

DECLARATION OF TRUST

EASTWEST DOLLAR INTERMEDIATE TERM BOND FUND

A Unit Investment Trust Fund

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

East West Banking Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at EastWest Corporate Center, 3rd floor The Beaufort, 5th Avenue corner 23rd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, with authority to perform trust and other fiduciary functions, acting herein through its Trust Division (herein referred to as the "Trustee");

W I T N E S S E T H:

Article I

CREATION OF THE TRUST

That for the purpose of providing investment opportunities to its trust clients for higher investment yields and a diversified portfolio of investments pursuant to investment objectives and policies herein stipulated, the Trustee hereby establishes and declares itself as trustee of a unit investment trust fund for the collective investment of funds held by it in the capacity of trustee under the terms and conditions herein-below set forth:

Article II

NATURE AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1 Title of the Fund – The pooled fund shall be known as **EastWest Dollar Intermediate Term Bond Fund** (herein referred to as the "Fund").

Sec. 2 Nature of the Fund –The Fund is a unit investment trust fund established in accordance with and shall be operated subject to the stipulations of this declaration and as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the regulations issued by the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas (the "BSP") and to existing laws.

The Fund shall be treated as an entity separate and distinct from its constituent assets and from the contributions of the participants thereto and from other trust accounts administered by the Trustee.

Title to Assets of the Fund - All assets of the Fund shall, at all times, be considered as assets held by the Trustee vested solely in the Trustee.

Nature of Participant's Interest in the Fund - No participant shall have or be deemed to have any ownership or interest in any particular account, investment or asset of the Fund but shall have only its proportionate and undivided beneficial interest in the Fund as a whole.

Description of the Fund - The features of the bond fund and its accompanying risks shall be described in **Appendix I** hereto.

Sec. 3 Investment Objectives and Policy – The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in such investment outlets and held and disposed of in accordance with such investment objectives and policies as specified in **Appendix I** hereto.

The Trustee shall make available to all Participants for review a list of prospective and outstanding investment outlets which shall be updated quarterly. Such disclosure shall be substantially in the form hereto attached as **Appendix II**.

Article III

PARTICIPATION : ADMISSION & REDEMPTION

Sec. 1 Qualified Participants (Requirements and Restrictions) - Prior to acceptance of the initial participation in the Fund, the Trustee shall perform a Client Suitability Assessment (CSA) for the purpose of profiling the risk return orientation of the client.

Participation in the Fund shall be open to participants with legal capacity to contract subject to the rules or procedures stipulated in **Appendix I** hereto and those established by the Trustee to be advantageous or to the best interest of the Fund.

Sec. 2 Participation Units - Participation in the Fund shall always be through participation in units of the Fund and each unit shall have uniform rights or privileges as any other unit. The beneficial interest of each participation unit shall be determined under the net asset value per unit (NAVpU) valuation methodology defined herein. The admission or redemption of units of participation in the Fund may be made only on the basis of such valuation and in such frequency as indicated in **Appendix I** hereto.

Article IV

MANNER OF OPERATION

Sec. 1 Pooled Fund Accounting - The total assets and accountabilities of the Fund shall be accounted for as a single account referred to as pooled-fund accounting method.

Sec 2 Distribution - The Fund shall be distributed exclusively in distribution channels duly authorized by the Trustee.

Article V

VALUATION OF THE FUND AND PARTICIPATION UNITS

Sec. 1 Valuation of the Fund – The valuation of the Fund shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) The Trustee shall, on a daily basis, determine the net asset value (herein referred to as the “NAV”) of the Fund and the value of each unit of participation (herein referred to as the “NAVpU”)
- (b) The NAV shall be the summation of the market value of each investment of the Fund less fees, taxes, and other qualified expenses as defined herein. The determination of market value of the investments of the Fund shall be in accordance with existing BSP rules and regulations on marking to market valuation of investment instruments more specifically described in **Appendix I** hereof.

Sec. 2 Valuation of Participation Units – The valuation of participation units shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) The NAVpU shall be determined by dividing the NAV of the Fund by the total number of units outstanding as of Valuation Date.
- (b) The NAVpU at the start of the Fund’s operation, or the Fund’s par value, shall be as indicated in **Appendix I** hereto.
- (c) The NAVpU shall be computed daily at the time specified in **Appendix I** hereto.

Sec. 3 Fees and Expenses of the Fund –

- (a) Trustee’s Fees - The Trustee shall charge against the Fund regular trust fees in the amount indicated in **Appendix I** hereto on a per annum basis based on the NAV of the Fund as its compensation for the administration and management of the Fund. These fees shall accrue and shall be collectible from the Fund, as and when the same becomes due, at such times as indicated in **Appendix I**. The trust fees shall be uniformly applied to all participants in the Fund. Said fee may be increased or decreased in the future as may be warranted by circumstances then existing, subject to the requirements of Subsection UX410.6 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks. In the event the trust fees are changed, such change shall be charged prospectively.

- (b) Expenses - The Trustee may charge the Fund for special expenses if the same is necessary to preserve or enhance the value of the Fund. Such special expenses shall be payable to pertinent third party or parties covered by separate contract/s, and disclosed to the Participants.

Article VI
TRUSTEES POWERS & LIABILITIES

Sec. 1 Management of the Fund - The Trustee shall have the exclusive management, administration, operation and control of the Fund, and the sole right at any time to sell, convert, reinvest, exchange, transfer or otherwise change or dispose of the assets comprising the Fund.

However, if the Trustee deems it proper and beneficial for the Fund, the Trustee may engage the services of third party/ies as investment advisor or manager of a portion of the Fund; provided that the said arrangement shall be covered by a written agreement/contract and such third party/ies is/are disclosed in the quarterly reports to the participants of the Fund.

Sec. 2 Powers of Trustee – The Trustee shall have the following powers:

- a. To hold legal title over the assets comprising the Fund for the benefit of the Participants;
- b. To have exclusive management and control of the Fund, full discretion in respect of investments, and the sole right, at any time to sell, convert, reinvest, exchange, transfer or otherwise change or dispose of the assets comprising the Trust Fund;
- c. To hold, place, invest and reinvest the Fund with full discretionary powers, and without distinction, as to principal and income in investments stipulated in Article II, Section 3 hereto and in such investments it may deem sound and appropriate, subject only to the limitations the investment objectives and policies of the Fund stated in Article II, Section 3 hereto;
- d. To deposit in any bank or financial institution, including its own bank, any portion of the Fund, subject to the requirement of Subsection UX410.8 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks;
- e. To register or cause to be registered any securities of the Fund in nominee or bearer form;
- f. To appoint and retain the services of qualified and reputable local or foreign investment advisor and/or fund manager/s; provided, however, that the Trustee shall retain ownership and control of the Fund, and provided further, that the investment advisor/s and/or fund manager/s shall work within the investment parameters or guidelines set by the Trustee from time to time and shall be directly responsible to the Trustee for any investment actions and decisions undertaken for the Fund;
- g. To hire and compensate legal counsel/s, certified public accountant and other specialist/s in connection with administration and management of the Fund and the protection or advancement of its legal and other interests;
- h. To make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any or all securities, agreements, contracts, deeds, documents and instruments necessary in the management and reinvestment of the Fund, or in connection with the exercise of the powers herein conferred or the performance of acts herein authorized;
- i. To collect, receive and receipt for income, dividends, interest, profits, increments and such other sums accruing or due to the Fund; and
- j. To pay out of the Fund all costs, expenses, and proper charges incurred in connection with the administration, preservation, maintenance and protection of the Fund.

Sec. 3 Liability of Trustee – Save that attributable to the Trustee's fraud, willful default, bad faith or gross negligence, the Trustee shall not be liable for any loss or depreciation in the value of the Fund or in the value of the Trustor's participation in the Fund. The Trustee shall not be liable for act or omission where such action or inaction, in the good faith judgment of the Trustee, was then necessary, reasonable or appropriate for the proper and advantageous administration and management of the Fund.

- Sec. 4 Non-Coverage By PDIC – Participation in this Fund is a trust arrangement and is not a deposit account. As such, the participation in the Fund is not covered by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC). Any income or loss of the Fund (whether realized or unrealized) will impact the NAVpU and shall be for the account and risk of the participant.

Article VII **RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS**

- Sec. 1 Right to Inspect Declaration - A copy of this Declaration of Trust shall be available at the principal office of the Trustee for inspection by any person having an interest in the Fund or by his authorized representative. Upon request, a copy of the Declaration of Trust shall be furnished such interested person.
- Sec. 2 Disclosure of Investments - A list of existing and prospective investments of the Fund shall be made available to participants. Such disclosure shall be substantially in the form as provided under Appendix 62 of Subsection UX410.7 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks. Upon request, participants in the Fund shall be furnished a quarterly list of investments held by the Fund.
- Sec. 3 Disclosure of Risks - Participants shall be informed of the risks attendant to this type of Fund through a 'Risk Disclosure Statement'.
- Sec. 4 Rights Upon Termination of Plan – In case of termination of the Plan, the Participants shall have (a) the right to be notified of such termination in accordance with Section 2 of Article IX hereof and, (b) upon demand, the right to inspect or be provided a copy of the financial statement used as the basis for the distribution of the Fund.

In respect of the Fund, the rights of the remaining Participants as against each other shall be *pari passu* and *pro-rata*.

Article VIII **ANNUAL AUDIT AND REPORT**

- Sec. 1 Aside from the regular audit requirement applicable to all trust accounts of the Trustee, an external audit of the Fund shall be conducted annually after the close of each fiscal year by an independent auditor acceptable to BSP. The external audit shall be conducted by the same external auditor engaged for the audit of the Trustee. The result of this audit shall be the basis of the Trustee's annual report which shall be made available to all the Participants. A copy of the report, or a notice that the report is available and that a copy thereof will be furnished upon request, without charge, shall be sent to each Participant.

Article IX **AMENDMENTS & TERMINATION**

- Sec. 1 Amendments - This Plan may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trustee: *Provided, however*, that participants in the Fund shall be immediately notified of such amendments and those who are not in conformity with the amendments made shall be allowed to withdraw their participations within (30) calendar days after the amendments are approved or such longer period as may be fixed by the Trustee: *Provided further*, That amendments to the Plan shall be submitted to the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas within ten (10) business days from approval of the amendments by the Board of Directors of the Trustee. The amendments shall be deemed approved after thirty (30) business days from date of completion of requirements.
- Sec. 2 Termination - This Plan may be terminated by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trustee when, in the sole judgment of the Trustee, continued operation thereof is no longer viable or by reason of a change in the Trustee's business strategy. The resolution shall specify the effective date of such termination. A copy of the resolution shall be submitted to the appropriate department of the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas. At the discretion of the Trustee's Board of Directors, it may engage the services of a reputable accounting firm to look into the books and record of the Fund maintained by the Trustee

and to certify to the financial condition of the Fund. Upon approval of the termination of the Plan, the Trustee shall notify the Trustors accordingly.

Following the approval of the termination of the Plan but at least thirty (30) business days prior to the actual termination of the Fund, the Trustee shall provide notice of the termination of the Fund to the remaining participants. Such notice may be made by the Trustee by way of direct written notice to each participant or through the posting of notices in the premises of the Head office and branches of the Trustee. Upon termination, the Trustee shall prepare a financial statement of the Fund which shall be made the basis for distribution to the participating Trustors.

Article X
OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, East West Banking Corporation has caused this Declaration of Trust to be signed and its corporate seal affixed thereto on _____ at _____ City.

EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION
TRUST DIVISION
Trustee

By:

ANGEL MARIE L. PACIS
Trust Officer

MARY JOY C. MENDEZ
Trust Marketing Officer

APPENDIX I

EASTWEST DOLLAR INTERMEDIATE TERM BOND FUND
FUND SPECIFICATIONS

1. Investment Objective (Sec. 3, Art. II)

(a) The Fund is a USD-denominated bond fund that intends to provide its participants the potential to earn enhanced intermediate-term returns by investing in sovereign bonds issued by the Republic of the Philippines and other countries, corporate notes and bonds, term deposits and other tradable instruments. The Fund maintains a total portfolio duration of three (3) years or less. Outside of the context of a portfolio, it is suitable for investors seeking capital growth over an investment time horizon of at least three (3) years through a managed portfolio of fixed-income instruments.

(b) Benchmark

The Fund's benchmark is **25% Bloomberg USD Emerging Market Philippines Sovereign Bond Index + 75% Average Philippine US Dollar Savings Deposit Rate.**

2. Investment Policy (Sec. 4, Art. II)

(a) Pursuant to the foregoing objectives, the Fund may be invested and reinvested in:

- (1) Securities issued by or guaranteed by the Philippine government, or the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP);
- (2) Marketable fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by corporations and traded in an organized exchange;
- (3) Securities issued or guaranteed by any government of a foreign country or any political subdivision of a foreign country;
- (4) Securities issued or guaranteed by any supranational entity;
- (5) Loans traded in an organized exchange;
- (6) Savings/Checking accounts and/or time deposits in any bank or financial institution, including East West Bank provided that the principle of best execution shall be observed at all times and no bookings shall be made with related counterparties without considering at least two (2) competitive quotes from other sources as provided in Subsection X410.12.a of the MORB;
- (7) Such other tradable investment outlets/categories as the BSP may allow.

The Trust Fund may avail of financial derivative instruments from time to time solely for the purpose of hedging risk exposures of the existing investments of the Fund in accordance with the Bank's risk management and hedging policy duly approved by the Trust Committee.

The exposure of the Trust Fund to any entity and its related parties shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of its market value, pursuant to Subsection X410.8 of the MORB. This exposure limit however shall not apply to non-risk assets as defined by the BSP. In case of breach in the regulatory limit due to marking-to-market of certain investments or unusual circumstances such as abnormal redemptions, the Trustee is given thirty (30) days to correct such breach.

3. Qualified Participants : Requirements and Restrictions (Sec. 1, Art. III)

Participation in the Fund shall be open to all individuals of legal age and corporations with intermediate term investment horizon. These participants should stay invested in the Fund for at least one (1) month or more.

4. Admission and Redemption (Art. III)

(a) Policies of Admission and Redemption.

- **Minimum Initial Participation.** The minimum amount of initial participation/contribution is \$ 2,000.00. There is no minimum amount for

succeeding investments and there is no required minimum maintaining participation.

- Minimum Holding Period – The minimum holding period of the participation is THIRTY (30) calendar days from the date of participation.
 - Admission and Contribution to the Fund shall be documented by the UITF Participating Trust Agreement and the Confirmation Notice, respectively, a copy of which shall be given to the client after the initial investment has been posted, or within three (3) banking days from transaction date.
- (b) Admission and Redemption Cut-off Time. Admission and/or notice of redemption may be accepted on any banking day subject to a 12:00 noon cut-off time. Admission/notice of redemption received after the cut-off time shall be considered as transaction for the next banking day. The cut-off time may be amended by the Trustee subject to Article IX, Section 1 of the Declaration of Trust (DOT).
- (c) Admission and Redemption Prices. Admission and redemption prices shall be based on the prevailing market value of underlying investments of the Fund at that time, in accordance with existing BSP rules and regulations on marking to market valuation of investment instruments.
- (d) Redemption Requirements and Conditions. Redemption shall also be subject to the following requirements/conditions:
- Redemption Notice Period. The participant in the Fund may redeem its participation on any banking day provided that notice of redemption, in any form acceptable to the Trustee, is acknowledged/received by the Trustee **THREE (3)** banking days prior to settlement. Requests for redemption shall be dealt with by the Trustee in chronological order according to the day that notice is received. Such conditions are also applicable for partial redemptions.
 - Redemption Proceeds. Proceeds of full or partial redemption shall be paid out of the Fund on the redemption settlement date of **THREE (3)** banking days after transaction date. The NAVpU on the transaction date shall be used to compute the value of the redeemed units.
 - Early Redemption Fee. An early redemption fee of \$10 or 0.25% of the redemption proceeds whichever is higher shall be charged to the concerned Participant in case of redemption prior to the completion or lapse of the minimum holding period. Such fee shall form part of the Fund.
 - Policy for Partial Redemption. A new Confirmation Notice reflecting the NAVpU at the time of original contribution will be issued to the participant for the remaining unredeemed units. There is no need to compute for the NAVpU on the remaining unredeemed participation since it will not be affected by the partial redemption.
 - Redemption from the Fund, whether partial or full, shall be documented by a Confirmation Notice, a copy of which shall be provided to the client after the redemption has been posted, or within three (3) banking days from transaction date.
- (e) Suspension of Admission and Redemptions. The Trustee of the Fund may temporarily suspend calculation of the NAV/NAVpU of the Fund, as well as admission to and redemption from the Fund, if it is unable to determine the NAVpU of the Fund due to any fortuitous event, such as fire, natural calamity, public disorder, or national emergency affecting the financial market resulting in the suspension of trading and consequently, the absence of available market prices of securities/instruments.

5. NAVpU (Secs. 1 and 2, Art. V)

All assets of the Fund shall be marked to market daily in accordance with existing BSP rules and regulations on marking to market valuation of investment instruments.

- Valuation of US\$-denominated government and corporate securities, quoted in major information systems such as Bloomberg and Reuters, shall follow the prescribed valuation methodology stipulated in Appendix 33a Section B.2 of the MORB, and any future related amendments to said regulations.

Valuation Day shall mean any day in which banks are open for business in Manila.

The value of the NAVPu at the start of Fund's operation shall be: \$ 100.00

The NAVpU of the fund shall be computed daily after cut-off time and be made available to investors by 6:30PM of the same day, or immediately after determination should there be any delay in obtaining the mark-to-market price/s for the Trust Fund's investment/s.

6. Fees (Sec. 3 Art. V)

The Trustee shall collect from the Fund a trust fee of zero point fifty percent (0.50%) per annum based on NAV of the Fund which shall be accrued daily and shall be collectible from the Fund at the end of each month.

7. Risk Factors (Sec. 2 Art. II)

Prospective investors need to consider certain risks prior to participation in the Fund. The market value of the investment is based on the Net Asset Value per unit (NAVpU) of the Fund which uses a marked-to-market valuation and therefore may fluctuate daily. Investment in a UITF does not provide guaranteed returns. Principal and earnings from investment in the Fund can be lost in whole or in part when the NAVpU at the time of redemption is lower than the NAVpU at the time of participation.

Participation in this USD-denominated intermediate-term bond fund carry the following risks:

- **Interest Rate Risk.** The value of fixed-income investments such as notes and bonds generally fall when interest rates rise. The potential for loss is typically greater for securities that have a longer term to maturity, have a longer duration or have a lower yield or coupon rate.
- **Reinvestment Rate Risk.** This is the risk that interest earnings, or the proceeds from the sale or maturity of a bond investment, is reinvested at a rate lower than its original investment, thus reducing the investor's periodic income.
- **Credit Risk.** This is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to a borrower's failure to pay principal and/or interest in a timely manner. Bonds represent a loan made to the issuer of the bond. The credit worthiness of the bond issuer is the issuer's ability to pay interest and principal on time, which can change during the life of the bond. Issuers with a higher risk of defaulting pay the highest yields.
- **Foreign Exchange Risk.** Foreign exchange risk exists when investments are made in securities that are denominated in a currency that is different from the one spent. For example, the earnings of a USD-denominated bond investment could be reduced or even negated by an appreciation of the Philippine Peso vis-à-vis the US Dollar.
- **Market Risk.** Market Risk is the possibility for an investor to experience losses due to changes in market prices of securities. It is the risk of a UITF to lose value due to a decline in the prices of securities, which may sometimes happen rapidly or unexpectedly. There are market factors affecting all securities that cannot be controlled by diversification, such as the sentiment of investors as a whole which is unpredictable. Market downturns can come swiftly and last a long time.
- **Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity is a measure of how easy it is for a security to be converted into cash. A liquid security is widely held and is frequently traded by many buyers and sellers every day. Liquidity risk is minimized by investing in marketable securities.
- **Inflation Risk.** Inflation is the general upward price movement of goods or services in an economy, resulting to a reduction in the purchasing power of money. Inflation affects all investments. An investor would want the value of his investment to keep pace or exceed the rate by which the prices of goods and services go up. Historically, inflation risk is greatest for short-term guaranteed securities like time deposits and treasury bills.

- **Country/ Political Risk.** Securities can be affected by the political, economic and social structures within the countries of their issuers, such as internal and external conflicts, currency devaluations, foreign ownership limitations, trading costs, tax increases, and other changes in regulations.

8. Other Terms Conditions (Art. X)

Investment in securities of the Fund shall be held for safekeeping by the bank's third party custodian, HSBC or other BSP accredited third party custodian that may be assigned by the Trustee in the future. The third party custodian shall perform independent marking-to-market of such securities.

APPENDIX II



EASTWEST BANKING CORPORATION

EASTWEST DOLLAR INTERMEDIATE TERM BOND FUND
KEY INFORMATION AND INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

<Reporting Period>

FUND FACTS

Classification:		Net Asset Value per Unit (NAVpU):	
Launch Date:		Total Fund NAV:	
Minimum Initial Investment:		Dealing Day:	
Minimum Additional investment:		Redemption Settlement:	
Minimum Holding Period:		Early Redemption Charge:	
Applicable Tax:		Valuation:	

FEES

Trustee Fee: ____% p.a. [Name of Trustee]	Custodianship Fee: ____%* [Name of Custodian]	External Audit Fee: ____% [Name of External Auditor]	Other Fees: ____%
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*As percentage of average daily NAV for the quarter valued at _____.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Fund aims to achieve for its participants the potential to earn enhanced intermediate-term returns by investing in sovereign bonds issued by the Republic of the Philippines and other countries, corporate notes and bonds, term deposits and other tradable instruments. The Fund maintains a total portfolio duration of more than one year to less than three years. The Fund's benchmark is 30% HSBC Asian USD Bond Index (ADBI) plus 70% BSP USD Deposit Rate.

CLIENT SUITABILITY

A client profiling process should be performed prior to participating in the Fund to guide the prospective investor if the Fund is suited to his/her investment objectives and risk tolerance. Clients are advised to read the Declaration of Trust/Plan Rules of the Fund, which may be obtained from the Trustee, before deciding to invest.

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- Have a moderate risk appetite
- Are looking for capital growth over an investment time horizon of at least three years

KEY RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

You should not invest in this Fund if you do not understand or are not comfortable with the accompanying risks.

- Investors may not get back the value of their original investment.
- The value of the Fund may rise or fall. You may lose some or all of your investment depending on the performance of the underlying securities. Factors that may affect the performance of these securities include, without limitation, market risks, fluctuations in interest rates, political instability, exchange controls, changes in taxation and foreign investment policies. Some of the key risks associated with the Fund are described below:
 - Market risk – Potential or actual losses arising from adverse changes in market prices of securities.

<p>❖ THE UIT FUND IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC)</p> <p>❖ THE RETURNS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND HISTORICAL NAVPU IS FOR ILLUSTRATION OF NAVPU MOVEMENTS / FLUCTUATIONS ONLY</p> <p>❖ WHEN REDEEMING, THE PROCEEDS MAY BE WORTH LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT AND ANY LOSSES WILL BE SOLELY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE CLIENT</p> <p>❖ THE TRUSTEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS UNLESS UPON WILLFUL DEFAULT, BAD FAITH OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE</p>
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