



Singapore

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 4	Hold 0	Sell 0
Current price:		;	S\$0.052
Target price:			S\$0.08
Previous target:			S\$0.08
Up/downside:			53.8%
CGSI / Consensus:			2.6%
Reuters: Bloomberg: Market cap: Average daily turnover:		N US\$ S\$ US	MPM.SI MPM SP 6145.3m 6195.2m 6\$0.46m 6\$0.63m
Current shares o/s:			3,754m
Free float: *Source: Bloomberg			51.3%

Key changes in this note

No changes.



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		Source: E	Bloomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-5.5	-3.7	-5.5
Relative (%)	-12.8	-13.1	-46.2

Major shareholders	% held
Lee Family	22.6
Apricot Capital Pte Ltd	16.5
Penguin International Limited	8.1

Marco Polo Marine

Resilient underlying performance

- MPM's 1Q charter rates and fleet utilisation held broadly firm yoy at 71%; higher repairs also drove gross margin expansion to 41% (FY24: 39.3%).
- We think MPM earned net income of c.S\$2m annually from chartering thirdparty vessels in Taiwan over FY23-24.
- We expect MPM's three new offshore support vessels to begin full operations in Taiwan from 2H25F. Our outlook for its shipyard for FY25F remains intact.
- Reiterate Add, with unchanged TP of S\$0.08, based on 9x CY26F P/E (c.1 s.d. above its 12M forward P/E average over 2020-25).

1QFY9/25: underlying performance is trending well

Marco Polo Marine (MPM) reported 1QFY9/25 revenue of S\$25.8m, down 11% yoy due to declines in ship chartering (-13% yoy) and shipyard (-9% yoy). Chartering revenues were affected by the end of a contract to charter third-party vessels in Taiwan while its shipyard saw lower shipbuilding work. That said, we think MPM's underlying performance is trending well as its vessel charter rates and fleet utilisation remained broadly firm yoy against a strong base. In addition, yard utilisation expanded 4% pts yoy to 83% on the back of increased repair jobs. Overall 1Q gross margin grew to 41% from 39.9% in 1QFY24 on the mix shift towards more higher-margin repairs vs. shipbuilding work.

We estimate c.S\$2m bottomline impact from lower 3rd-party charter

Based on management comments in MPM's 1Q results briefing, we think MPM generated c.S\$14m annually (16-25% of ship chartering revenues) from third-party vessel charters in Taiwan over FY23-24. We estimate the core net profit impact at c.S\$2m (c.8% of FY23-24) as MPM owns only 49% stake in its Taiwanese JV company PKR Offshore (Unlisted). Third-party vessel charters also typically yield lower gross margins than owned vessels. We understand from management that third-party vessels including anchor-handling tug and supply vessels (AHTS) could be re-chartered in Taiwan if construction of new windfarms in the country picks up.

Three new offshore wind vessels to start working from 2H25F

We expect MPM's two new crew transfer vessels (CTVs) and one commissioning, service, and operations vessel (CSOV) to begin full operations from 2H25F. The CSOV will earn c.US\$45,000/day for a minimum annual utilisation period under a 3-year contract with Vestas (VWS DC, NR, CP: DKK98.38). MPM noted that the CSOV will be chartered to Siemens Gamesa (Unlisted) during the gaps, on short-term contracts which currently can capture dayrates of c.US\$60,000-70,000. Further, our outlook for MPM's shipyard segment for FY25F remains intact on higher yoy repairs work from 1) exit of CSOV from the drydock and 2) increased yard capacity from new drydock 4 from 2H25F.

Reiterate Add on earnings growth and fleet expansion

We reiterate our Add call as we see net profit CAGR of 21% over FY24-27F and maintain our TP at S\$0.08. Key re-rating catalysts: contract win for 2nd CSOV, higher-than-expected fleet utilisation and fleet expansion, Downside risks: lower-than-expected yard utilisation, and delays in offshore wind projects affecting vessel demand.

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Financial Summary	Sep-23A	Sep-24A	Sep-25F	Sep-26F	Sep-27F
Revenue (S\$m)	127.1	123.5	135.9	170.0	180.5
Operating EBITDA (S\$m)	43.30	42.70	43.96	54.73	61.93
Net Profit (S\$m)	22.58	21.70	25.06	33.44	38.68
Core EPS (S\$)	0.006	0.007	0.007	0.009	0.010
Core EPS Growth	60.9%	4.5%	1.8%	33.5%	15.6%
FD Core P/E (x)	8.12	7.86	7.79	5.84	5.05
DPS (S\$)	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Dividend Yield	1.92%	1.92%	2.12%	2.12%	2.31%
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.39	4.11	3.66	2.73	2.41
P/FCFE (x)	43.66	15.62	20.68	26.18	NA
Net Gearing	(33.1%)	(17.8%)	(23.1%)	(25.7%)	(23.5%)
P/BV (x)	1.14	1.06	0.93	0.81	0.71
ROE	15.1%	14.0%	12.7%	14.9%	15.0%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates					
EDS/Concencus EDS (v)			0.05	1 11	1 /17

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Analyst(s)



Reiterate Add and unchanged TP of S\$0.08 >

MPM currently trades at 5.6x CY26F P/E (below 1s.d. of its historical 12M forward P/E average over 2020-25), which we think is unjustified given its consistent earnings growth and fleet expansion. We expect MPM's net profit to grow at a CAGR of 21% over FY24-27F compared to 13.7% over FY21-24.

Active talks for 2nd CSOV ➤

On 12 Feb 2025, MPM hosted around 60 attendees at its Batam shipyard for a tour of its maiden CSOV. The CSOV is pending final sea trials after which it will start working for Vestas in Taiwan from Mar 2025F. If MPM successfully signs a contract for a 2nd CSOV, then it may start building the vessel towards late 2025F. We think the construction time for the 2nd CSOV could be less than 2 years due to experience gained from its 1st CSOV. We estimate construction of a new CSOV could cost c.S\$60m based on costs incurred for its 1st CSOV.

Figure 1: Outside view of the MP Wind Archer, MPM's 1st commissioning, service, and operations vessel (CSOV)



SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH

Figure 2: Inside the CSOV MP Wind Archer



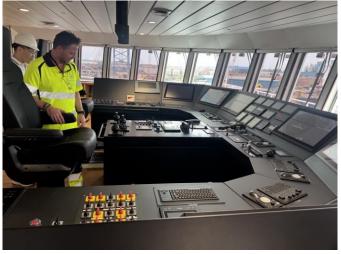
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Figure 3: Dining area of the MP Wind Archer



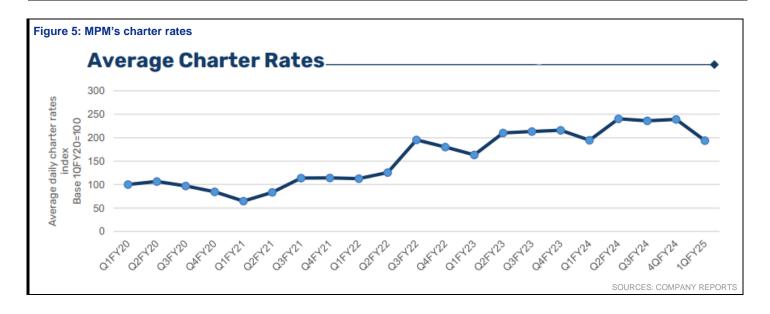
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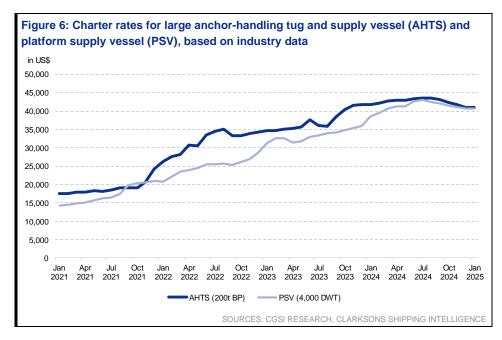
Figure 4: MP Wind Archer's Dynamic Positioning system

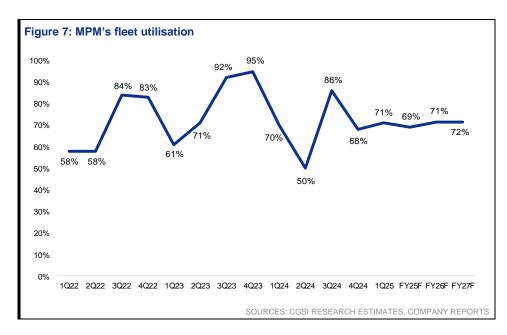


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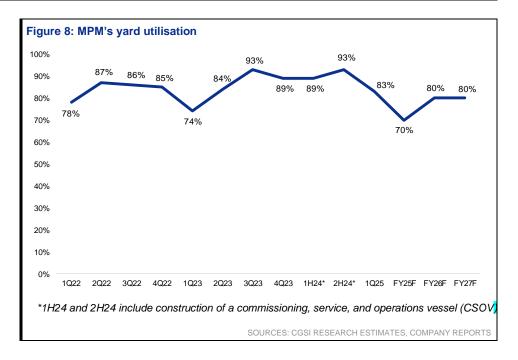




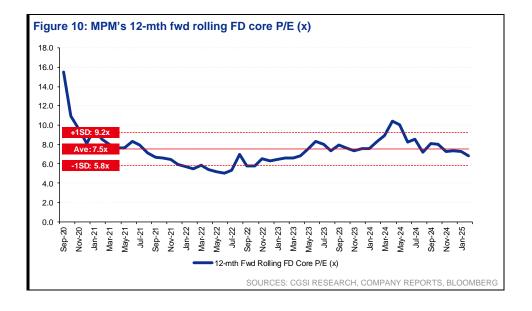








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FYE September 30 (in S\$m)	FY23	FY24	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
Shipbuilding	15.8	18.8	17.1	20.8	22.1	-9.1%	21.5%	6.2%
Ship repair	42.7	29.7	37.4	47.7	53.3	25.8%	27.6%	11.7%
Sale of goods	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.2	3.6	-15.7%	25.7%	10.0%
Shipyard	61.2	51.6	57.1	71.7	78.9	10.6%	25.7%	10.0%
Ship chartering	65.9	71.9	78.9	98.3	101.6	9.6%	24.6%	3.4%
Total revenues	127.1	123.5	135.9	170.0	180.5	10.0%	25.1%	6.2%





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Figure 11: Peer comparison

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				Target	Market			2-year			Recurring	
	Bbg		Price	Price	Cap	P/E (EPS	P/BV			Yield (%)
Company	Ticker	Recom.	(Icl curr)	(Icl curr)	(US\$ m)	CY25F	CY26F	CAGR (%)	CY25F	CY26F	CY25F	CY25F
Marco Polo Marine	MPM SP	Add	0.05	0.08	145	7.5	5.6	18.7%	0.9	8.0	13.0%	2.1%
Pacific Radiance	PACRA SP	Add	0.05	0.07	55	19.3	21.2	na	0.8	0.7	4.0%	0.0%
Mermaid Maritime	MMT SP	Add	0.16	0.16	165	10.9	7.7	59.3%	0.9	8.0	8.2%	0.0%
Vallianz Holdings Ltd	VALZ SP	NR	0.04	na	37	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
ASL Marine Holdings Ltd	ASL SP	NR	0.06	na	45	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Kim Heng Ltd	KHOM SP	NR	0.08	na	44	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nam Cheong Ltd	NCL SP	NR	0.55	na	159	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Wintermar Offshore Marine Tbl	WINS IJ	NR	410.0	na	109	0.0	0.0	13.7%	0.0	0.0	12.5%	na
Logindo Samudramakmur Tbk F	LEAD IJ	NR	87.00	na	31	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Sillo Maritime Perdana Tbk PT	SHIP IJ	NR	950.0	na	158	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Sealink International Bhd	SELIMK	NR	0.29	na	32	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Marine & General Bhd	MARG MK	NR	0.31	na	54	2.6	na	-10.6%	0.7	na	na	na
Perdana Petroleum Bhd	PETR MK	NR	0.24	na	120	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Sea1 offshore Inc	SEA1 NO	NR	22.15	na	305	5.8	4.7	-30.6%	0.7	0.6	16.4%	17.1%
Tidewater Inc	TDW US	NR	55.26	na	2,891	10.6	6.6	54.1%	2.1	1.6	23.3%	4.7%
Helix Energy Solutions Group I	HLX US	NR	8.37	na	1,273	10.4	9.2	54.7%	0.8	0.7	na	na
Subsea 7 SA	SUBC NO	NR	184.9	na	4,973	11.2	8.7	52.8%	1.1	1.0	10.2%	3.4%
SEACOR Marine Holdings Inc	SMHIUS	NR	6.76	na	187	na	4.6	na	0.6	0.6	-1.0%	na
Peers - average (excl. MPM)						8.8	7.8	27.6%	0.8	0.7	10.5%	5.0%

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS, BLOOMBERG Note: Estimates for Not rated (NR) companies are based on Bloomberg consensus estimates Data as at 19 Feb 2025





ESG in a nutshell

In our view, Marco Polo Marine (MPM) has demonstrated progress in aligning its operations with environmental sustainability and social responsibility. The adoption of hybrid energy systems, green ship recycling, and reduced emissions reflect improvements in its environmental performance. However, a rise in workplace safety incidents and increased energy consumption in certain areas highlight operational challenges. Upcoming initiatives, such as the hybrid-powered offshore wind service vessel and the ammonia-to-power collaboration with Amogy, are key for the company's ESG trajectory, in our view.

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MPM's rising workplace safety incidents, with a fourfold increase from FY9/21 to FY9/23, expose potential deficiencies in its safety protocols amid growing business activity.

Implications

Increased accidents could lead to regulatory penalties, operational delays and strained relationships with unions. Investment in safety training and stricter adherence to standards will be critical to reversing this trend, in our view.

ESG highlights

MPM noted in its Annual Report FY23 that the implementation of hybrid energy storage systems in its commissioning, service, and operations vessels (CSOV) could cut fuel consumption and emissions by up to 15-20% compared to traditional non-diesel electric hybrid vessels. It also signed an MoU with Brooklyn-based Amogy to install the latter's proprietary ammonia-to-power system on its existing or newly built wind vessels.

In addition, MPM is venturing into the green ship recycling business to help shipowners recycle their end-of-life ships. MPM's shipyard in Indonesia is the first in the country to be awarded the ISO 30000:2009 certificate, as per MPM's annual report.

Implications

In our view, MPM's environmental initiatives position it well in terms of emissions management and resource efficiency.

Trends

According to its Annual Report FY23, MPM reduced its Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 12% yoy and energy intensity by over 50% yoy in FY23, driven by its transition to LED lighting and hybrid technologies. However, electricity consumption increased by 15% yoy due to the growing scale of operations.

Its total number of workplace accidents increased from 8 in FY21 to 32 in FY23, underscoring the need for stricter safety management.

Implications

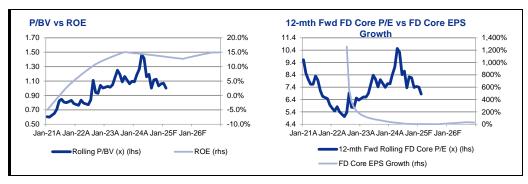
The downward trend in MPM's emissions and energy intensity is encouraging but requires continued investment in operational efficiencies to sustain progress.

Addressing safety issues will be critical in ensuring that the company's social practices keep pace with its growth, in our view.

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BY THE NUMBERS



(S\$m)	Sep-23A	Sep-24A	Sep-25F	Sep-26F	Sep-27F
Total Net Revenues	127.1	123.5	135.9	170.0	180.5
Gross Profit	45.7	48.5	53.7	68.0	74.0
Operating EBITDA	43.3	42.7	44.0	54.7	61.9
Depreciation And Amortisation	(12.1)	(12.4)	(13.2)	(13.6)	(15.1)
Operating EBIT	31.2	30.3	30.8	41.2	46.8
Financial Income/(Expense)	(0.3)	(1.6)	(2.4)	(1.4)	(1.1)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	31.1	28.8	28.5	40.0	45.9
Exceptional Items	(0.6)	(3.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax Profit	30.5	25.7	28.5	40.0	45.9
Taxation	(4.7)	(1.8)	(1.7)	(3.2)	(3.7)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	25.8	23.9	26.8	36.8	42.3
Minority Interests	(3.2)	(2.2)	(1.8)	(3.3)	(3.6)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Preference Dividends (Australia)					
Net Profit	22.6	21.7	25.1	33.4	38.7
Recurring Net Profit	23.1	24.6	25.1	33.4	38.7
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	23.1	24.6	25.1	33.4	38.7
Normalised Net Profit	26.4	27.0	26.8	36.8	42.3
Fully Diluted Normalised Profit	23.2	24.8	25.1	33.4	38.7

Cash Flow					
(S\$m)	Sep-23A	Sep-24A	Sep-25F	Sep-26F	Sep-27F
EBITDA	43.30	42.70	43.96	54.73	61.93
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(14.20)	2.94	(1.48)	(1.35)	0.01
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(0.63)	(3.13)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Operating Cashflow	0.93	(1.69)	2.20	(1.35)	(1.66)
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(0.31)	(1.63)	(2.43)	(1.38)	(1.07)
Tax Paid	(0.98)	(1.51)	(1.71)	(3.20)	(3.68)
Cashflow From Operations	28.11	37.68	40.54	47.46	55.53
Capex	(13.30)	(50.75)	(21.10)	(30.00)	(50.00)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries	6.67	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Investing Cashflow	(16.20)	(8.42)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Flow From Investing	(22.82)	(56.02)	(21.10)	(30.00)	(50.00)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(0.99)	30.73	(10.00)	(10.00)	(10.00)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shares Repurchased	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividends Paid	0.00	(3.75)	(3.75)	(4.13)	(4.13)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	7.04	(1.75)	3.00	3.00	3.00
Cash Flow From Financing	6.05	25.22	(10.75)	(11.13)	(11.13)
Total Cash Generated	11.34	6.88	8.68	6.33	(5.60)
Free Cashflow To Equity	4.30	12.38	9.44	7.46	(4.47)
Free Cashflow To Firm	5.60	(16.71)	21.87	18.84	6.60

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Balance Sheet					
(S\$m)	Sep-23A	Sep-24A	Sep-25F	Sep-26F	Sep-27F
Total Cash And Equivalents	63.1	68.8	77.5	83.8	78.2
Total Debtors	48.1	39.2	41.5	45.1	44.8
Inventories	8.4	3.7	3.4	4.2	4.4
Total Other Current Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Current Assets	119.5	111.6	122.3	133.0	127.4
Fixed Assets	92.8	148.1	158.1	176.0	211.9
Total Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Intangible Assets	6.3	6.9	4.8	3.4	2.4
Total Other Non-Current Assets	10.5	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Total Non-current Assets	109.5	162.8	170.7	187.2	222.1
Short-term Debt	1.0	25.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	28.0	27.0	27.5	30.6	30.5
Other Current Liabilities	7.0	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.6
Total Current Liabilities	36.0	56.9	31.8	34.5	34.2
Total Long-term Debt	1.3	7.9	25.1	16.7	7.6
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	7.5	8.2	8.8	7.7	6.9
Total Non-current Liabilities	8.8	16.1	33.9	24.4	14.5
Total Provisions	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total Liabilities	45.2	73.3	66.1	59.2	49.0
Shareholders' Equity	167.8	185.0	209.1	239.8	275.6
Minority Interests	16.1	16.1	17.9	21.2	24.8
Total Equity	183.9	201.1	227.0	261.0	300.4

Key Ratios					
	Sep-23A	Sep-24A	Sep-25F	Sep-26F	Sep-27F
Revenue Growth	47.7%	(2.8%)	10.0%	25.1%	6.2%
Operating EBITDA Growth	78.9%	(1.4%)	3.0%	24.5%	13.1%
Operating EBITDA Margin	34.1%	34.6%	32.3%	32.2%	34.3%
Net Cash Per Share (S\$)	0.017	0.010	0.014	0.018	0.019
BVPS (S\$)	0.046	0.049	0.056	0.064	0.073
Gross Interest Cover	102.1	18.6	12.7	29.8	43.9
Effective Tax Rate	15.4%	7.0%	6.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	16.2%	15.1%	16.5%	12.3%	11.6%
Accounts Receivables Days	57.71	64.24	57.56	53.99	58.25
Inventory Days	22.42	29.36	15.64	13.55	14.68
Accounts Payables Days	60.59	74.12	71.57	67.73	73.41
ROIC (%)	25.2%	21.5%	16.6%	20.6%	21.3%
ROCE (%)	18.3%	14.4%	12.6%	15.5%	16.0%
Return On Average Assets	12.8%	11.3%	10.3%	12.4%	12.9%

Key Drivers					
	Sep-23A	Sep-24A	Sep-25F	Sep-26F	Sep-27F
Fleet utilisation (%)	79.8%	68.5%	69.1%	71.6%	71.7%
Yard utilisation (%)	85.0%	91.0%	70.0%	80.0%	80.0%

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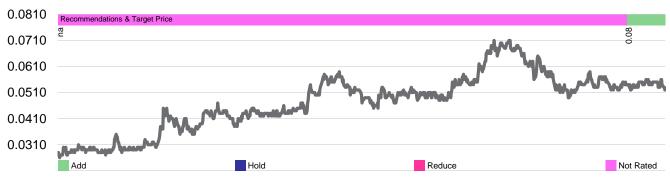
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