long-term financial loss. They are generally focused on sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns, specifically on organizations that have close government ties.

Currency positions continue to be modest as currencies can be more volatile than other asset classes. Target Fund remain tactical in the currency positioning, holding a long exposure to a basket of higher carry EM currencies (BRL, MXN) versus the USD for additional diversification. Target Fund also maintain modest tactical exposure to a basket of DM currencies (long JPY, short CAD) based on relative valuations.

AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL INCOME FUND

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023

	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2023</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2022</u> USD
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividend income	1,501,524	1,131,180
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost	5,685	1,731
Net (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchange	(34,181)	19,514
Net (loss)/gain on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	(331,581)	113,608
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,384)	(801,905)
	<u>1,140,063</u>	<u>464,128</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee	(337,577)	(260,124)
Trustee fee	(13,991)	(10,764)
Fund accounting fee	(2,758)	(2,808)
Auditors' remuneration	(482)	(500)
Tax agent's fee	(187)	(195)
Other expenses	(2,193)	(2,341)
	<u>(357,188)</u>	<u>(276,732)</u>
NET PROFIT BEFORE FINANCE COST AND TAXATION	782,875	187,396
FINANCE COST (EXCLUDING INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)		
Distributions	(1,131,028)	(1,045,369)
NET LOSS BEFORE TAXATION	(348,153)	(857,973)
Taxation	-	-
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>(348,153)</u>	<u>(857,973)</u>
Decrease in net asset attributable to unitholders are made up of the following:		
Realised amount	(871,306)	(2,255,456)
Unrealised amount	523,153	1,397,483
	<u>(348,153)</u>	<u>(857,973)</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,324,989	963,216
Amount due from broker	-	77,097
Amount due from Manager		
- creation of units	2,160,545	142,689
- management fee rebate receivable	43,947	32,255
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	104,112,627	75,587,731
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	209,379	1,028,643
Tax recoverable	8,454	10,461
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>108,859,941</u>	<u>77,842,092</u>
LIABILITIES		
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	745,104	135,755
Amount due to broker	1,300,000	97,793
Amount due to Manager		
- management fee	118,173	86,559
- cancellation of units	276,362	216,885
Amount due to Trustee	4,890	3,582
Fund accounting fee	930	-
Auditors' remuneration	2,489	2,668
Tax agent's fee	1,211	1,189
Other payables and accruals	768	1,305
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	<u>2,449,927</u>	<u>545,736</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	<u>106,410,014</u>	<u>77,296,356</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>106,410,014</u>	<u>77,296,356</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY:		
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS		
- AUD Hedged-class	9,519,798	6,731,843
- EUR Hedged-class	160,500	145,127
- GBP Hedged-class	4,326,500	4,422,661
- MYR class	15,255,456	4,151,583
- MYR Hedged-class	53,497,793	35,951,109
- SGD Hedged-class	8,188,924	11,227,107
- USD class	15,461,043	14,666,926
	<u>106,410,014</u>	<u>77,296,356</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
- AUD Hedged-class	31,890,000	21,416,000
- EUR Hedged-class	367,000	336,000
- GBP Hedged-class	8,183,000	8,597,000
- MYR class	135,414,000	36,409,000
- MYR Hedged-class	518,513,000	320,333,000
- SGD Hedged-class	24,761,000	33,691,000
- USD class	33,143,000	30,940,000
	<u>752,271,000</u>	<u>451,722,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- AUD Hedged-class	0.2985	0.3143
- EUR Hedged-class	0.4373	0.4319
- GBP Hedged-class	0.5287	0.5144
- MYR class	0.1127	0.1140
- MYR Hedged-class	0.1032	0.1122
- SGD Hedged-class	0.3307	0.3332
- USD class	0.4665	0.4740
	<u>0.4665</u>	<u>0.4740</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- AUD Hedged-class	AUD0.4512	AUD0.4675
- EUR Hedged-class	EUR0.4003	EUR0.4170
- GBP Hedged-class	GBP0.4178	GBP0.4284
- MYR class	RM0.5249	RM0.5065
- MYR Hedged-class	RM0.4807	RM0.4985
- SGD Hedged-class	SGD0.4415	SGD0.4557
- USD class	USD0.4665	USD0.4740
	<u>USD0.4665</u>	<u>USD0.4740</u>

AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL INCOME FUND

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023

	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2023</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2022</u> USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	88,421,773	75,366,840
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period		
Creation of units arising from applications	21,683,072	6,601,386
- AUD Hedged-class	1,746,104	172,145
- EUR Hedged-class	60,806	561
- GBP Hedged-class	307,379	23,121
- MYR class	8,983,121	398,015
- MYR Hedged-class	7,561,523	5,695,296
- SGD Hedged-class	856,194	7,156
- USD class	2,167,945	305,092
Creation of units arising from distributions	773,280	864,433
- AUD Hedged-class	77,436	80,443
- EUR Hedged-class	1,289	1,968
- GBP Hedged-class	31,208	39,289
- MYR class	83,097	52,925
- MYR Hedged-class	361,938	379,896
- SGD Hedged-class	51,995	125,356
- USD class	166,317	184,556
Cancellation of units	(4,119,958)	(4,678,330)
- AUD Hedged-class	(237,238)	(673,382)
- EUR Hedged-class	(44)	(491)
- GBP Hedged-class	(226,703)	(447,079)
- MYR class	(78,133)	(35,500)
- MYR Hedged-class	(2,029,126)	(2,813,676)
- SGD Hedged-class	(91,920)	(584,833)
- USD class	(1,456,794)	(123,369)

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2023</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2022</u> USD
Net decrease in net asset attributable to unitholders during the financial period	(348,153)	(857,973)
- AUD Hedged-class	152,646	(396,013)
- EUR Hedged-class	2,184	2,096
- GBP Hedged-class	(21,580)	4,097
- MYR class	124,260	(41,457)
- MYR Hedged-class	(618,010)	(278,950)
- SGD Hedged-class	53,600	30,714
- USD class	(41,253)	(178,460)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>106,410,014</u>	<u>77,296,356</u>

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