

WEEKLY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT ON 25TH MARCH, 2024
THE MONEY FLOW RETURN TO THE MARKET, VN-INDEX IS ESTIMATED TO AIM AT THE RESISTANCE LEVEL AT 1,300 POINTS



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE WEEKLY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT ON 25TH MARCH, 2024

-  On March 20, the Fed decided to keep the interest rates unchanged at 5.25% - 5.5%, the highest level in over 20 years, and projected three 0.25 percentage point rate cuts this year. Following the meeting, the US stock market collectively showed positive signs, with both the Dow Jones and Nasdaq indices rising over 1%, while the S&P 500 recorded a gain of 0.89%. In the domestic market, the VN-Index also saw a significant increase of 17.62 points (equivalent to 1.42%).

-  During the past week, there was a surprising surge of money flowing into the market, particularly on the trading session of March 18, where the trading value reached approximately 2 billion USD - the highest level since 2021. Both liquidity and trading value per session throughout the week saw significant improvements, reaching values of 30,424 billion VND and 1.23 billion shares, respectively. The strongest inflows of funds were observed in the healthcare (3.25%) and banking (2.87%) sectors.

-  **With money flowing back into the market and positive signals from the March policy meeting of the Fed, the VN-Index is expected to continue its upward trend and approach the resistance level of 1,300 points in the week of March 25 - March 29, 2024. Investors are advised to **increase** a **70/30** allocation between stocks and cash, with opportunities to purchase new stocks, while monitoring market developments around the 1,280-point mark.**
 -  In the scenario where the index continues to record strong cash flows and surpasses the 1,280-point mark with good liquidity, investors are advised to increase their stock allocation to 90/10, with the next resistance level at 1,300 points.

 -  In the scenario where the market faces selling pressure and breaches the 1,280-point level, it is expected to retreat to the next support zone around 1,243 points.

-  Some of the noteworthy stock groups at this time include:

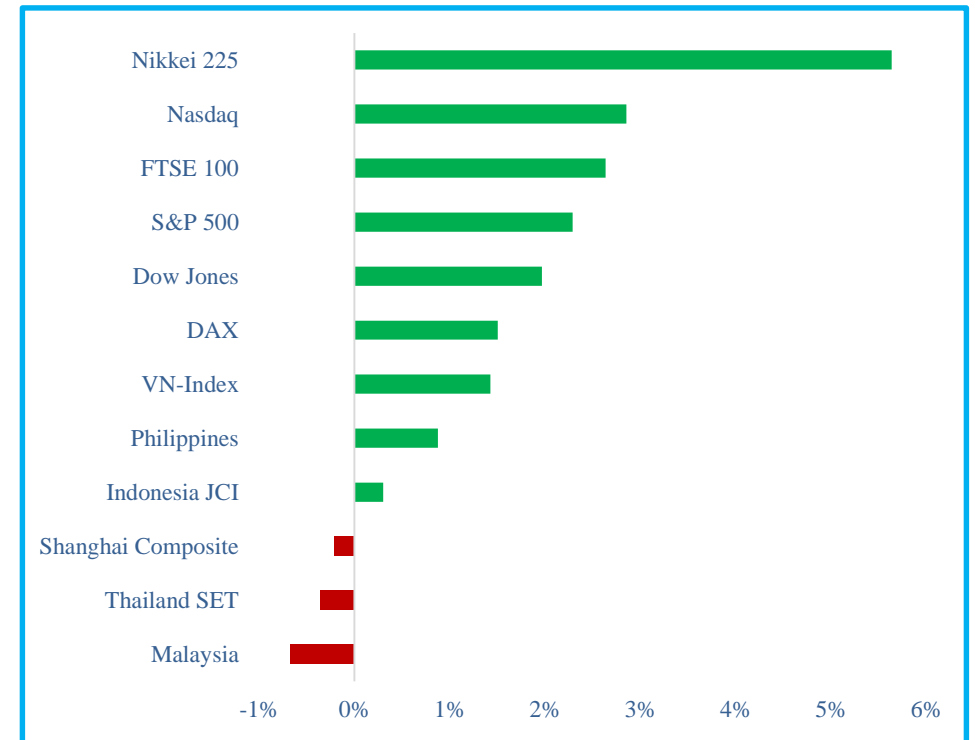
 Government Infrastructure: HHV, CIL, KSB	 Steel: HSG, HPG	 Industrialized real estate: IDC
 Securities: HCM, SHS, VIX, SSI, VND	 Sea port: HAH	 Textile: TNG, GIL
 Real estate: TCH, DIG, CEO	 Bank: ACB, CTG, VIB, TPB, VPB, VCB	 Energy: PC1
 Retail: DGW, MWG, MSN	 Others: PNJ, GEX, DBC, HAX	 Petroleum: BSR

GLOBAL STOCK MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

During the week of March 18th to March 22nd, global stock markets mostly witnessed an upward trend, with increases ranging from 0.8% to 2.9%. Notably, the Shanghai Composite index (-0.22%) moved against this general trend.

The VN-Index recorded a 1.43% increase during the past week, placing it among the top 7 indices with the strongest gains among those monitored.

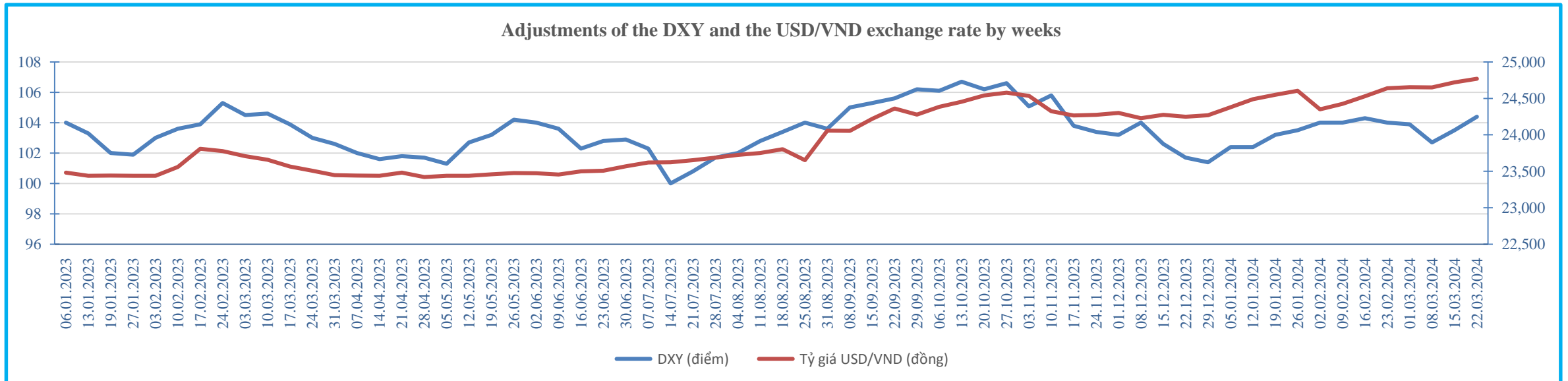
Indices	15th March, 2024	22th March, 2024	Adjustments
VN-Index	1,263.78	1,281.80	1.43%
S&P 500	5,117.09	5,234.18	2.29%
Dow Jones	38,714.77	39,475.90	1.97%
Nasdaq	15,973.17	16,428.82	2.85%
DAX	17,936.65	18,205.94	1.50%
FTSE 100	7,727.42	7,930.92	2.63%
Nikkei 225	38,707.64	40,888.43	5.63%
Shanghai Composite	3,054.64	3,048.03	-0.22%
Thailand SET	1,386.04	1,381.04	-0.36%
Malaysia	1,552.83	1,542.39	-0.67%
Philippines	6,822.32	6,881.97	0.87%
Indonesia JCI	7,328.10	7,350.10	0.30%



FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

The DXY index experienced a slight decline in the early part of the week as the Fed continued to discuss the possibility of three interest rate cuts in 2024 during its March policy meeting. However, it surged towards the end of the week following the unexpected interest rate cut by the Swiss central bank, which reinforced global risk sentiment and emphasized the attractiveness of the greenback. Overall, the DXY index recorded a 0.87% increase for the week compared to the previous week, closing at 104.4 points.

In Vietnam, the USD/VND exchange rate recorded a 0.2% increase compared to the previous week, reaching 24,770 VND. The issuance of bonds by the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) aimed at cooling down the upward momentum of the USD/VND exchange rate continues, with the interest rate for the bond issuance reaching 1.7% in the session on March 22 - the highest level since the beginning of the issuance. As of March 22, the total value of SBV bonds issued has reached approximately 145,000 billion VND.



VIETNAMESE STOCK MARKET OVERVIEW LAST WEEK

After a week of volatile trading, VN-Index continued to close the week's session with an increase of 5.38 points (~0.42%) at 1,281.80 points. Despite retracing to the 1,22x level, the market still maintains its short-term upward trend. Market liquidity remains at a satisfactory level over the last 10 trading sessions, and capital inflows are tending to return to the market.

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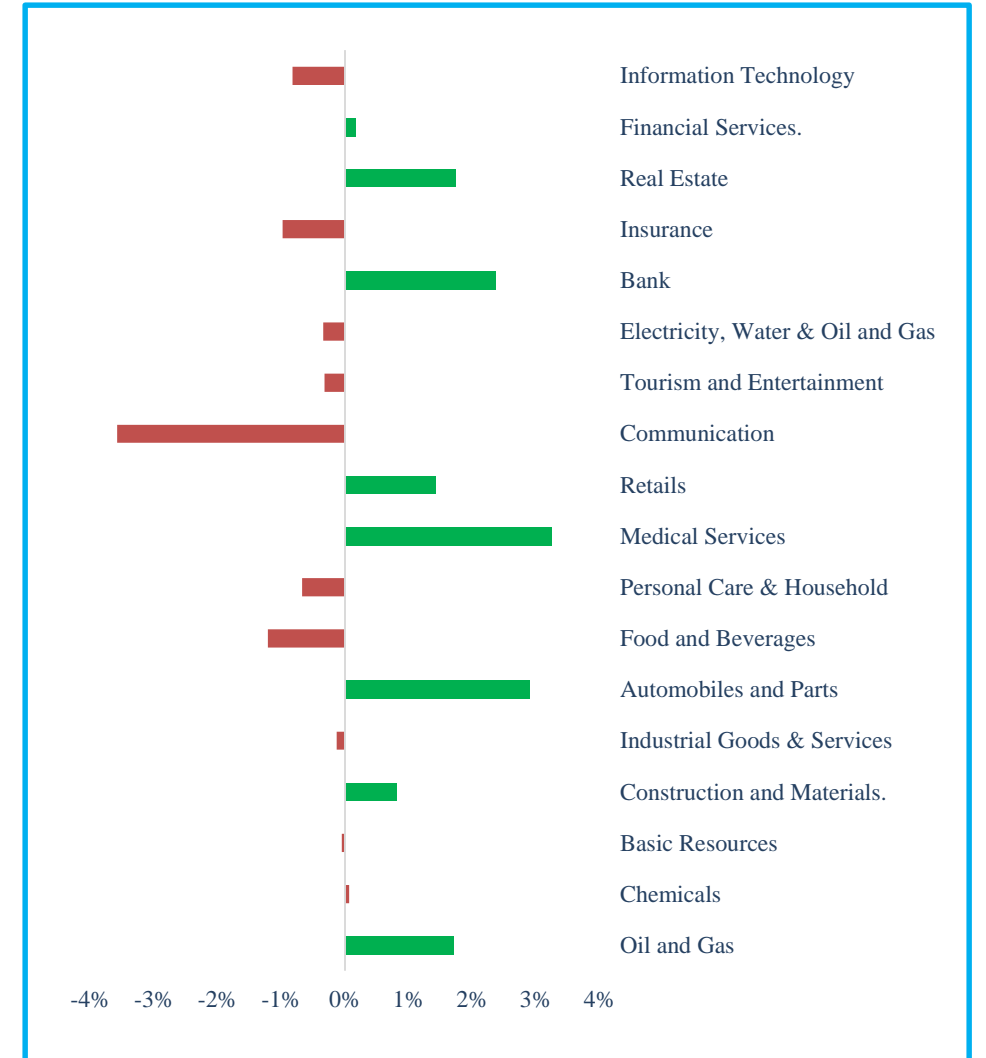


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 MA10 1258.34 MA50 1212.05



SECTORS IN THE PAST WEEK

Sectors	% Price volatility	Total Value (MilVND)	Average matched value (Mil VND)	Trading Volume (1,000 shares)	Average Trading Volume (1,000 shares)
Oil and Gas	1,70%	2.379.106	346.982	71.491	10.454
Chemicals	0,07%	8.383.986	1.393.241	193.683	31.662
Basic Resources	-0,05%	10.629.939	1.796.259	439.002	74.689
Construction and Materials.	0,81%	10.616.194	1.787.740	461.539	78.656
Industrial Goods & Services	-0,13%	9.278.806	1.423.610	309.152	46.966
Automobiles and Parts	2,91%	665.791	113.547	41.318	7.145
Food and Beverages	-1,21%	13.576.051	2.219.767	474.801	78.068
Personal Care & Household	-0,67%	2.748.673	459.935	53.589	8.880
Medical Services	3,25%	357.167	65.546	12.706	2.293
Retails	1,43%	6.340.120	1.034.367	115.362	18.778
Communication	-3,58%	210.757	33.167	19.614	3.085
Tourism and Entertainment	-0,32%	787.876	132.772	26.584	4.471
Electricity, Water & Oil and Gas	-0,34%	2.237.453	334.860	92.983	14.851
Bank	2,37%	30.524.453	5.408.325	1.381.591	247.095
Insurance	-0,98%	280.209	48.113	10.181	1.789
Real Estate	1,73%	40.653.214	7.033.462	1.686.953	293.539
Financial Services.	0,17%	28.856.943	4.657.422	1.103.374	178.770
Information Technology	-0,82%	4.080.584	647.594	56.802	9.156

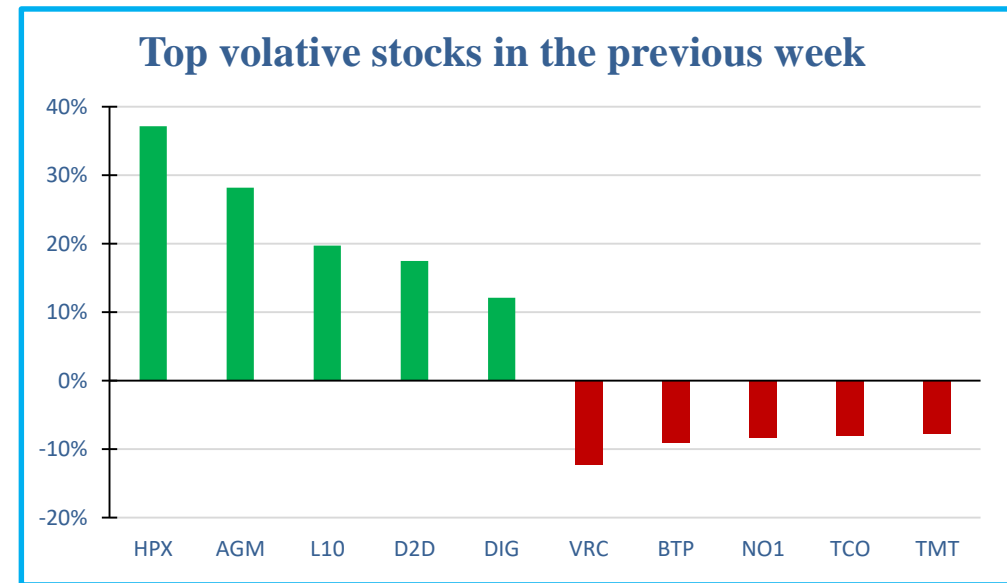
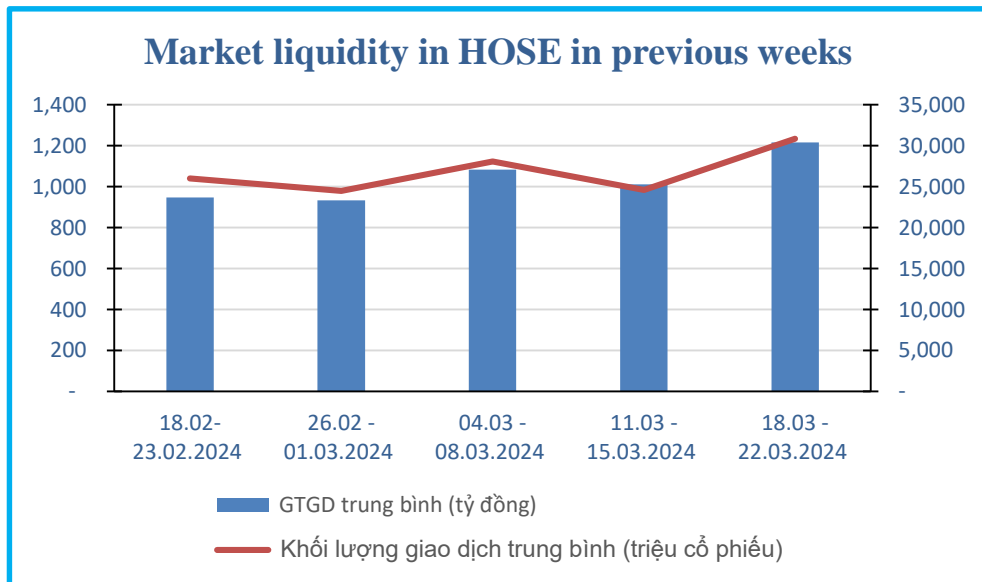


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MARKET LIQUIDITY AND TOP VOLATIVE STOCKS IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

Statistics from Vietstock show that the average trading value per session in the past week reached 30,424 billion VND, an increase of approximately 20.4% compared to the previous week. Similarly, the average trading volume of stocks also increased by 25% to 1.23 billion shares.

In the past week, the top 3 stocks with the highest gains were HPX (37.18%), AGM (28.18%), and L10 (19.73%). Conversely, the top 3 stocks with the biggest declines were VRC (-12.23%), BTP (-9.01%), and NO1 (-8.33%).



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MACRO-ECONOMIC OVERVIEW IN THE PAST WEEK

INFORMATION	EFFECT	ASSESSMENT
<p>On March 20th, the Fed decided to maintain interest rates at 5.25% - 5.5%, the highest level in over 20 years, and forecasted three rate cuts of 0.25 percentage points each this year.</p>	Positive	<p>After the meeting, the U.S. stock market collectively showed positive signs, with both the Dow Jones and Nasdaq indexes recording gains of over 1%, while the S&P 500 recorded an increase of 0.89%. Domestically, the VN-Index also saw a significant increase, rising by 17.62 points (equivalent to 1.42%).</p>
<p>On March 21st, the Swiss National Bank (SNB) unexpectedly decided to cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 1.5%, citing the likelihood of inflation remaining below 2% in the near future.</p>	Positive	<p>Economic experts anticipate that the Swiss National Bank (SNB) will further reduce interest rates by two additional cuts this year, as the SNB adopts a more dovish tone and inflation is also likely to remain below forecasted levels. Switzerland is the first developed country to lower interest rates after a prolonged period of high inflation pressure due to the impact of COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.</p>
<p>Over 10 sessions (from March 11th to March 22nd), the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) has net withdrawn approximately 145 trillion dong through the bond channel. The winning bid interest rates ranged from 1.32% to 1.4%. The purpose of issuing bonds is to reduce market liquidity to alleviate short-term speculative pressure on the exchange rate.</p>	Negative	<p>This move may have a negative impact on investor sentiment in the short term. However, in the long term, it is not expected to significantly affect the market.</p>
<p>The Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) has recently submitted a draft proposal to amend Decision 24/2017 regarding the mechanism for adjusting the average retail electricity price to the Government. MOIT emphasizes that the proposal to shorten the minimum price adjustment period from 6 months to 3 months is appropriate. This ensures that costs do not accumulate significantly, affecting the financial balance of EVN (Electricity of Vietnam), and gradually adjusts electricity prices to adapt to fluctuations in input parameters based on the market.</p>	Neutral	<p>Absolutely, the price of electricity is a significant component of the production costs for businesses, particularly manufacturing enterprises. Therefore, more frequent adjustments to electricity prices can indeed lead to fluctuations in production costs, directly impacting the profitability of businesses. It's crucial for businesses to anticipate and adapt to these changes effectively to maintain their competitiveness and financial health.</p>

EVENTS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

NO.	Stock symbol	Exchange	Ex- Date	Record Date	Effective Date	Event Details
1	CCM	UPCoM	29/03/2024	01/04/2024	30/05/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 2000 VND per share
2	HTC	HNX	28/03/2024	29/03/2024	10/04/2024	Payment of the 3 rd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 300 VND per share.
3	HJS	HNX	27/03/2024	28/03/2024	10/04/2024	Payment of the 1 st dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 1,000 VND per share.
4	VTC	HNX	26/03/2024	27/03/2024	24/04/2024	Dividend payment for 2022 in cash, 700 VND per share
5	PGS	HNX	25/03/2024	26/03/2024	05/04/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 1,500 VND per share
6	TMW	UPCoM	25/03/2024	26/03/2024	31/05/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 1,000 VND per share
7	NBE	UPCoM	25/03/2024	26/03/2024	09/08/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 1,100 VND per share

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