



**Product Key Facts**  
**Franklin Templeton Global Funds Plc -**  
**FTGF Western Asset Asian Opportunities Fund**

Issuer: Franklin Templeton Investments (Asia) Limited

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- **This statement provides you with key information about FTGF Western Asset Asian Opportunities Fund.**
- **This statement is a part of the offering document.**
- **You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.**

**QUICK FACTS**

**Manager:** Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l.

**Investment Manager (internal delegation):** Western Asset Management Company Limited (located in the UK)

**Sub-Investment Manager (internal delegation):**

1) Western Asset Management Company, LLC (located in the USA)

2) Western Asset Management Company Pte. Ltd (located in Singapore)

**Depository:** The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch

**Base Currency:** USD

**Financial Year End of this Fund:** Last day of February

**Dealing Frequency:** Daily

**Ongoing Charges over a Year<sup>#</sup>:**

Class A US\$ Accumulating: 1.36%<sup>1</sup>

Class A US\$ Distributing (D): 1.36%<sup>1</sup>

Class A US\$ Distributing (M): 1.36%<sup>1</sup>

Class A US\$ Distributing (M) Plus: 1.36%<sup>1</sup>

Class A EUR Accumulating (Hedged): 1.40%<sup>1</sup>

Class A EUR Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.40% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A AUD Accumulating (Hedged): 1.40% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A AUD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.40%<sup>1</sup>

Class A HKD Accumulating: 1.36% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A HKD Distributing (M) Plus: 1.36%<sup>1</sup>

Class A NZD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.40% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A GBP Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.40% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A CAD Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.40% (estimated)<sup>2</sup>

Class A CNH Distributing (M) (Hedged) Plus: 1.40%<sup>1</sup>

<sup>#</sup> The ongoing charges figure is expressed as a percentage of the expenses over the average net asset value of the share class for the corresponding period as described below. This figure may vary from year to year.

<sup>1</sup> This figure is based on the expenses for the 12 month period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and the average net asset value of the share class for the corresponding period.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is the Investment Manager's best estimate of the expenses and the average net asset value of the share class over a 12 month period based on information available on another active share class of the Fund with similar fee structure, as this share class is newly established or is yet to be launched.

**Dividend Policy:**

For Class A Distributing (M) Share Classes\* – any dividends will be declared and paid monthly

For Class A Distributing (D) Share Classes – any dividends will be declared daily and paid monthly

No distributions will be made for Class A Accumulating Share Classes

\* Distributing Plus Share Classes available within this Fund may, at the discretion of the Directors of Franklin Templeton Global Funds Plc, pay dividends out of capital. Such distribution will result in a corresponding immediate decrease in the net asset value per share of the Distributing Plus Share Classes.

**Minimum Investment:**

Class A US\$ – US\$ 1,000 (Initial)

Class A EUR – EUR 1,000 (Initial)

Class A AUD – AUD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A HKD – HKD 8,000 (Initial)

Class A NZD – NZD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A GBP – GBP 1,000 (Initial)

Class A CAD – CAD 1,000 (Initial)

Class A CNH – CNH 6,000 (Initial)

There is no minimum for subsequent investment.



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#### **WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?**

FTGF Western Asset Asian Opportunities Fund (the “Fund”) is a sub-fund of Franklin Templeton Global Funds Plc, which is constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is domiciled in Ireland and its home regulator is Central Bank of Ireland.

#### **OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

**Objective:** The Fund seeks to maximise total return through income and capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** The Fund invests at least 70% of its net asset value in debt securities issued by Asian issuers and in derivatives on Asian interest rates and currencies, which debt securities and derivatives are listed or traded on regulated markets. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in (i) debt securities issued by or guaranteed by national governments located in Asian countries; (ii) corporate debt securities issued by Asian companies; (iii) securitised participations in loans; (iv) structured notes and credit-linked notes, whose underlying exposure may be to fixed income securities; (v) mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; (vi) derivatives on Asian interest rates and Asian bonds; and (vii) Asian currencies and derivatives on those currencies. For purposes of this Fund, an Asian company is a company which has its registered office located in an Asian country or that conducts the predominant portion of its economic activities in Asia.

The Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Managers (collectively, “Western Asset”) expect to invest the Fund’s portfolio in debt securities of issuers located in several different Asian countries, but may, when opportunities arise to further the Fund’s investment objective, invest in securities of issuers located in a relatively small number of Asian countries. Western Asset may also invest the Fund’s portfolio in any number of issuers, or may at times concentrate its assets in the securities of a small number of issuers.

The Fund may invest in debt securities that are rated Investment Grade, debt securities rated below Investment Grade, and unrated debt securities. The Fund may invest more than 10% (but no more than 15%) of its net asset value in debt securities issued or guaranteed by a single sovereign issuer (including its government, public or local authority) which is rated below investment grade or unrated, e.g. Indonesia<sup>1</sup>, if the relevant sovereign forms a significant part of the investment universe of the Fund as reflected by its weighting in the Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index (the “**Index**”), which is the reference index of the Fund, and Western Asset determines that the debt securities issued or guaranteed by the sovereign issuer are attractively priced. The Fund is not an index-tracking fund but may take into account the constituent weighting of the Index in making investment decisions. However, the Fund will only purchase debt securities that are rated at least B- by S&P or its equivalent by another nationally recognised statistical rating organisation (“NRSRO”) or, if unrated, deemed to be of comparable quality by Western Asset.

Debt securities that qualify as asset-backed securities, credit-linked notes and similar assets (i.e. investments whose yield or repayment is linked to credit risks or that are used to transfer the credit risk of a third party) may only be purchased by the Fund if rated Investment Grade or if unrated deemed by Western Asset to be of comparable quality.

If more than one NRSRO rates a security and the ratings are not equivalent, the second highest rating will be considered the security’s rating. If a security is downgraded after its purchase by the Fund to below the minimum required rating, subject to the current BaFin VAG requirements, if less than 3% of the Fund’s net asset value is invested in assets lower than B- / B3, the downgraded assets can be held if the Investment Manager determines that the interests of the Fund are not adversely affected.

The Fund may invest in other collective investment schemes, convertible notes, preferred shares, warrants and other investments.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its net asset value in (i) Additional Tier 1 capital, Tier 2 capital and senior non-preferred debt instruments; (ii) contingent convertible securities (a maximum of 10% of the Fund’s net asset value may be invested in contingent convertible bonds) and (iii) bail-in bonds that have contingent write down or loss absorption features.

The Fund may have exposure to reverse repurchase agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes and subject to the requirements of the Central Bank.

<sup>1</sup> This country information is for reference only, and may change from time to time with changes in credit ratings of sovereign issuers and changes in the Fund’s portfolio holdings.

#### **USE OF DERIVATIVES/ INVESTMENT IN DERIVATIVES:**

The Fund's net derivative exposure<sup>2</sup> may be up to 50% of the Fund's net asset value.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to the offering document for details regarding the calculation methodology of net derivative exposure.

## WHAT ARE THE KEY RISKS?

**Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.**

- **Debt Securities Risk:** Investments in debt securities are subject to risks such as credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, valuation risk and pricing volatility, which may cause substantial losses to the Fund. The prices of debt securities fluctuate in response to perceptions of the issuer's creditworthiness and also tend to vary inversely with market interest rates. Generally, and in the absence of hedging measures, the longer the average weighted duration of a fund, the greater the sensitivity to interest rates. Investment Grade securities may be subject to the risk of being downgraded to below Investment Grade. Debt securities rated below Investment Grade are deemed by rating agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal and may involve major risk of exposure to adverse conditions.
- **Risk of Government Securities:** Government-issued debt securities are sensitive to changes in macro policy and associated interest rate trends, political and economic instability, social unrest and potentially default. Not all government debt securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the relevant government. Some are backed only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality or sponsored entity, although they may be implicitly guaranteed by the relevant government. There is a chance of default on all government securities, particularly those not backed by the full faith and credit of the relevant government.
- **Risk related to below investment grade / unrated securities:** Debt securities rated below Investment Grade are deemed by rating agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal and may involve major risk exposures to adverse conditions affecting the issuer. Unrated debt securities are not necessarily of lower quality than rated securities, however, they may not be attractive to as many buyers hence may be less liquid and with higher risks. The Fund may be invested in "below investment grade" and/or unrated debt securities, which carry a higher degree of pricing volatility, market risk, liquidity risk and default risk than "investment grade" debt securities. When any such risk materialises, the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** The value of debt securities is likely to decline in times of rising interest rates. Conversely, when rates fall, the value of these investments is likely to rise. The longer the time to maturity the greater are such variations.
- **Credit Risk:** The Fund's investment in debt securities expose the Fund to credit risk, i.e. the risk that an issuer of securities will be unable to pay principal and interest when due, or that the value of the security will suffer because investors believe the issuer is less able to pay. Ratings are only the opinions of the agencies issuing them. Such ratings are relative and subjective, and are not absolute standards of quality. The credit rating agency may change their ratings on particular debt securities held by the Fund, and downgrades are likely to adversely affect the price hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- **Liquidity Risk:** In certain circumstances it may be difficult to sell the Fund's investments because there may not be enough demand for them in the markets, in which case the Fund may not be able to sell or liquidate such investments or to sell them at a significant discount to the purchase price hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- **Concentration Risk:** This Fund may select fewer securities, countries or regions in which to invest and this concentration carries more risk than funds investing in a larger number of securities, countries or regions. This can increase the volatility of the Fund than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments and risk of loss to the Fund.
- **Custody and Settlement Risks:** The Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed. Such investments may be subject to additional risks with respect to the safe keeping of assets and making of investments, hence the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- **Mortgage-Backed Securities and Asset-Backed Securities Risk:** The Fund invests in mortgage-backed securities (including collateralized debt obligations) and asset-backed securities which may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial



price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities. They are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.

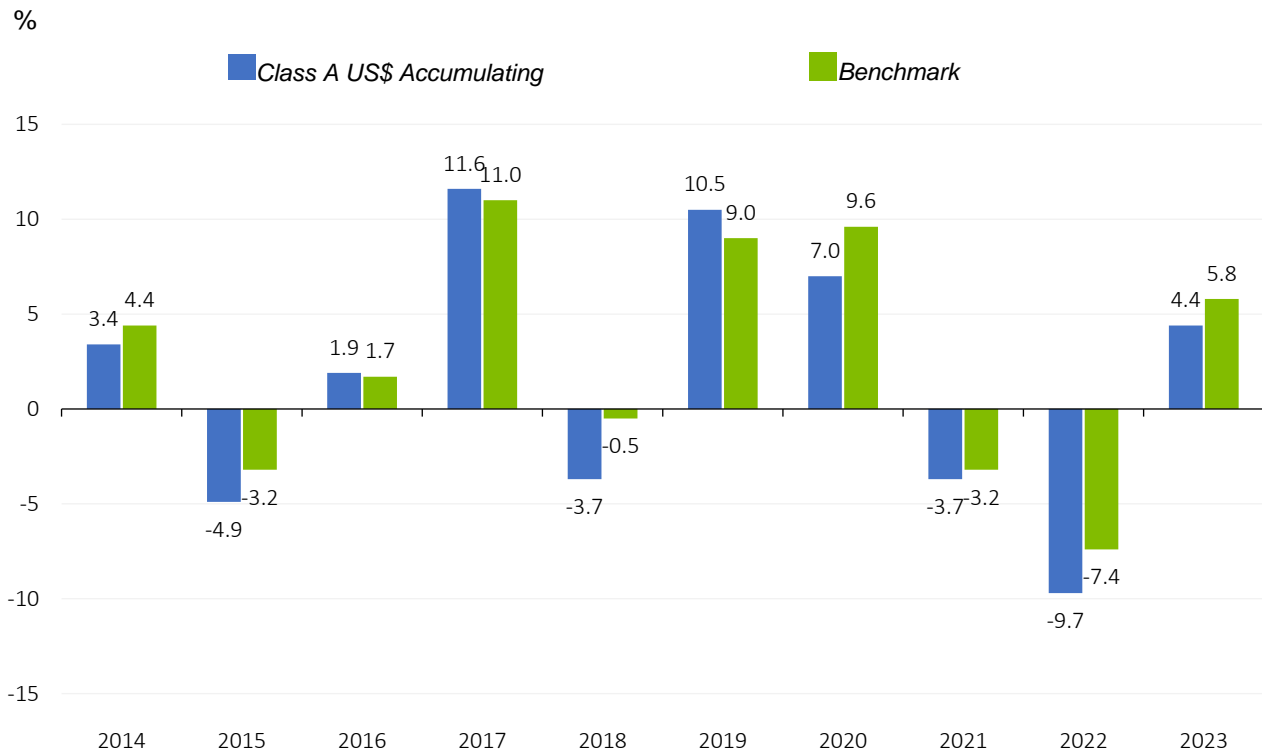
- **Derivatives Risks:** This Fund may use certain types of financial derivative instruments (FDIs). These instruments may involve a higher degree of risk including but not limited to counterparty, volatility, liquidity, leverage and valuation risks, and the Fund may suffer a substantial loss. There is no guarantee that the performance of FDIs will result in a positive effect to the Fund
- **Emerging Markets Risk:** This Fund may have significant exposure in emerging markets which involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets, including liquidity risks, currency risks/control, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation risks, settlement risks, custody risk and the likelihood of a high degree of volatility. Emerging market issuers may not be subject to the same accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards as developed countries. Emerging markets may have less reliable custody arrangements than mature markets which may also lead to a higher degree of risk. These factors may adversely affect the value of the securities owned by, hence a substantial loss to, the Fund.
- **Asia Markets Risk:** This Fund invests primarily in Asia, which means that it is more sensitive to local economic, market, political or regulatory events in Asia, and will be more affected by these events than other funds that invest in a broader range of regions.
- **China Market Risk:** Investing in Chinese securities markets is subject to China-specific risks, including the risk of significant change in Chinese political, social or economic policy, which may adversely affect the capital growth and performance of such investments. The Chinese legal and regulatory framework for capital markets and joint stock companies is less developed than in developed countries. In addition, special risks associated with investing in Chinese securities include a lower level of liquidity in China A- and B- Share markets, differences between China's accounting standards applicable to Chinese issuers and international accounting standards, China's taxes, including withholding and other taxes imposed by Chinese authorities which may change from time to time (and in some cases, may have retrospective effects), and the availability of tax incentives and controls imposed by the Chinese authorities on foreign exchange and movements in exchange rates may impact on the operations and financial results of Chinese companies invested in by the Fund.
- **Risk of investing in below investment grade or unrated sovereign securities:**
  - Investing in bonds issued or guaranteed by governments may expose the Fund to the risk that sovereign issuers' ability to repay principal and/or interest when due may be adversely impacted by political, economic or other factors. Holders of sovereign debt securities may be requested to participate in the restructuring of such debt securities, and there may be limited legal recourse against the sovereign issuer in case of default.
  - The Fund may invest its assets in securities issued by or guaranteed by sovereign issuers with a credit rating below investment grade or unrated. Such securities may have higher risks of default and may be subject to greater levels of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk. Such securities are considered by rating agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to the sovereign issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. Adverse conditions such as an economic downturn or the bankruptcy of the sovereign issuer could have a significant effect on the sovereign issuer's ability to make payments of principal and/or interest. If such adverse conditions occur, the Fund may incur substantial loss.
  - Since the Fund may invest more than 10% of its net asset value in the securities of a single sovereign rated below investment grade or unrated, such as the sovereigns mentioned in the Fund's investment strategy, in a market downturn or other adverse conditions mentioned above in relation to the relevant sovereign issuer, the Fund can suffer more substantial losses than more diversified portfolios, i.e. portfolios where investments are spread over different assets, market sectors and/or geographical regions.



- **Currency Risk:** Fluctuations in exchange rates between the currency of the underlying securities and the Fund's base currency may adversely affect the value of an investment and any income derived from it. In addition, the value of your investment may fall due to changes in the exchange rate between the currency of your share class and the base currency of the Fund. With respect to any share class with "(Hedged)" in its name, the Fund will attempt to hedge the currency risk between the base currency of the Fund and the currency of the share class, although there can be no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so. The use of share class hedging strategies may substantially limit shareholders in the relevant Hedged Share Class from benefiting if the currency of the Hedged Share Class falls against the base currency and/or the currencies that are significant to the Fund's investment strategy, as applicable. Any hedging transactions, while potentially reducing the currency risks to which the Fund would otherwise be exposed, may involve certain other risks, including the risk of a default by a counterparty, and the risk that the Fund's forecast with respect to currency movements is incorrect. If the abovementioned hedging transactions become ineffective, the Fund may suffer a substantial loss.
- **Renminbi ("RMB") Currency and Conversion Risks:** RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the investors' base currencies (for example US Dollars) will not depreciate. Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of investor's investment in the Fund. Although offshore RMB (CNH) and onshore RMB (CNY) are the same currency, they trade at different rates. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors. Under exceptional circumstances, payment of redemptions and/or dividend payment in RMB may be delayed due to the exchange controls and restrictions applicable to RMB.
- **Risk of Investing in Distributing Plus Share Classes:** Distributing Plus share classes may pay dividends out of capital. The payment of dividends out of capital effectively amounts to a return or withdrawal of an investor's original capital investment or of capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such distribution will result in a corresponding immediate decrease in the net asset value per share of the Share Classes. There is also an increased risk that on a redemption, you may not receive back the full amount invested. The distribution amount and net asset value of the Distributing (Hedged) Plus Share Class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the Distributing (Hedged) Plus Share Class and the Fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other Share Classes.
- **Investment Risk:** The value of investments in the Fund and the income from them can go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the amount originally invested and may suffer a substantial loss to their investments. Past performance is no guide to future returns and may not be repeated. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.
- **Risk of investing in instruments with loss-absorption features:** The Fund may invest in debt instruments that have contingent write down or loss absorption features. Such instruments may be written-off fully or partially or converted to common stock on the occurrence of a trigger event. These instruments generally absorb losses in a trigger event, for example, where the issuer's capital falls below a certain level, and may be compulsorily redeemed as a result which may be out of the issuer's control. Such trigger events are complex and hard to predict, and may potentially lead to losses to the Fund. The Fund may invest in contingent convertible debt securities, commonly known as CoCos, which are highly complex and are of high risk. Upon the occurrence of the trigger event, CoCos may be converted into shares of the issuer (potentially at a discounted price), or may be subject to the permanent write-down to zero. Coupon payments on CoCos are discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer at any point, for any reason, and for any length of time. The Fund may also invest in senior non-preferred debts. While these instruments are generally senior to subordinated debts, they may be subject to write-down upon the occurrence of a trigger event and will no longer fall under the creditor ranking hierarchy of the issuer. This may result in total loss of principal invested.



## HOW HAS THE FUND PERFORMED?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the Class A US\$ Accumulating\* increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Fund launch date: 2008.
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- Effective 1 May 2016, the benchmark of the Fund was changed from HSBC Asian Local Bond Overall Index to Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index as the HSBC Asian Local Bond Index was discontinued by the benchmark provider on 29 April 2016. The Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index replaces the discontinued benchmark as it is reflective of the Fund's investment policies.

\* This share class is a representative share class of the Fund as it represents the total return on the Fund's investment strategy and is the most widely available share class in Hong Kong.

## IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE?

The Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.





## WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

### Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund:

Fees in respect of each Class A Share Class	What you pay
Subscription Fee (Initial Sales Charge)	Up to 5.00% of the amount you subscribed
Switching Fee	Not applicable
Redemption Fee	Not applicable

### Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments:

Expenses in respect of each Class A Share Class*	Annual rate (as a % of the Fund's NAV)
Management Fee	Up to 1.10%
Combined Administration and Depositary Fee	Up to 0.15%
Performance Fee	Not applicable
Shareholder Servicing Fee	Up to 0.15%

\* For Hedged Share Classes, (i) the Currency Administrator is entitled to receive fees for hedging administration services (currently charged at 0.04% per annum of the value of the hedging transactions), which shall be borne exclusively by the relevant Hedged Share Class; and (ii) the Collateral Manager is entitled to receive fees for its collateral management services in relation to currency hedging (such fees not exceeding GBP 340 per month for the Fund), which shall be charged only to the relevant Hedged Share Classes.

### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next-determined net asset value (NAV) after the authorised dealer or sub-distributor receives your request in good order on or before 4:00 p.m. in New York (EST) on any relevant dealing day. Certain dealer or sub-distributors may impose a deadline for receipt of orders that is earlier than this.
- The NAV of this Fund is calculated on each dealing day and published no later than the second business day immediately succeeding each dealing day on [www.franklintempleton.com.hk](http://www.franklintempleton.com.hk).
- In respect of Distributing Plus Share Classes, the composition of dividend payouts (i.e. the relative amounts paid out of (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months will be available from the Hong Kong Representative on request and on our website, [www.franklintempleton.com.hk](http://www.franklintempleton.com.hk).
- Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors from our website, [www.franklintempleton.com.hk](http://www.franklintempleton.com.hk).

## IMPORTANT

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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