



Quadgas Finance Plc
Report for the six months ended 30 September 2023

Operations

Quadgas Finance Plc (the 'company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Quadgas MidCo Limited and operates as part of the Quadgas MidCo Group's (the 'Group') regulated gas distribution business. The ultimate parent company is Quadgas Holdings TopCo Limited.

The principal activity of the company is for the provision of long-term finance for Quadgas MidCo Limited. The Directors are not aware at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the company's activities or prospects in the next year.

In the first half of the year, the company made a profit of £66,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: £1,285,000 loss) which was driven by the assessment of the recoverability of intercompany loan receivable balances. This is a non-cash movement and results from a revision of the default probability assumption to 0.92% (31 March 2023: 0.94%).

Going concern is addressed on page 3 and in note 1 to the condensed financial statements.

Long-term strategy and business objectives

In our most recent annual report and financial statements, we reported the company's objective to continue to provide long term finance for its immediate parent.

Funding arrangements

On 5 April 2023, Quadgas Finance Plc entered into £50 million of RPI/CPI basis swaps maturing in 2032. These swaps allow the company to effectively lock-in the prevailing market wedge between RPI and CPI and replace the Group's exposure to RPI with exposure to CPI, which is better aligned to regulatory allowances which are based on CPIH.

The company's balance sheet remains robust, and we have maintained our investment grade debt credit ratings from Standard & Poor's.

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Interim management report (continued)

Results for the six months ended 30 September 2023

A summary of the key financial results is set out in the table below.

	Six months ended 30 September 2023 £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2022 £'000	Movement £'000
Profit/(loss) before tax	66	(1,285)	1,351
Profit/(loss) after tax	66	(1,285)	1,351

Interest

Interest receivable during the period from Quadgas MidCo Limited, the immediate parent company of Quadgas Finance Plc, was £23,180,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: £23,353,000) arising from the intercompany loans in place. Interest payable during the period was £23,180,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: £23,353,000) due on external borrowings. The decrease from the prior year is driven by the exchange rates on the non sterling denominated debt.

Result for the period

The company made a profit of £66,000 for the period (six months ended 30 September 2022: £1,285,000 loss), which was driven by the movement in the impairment of intercompany loans. This is a non-cash movement and due to a small decrease in the probability of default compared to March 2023.

Financial position

The financial position of the company is presented in the condensed statement of financial position. Total shareholders' deficit at 30 September 2023 were £2,576,000 (shareholders' deficit at 31 March 2023: £2,642,000).

Related party transactions

There have been no material changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report.

Events after the balance sheet date

On 15 November 2023 the company priced £199.4 million GBP equivalent of private fixed rate notes for settlement on 16 January 2024:

- £30 million maturing 16 July 2030 with a coupon rate of 6.88%,
- £54 million maturing 16 January 2032 with a coupon rate of 6.97%,
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These notes are guaranteed by and proceeds were lent to Quadgas MidCo Limited on matching terms.

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Key performance indicators

As the company is part of a larger Group (Quadgas MidCo Limited is the immediate parent company), the management of the company does not involve the use of key performance indicators, other than the profit or loss for the year, in measuring the development, performance or the position of the company and the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of Quadgas MidCo Limited.

For information on the development, performance, risks, uncertainties and position of Quadgas MidCo Limited and its subsidiaries and of the key performance indicators used, refer to the Strategic Report included in Quadgas MidCo Limited's Annual Report and Financial statements 2022/23, which does not form part of this report.

Impact of new accounting standards

These Interim Financial Statements have been prepared under FRS 104. FRS 104 stipulates that the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP) applicable at the year-end should be applied for the Interim Statements, which in this case is Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. There have been no new accounting standards under FRS applicable to the period.

Risks and uncertainties

There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which could have a material impact on the company's performance over the remaining six months of the financial year and could cause actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. We recognise the potential impact of fluctuations in interest and foreign exchange rates have on our underlying debt portfolio, however, the Directors do not consider that the principal risks and uncertainties have changed since the publication of the annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023. A detailed explanation of the risks, and how the company seeks to mitigate the risks, can be found on pages 3 & 4 of the 2022/23 Quadgas Finance Plc Annual Report and Financial Statements. Below is a summary of our key risks as at 30 September 2023:

- Liquidity risk
- Credit risk
- Interest rate cash flow risk
- Inflation rate cash flow risk
- Foreign exchange risk

Going concern

The condensed statement of financial position shows net liabilities of £2,576,000 (31 March 2023: £2,642,000 net liabilities). The condensed income statement shows interest income for the period of £23,180,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: £23,353,000). The profit for the period is £66,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: £1,285,000 loss) is driven by the reversal of the impairment of an intercompany loan, which is a non-cash movement. No debt in the company is due for repayment until October 2024 and will be repaid using existing liquidity & financing arrangements together with access to capital markets. The Group continues to have strong cash reserves.

The company continues to receive income from Quadgas MidCo Limited which continues to trade and operate as a going concern and the debt at Quadgas Finance Plc is guaranteed by Quadgas PledgeCo Limited and Quadgas MidCo Limited. At 30 September 2023 Quadgas MidCo Limited was in a consolidated net asset position of £3,604,000,000 (31 March 2023: £3,698,000,000), reported consolidated profit before tax for the six month period of £257,000,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: profit of £329,000,000) and had access to a consolidated £850,000,000 revolving credit facility, £60,000,000 of which was drawn at 30 September 2023 and a £150 million undrawn, committed bank loan. Therefore the Directors consider that the company has adequate resources to continue in business, and that it is therefore appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the half year financial information.

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Auditor

Following the completion of the 2022/23 audit process, Deloitte LLP has been re-appointed as Auditor of the Quadgas Holdings TopCo Limited Group and its subsidiaries including Quadgas Finance Plc.

Cautionary statement

This Interim Management Report (IMR) has been prepared solely to provide additional information to shareholders to assess the Group's strategies and the potential for those strategies to succeed. The IMR should not be relied on by any other party or for any other purpose.

The IMR contains certain forward-looking statements. These statements are made by the Directors in good faith based on the information available to them up to the time of their approval of this report, but such statements should be treated with caution due to the inherent uncertainties, including both economic and business risk factors, underlying any such forward-looking information.

By order of the Board,



A O Bickerstaff

Director

22 November 2023

Pilot Way, Ansty, Coventry, CV7 9JU

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Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The half year financial information is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the Directors.

The Directors confirm that the financial information has been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 Interim Financial Reporting as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Directors of Quadgas Finance Plc during the period and up to the date of signing the condensed financial statements were:

M W Braithwaite

A O Bickerstaff

By order of the Board,



A O Bickerstaff

Director

22 November 2023

INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO QUADGAS FINANCE PLC

Conclusion

We have been engaged by the company to review the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2023 which comprises the condensed income statement, the condensed statement of financial position, the condensed statement of changes in equity and related notes.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2023 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 104 and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK) 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Financial Reporting Council for use in the United Kingdom (ISRE (UK) 2410). A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

As disclosed in note 1, the annual financial statements of the company are prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK"). The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 104 "Interim Financial Reporting".

Conclusion Relating to Going Concern

Based on our review procedures, which are less extensive than those performed in an audit as described in the Basis for Conclusion section of this report, nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the directors have inappropriately adopted the going concern basis of accounting or that the directors have identified material uncertainties relating to going concern that are not appropriately disclosed.

This Conclusion is based on the review procedures performed in accordance with ISRE (UK) 2410; however future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Responsibilities of the directors

The directors are responsible for preparing the half-yearly financial report in accordance with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

In preparing the half-yearly financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the review of the financial information

In reviewing the half-yearly financial report, we are responsible for expressing to the company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report. Our Conclusion, including our Conclusion Relating to Going Concern, are based on procedures that are less extensive than audit procedures, as described in the Basis for Conclusion paragraph of this report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with ISRE (UK) 2410. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in an independent review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deloitte LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Birmingham, United Kingdom
22 November 2023

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Condensed income statement

Six months ended 30 September 2023

		Six months ended 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 September 2022 (unaudited)
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable and similar income	4	23,180	23,353
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(23,180)	(23,353)
Net gains on external derivative financial instruments	6	3,306	4,884
Net losses on intercompany derivative financial instruments	6	(3,306)	(4,884)
Impairment reversal/(impairment) of intercompany loans		66	(1,285)
Profit/(loss) before tax		66	(1,285)
Tax	7	-	-
Profit/(loss) after tax		66	(1,285)

The results reported above relate to continuing activities. There were no other gains and losses for the period other than those reported above, therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income is presented.

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Condensed statement of financial position

As at 30 September 2023

	As at 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	As at 31 March 2023 (audited)
Notes	£'000	£'000
Non-current assets		
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	1,430,751	1,429,618
Derivative financial instruments: amounts falling due after more than one year	9 9,209	7,893
	<u>1,439,960</u>	<u>1,437,511</u>
Current assets		
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year (owed by immediate parent company)	9,904	15,795
Cash and cash equivalents	80	74
	<u>9,984</u>	<u>15,869</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,904)	(15,787)
Taxation	(1)	(1)
	<u>(9,905)</u>	<u>(15,788)</u>
Net current assets	<u>79</u>	<u>81</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>1,440,039</u>	<u>1,437,592</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(1,433,406)	(1,432,341)
Derivative financial instruments: amounts falling due after more than one year	9 (9,209)	(7,893)
	<u>(1,442,615)</u>	<u>(1,440,234)</u>
Net liabilities	<u>(2,576)</u>	<u>(2,642)</u>
Equity		
Share capital	50	50
Retained losses	(2,626)	(2,692)
Total shareholders' deficit	<u>(2,576)</u>	<u>(2,642)</u>

The condensed financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



A O Bickerstaff
Director

Quadgas Finance Plc
Company registration number: 10619488

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Condensed statement of changes in equity

Six months ended 30 September 2023

	Share capital £'000	Retained losses £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2023	50	(2,692)	(2,642)
Profit for the period	-	66	66
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	50	(2,626)	(2,576)

	Share capital £'000	Retained losses £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2022	50	(1,330)	(1,280)
Loss for the period	-	(1,285)	(1,285)
At 30 September 2022 (unaudited)	50	(2,615)	(2,565)

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Notes to the condensed financial statements

Six months ended 30 September 2023

1. Basis of preparation and new accounting standards, interpretation and amendments

The half year financial information covers the six-month period ended 30 September 2023 and has been prepared under Financial Reporting Standards (FRS) as issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 104 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority.

The half year financial information is unaudited but has been reviewed by the Auditor and their report is attached to this document. The half year financial information does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. It should be read in conjunction with the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, which were prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting and financial reporting standards (FRS 101) and the Companies Act 2006, and have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The Auditor's report on these statutory accounts was unqualified and did not contain a statement under Section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

The half year financial information has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies expected to be applicable for the year ending 31 March 2024. In preparing this half year financial information, the areas of judgement made by management in applying Quadgas Finance Plc's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The condensed statement of financial position shows net liabilities of £2,576,000 (31 March 2023: £2,642,000 net liabilities). Having reassessed the principal risks from a company and Group perspective, and considering the guarantees in place from its immediate parent, the Directors consider that the company has adequate resources to continue in business, and that it is therefore appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the half year financial information. The company's immediate parent is in a consolidated net asset position of £3,604,000,000 (31 March 2023: £3,698,000,000), made a profit before tax for the six months of £257,000,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: £329,000,000 profit) and has access to a consolidated £850,000,000 Revolving Credit Facility, of which £60,000,000 was drawn at 30 September 2023, and a £150,000,000 undrawn, committed bank loan.

The company has significant intercompany balances of £1,443,310,000 as its principal activity is the provision of long term finance for its immediate parent, Quadgas MidCo Limited. Under IFRS 9, the company is required to calculate expected credit losses on all financial assets, including intercompany loans. The expected credit loss for its intercompany loans has been calculated by considering the probability of default and the loss given default on the outstanding balance of the intercompany loans. The probability of default has been derived by using quoted available information for the company and the loss given default has been determined by management based on available evidence. Cadent Gas Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Quadgas MidCo Limited and the operating company within the Group, is an asset intensive regulated business, the loss given default is assumed to be low by management. The movement in the impairment charge included in the condensed income statement in the period amounts to a £66,000 reversal (six months ended 30 September 2022: £1,285,000 charge).

As noted above, these Interim Financial Statements have been prepared under FRS 104. FRS 104 stipulates that the GAAP applicable at the year-end should be applied for the Interim Statements, which in this case is Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. There have been no new accounting standards under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable to the period.

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2. Segmental analysis

The Directors believe that the company's activities constitute one single segment. Operating segments are reported in the manner consistent with internal reporting to the Chief Operating Decision Maker, which has been identified as the Board of Directors. The company's country of domicile is the United Kingdom and is the country in which it generates all of its revenue. The company's assets are all located within the United Kingdom.

3. Seasonality

The company is not impacted by seasonality due to the nature of the company's activities.

4. Interest receivable and similar income

	Six months ended 30 September 2023	Six months ended 30 September 2022
	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable from immediate parent company	23,180	23,353

5. Interest payable and similar charges

	Six months ended 30 September 2023	Six months ended 30 September 2022
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable on other borrowings	(23,180)	(23,353)

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6. Net gains/(losses) on financial derivatives

	Six months ended 30 September 2023	Six months ended 30 September 2022
External	£'000	£'000
Net gains on derivatives not designated in a hedge relationship ¹	3,888	18,036
Exchange losses on revaluation of foreign currency denominated loans	(582)	(13,152)
	<u>3,306</u>	<u>4,884</u>
	Six months ended 30 September 2023	Six months ended 30 September 2022
Internal	£'000	£'000
Net losses on derivatives not designated in a hedge relationship	(3,888)	(18,036)
Exchange gains on revaluation of foreign currency denominated loans	582	13,152
	<u>(3,306)</u>	<u>(4,884)</u>

¹ Includes a £2,295,000 gain relating to RPI/CPI basis swaps.

7. Tax

The tax charge for the period is £Nil (six months to 30 September 2022: £Nil). The effective tax rate of Nil (six months to 30 September 2022: Nil) for the period is calculated by applying the main rate of UK corporation tax to profits before tax after adjusting for the movement in the impairment of intercompany loans which is not taxable.

8. Dividends

No dividends are proposed for the current financial period (six months to 30 September 2022: £Nil).

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9. Fair value measurement

Certain of the Group's financial instruments are measured at fair value. The following table categorises these financial assets and liabilities by the valuation methodology applied in determining their fair value using the fair value hierarchy described below.

As at 30 September 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Derivative financial instruments (external)	-	6,920	1,555	8,475
Derivative financial instruments (internal)	-	734	-	734
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,654</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>9,209</u>
Liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments (external)	-	(734)	-	(734)
Derivative financial instruments (internal)	-	(6,920)	(1,555)	(8,475)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,654)</u>	<u>(1,555)</u>	<u>(9,209)</u>
As at 31 March 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Derivative financial instruments (external)	-	5,952	-	5,952
Derivative financial instruments (internal)	-	1,201	740	1,941
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,153</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>7,893</u>
Liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments (external)	-	(1,201)	(740)	(1,941)
Derivative financial instruments (internal)	-	(5,952)	-	(5,952)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,153)</u>	<u>(740)</u>	<u>(7,893)</u>

Financial liabilities in the condensed statement of financial position are either held at fair value or the carrying value if it approximates to fair value, with the exception of borrowings, which are held at amortised cost. Financial assets are classified at inception into one of the following categories which then determines the subsequent measurement methodology: financial assets at amortised cost; financial assets at value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI); and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Loans receivable are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any allowance for estimated impairments.

The estimated fair value of total borrowings using market values at 30 September 2023 is £1,124 million (31 March 2023: £1,184 million).

Level 1: Financial instruments with quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2: Financial instruments with quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in inactive markets and financial instruments valued using models where all significant inputs are based directly or indirectly on observable market data.

Level 3: Financial instruments valued using valuation techniques where one or more significant inputs are based on unobservable market data.

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Notes to the condensed financial statements (continued)

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9. Fair value measurement (continued)

The Level 3 derivative financial instruments comprise £250 million of RPI-CPI basis inflation swaps maturing by 2033 which are traded based on a spread to liquid RPI inflation markets. As the market for CPI swaps is still maturing with the spreads not currently observable in their own liquid market, these swaps have been classified as Level 3 instruments. The fair values for these instruments are calculated by using market forecasts of inflation indices obtained from third party valuation data to produce a series of future cashflows. These are then discounted back to a net present value to which model-derived credit and funding valuation adjustments are applied. As these instruments are linked to CPI, higher inflation forecasts across the life of the instruments will result in a larger liability at maturity, negatively impacting the fair value. Conversely, a reduction in inflation forecasts across the life of the instruments will reduce the liability at maturity and positively impact the fair value. Indicatively, a 1% change in the first twelve months of the inflation indices used to calculate the fair values of the Level 3 derivative financial instruments would change the fair values by an immaterial amount, with an increase in the inflation indices reducing the fair values and vice versa. Fair values will also be impacted by movements in interest rate curves which are used to derive the discount rates used in calculating the net present values of the instruments.

Movements in the six months to 30 September 2023, for external assets and liabilities measured at fair value using Level 3 valuations inputs are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September 2023	Six months ended 30 September 2022
	£'000	£'000
At 1 April	(740)	-
Net gain for the period	2,295	-
At 30 September	<u>1,555</u>	<u>-</u>

The external loss is offset by an equal and opposite internal gain due to the back to back nature of transactions resulting in nil net impact.

USD 50 million, USD 44 million and EUR 22 million of fixed to fixed cross-currency interest rate swaps were transacted to convert principal and interest cash flows on the USD 50 million, USD 44 million and EUR 22 million debt maturing in 2024, 2031 and 2033 respectively, to sterling. A further £50 million RPI/CPI basis swaps maturing in 2033 were transacted in the period to bring the total to £250 million. Quadgas Finance Plc has transacted equal and opposite internal fixed to fixed cross-currency interest rate swaps and internal RPI/CPI basis swaps with its immediate parent company Quadgas MidCo Limited, and its net exposure is therefore £Nil and so hedge accounting is not applied.

10. Related party transactions

The company is exempt under FRS 101.8(k) from disclosing transactions with Quadgas Holdings TopCo Limited and its subsidiary undertakings where all of the voting rights are held within the Group. There were no related party transactions with other companies outside the Quadgas Holdings TopCo Limited Group.

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11. Events after the balance sheet date

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- £54 million maturing 16 January 2032 with a coupon rate of 6.97%,
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