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1st May

ARCONNECT Talk and Workshop Series by IAP Lahore Chapter

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Architects Gather for “The Art of Social Changes” with Prof. Rafiq Azam at Saeed Akhtar Studio Lahore, May 1, 2025 — As part of the ongoing ARCONNECT Talk and Workshop Series by the Institute of Architects Pakistan - Lahore Chapter (IAP-LC), over 50 Architects, educators, and students gathered at the Saeed Akhtar Studio for an evocative session titled “The Art of Social Changes” with globally acclaimed Bangladeshi architect, Prof. Rafiq Azam. The event created space for critical discourse around the evolving role of architecture in enabling social transformation. The talk highlighted how design can respond to societal needs and emotional landscapes, rather than remaining bound by conventional form and function. Prof. Rafiq Azam, widely respected for his green architecture that harmonizes tradition, mysticism, and the natural environment, shared reflections from his three-decade-long journey. Drawing on his Bangladeshi roots and philosophical inspirations like Lalon and Tagore, Azam emphasized architecture as a spiritual and contextual art — one that can touch lives, heal cities, and transform societies. His words deeply resonated with the audience, provoking meaningful conversations on the ethics, values, and responsibilities embedded in the architectural practice. The session was convened by Ar. Dr. Mamuna Iqbal, who underlined the importance of such gatherings in nurturing critical engagement and diverse voices within the architectural community in Pakistan.



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2nd-4th May

IAPEX 2025 by IAP Karachi Chapter

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Overview

IAPEX 2025 proved to be a landmark event in the architectural calendar, setting new standards in creativity, outreach, and presentation. Spread over four impactful days, the event drew an enthusiastic and diverse audience, with participation from across the country. Architects, designers, students, professionals, and the general public came together to experience a thoughtfully curated series of sessions, exhibitions, and interactions.

Key Distinctions of IAPEX 2025

This year's edition marked three major firsts, setting IAPEX 2025 apart from its predecessors:

Creative Event Logo & Architectural Interpretation:

For the first time, a specially designed event logo was developed with a bold and creative visual identity. This logo was not only central to all digital and print material, but it also inspired an architectural installation — an interpretation of the logo — that was displayed prominently during the event and used throughout the promotional campaign.

Production of a TVC for IAPEX 2025:

A professionally produced television commercial (TVC) was created for the first time in IAP's history. This TVC captured the essence of the event and significantly enhanced public awareness. It gained wide traction on social media platforms, contributing to an enormous increase in footfall and public engagement across all event days.

Introduction of the IAP Rostrum:

Another key distinction was the design and use of a custom IAP Rostrum. Specifically created for IAPEX 2025, it brought a unique and formal aesthetic to the stage, enhancing the visual presence of all conference sessions and speaker presentations.

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DAY 1: May 2, 2025 – Opening Ceremony & Exhibition

The event opened to a packed venue with a vibrant atmosphere. The Event was Inaugurated by Mr. Saeed Ghani, Provincial Minister of Sindh for Local Governments. The keynote speech set a high intellectual tone, followed by stimulating panel discussions that brought together notable voices from across the profession. Attendees showed deep engagement through Q&A sessions and live interactions. After the Inauguration, an AI workshop was conducted by Ar. Sobiya Munawar.

Highlights:

Strong opening attendance

Keynote by a renowned expert

Engaging panel discussions

Prominent architectural logo installation revealed

DAY 2: May 3, 2025 – KAL Conference, Dialogues & Groove Gala

Focused on interaction and education, the second day featured the start of the IAPEX Conference, themed “KAL: Kaleidoscope of Architectural Lifescape”. These sessions offered practical learning opportunities and direct mentorship for younger attendees. The newly introduced IAP Rostrum made its debut in the conference space, drawing attention for its thoughtful design and significance.

Speakers Session A & B included:

Ar. Sikander Ajam, Ar. Awais Aqduus, Ar. Yayha Jan, Ar. Aziza Chaouni, Ar. Abhishek M. Bajracharya and Ar. Sam Oboh

Highlights:

High turnout in workshops

Productive student-professional interaction

First official use of the IAP Rostrum

Strong media presence

The day ended with a bang with Groove Gala attended by Architects, Students, Guests from all over Pakistan and Guest Speakers.

DAY 3: May 4, 2025 – Panel Discussions, Closing Reflections & Forward Vision

Day 3 started with a workshop for Students and fresh graduates by Ar. Syed Arif Shah. The workshop titled Job Winning CV. The final day featured a series of reflective discussions and presentations, highlighting achievements and envisioning the future. The positive response from participants, along with the record-breaking footfall — boosted by the reach of the new TVC — underscored the event’s far-reaching impact.

Speakers Session C included:

Ar. Shazia Qureshi and Ar. Prof. Rafiq Azam

A strong Panel Discussion on the Topic “Urban Realities: The Built Environment of Karachi Today” – May 04, 2025

Moderator by Ar. Arif Belgaumi and Panelists included Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed, Ar. Fazal Noor, Ar. Hussain Lotia, Engr. Farhan Anwer and Ar. Kh. M. Badiuz Zaman.

The Event ended with the Gala Night. H.E. Mr. Kamran Khan Tessori, Governor Sindh was the Chief Guest of the event.

Highlights:

Meaningful closing sessions

Discussions on sustainability and future programming

Strong feedback and requests for similar events

High social media interaction thanks to the TVC campaign

Conclusion

IAPEX 2025 was not just an event — it was a celebration of architecture, innovation, and engagement. With new creative milestones, increased public reach, and unmatched participation, this year’s edition set a new benchmark.

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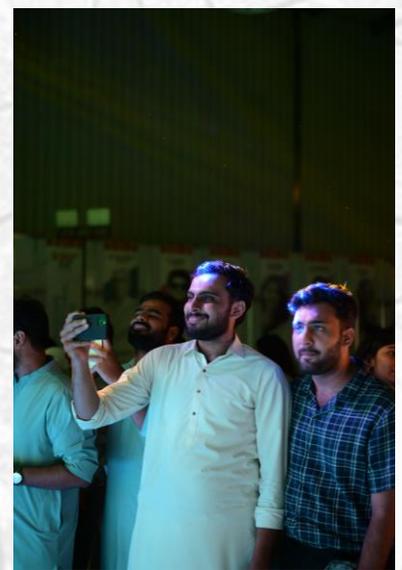
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4th May IAP Fellowship Investiture Ceremony

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The Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) organized the Fellowship Investiture Ceremony to formally honour and bestow Fellowship upon our esteemed architects. This prestigious event celebrated the conferral of Fellowship upon 12 architects in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The Ceremony was held on May 4, 2025, at the Marquee Hall, PC Hotel in Karachi. The Ceremony was graced by Mr. Kamran Tessori, Governor of Sindh, as the Chief Guest. The President of the IAP, Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi, along with senior Fellows, presented the newly inducted Fellows with Fellowship gowns and medals. The event was hosted by the IAP Karachi Chapter.

The following architects were honoured and conferred the Fellowship of IAP during the ceremony. The 2023 Fellows were Ar. Farida Abdul Ghaffar, Ar. Maria Aslam, Ar. Murtaza Shikoh, Ar. Tariq Hassan, and Ar. Tariq Qaiser. The 2024 Fellow was Ar. Faisal Bilwany, and the 2025 Fellows were Ar. Adil Kerai, Ar. Hamir Soomro, Ar. Nasir Iqbal, Ar. Nosheedullah Shah, Ar. Saad Mahmood Khan, and Ar. Shahid Khan.

The Ceremony was attended by esteemed members of the architectural community from across the country and international Speakers from Morocco, Bangladesh & Nepal. The IAP Fellowship Investiture Ceremony 2025 was a momentous occasion celebrating the remarkable contributions of these architects to the profession and Pakistan's built environment.

The event successfully recognized the dedication and leadership of the honoured Fellows and reaffirmed IAP's mission to uphold excellence in architecture. The event was the culmination of IAPEX 2025 by the Karachi Chapter of the Institute of Architects Pakistan.



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IAP Fellowship Investiture Ceremony

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5th May

"SHIFT: From Void to Value-An Immersive Design Thinking Charrette

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The Board of Architectural Education - Institute of Architects Pakistan (BAE-IAP), in collaboration with IAP Karachi Chapter (IAP-KC), successfully conducted the workshop "SHIFT: From Void to Value - An Immersive Design Thinking Charrette" on May 5, 2025 at IAP House Karachi. This dynamic event brought together over 50 architecture students from five leading institutions: Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture (IVS), University of Karachi (UoK), NED University of Engineering and Technology (NED-UET), Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), and Nazeer Hussain University.

Guided by renowned mentors from across South Asia—including Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (Islamabad), Ar. Syed Fawad Hussain & Leena Hassan (Lahore), Ar. Seher Aziz (Karachi), Ar. Abhishek Bariacharya (Kathmandu), and Ar. Zannat Jui (Dhaka)—participants engaged in fast-paced reflective ideation, prototyping, and narrative-building. The challenge focused on reclaiming overlooked urban voids in Karachi's Saddar Town, proposing inclusive and sustainable public toilet solutions in alignment with the upcoming IAPEX 2025 theme, "KAL: Kaleidoscope of Architectural Life-scape."

Ar. Bisma Sami Askari, Chairperson BAE-IAP, extended heartfelt gratitude to all mentors, participants, and supporters. Special acknowledgments were made to IAP President Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi; internationally acclaimed architect Ar. Rafiq Azam (Bangladesh); and members of the IAP National Council, including Ar. Tahir Khattak (Honorary Secretary IAP), Ar. Umar Khan Kakar (Honorary Treasurer IAP), Ar. Zulfiqar Ali (Immediate Past President IAP), Ar. Nimra Qazi (Vice Chairperson, IAP RIC), and Ar. Toobia Yousuf (NC Member IAP). Tokens of appreciation were presented to the mentors in recognition of their contributions.

The workshop emphasized design thinking, spatial storytelling, and iterative problem-solving. Student teams responded with compelling project titles, key visuals, and architectural narratives, addressing themes of memory, urgency, and hope. SHIFT proved to be more than a charrette—it became a platform for critical dialogue, cross-cultural collaboration, and visionary thinking, reinforcing BAE-IAP's mission to bridge heritage and innovation in architectural education.



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12th May EORDM-Award Distribution Ceremony

IAP-RIC

Title: Award Distribution Ceremony

Date: 12th May 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Venue: IAP Secretariat, G-5/1, Islamabad

Organized by: Institute of Architects Pakistan – Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter (IAP-RIC) Chief

Guest: Additional Director General, Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Mr. Manzoor Ahmed

The Award Distribution Ceremony for the “Echoes of Rawalpindi – Urban Monument Design Challenge” was successfully held on 12th May 2025 at the IAP Secretariat, Islamabad. The event, solely organized by IAP-RIC, aimed to honor the creativity and innovation of participants who submitted compelling monument design proposals that reflect the cultural and historical identity of Rawalpindi.

The ceremony was graced by Mr. Maszoor Ahmed, Additional Director General of the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), who served as the Chief Guest. He awarded shields and certificates to the winning participants and appreciated the initiative’s role in promoting community-centered urban design. Although no external sponsorship was involved, IAP-RIC extended warm hospitality to all attendees by organizing a hi-tea following the ceremony.

The event was well-attended by architects, students, and professionals, and served as a vibrant platform for recognizing emerging talent and encouraging dialogue on the future of urban placemaking.

The event reaffirmed IAP-RIC’s commitment to fostering architectural excellence, civic engagement, and creative expression within the evolving urban fabric of Rawalpindi.

12th May EORDM-Award Distribution Ceremony

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20th May

Inauguration of Nova Color Showroom

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Novacolor Experience Center Islamabad Inaugurated by H.E. The Italian Ambassador. The event was attended by IAP Members from LC, PC & RIC also part of the IAP-Industry outreach program, 20th May 2025.



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20th May IAP - Industry Outreach Program

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Industrial out reach Program:

Visit to at Arish Islamabad, Lodhia Gypsum Industries (Pvt) Ltd at Hattar at 20th May 2025.

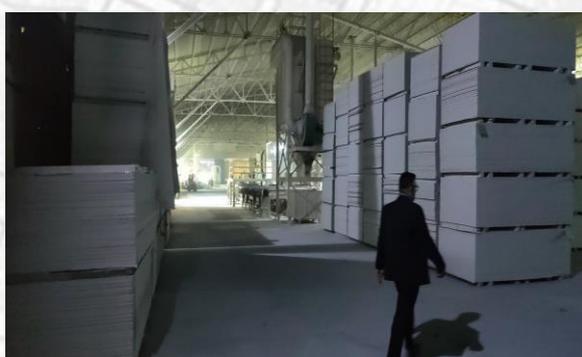
IAP - Industry Outreach Program with Lodhia Gypsum Industries and participation of a large number of architects from LC, PC and RIC. An extremely well attended and successful event following the Novacolor Experience Center Inauguration, 20th May 2025.



20th May

Visit to Arish Islamabad, Lodhia Gypsum Industries (Pvt) Ltd

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21st May Iconic Architecture Practices Of Lahore

BAE-IAP

Reflecting on Another Inspiring Session of the Lecture Series:
Iconic Architecture Practices of Lahore
Held at the Department of Architecture, COMSATS University Islamabad, Lahore
Campus

In collaboration with BAE-IAP

We were honored to host Raees Fahim Associates, who shared valuable insights into their design journey, architectural ethos, and the evolving landscape of practice in Lahore. The event was convened by Ar Maira Khan .



21st May Visit to at Khanpur Dam by IAP Lahore Chapter

IAP-LC

Archi Tourism Program:

Visit to at Khanpur Dam at 21st May 2025.

In continuation of the Outreach program, Convener Outreach LC (Architect Faisal Sami) in collaboration with Lodhia Gypsum planned a Leisure trip to Khanpur Dam. It is located on the Haro River in Khanpur, KPK. It forms Khanpur Lake, a reservoir that supplies drinking water to Islamabad and Rawalpindi and irrigation water to many of the agricultural and industrial areas surrounding the cities. It is also famous for offering various Water Sports activities. The members of Lahore Chapter enjoyed the stay at the Resort/Hotel overnight and the following day enjoyed Boating and Parasailing there.



21st May Visit to at Khanpur Dam by IAP Lahore Chapter

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21st May

Yasmeen Lari Wins Lifetime Achievement Award 2025

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Yasmeen Lari Wins 2025 Lisbon Architecture Triennale Lifetime Achievement Award

In May 2025, celebrated architect Yasmeen Lari, Pakistan's first woman in the field, was awarded the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award. With a career spanning over 60 years, Lari has become a global figure in socially responsible and climate-conscious architecture, known for her commitment to empowering marginalized communities through sustainable, low-carbon design.



24th May

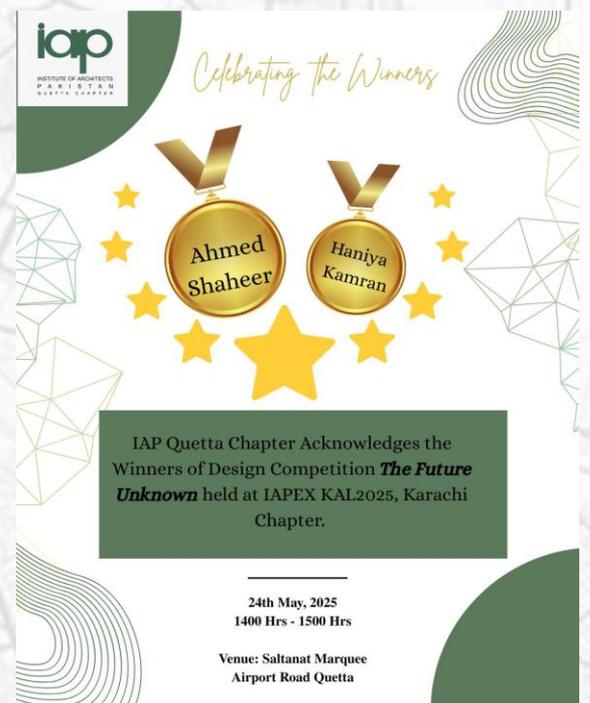
Certificate Distribution Ceremony Student Design Competition

IAP-QC

About the ceremony:

The event happened in the presence of IAPQC members. Ar. Naseer Ahmed Hijazi - Chairman IAPQC presented certificate of appreciation to the winners of Student Design Competition at IAPEX Karachi 2025 - KAL. Chairman IAPQC and the esteemed member of IAPQC - Ar. Muhammad Ali Baloch also presented Cash prizes to the students to encourage them for future work.

Ahmed Shaheer and Hania Kamran from IAPQC - Winners of the Student Design Competition at IAPEX Karachi 2025 - KAL. Presenting their work to members of IAP Quetta Chapter.



25th May

Pakistan Construction Summit 2025

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Pakistan Construction Summit 2025 Marks a Milestone in Industry Innovation and Collaboration.

Karachi, May 24, 2025 – The Pakistan Construction Summit 2025 concluded successfully at DHA Suffa University, Karachi, uniting leading voices from the construction, architecture, engineering, and urban planning sectors. Organized by the Smart Entrepreneur Society (SES), the summit was held in strategic partnership with the Association of Builders And Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), and supported by the Institute of Architects, Pakistan - IAP, PCATP - Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners, and EAROPH Pakistan.

The event commenced with a powerful inaugural address by Engr. Mehtab Hussain (بلوچ), Founder & Chairman of SES, who underscored the urgent need for innovation, sustainability, and global collaboration to reshape Pakistan's built environment.

Adding international perspective, H.E. Mr. Cemal Sangu, Consul General of the Turkish Consulate in Karachi, delivered a keynote address emphasizing Turkey's architectural heritage and the potential for joint development initiatives between Turkey and Pakistan.

Master of Ceremony:

Ms Sharleen Ansari, Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Certified Professional

The summit featured a distinguished lineup of keynote speakers, including:

Engr. Sajid Ali Abbasi, Group CEO, Times Group (Pvt) Ltd.

Ar. Syed Arif Shah, Managing Director, Arif Shah Pvt. Ltd.

Engaging panel discussions brought together renowned professionals and change-makers, including:

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman, ABAD

Ar. Muhammad Arif Changezi, Former Chairman, PCATP

Mr. Khawaja Abdul Malik, Head of Technical, Sika Pakistan

Mr. Muhammad Waleed Jawaid, Founder & CEO INTEXCO

Ar. Bisma Sami Askari, Chairperson Board of Architectural Education IAP

Engr. Mohibullah Jafri, Project Director, Karachi Development Authority (KDA)

Ar. Ramiz Baig, President of EAROPH Pakistan

Ar. Faisal Bilwany, Founder & Principal Architect of Faisal Bilwany Associates

Prof. Dr. Yasira Naeem Pasha, Dean, Faculty of Architecture & Civil Engineering, Dawood University of Engineering and Technology

Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed, Acting Vice Chancellor, NED University of Engineering and Technology

Dr. Farrukh Arif, Ph.D., Director, NED University Virtual Reality Center

Ar. Sheema Aamir and Mr. Khalid Minhas.

Throughout the day, attendees engaged in technical sessions, exhibitions, and B2B networking with developers, architects, consultants, students, and government representatives. The summit served as a knowledge-sharing hub to address Pakistan's evolving construction challenges—from infrastructure bottlenecks and policy gaps to the integration of digital innovation and climate-conscious development.

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Pakistan Construction Summit 2025

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Celebration of Collaboration – Architects World x IAPEX Lahore 2025

On May 29, 2025, Architects World hosted a memorable evening titled "Celebration of Collaboration" at their venue on Main Boulevard, DHA, Lahore. The event honored their partnership as Titanium Sponsor for IAPEX Lahore 2025 and brought together leading architects and professionals in a spirit of unity and progress.

A key moment of the evening was the signing of the Strategic Sponsorship Agreement between Architects World (AW) and the Institute of Architects Pakistan – Lahore Chapter (IAP-LC). Representing IAP-LC, Ar. Husnain Raza Khan, Convener IAPEX Lahore 2025, signed the agreement, while Ms. Zainab Cheema, Manager Business Development, signed on behalf of Architects World. This collaboration reflects a shared vision to promote architectural excellence, support emerging professionals, and contribute meaningfully to the success of IAPEX Lahore 2025. We extend our sincere appreciation to Architects World for their generous support and gracious hospitality.



29th May

Celebration of Collaboration – Architects World x IAPEX Lahore 2025

IAP-LC



30th May

Visit to Lahore's Iconic Cathedral Church of the Resurrection

IAP-LC

Archi Site Program:

IAP Lahore Chapter Hosts Exclusive Architectural Visit to Lahore's Iconic Cathedral Church of the Resurrection

On May 30, 2025, the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) – Lahore Chapter, in collaboration with the Walled City of Lahore Authority (WCLA) and Lahore Awargi, organized an exclusive architectural visit to the Cathedral Church of the Resurrection — Lahore's first built Anglican cathedral, designed by the distinguished architect John Oldrid Scott.

As part of the IAP's *Archi-Site* series, the event brought together over 90 architects for an immersive experience into the colonial-era grandeur, spiritual heritage, and cultural legacy of this historic landmark.

The program began with a compelling presentation by the Walled City of Lahore Authority, highlighting the church's 2020 restoration and the efforts undertaken to preserve its architectural and historical authenticity. This was followed by an engaging and in-depth briefing by Naveen Zaman of Lahore Awargi, who explored the church's design and the rich symbolism of architectural elements rooted in Christian theology.

Participants were then guided through the church premises, experiencing firsthand the intricate details and narrative embedded in its structure.

The visit concluded with a ceremonial presentation of shields, honoring key contributors to the preservation and interpretation of the site, including:

Right Reverend Nadeem Kamran

Reverend Qaisar Nadeem

Catechist Suleman Javed

Representatives of the Walled City of Lahore Authority

Naveen Zaman of Lahore Awargi

The event stood as a meaningful tribute to interdisciplinary collaboration in heritage preservation and emphasized the role of architecture in storytelling, history, and faith.

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Visit to Lahore's Iconic Cathedral Church of the Resurrection

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