

Chapter 8 Umm Al Quwain

Umm al-Quwain (Arabic: أمّ القيوين) is the least populous of the seven sovereign emirates in the United Arab Emirates, located in the north of the country. The emirate is ruled by Saud bin Rashid Al Mu'alla. The emirate had 62,000 inhabitants in 2003 and has an area of 750 square kilometers. Umm al-Quwain means "Mother of two powers". It stretches from the beautiful, lush green coastal mangroves lining the shores of the Persian Gulf, inland across the rolling sand dunes to the fertile oasis surrounding Falaj Al Moalla. Small, sleepy, quaint and without a single international mega-resort, its retro-feel stands in sharp contrast to the glamour-emirate to the south. Visit UAQ if you want to see what the UAE looked like decades ago.

The old town, business district and a few hotels are at the northern tip of a long and narrow peninsula accessed by the busy, strip mall-lined King Faisal Rd. Other attractions are along Hwy E11 heading north.

The inland oasis and hinterland town of Falaj Al Moalla lies some 50km from Umm Al Quwain city.

From November to March temperatures are idyllic and average 26C in daytime and 15C at night. Temperatures can rise over 40C in the peak of the summer and the humidity levels are high. Rainfall is minimal and averages 42 millimetres a year. The coastline experiences cooling sea breezes during the day.

The name Umm Al Quwain is derived from Umm Al Quwatain, which means "Mother of two powers", a reference to the powerful seafaring tradition of this emirate. The modern history of Umm Al Quwain dates back some 200 years when the Al Ali tribe moved their capital from Al Sinniyah Island to its present location in the mid 18th century, when the sweet water supply dried up.

Umm Al Quwain exhibits far more topographical diversity than the other emirates in the UAE. Umm-al-Quwain is the fastest growing spot for extreme sports. It has numerous places worth visiting.

Umm Al Quwain comprises the Ruler's office, banks, establishments, commercial markets, seaport and Research and Pisciculture Centre. Over the past few years, Umm Al Quwain city has witnessed drastic developments, including construction of buildings, parks, roads, and other amenities. Located 50kms south of Umm Al Quwain is Falaj Al Mulla, the agricultural part of the emirate. Umm Al Quwain also offers a dash of daring sports, which makes it an extreme holiday for anyone.

Economy of Umm Al Quwain

Umm Al Quwain economy is based on fishing, pearl diving, agriculture and breeding of livestock. This has been further diversified and expanded to meet the development policy of the emirate. Expansion of creek and wharves, construction of Ahmed Bin Rashid Port, establishment of Free Trade Zone, has all helped boost industrialization here. Fishing is still a major aspect in Umm Al Quwain, and it is still famous for its supply of grouper and oriental sole, and is a major exporter of sea foods throughout Europe and Middle East. The Falaj Al Moalla includes the first poultry farm established in the UAE.

This area is also considered to be a large supplier of meat, poultry and dairy products to the local market.

Population of Umm Al Quwain

Umm Al Quwain has the smallest population in the UAE and is the only emirate where the females outnumber the males. As per the figures by National Bureau of Statistics last year, there were total of 17,482 nationals (8,671 males and 8,811 females) in Umm Al Quwain.

Transport

There is no airport in Umm al Quwain itself, but there are airports in nearby emirates Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai, Sharjah and Ras al Khaimah.

There used to be and an old airplane stands there. The old airfield is used by hobbyists now.

There are no buses in Umm al Quwain. People generally take taxis, which are plentiful. A taxi around the central section of UAQ costs 2 to 3 AED and from the commercial sector (say near Lulu) to the main roundabout costs 5+ AED

If you want to come close via bus from Dubai, then take the bus to Ajman. From Ajman take a taxi to Umm Al Quwain. When inside Umm Al Quwain, go to a taxi stand near the central round about. Intersection of E11 and E55. There get the phone numbers of some taxi drivers. There is no central taxi company, so you should collect at least 3 or 4 taxi MOBILE numbers. The good part is that you can ask them to pick you up from anywhere you are in UAQ. And the costs are low. There are no meters in the taxi, so negotiate before you start the ride. The ride from UAQ to Ajman costs about 30 AED. From UAQ to Dubai (Deira area) costs about 100 AED.

History

Umm al-Quwain holds significant archaeological interest, with major finds at both Tell Abraaq and Al Dour. Arrowheads and other polished flint tools have been unearthed in various sites across the UAE while pieces of Ubaid pottery have been unearthed along the shores of the emirate. All evidence obtained so far indicate that contact with Mesopotamia existed as early as the 5th millennium BC as an indigenous ceramic industry did not emerge until the 3rd century BC.

During the Bronze Age (3000–1300 BC), semi-nomadic tribes inhabited the region; they shifted in groups from place to place foraging for timber from the indigenous acacia for smelting copper. The metal was sent to all the prominent ports on the Persian Gulf, Umm Al Nar being one of them. Ties with Mesopotamia were jealously maintained and consequently the trade in copper ushered in prosperity in the region.

During the Bronze Age, agriculture flourished, with dates being the prominent crop. Wheat, millet and other grains were also cultivated wherever there was enough water for irrigation. It is now widely

believed that the climate during the period was more temperate than now. During the Umm al-Nar period (2500–2000 BC), buildings and fortress towers came up in Umm Al Quwain. The most common buildings associated with this era are the circular burial tombs.

The modern history of Umm Al Quwain began some 200 years ago when the Al Ali tribe moved their capital from Al-Sinniyah Island to its present location in the mid-18th century due to declining water resources. In 1775, Sheikh Majid Al Mualla, founder of the ruling Al Mu'alla lineage of the Al Ali tribe, established an independent Sheikhdom in Umm al-Quwain.

On 8 January 1820, Sheikh Abdullah I signed the General Maritime Treaty with the United Kingdom, thus accepting a British protectorate in order to keep the Ottoman Turks out. Like Ajman, Dubai, Ras al-Khaimah and Sharjah, its position on the route to India made it important enough to be recognized as a salute state with a three gun salute.

By 1903, Lorimer's famous survey of the Trucial Coast had Umm Al Qawain as a town of some 5,000 inhabitants and identified it as the major boat-building centre of the coast, producing some 20 boats a year compared to 10 in Dubai and 5 in Sharjah.

On 2 December 1971, Sheikh Ahmad II joined its neighbors Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman and Fujairah in forming the United Arab Emirates, with Ras Al Khaimah joining later in early 1972.

The successive rulers were:

1775–17?? Sheikh Majid Al Mu'alla

17??–1816 Sheikh Rashid I bin Majid Mu'alla

1816–1853 Sheikh Abdullah I bin Rashid Al Mu'alla

1853–1873 Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah Al Mu'alla

1873 – 13 June 1904 Sheikh Ahmad I bin 'Abd Allah Al Mu'alla (b. 18?? – d. 1904)

13 June 1904 – August 1922 Sheikh Rashid II bin Ahmad Al Mu'alla (b. 1875 – d. 1922)

August 1922 – October 1923 Sheikh 'Abdallah II bin Rashid Al Mu'alla

October 1923 – 9 February 1929 Sheikh Hamad bin Ibrahim Al Mu'alla

9 February 1929 – 21 February 1981 Sheikh Ahmad bin Rashid Al Mu'alla (b. 1904 – d. 1981)

21 February 1981 – 2 January 2009 Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmad Al Mu'alla (b. 1930 – d. 2009)

2 January 2009 Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mu'alla

Climate

During November to March, the average temperature is 26C at daytime and 15C at night but it can rise over 40C in the peak of the summer and the humidity levels. The rainfall is minimal and averages 42 millimeters a year. The coastline experiences cooling sea breezes during the day.

Environment

Al-Sinniyah island, close to the town of Umm al-Qaiwain is home to the UAE's largest Socotra Cormorant colony, with over 15,000 pairs making it the third largest colony in the world. Arabian

gazelle have been introduced to Sinniyah and appear to be prospering. Marine life is remarkable for its abundance and diversity. Blacktip reef sharks patrol the outer shoreline, while green turtles are ubiquitous in the inner leads in particular. Between Al-Sinniyah and the mainland is Khor al-Beidah, an expansive area of sand and mud flats of international importance for its waterfowl.

Although not formally protected, the island of Sinaiyah, along with Khor al-Beidah, is one of the largest areas of undisturbed and varied coastal environment remaining anywhere in the UAE.

Tourism

The traditional activities of fishing, falconry, camel racing and dhow building are still evident in Umm Al Quwain emirate. The Shahin (or peregrine) falcon can be spotted here along with the famous light skinned hunting hawk, the AI-Hur.

Birdwatching

Avid birdwatchers can enjoy the wonderful wildlife at Khor al Beidah and other popular sights lie to the south and east of the town. Al Sinniyah Island is also visible from the corniche. The shallow tidal lagoons and mudflats create the perfect feeding, nesting and resting habitat for several species of heron and plover, Greater Flamingo, gulls and terns.

Between November and March, hundreds of Great Cormorants are regularly spotted flying just a few feet above the sea, as they move from one sand bar to another. Coastal flats and dune tracks around the lagoon to the south east of the promontory provide excellent mountain hiking terrain, varied enough to suit any age and ability.

Al Sinniyah, the largest of the islands, is a marine sanctuary covering 90 square kilometres. This was once the original settlement site but now shelters huge colonies of cormorants, other seabirds, gazelle and al qaram trees, and dugong (sea cows) and turtles can be seen in the shallow waters surrounding the island.

Falaj Al Mualla Garden Park

Located few minutes away from the UAQ bridge is the emirates road or outer bypass road. The park offers several amenities including swimming pools for children and adults, kids playground, bbq areas, bikes rental, mini grocery and tricycle rides. Few Meters away from UAQ bridge in Emirates Road or Outer Bypass Road. Family Oriented place that offers a never before facility in the Emirates - Swimming Pool (for kids and adults - with toilets and changing rooms). Open to all residents with a very minimal fee of Dhs. 2 per person (with free use of pool). Timings: 8am -11pm (Sunday-Wednesday) Pool only for women and kids / 10am - 12mn (Thursday - Saturday) Pool open for families. Aside from kids playground, bbq areas there is also mini grocery, bikes rental, tricycle ride Dhs 2, quad bike ride Dhs. 50 per 1 hour. edit

Umm Al Quwain Fort

A fort which was once home to the emirate's ruler and guarded the entrance to the old town, overseeing the sea on one side and the creek on the other. It eventually became a police station then a museum. The museum now houses artifacts found at important nearby sites including Al-Dour and houses a collection of weapons that were used through the emirate's history. It is located near a Masjid (Mosque) in Umm Al Quwain Bazaar.

This beautifully restored 1768 fort served as the local rulers' residence and seat of government until 1969. Highlights include the fine majlis (meeting room), old Bedouin jewellery, fancy weapons and such prized archaeological finds as two statues of headless falcons.

Old Harbor

The dhow building yard where craftsmen still manufacture traditional boats is another site that should not be missed. In the old town, around the fort, you can see the charming old coral stone houses still display features of the original architecture and intricate sculptured plaster work.

Islands of Umm Al Quwain

Islands that lie to the east of the mainland peninsula on a unique stretch of coastline consisting of sandy islands surrounded by dense mangrove forests, separated by a series of creeks. The largest of the seven islands is Al Sinniyah, followed by Jazirat Al Ghallah and Al Keabe, all of which are visible from the old town. Tucked in between these and the coastal plains are the smaller islands of Al Sow, Al Qaram, Al Humaidi, Al Chewria and Al Harmala. The Madaar creek that runs between the islands provides a navigable waterway for fisherman even at low tide when the average depth is less than a few feet.

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Al-Dour

Located roughly where the town of Umm Al Quwain is now, it is considered the largest pre-Islamic site on the Persian Gulf coast. Al-Dour was an important trading port from about 200 BC to 200 AD. Thousands of graves are found among the houses of Al-Dour. In some cases the larger tombs contained the remains of more than one individual, perhaps a family. There are two public monuments at Al-Dour, a small square fort with round corner towers and a small square temple dedicated to the Semitic sun god Shamash. Al-Dur was a coastal city from 200 BC to the third century AD. The site, along and to the right of the Sharjah/Ras-al-Khaimah highway, has been excavated and many interesting artifacts put on display at the UAQ museum.

Palma Bowling Club

Palma is more than bowling as there is pool(snooker), video games, shisha bar, beachside restaurant and much more. The place gives a feel of Egypt (Pyramids and Mummies). Could easily be reached through Taxi.

Corniche

Umm al Quwain's Corniche is the best place in World for those who enjoy the sounds of waves and peace. Smoking "Shisha" could be the best moment at UAQ's Corniche in night for those who love Shisha in peace. Especially in chilly Winter nights.

Sailing in the calm waters of the lagoon provide some of the best and most interesting sailing in the Northern Emirates.

Conditions are ideal for water-skiing, wind surfing, kayaking and jet-skiing. Sailing and canoeing through the clear, quiet waters to the deserted islands and exploring the mangrove swamps inhabited by a variety of seabirds, fish and insects offers a unique adventure for any visitor. Pink flamingos, jumping fish, turtles, numerous crabs and rays can all be seen in their natural environment.

Umm Al Quwain Museum

The renovated old fort of Umm Al Quwain is changed to Umm Al Quwain Museum. The museum has an invaluable collection of artifacts that were excavated from important nearby sites like Al Dour, and provides a fascinating insight to bygone a eons. Restoration work is scheduled to recreate the aged wall that once surrounded the original settlement.

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Dreamland Aqua Park

The largest water park in the UAE is located on the coastline of Umm Al Quwain; about 40 minutes drive from Dubai, with 250,000 square meters expanse of landscaped gardens and over 30 rides, slides, and attractions. The Park is operated all year round with a daily capacity of ten thousand visitors. Dreamland Aqua Park is the multi-purpose facility is considered one of the largest water theme parks in the UAE. The Go kart competitions, water polo, beach volleyball and even overnight camping attract the young and the old. It includes 25 aquatic and non-aquatic attractions for children and adults. The food stalls and restaurants here serves a variety of food like pizzas, hamburgers, fries, doughnuts, salads, seafood, fruit cocktails, soft fizzy drinks, fruits and cotton candy.

Camel Racing

In the inland, the road to the Camel race track at Al Labsa affords interesting glimpses of the surrounding terrain. The dunes in this area, interspersed with wooded dales, provide a challenging terrain for off road desert drivers or as they are commonly called "dune bashers".

The road to the Camel race track at Al Labsa affords an exceptionally pretty drive. This lovely race track is set in the lee of large dunes to the left of the road leading to Falaj Al Moalla. During the winter months, the camels race early in the morning on Thursdays and Fridays and spectators are welcome. Camel caravans are a familiar site crossing the desert from one race track to another. The dunes in this area, interspersed with wooded dales, provide a challenging terrain for off road desert drivers or as they are commonly called "dune bashers". They also offer some of the most picturesque desert camping spots in the emirates promising an unforgettable night under the Arabian stars. Group camping trips can be arranged.

The Aquarium

The Aquarium is located in the headland of the new port. It is the part of the Marine Research Centre. It showcases the vast variety of sea creatures. It also includes rays, snakes and corals.

Markets

Lulu Hypermarket is a great place to shop and buy garments, grocery, foodstuffs, perfumes and electronics.

Salma Market a small well-known market famous for its cheap clothes.

Al manama Hypermarket is a great place to shop and buy garments, grocery, foodstuffs, perfumes and electronics as well.

Carrefour Express, King Faisal Road. A compact and hence convenient mart to buy high-quality goods.

Umm Al Quwain also has great shops such as the Lulu Hypermarket and Al Manamah Hypermarkets, while for eateries, it houses renowned names such as the Lahori Darbar, KFC, Arabian Chicken Hut, Al-Ramlah Cafeteria, Wadi Al Neel Seafood restaurant, baskin robbins, and the like.

Al Hamra Mall

Emirates Motorplex

Umm Al Quwain Motor Racing Club is situated on the city side of Dreamland and offers participants the opportunity to experience the speed, thrill and exhilaration of off road dune buggy racing and motor hiking in three purpose built arenas.

Happyland is a kids' heaven with attractive video-games, jumping castles and alot more a kid wants

Eating

Abu Shakra restaurant, home of great Middle Eastern food. Located on main Ittehad Street adjacent Hotel Royal Residency.

Al-Ramlah Cafeteria is a place in Al-Salamah where you can eat/drink alot of great food.

KFC and McDonalds (adjacent) are there on King Shaah Faisal street and give Home Delivery as well.

Arabian Chicken Hut in Salma.

Cardoba restaurant and cafeteria, old town.

Wadi Al Neel Seafood Restaurant (Wadi Al Neel), Traditional arabic seafood restaurant. Don't expect 5 star service or venue, but serves great food and a must visit in UAQ .

Sadaf Caferia, Well praised by the locals even from Dubai for the samoosas and sandwiches.

Al Foren Al Sakhen Pastries & Pies, Opposite to KFC, King Faisal Road, Expert on Authentic Arabic Cuisine, Best pastries in the town, Original Turkish Shawarama available, Oriental pastries and Pizza. Free Home Delivery, Telephone: 06-7666763, Party catering available.

Cafe De La Presse serves amazing French cuisine. On Main Ittehad Street adjacent Hotel Royal Residency.

There is a London Dairy Ice Cream outlet near UAQ Roundabout which provides fresh ice cream with great toppings.

Baskin Robbins, Al Manamah hypermarket.

Drinks

Fresh Naryal Pani (Coconut Water) is available at Al Thalla Bar near UAQ Roundabout

Juices and Cock/Mocktails are served at all the cafeterias

Hotels

Royal Residence Resort

Two Hotel locations: Near Ittihad R/A Main Road and First Signal Left turn upon entering UAQ. Swimming Pool, Room Service, Restaurants and an Outdoor Activities assistance. As well rent a car with a driver facility.

Hotel Royal Residence comprises of two properties – Royal Residence Main consist of 65 Villas and Royal Residence Branch with 97 villas. Both properties are located in Umm Al Quwain which is a 30 minute drive from Sharjah airport and a 50 minute drive from Dubai airport.

All the Villas are beautifully furnished self-sufficient suites, with varying bed sizes and spacious living rooms. Hotel Royal Residence Main & Branch offers air-conditioned accommodation with kitchen, a seating area with a satellite TV and music system with 24 hours room service. Facilities at the hotel include On-Premises laundry, covered parking, 24 hour reception and a restaurant where international dishes are served. Other features include a coffee and a snack bar. WiFi also available in hotel area and free of charges.

The tranquil atmosphere of the place provides ample opportunity for your guests to rejuvenate their body and mind during their stay here. Proximity to the panoramic locations of the Northern Emirates (Ajman, Sharjah, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaima and Fujairah) and the easy accessibility to the shopping malls and tourist spots of Dubai and Sharjah, make our Resort ideal choice for the multitude of guests from the world over.

[Royal Residence Resort](#) 

Pearl Hotel

Palma Beach Hotel

Next to the UAQ Marine Club and Riding Centre

Flamingo Beach Resort

A hot favorite for water sports enthusiasts, beach vacationers, Flamingo Beach Resort is THE PLACE for all kinds of water sports ranging from crab hunting, Mangrove boating, Snorkeling, jet skiing and fishing.

A place choreographed well with gardens, beach, pools, and rooms to suite your reason to enjoy a family holiday. A style set to change the very meaning of vacation with adventure and family togetherness. Flamingo Beach Resort is THE PLACE for all kinds of water sports ranging from crab hunting, Mangrove boating, Snorkeling, jet skiing and fishing.

[Flamingo Beach Resort](#) 

Umm Al Quwain Beach Hotel

Umm Al Quwain Beach Hotel, a well known and leading hotel in the UAE is located on a breathtaking and serene environment on the golden beach of Umm Al Quwain. Its proximity to both Sharjah and Dubai makes our guests, holiday makers and tourists to head for our hotel, which is a resort and haven

for those who are longing for comfort and relaxation in a very ideal and peaceful atmosphere. The hotel is 35 minutes away from Dubai Airport and 20 minutes away from Sharjah airport.

[UAQ Beach Hotel](#) 

Barracuda Beach Resort

When the heart, body and mind longs for some real fun-filled moments in a cozy confine, close to nature's bounds, 'Barracuda' is the best bet to treat yourself and your family to a whole new experience at leisure.

'Barracuda', is where one can have a rendezvous with nature by the Arabian Sea. Go ahead to party, or enjoy a game of pool or volleyball, not to mention a cool splash while seeing the sun disappear and also enjoy the kids have loads of fun at the toddler's pool.

[Barracuda Beach Resort](#) 

UAQ Marine Club

Umm Al Quwain Marine Club and Riding Centre is not far from the fish souq, situated on a large stretch of shaded beach overlooking the lagoon. The riding club, established in 1979, at one time had more than 40 horses and a team of qualified riding instructors.

Come and visit us in our secluded, beautiful spot of paradise away from the hustle and bustle of the big cities – we are only an hour outside Dubai! To top it off, we are now also an inspected and certified Outdoor Adventure Center. We have activities for all ages and abilities. Whether you want a quiet weekend away with nothing but the sound of waves and a good book or whether you looking for an adrenaline fueled adventure; here at UAQ Marine Club we have something for everyone!

[UAQ Marine Club](#) 

Umm Al Quwain Aeroclub

Not far from Dreamland, is the first UAE aviation club and was set up under the patronage of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Mualla. Easily recognised by the vintage Antonow-2 Bi-Plane and the enormous Iljuschin-76 Cargoplane on display, the Airport has 6 spacious hangers, a 1.800m Runway, with N-VFR lighting, a spacious coffee shop etc. etc.. The club is world-known for its skydiving and parachute championships and has hosted the Asiana Championship 2005, Boogie 2005, 2006 and soon the 2007 one. Further, it solely provides the opportunity for flying, hot air ballooning, skydiving (single & tandem!), parachuting and paramotoring in the U.A.E.. Training and lessons are given throughout the year and friendly advice is offered from experienced GCAA certified instructors and pilots. The aircraft available include microlights, gliders, Cessnas and a plane for aerobatics. The Skydiver section recently got a brand-new "AIRVAN" as drop-platform. This is the perfect place to fly (and learn to fly!), away from the main U.A.E. airports and over some of the Arabian Gulf's deserted beaches and enchanting

lagoons. Flying enthusiasts meet here on Thursdays and Fridays and anyone is welcome to drop in.

Code of conduct

As law is strict in the entire UAE, don't do anything which could harm anyone or is offensive. Never drive without a driving license. And never over-speed your vehicle as the roads are being controlled by radars.

As Umm Al Quwain is a Muslim city, don't eat/drink in public in the holy month of Ramadan.

Also, appropriate clothing must be worn at all times anywhere in the UAE. You don't want to attract unwanted attention.

UAQ Government

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Business

UAQ Chamber

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Banks

National Bank of Umm Al Quwain (NBQ)

NBQ (The National Bank of Umm Al Qaiwain psc) was established in 1982 by the Ruler of Umm Al Qaiwain, the late H.H.Sheikh Rashid Bin Ahmed Al Moalla. The Bank's trade name was changed from The National Bank of Umm Al Qaiwain psc to NBQ in 2005 and the Bank re-launched itself with the new corporate identity. The local government of Umm Al Qaiwain is the largest shareholder and promoter of the Bank.

Our Branch network comprises of thirty Branches including electronic banking units spread across the seven Emirates. Through these outlets the Bank offers a wide range of products and services for both Retail and Wholesale customers, all of which are detailed in the website. The products and services addresses the financial needs of individuals and commercial entities by offering specialized children savings schemes through to highly specialized Trade and Treasury Services.

NBQ is continuously strengthening its operations and upgrading its technology to provide customers the latest banking technologies and services through all its delivery channels. In 2010 NBQ initiated an end to end project to revamp its entire IT Data Center and DR site.

As at 31st December 2011, the paid-up Capital of the Bank is AED 1.600 billion and the total

shareholder funds amounts to AED 3.318 billion.

The Bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 28.3% as at end of 2011 is one of the highest among the UAE local banks and is traditionally one of the highest of all banks in GCC.

Over the last 30 years, the Bank's commitment towards the Nation and its people has been appreciated and the Bank has won several awards for its Emiratization efforts and Corporate Social Responsibility.

[National Bank of Umm Al Quwain \(NBQ\)](#) 

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