



KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

AIRPORT PROFILE

"The Gateway To Africa's Wildlife Heritage"



DIRECTOR GENERAL MESSAGE -TAA

I am honored to present the first edition of the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) brochure for the year 2025. This edition highlights KIA's strategic role as a gateway to Northern Tanzania, showcasing its modern infrastructure, expanding service capacity, and growing potential for investment and connectivity. Tanzania's aviation sector—particularly airport operations—has undergone remarkable transformation under the visionary leadership of Her Excellency President of United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan. This progress is anchored by the enactment of the 2024 Tanzania

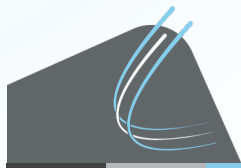


Mr. Abdul Mombokaleo
Director General TAA

Airports Bill, which grants the Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) full operational and financial autonomy to manage, operate, and develop airports more efficiently.

Significant infrastructure developments have followed, including construction of Msalato International Airport and ongoing upgrades at key regional airports such as Mtwara, Songwe, Tabora, and Kigoma.

Complementing these reforms are tourism promotion efforts—such as the widely acclaimed “Royal Tour” documentary—alongside increased charter operations, investments in aviation training, and sustainability-driven initiatives focused on greener, more efficient airport environments. Together, these efforts are positioning Tanzania as a forward-looking, inclusive, and globally competitive aviation hub—an ambition that Kilimanjaro International Airport proudly supports and represents.



KILIMANJARO INT'L AIRPORT DIRECTOR MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I present this brochure, a reflection of the strides we are making at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) to deliver a seamless and satisfying experience for all our users.

Over the past year, we have focused on enhancing infrastructure, improving passenger facilitation, and strengthening airport operations to meet international standards. Key improvements include the rehabilitation of runway and taxiway pavements, upgrades in apron lighting, and enhanced safety and wildlife management systems—all contributing to a more efficient and secure airport environment

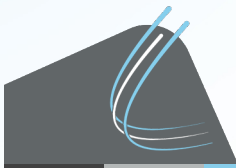


Eng. Rehema Myeya
Director - KIA

As the airport serving iconic destinations such as Mount Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro, we take pride in being the first point of contact for many visitors to Tanzania. That privilege drives our commitment to hospitality, service quality, and continuous improvement.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on operational excellence, environmental responsibility, and partner engagement, ensuring KIA remains a trusted hub for tourism, trade, and connectivity in the region.

We welcome you to experience the best of Tanzania—starting right here at Kilimanjaro International Airport.



LEGACY OF PROGRESS

THE EVOLUTION OF KILIMANJARO INT'L AIRPORT

From Humble Beginnings to a Hub of International Connectivity

Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) is a key aviation hub in northern Tanzania, with a rich history spanning over 54 years. The idea for the airport emerged as part of the national development plans to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Tanzania's independence. Construction began in 1969 and was completed in 1971, officially inaugurated on December 2, 1971.

Over the years, the airport has undergone significant upgrades to accommodate increasing passenger traffic and enhance operational efficiency. Notably, a €37 million expansion project initiated in 2015 aimed to renovate the passenger terminal, construct a new 1.1 km parallel taxiway, and improve runway safety. Further emphasizing its commitment to modernization, the Tanzanian government allocated 100 billion Tanzanian shillings in 2024 for additional renovations, including resurfacing the 3.6 km runway and building a state-of-the-art VIP lounge





KIA during construction in 1969

KILIMANJARO INT'L AIRPORT TODAY

Over Half a Century Later: The Gateway to Africa's Wildlife Heritage



Over half a century since its inauguration, Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) stands as one of Tanzania's most vital aviation gateways, seamlessly connecting the country to the region and the world. Today, the airport serves fourteen (14) scheduled airlines, linking passengers to over twelve cities across more than ten countries, spanning Africa, the Middle East, and Europe.

In recent years, the airport has seen major infrastructure improvements, enhancing capacity, safety, and passenger experience. With a modernized terminal, expanded apron, and upgraded systems, KIA is now equipped to handle growing traffic while meeting international standards.





Nature at the Gate

UNBEATABLE TO THE NATURAL ATTRACTIONS PROMIXITY

No international airport in Africa

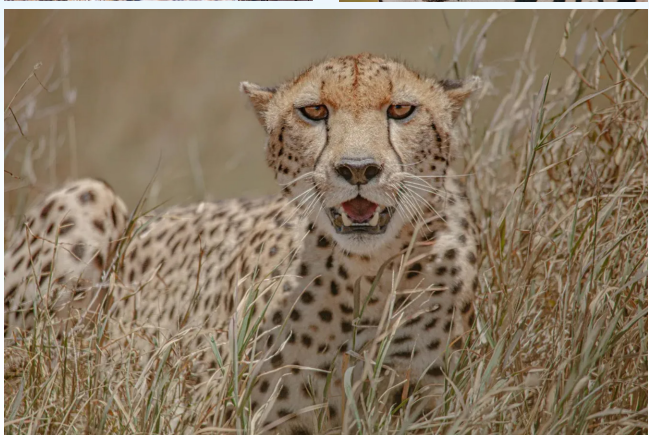
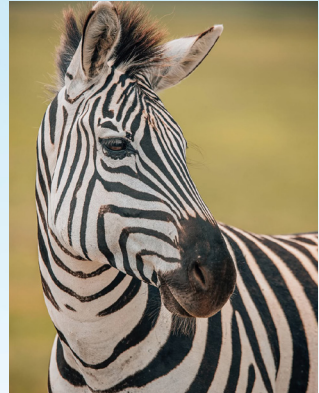
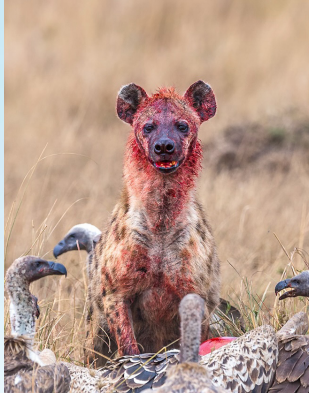
— none —

offers access to as many of the continent's iconic natural wonders, and at such short distances, as Kilimanjaro International Airport. We're not just close to the parks. We're at the heart of them.

THEY FLY YOU NEAR, WE FLY YOU IN

While other international Airport fly to lands you near, Kilimanjaro International Airport, lands you inside the experience, not around it. Here's what lies within reach — just minutes to a few hours from our terminal:

Serengeti National Park
Ngorongoro Crater
Mount Kilimanjaro National Park
Lake Manyara National Park
Tarangire National Park
Arusha National Park
Lake Natron
Oldonyo Lengai
Maasai Cultural Villages
Monduli Hills
Ilkiding'a & Ng'iresi Cultural Villages
Engaruka Historical Sites
Mount Meru
Chemka Hot Springs
Marangu Village & Waterfalls
Materuni Waterfalls & Coffee Tours
Meserani Snake Park
Lake Duluti
Mererani Tanzanite Mining Area



KILIMANJARO INT'L AIRPORT CONNECTIVITY

13 Destinations. 3 Continents. 1 Gateway — Kilimanjaro Int'l Airport

Kilimanjaro International Airport connects you to iconic cities across Africa, Europe, and the Middle East — opening doors to global adventure, trade, and opportunity. With direct flights to major hubs like Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Doha, Amsterdam, and Paris, KIA serves as a strategic gateway for tourism, business, and cargo.



Addis Abbaba	Ethiopia	Mombasa	Kenya
Nairobi	Kenya	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania
Paris	France	Zanzibar	Tanzania
Kampala	Uganda	Zurich	Switzerland
Doha	Qatar	Kigali	Rwanda
Amsterdam	Netherlands		
Frankfurt	Germany		
Istanbul	Turkey		



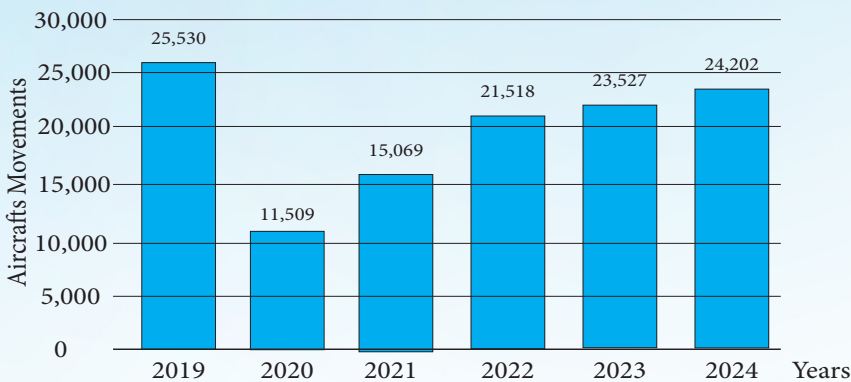
KILIMANJARO INT’L AIRPORT TRAFFIC PROFILE

Tracking Growth, Trends, and Travel Patterns

The following data highlights key operational metrics at Kilimanjaro International Airport, showcasing the airport’s role as a vital hub for both domestic and international air traffic. From passenger volumes to cargo movements and aircraft operations, these figures reflect KIA’s growing connectivity and strategic importance within Tanzania’s aviation landscape.

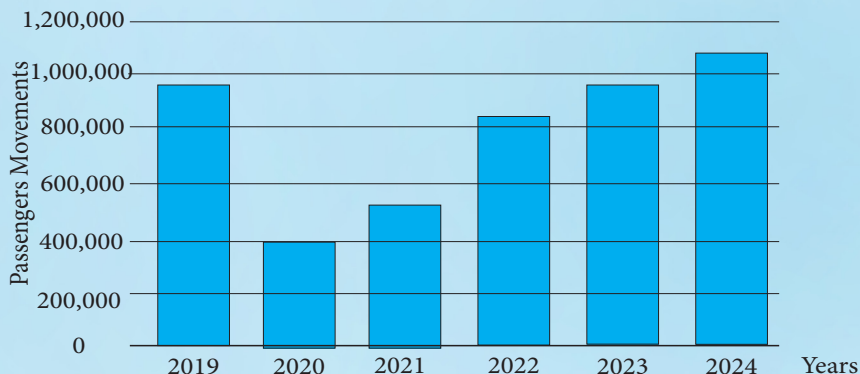
4 Domestic Destinations	11 Int’l Destinations
2 Domestic Passengers Scheduled	12 International Scheuled Airline
382,670 Annual Domestic Pax	661,606 Annual Int’l Pax
15,176 Annual Domestic Aircraft	9,026 Annual Int’l Aircraft Mvt
876.9 Annual Imported Cargo	5,694.24 Annual Exported Cargo
1100 -1200 Peak Operating Hours	9B Fire Fighting

KIA AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2019 – 2024.



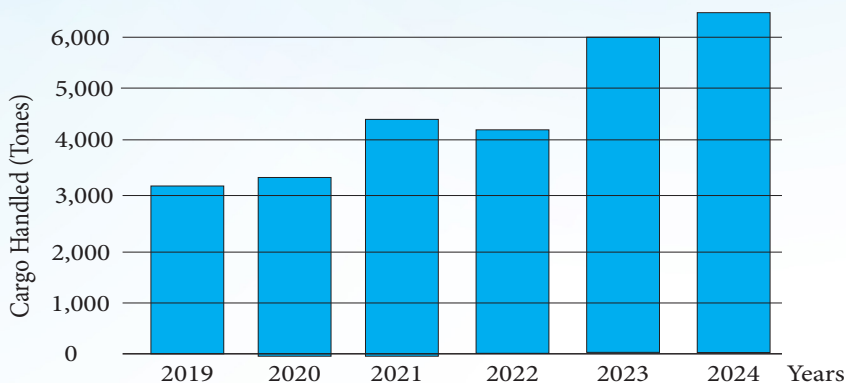
The graph above illustrates past six years (2019 to 2024) Aircraft movements at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA). ATM were significantly impacted by COVID-19. In 2019, movements stood at 25,530, but due to global travel restrictions, they dropped by 55% to 11,509 in 2020. A slow recovery began in 2021 with 15,069 movements, followed by a stronger rebound in 2022 at 21,518. By 2023, numbers reached 23,527, and in 2024, movements are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels at 24,202. The recovery

KIA PASSENGERS MOVEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2019 – 2024.



The graph above illustrates past six years (2019 to 2024) Passengers movement at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA). Passenger traffic at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) saw a significant decline due to COVID-19, dropping from 963,311 in 2019 to 404,252 in 2020. Recovery started in 2021 with 503,494 passengers, followed by a sharp increase in 2022 at 840,345. By 2023, passenger numbers surpassed pre-pandemic levels, reaching 973,921, and are further increased to 1,044,276 in 2024. Although aircraft movements have not fully recovered to 2019 levels, the number of passengers has already exceeded pre-pandemic figures, indicating improved airline efficiency and higher load factors driven by increased tour-

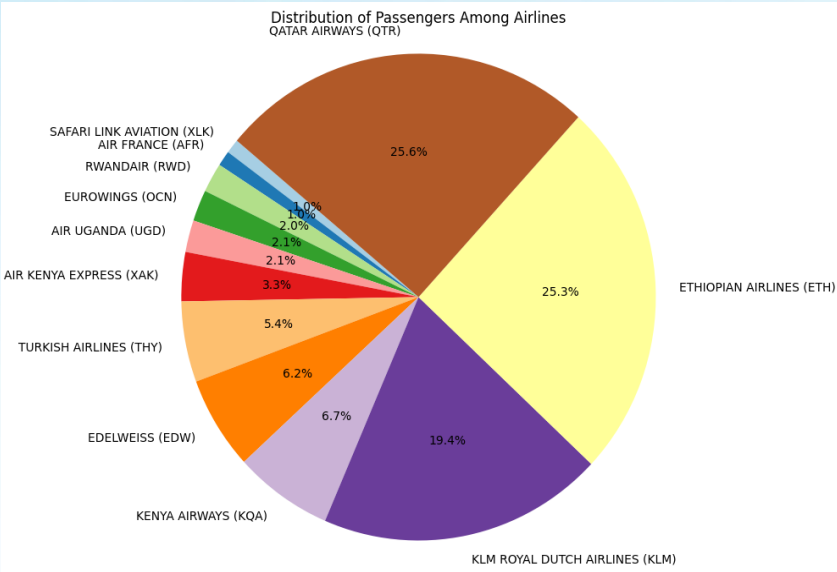
CARGO HANDLED AT KIA FOR THE PERIOD OF 2019 - 2024



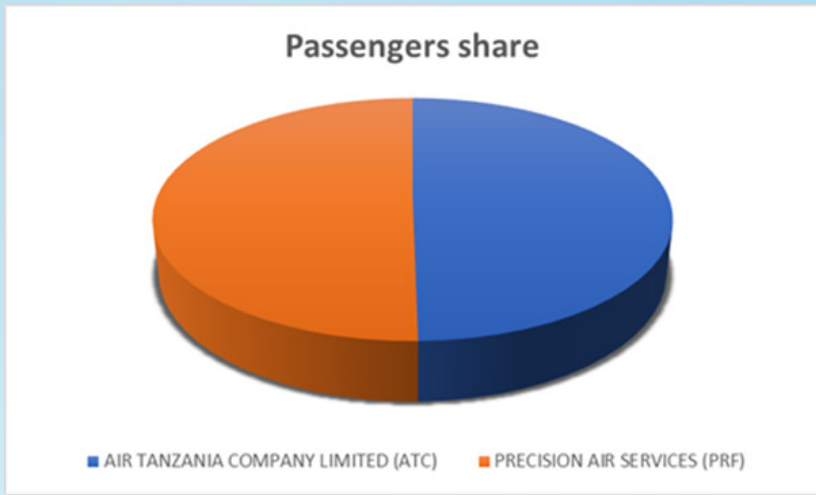
The graph above illustrates past six years (2019 to 2024) Cargo Tonnage at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA). Cargo operations at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) remained stable during the COVID-19 pandemic and even experienced growth. In 2019, cargo tonnage stood at 3,271.79, and instead of declining, it slightly increased to 3,330.79 in 2020. This resilience was mainly due to Ethiopian Airlines launching dedicated cargo flights at KIA during the pandemic, ensuring the continuous movement of goods despite disruptions in passenger flights.

The cargo tonnage saw a significant rise in the following years, reaching 4,426.34 in 2021 and 4,261.06 in 2022, indicating growing demand for freight services. By 2023, cargo movement had surged to 5,979.83, and in 2024, it further increased to 6,561.98. Unlike passenger traffic, which was severely impacted by COVID-19, cargo operations not only remained stable but showed strong growth.

AIRLINE PASSENGERS SHARE AT KIA



DOMESTIC PASSENGERS SHARE AT KIA



AIRLINES OPERATING AT KILIMANJARO INT'L AIRPORT

Connecting You to the World with Trusted International and Regional Carriers



Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) proudly hosts a growing network of both domestic and international airlines, linking Northern Tanzania to major cities across Africa, Europe, and beyond. With 12 international scheduled carriers and 2 reliable domestic airlines, KIA offers seamless connectivity for tourists, business travelers, and cargo operators alike.

Whether you're flying in to explore the wonders of the Serengeti or exporting goods to global markets, the airlines operating at KIA ensure reliable, safe, and efficient service every step of the way. Our expanding route network reflects our commitment to making Tanzania more accessible to the world—one flight at a time.



ONGOING PROJECTS AT KIA

Discover the Future of Excellence

At Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), we're raising the bar in aviation through transformative projects that enhance safety, security, comfort, and world-class service. Key developments projects include a Five-Star Airport Hotel, a modern VIP Lounge, Dry Cargo Terminal upgrade, AGL rehabilitation, Perimeter Fence construction, and Runway rehabilitation. Nearing completion is our upgraded Cold Room facility, featuring specialized compartments for high-value perishables.

Floral & Produce Room – Offering 1,400 m³ of climate-controlled space set at a consistent +2°C with a powerful 78 kW refrigeration system, ideal for preserving flowers and fresh produce.



Vegetable Room – With 850 m³ of storage and premium insulation, this room also maintains a steady +2°C, ensuring vegetables stay farm-fresh and ready for export.



Meat & Fish Room – Designed specifically for proteins, this 182 m³ chamber keeps products at -2°C, locking in quality and freshness for all types of meat and seafood.



Pharmaceutical Room – A secure, high-precision 61 m³ space tailored for medical and pharmaceutical goods, cooled to -20°C to meet even the most stringent temperature requirements.



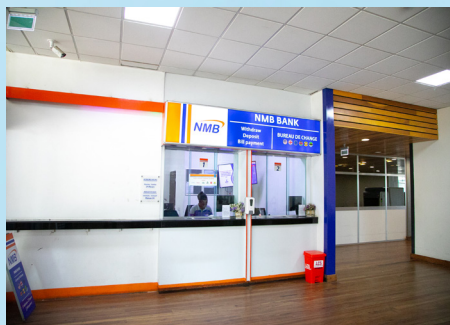


PASSENGER SERVICES FACILITIES AT KIA

Everything You Need for a Smooth Journey

At Kilimanjaro International Airport, your comfort is our priority. Whether you're arriving, departing, or in transit, we offer a full range of passenger-friendly facilities to make your airport experience seamless, convenient, and enjoyable. Kilimanjaro Airport has a lot of dining point from outside to the inside the terminal. There is 24 hours banking services and ATM , parking , airport hotel, Business Class Lounge, Shuttle Services, inside terminal restaurant and Smoking room.





SUPPORT/ANCILLIARY FACILITIES

Comprehensive Support for Seamless Operations



At KIA, the airport go beyond just connecting destinations—it provides top-tier aviation support to ensure smooth, efficient, and safe operations for all aircraft, from commercial airlines to private jets. KIA has:

- a. Aircraft Maintenance Facilities
- b. Cargo facilities
- c. General Aviation
- d. Airport Traffic Control Tower
- e. Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Facilities Category 9
- f. Fuel Storage Area
- g. Airport Hotel, 1.5km from terminal building.



AIRFIELD FACILITIES

Precision-Designed Runways, Aprons, and Taxiways for Seamless Operations



RUNWAYS

Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO/HTKJ) features a single asphalt runway, designated 09/27, measuring 3,600 meters (11,811 feet) in length and 45 meters (148 feet) in width, making it capable of accommodating large aircraft such as the Boeing 747, Boeing 777, and Antonov 124. Situated at an elevation of 2,932 feet (894 meters) above sea level,

TAXIWAYS

Kilimanjaro International Airport (IATA: JRO, ICAO: HTKJ) has significantly upgraded its taxiway infrastructure to enhance aircraft movement efficiency and safety. A 1.1 km-long parallel taxiway was constructed to streamline operations, reducing runway occupancy time and improving overall airport efficiency.

RUNWAY, TAXIWAY & APRON LIGHTINGS

Kilimanjaro International Airport runway is equipped with Instrument Landing Systems (ILS), VOR/DME, and PAPI lights to enhance navigation and approach accuracy, especially in low-visibility conditions.

KILIMANJARO INT'L AIRPORT HEALTH STANDARD & PROTOCOLS

Proactive Monitoring, Rapid Response – A Safer Airport for All



Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) works in close collaboration with Tanzania's Ministry of Health, international carriers, and relevant stakeholders to ensure a harmonized and proactive approach to health and safety. We continuously monitor global trends and align our protocols with recommendations from international bodies such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Civil Aviation Orga-



NORTHERN REGION POWERHOUSE

The Airport that Driving Development and Innovation



Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) plays a central role in supporting the local community, serving as an economic catalyst and a key enabler of regional growth. Its impact reaches far beyond aviation operations, influencing various sectors and contributing to the socio-economic development of Northern Tanzania. The airport:

- a. Boosting Tourism,
- b. Supporting Agriculture
- c. Enhancing the Mining Sector
- d. Creating Employment
- e. Skills Development
- f. Improve Infrastructure Development
- g. Fostering Cultural Exchange
- h. Contribute to the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- i. Promoting Livestock Farming

KIA BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Gateway That Grows With You



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Non Aeronautical Business Opportunities:

- a. Agriculture Processing
- b. Vehicle and spare parts Manufacture
- c. Banks
- d. Containers and Packaging
- e. Schools and College
- f. Food Distribution and Processing
- g. Healthcare Facilities (Research, Drug Manufacturing)
- h. Housing & Real Estate (Building Materials & Construction)
- i. Leisure Activities (Hotel, Motel & Recreation products)
- j. Manufacturing (Rubber, Plastics, Primary Metals, Textile etc)
- k. Non Banking Financial, Financial Services, Insurance etc
- l. Paper and Forest Products
- m. Services Industries, Engineering, Construction etc
- n. Telecommunication, equipment, Telecom Companies etc

Kilimanjaro International Airport offers a dynamic platform for aeronautical business ventures—from ground handling and aircraft maintenance to fueling and air navigation services. Positioned at a strategic crossroads in East Africa, KIA invites aviation partners to invest, innovate, and grow in a market primed for expansion and regional connectivity. The airport welcomes investors on the non aeronautical business such as :

- a. Ground Equipment Manufacturer
- b. Flight Attending Training
- c. Air Charters
- d. Air Taxi
- e. Aircraft Brokers
- f. Aircraft Cleaning Services
- g. Aircraft Interior, Design and Modification
- h. Aircraft Parts Manufacturer
- i. Airframe Repair and Overhaul
- j. Auto Rental
- k. Aviation Attractions
- l. Aviation Fuelling
- m. Aviation Medial Services
- n. Aviation Medical Services
- o. Aviation Catering Services
- p. Flight Planning Services
- q. Freight Forwarders
- r. Air Ambulance
- s. Helicopter Repair
- t. Air Cargo
- u. Helicopter Charter
- v. Private Passenger Terminal
- w. Pilot Training
- x. Safety and Emergency Equipment



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