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Monthly Macroeconomic **Review**

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Main Macroeconomic indicators of December, 2024

Real GDP Growth

7.5%



November*

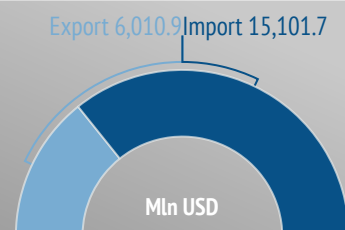
Real GDP Growth
January - November

9.4%

In December, annual CPI inflation amounted to 1.9%, while annual core inflation was observed at 2.3%.



In January - November* 2024, goods exports increased by 7.9%, while imports increased by 6.1% YoY.



In November* 2024, money transfers amounted to 266.7 million USD.

EU countries - 44.6%;

USA - 18.8%;

Russia - 11.2%;

Other countries - 25.5%.



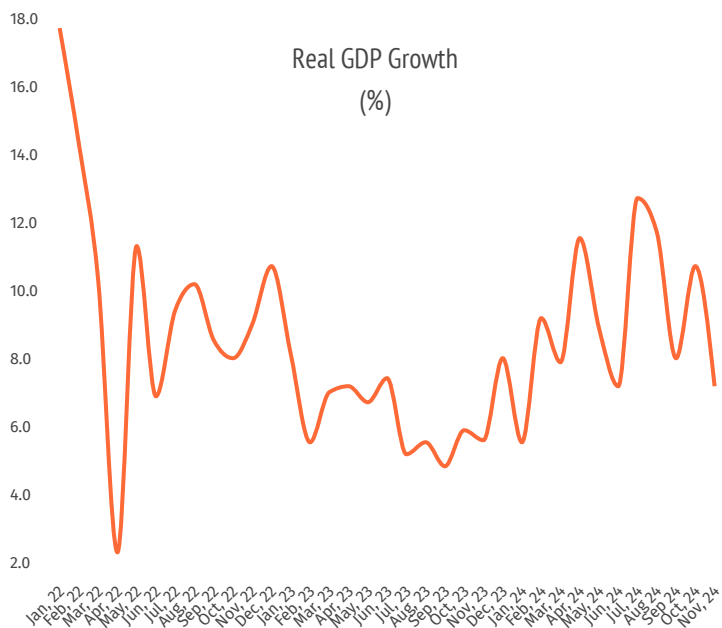
In November* 2024, the dollarization increased on deposits, while decreased on loans MoM.



In December 2024, GEL depreciated against USD (by 2.7%) and against EUR (by 1.2%) MoM.



1. Real and Fiscal Sector

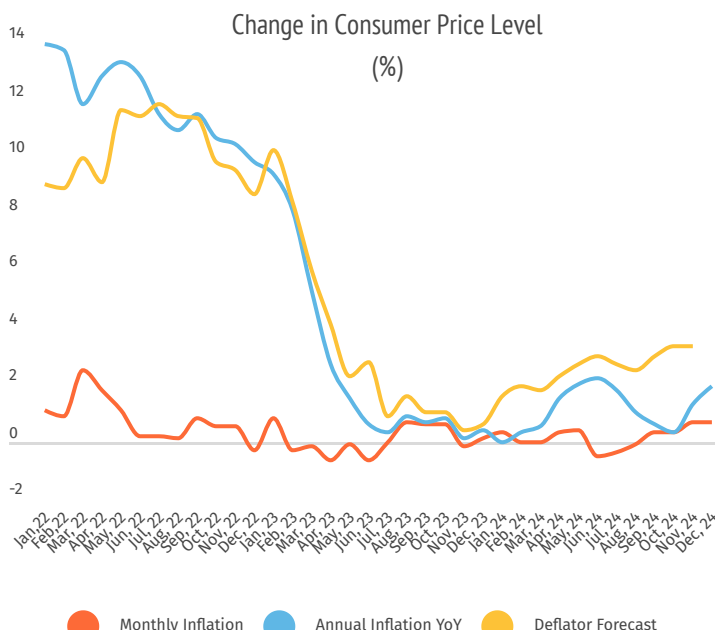
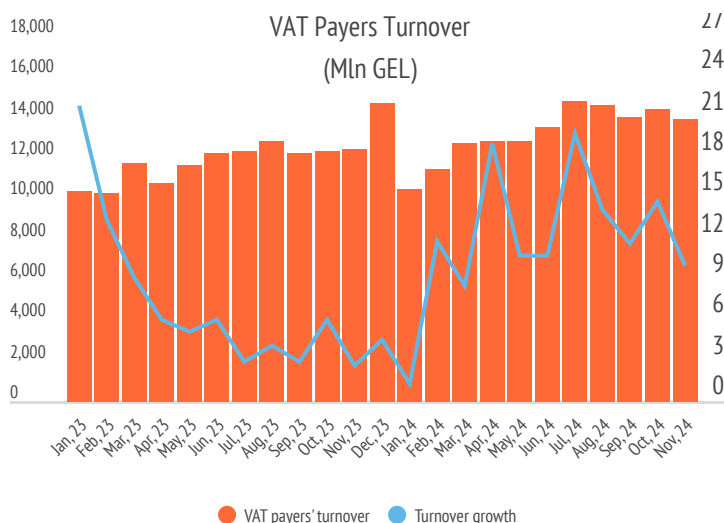


In November* 2024, positive annual economic growth was recorded at 7.5%.

In accordance with the preliminary estimates of GEOSTAT, in November*, annual real GDP growth rate amounted to 7.5% YoY, and the average growth for past eleven month equaled to 9.4%.

The main positive contributors in economic growth were professional, scientific and technical activities, information and communication, transportation and storage.

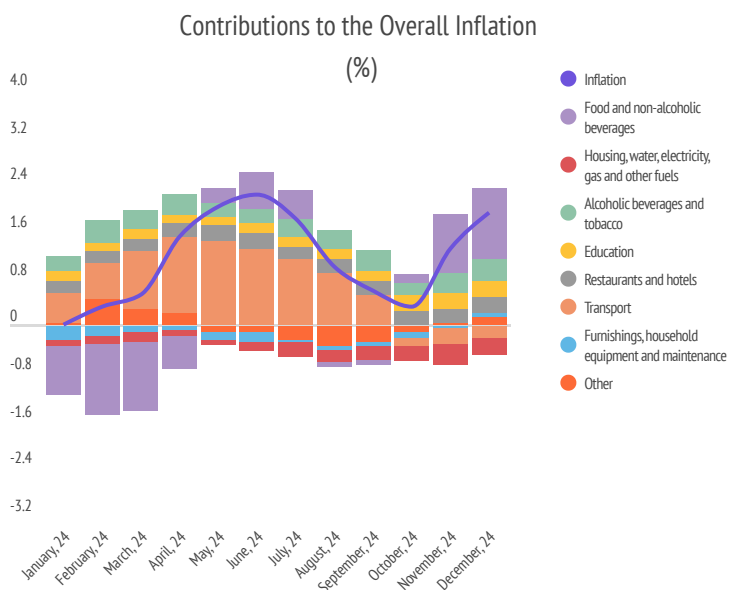
In November* 2024, the rate of VAT turnover of enterprises amounted to 13,834.8 million GEL, which is 10.1% higher YoY.

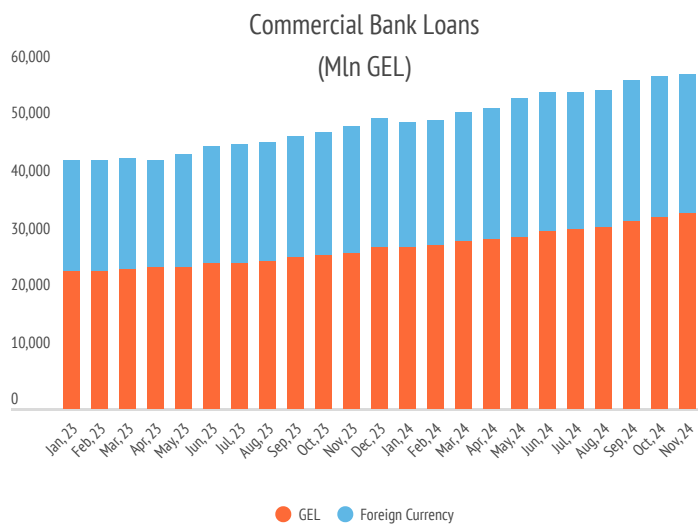
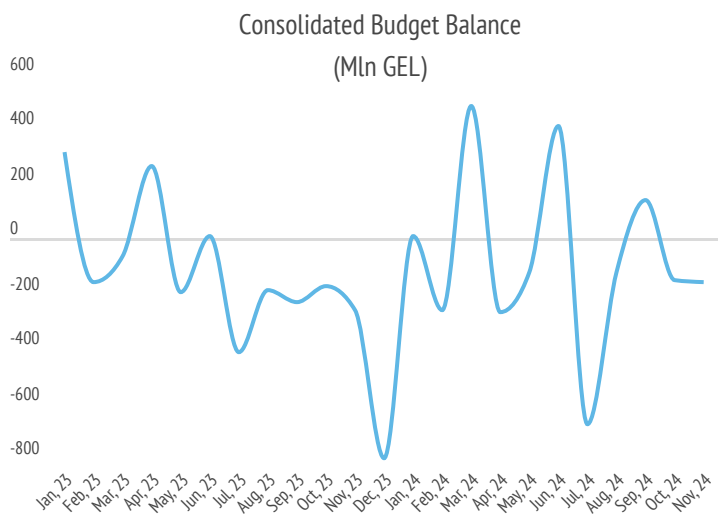


In December 2024, annual CPI inflation amounted to 1.9% YoY.

In December, the inflation rate amounted to 1.9% YoY, lower than the inflation target of 3.0%. Annual inflation was predominantly driven by the dynamics of prices on food and non-alcoholic beverages, health and transport. With regard to the annual core inflation in November (excluded food and non-alcoholic beverages, energy, tobacco, regulated tariffs, transport (specific tariffs), the prices increased by 2.3% YoY.

In November* 2024, the annual forecasted GDP deflator amounted to 3.3%.





In November* 2024, the general government net lending/borrowing was negative.

In November* 2024, general government revenues increased by 9.4% YoY, while expenses increased by 8.9% YoY. In the analyzing period, the general government positive net operating balance amounted to 281.7 million GEL, while negative net lending/borrowing was defined at 157.2 million GEL.

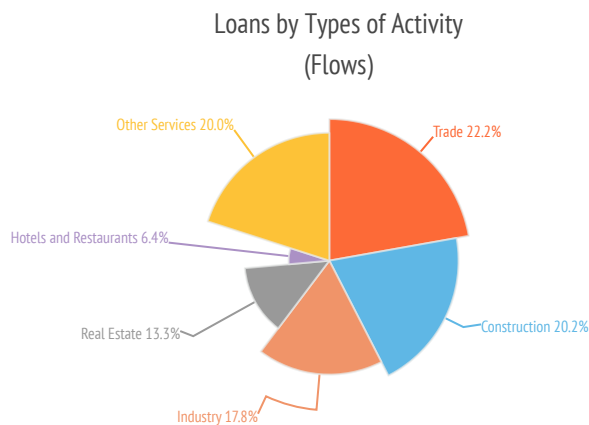
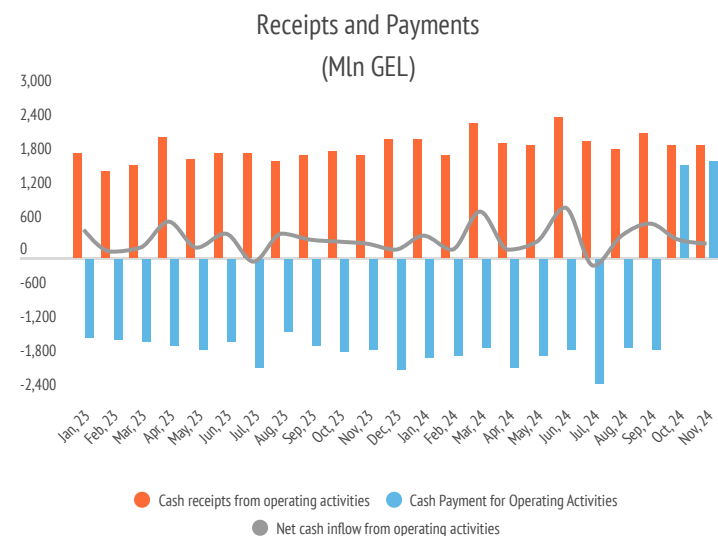
Worth noting, that in November* 2024, tax revenues amounted to 1,862.9 million GEL, which is 9.5% higher YoY. Significant increase was observed in profit tax (28.1%), income tax (25.8%), property tax (10.2%) and VAT tax (4.5%), while decrease was observed in excise tax (-28.4%) and custom duties (-4.9%). Direct taxes comprised 50.9% of total taxes, while indirect taxes are 49.1%.

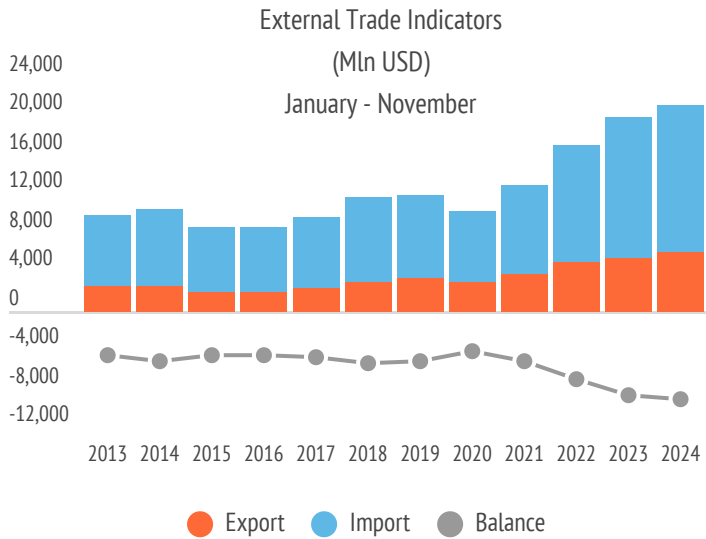
In November*, purchasing of non-financial assets decreased by 16.2% YoY (GEL 88.1 million less).

In November* 2024, compared to the same period of the previous year, commercial bank loans to the national economy increased in both national and foreign currencies.

In November*, commercial bank loans to the national economy increased by 18.9% YoY and amounted to 58.7 billion GEL. National currency loans increased by 24.6%, while foreign currency loans increased by 11.7%. As a result, dollarization of whole commercial bank loans made up to 42.7%. It is worth mentioning, that more than half of total loans (53.2%) was distributed to households (85.6% of household loans were granted to individuals, and 14.4% to entrepreneurs). 37.1% of the issued loans are consumer loans, and 62.9% are secured by real estate.

As for loans issued by types of activity, the highest 22.2% was issued in trade, 20.2% in construction, 17.8% in industry, 13.3% in real estate and 6.4% in the field of hotels and restaurants.



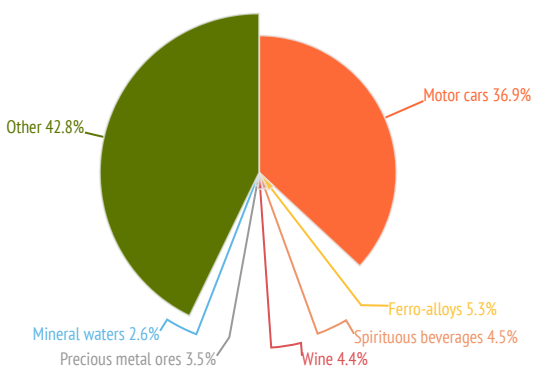


In January - November* 2024, compared to the same period of the previous year, export of goods as well as imports increased.

In January - November*, export of goods increased by 7.9%, while imports increased by 6.1% YoY. As a result, trade turnover amounted to 21,112.7 million USD (6.6% increase YoY). During this period, the share of exports in external trade amounted to 28.5%. Export growth was substantial in the following countries: Kyrgyzstan (86%), USA (79%), Uzbekistan (26%), Kazakhstan (23%), Turkey (15%), Russia (5%) etc. In addition, exports decreased in Bulgaria (57%), Armenia (21%), Azerbaijan (16%), China (1%) etc.

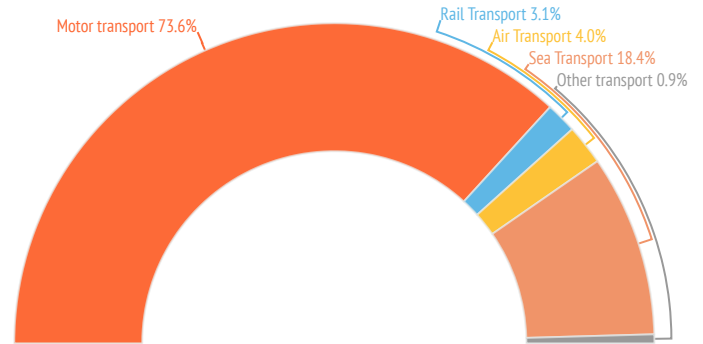
High growth was recorded in several export commodity groups: precious metal ores (288%), Ferro-alloys (113%), spirituous beverages (53%), mineral and aerated waters without sugar (26%), mineral and aerated waters with sugar (24%), gold (20%), motor cars (14%), natural wine (9%) and Medicaments put up in measured doses (1%). Deterioration was recorded in Nitrogen fertilizers (30%).

Major Commodity Groups by Exports (January - November)



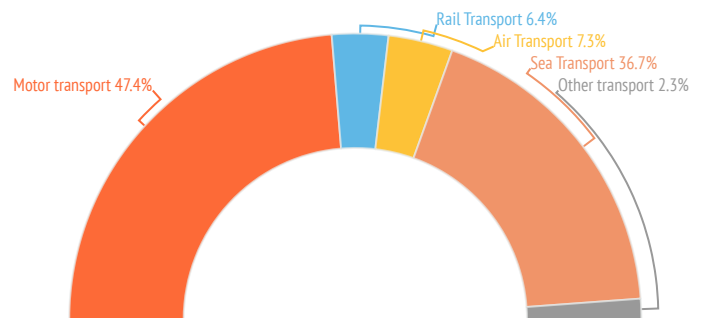
In January - November* 2024, according to the modes of transport, the largest part of exports, 73.6% was carried out by motor transport, 18.4% - by sea, 4.0% - by air, and 3.1% by rail transport. The share of other types of transport (Pipelines, cables and other mode of transports) was 0.9%.

Export by Mode of Transport (January - November)



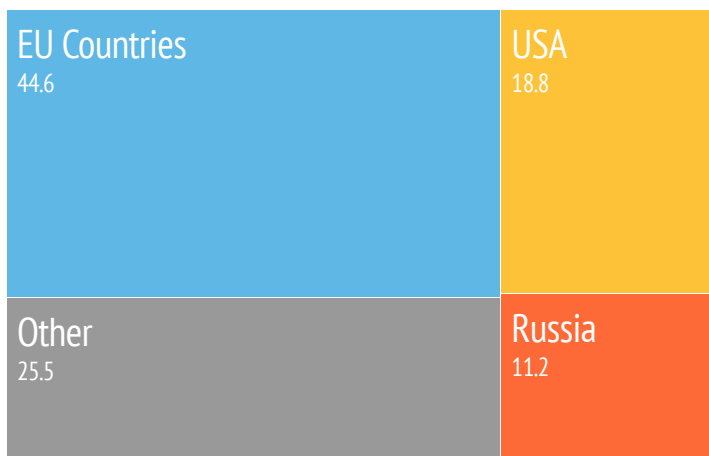
In January - November*, according to the modes of transport, the largest part of imports, 47.4% was carried out by motor transport, 36.7% - by sea, 7.3% - by air, and 6.4% by rail transport. The share of other types of transportation (Pipelines, cables and other mode of transports) amounted to 2.3%.

Import by Mode of Transport (January - November)

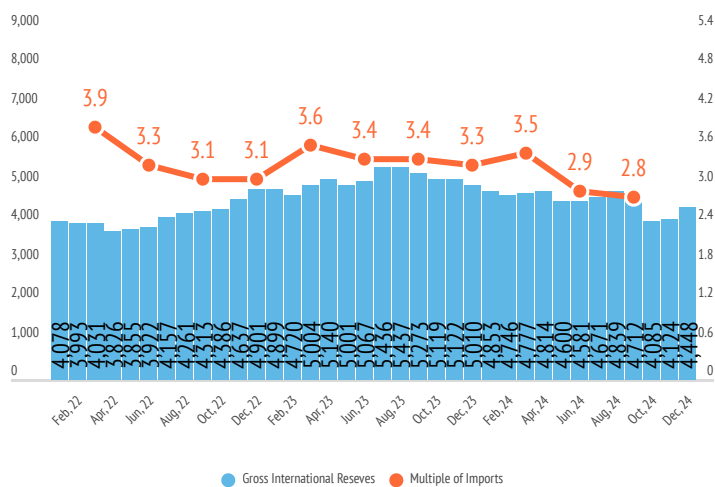


In January - November*, domestic export from Georgia amounted 2,588.7 million USD, which is 2.1% higher YoY. Ten largest countries by domestic export from Georgia were the followings: Russia (20% of total domestic export), Turkey (15%), China (10%), Armenia (6%), USA (5%), Azerbaijan (5%), Bulgaria (4%), Switzerland (4%), Ukraine (3%), Kazakhstan (3%).

Remittance (%)
Inflows
November



Gross International Reserves
(Mln USD)



In November 2024*, remittances decreased.

In November*, remittances in Georgia decreased by 9.6% YoY and amounted to 266.7 million USD. The main source of money transfers were EU countries (118.9 mln USD, 44.6% of total) and the USA (50.1 mln USD, 18.8% of total). Remittances from Russia decreased by 60.6% and equaled 29.8 mln USD (11.2% of total). In terms of individual countries, remittances were significant from Italy (45.2 mln USD, 16.9% of total), Germany (23.8 mln USD), Greece (21.5 mln USD), Israel (21.4 mln USD), Turkey (8.5 mln USD), Kyrgyzstan (8.0 mln USD), Kazakhstan (8.0 mln USD) etc.

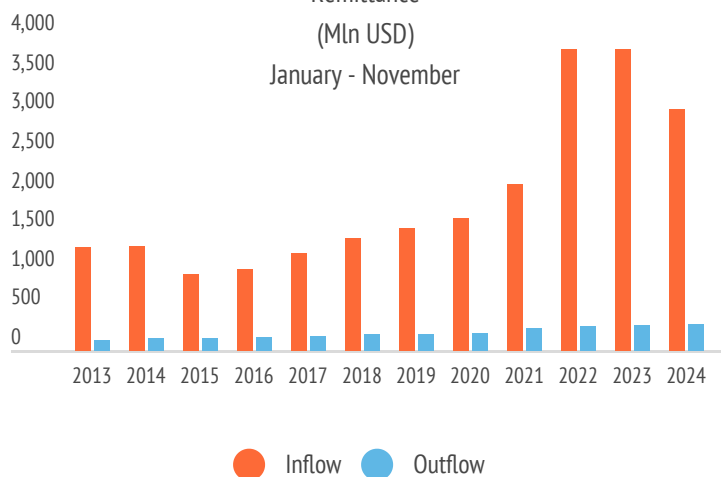
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In December, international reserves amounted to 4,448 million USD, which is a 11.2% decrease YoY and 7.8% increase MoM.

In December 2024, the National Bank of Georgia did not conduct foreign exchange operations at the foreign exchange auction.

*To assess reserve adequacy it is usually used 3 months multiple of import. Additional information can be found on a [link](#).

Remittance
(Mln USD)
January - November

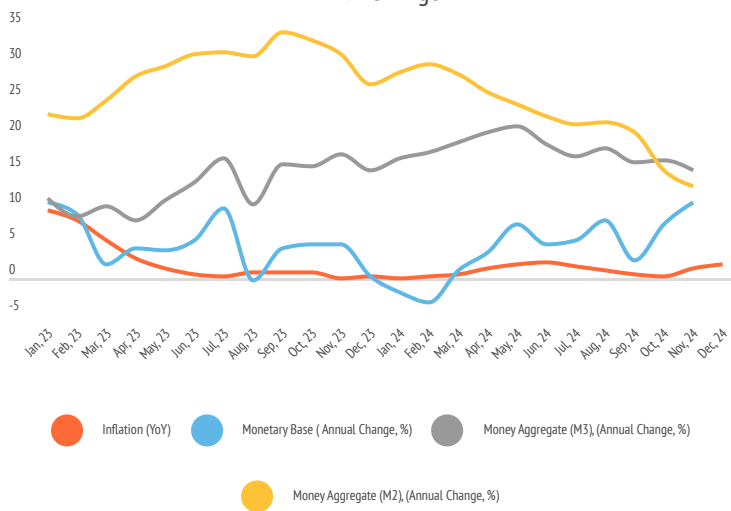


In November* 2024, compared to the same period of the previous year, monetary base increased.

In November*, monetary base increased by 10.6% YoY, including increased national currency in circulation by 13.9% and liabilities to other depository corporations by 7.6%.

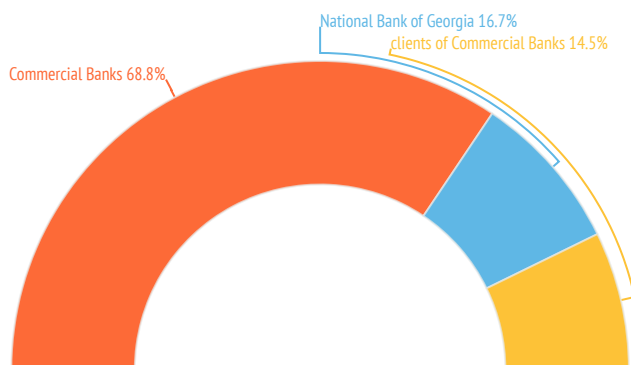
Money aggregate M2 increased by 12.8%, while money aggregate M3 increased by 15.0%. In December 2024, consumer price inflation amounted to 1.9% YoY.

Money Aggregates and Consumer Prices
% Change



As of the end of November 2024, the nominal value of treasury securities issued by government was 9,673.4 million GEL. Among them, 68.9% is owned by commercial banks, 16.7% by the National Bank, and 14.5% by other resident and non-resident clients (resident – 12.9%, non-resident - 1.6%).

Treasury Securities
(December)

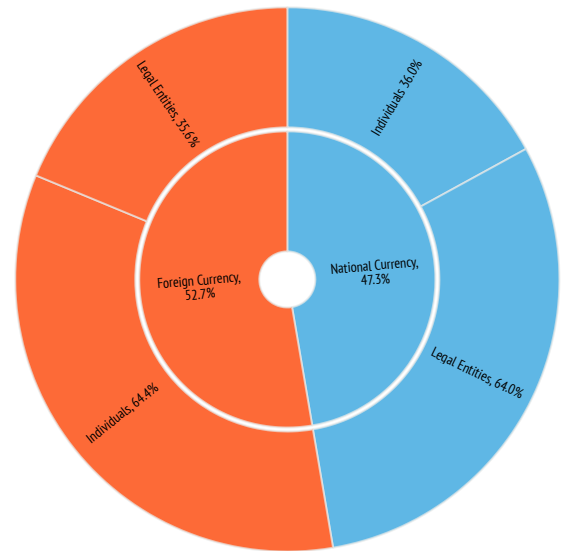


In November* 2024, the total volume of deposits amounted to 59,705.5 million GEL, which is 14.9% higher YoY. Among them, deposits in national currency made up 47.3%, while deposits in foreign currency made up 52.7% respectively.

According to the data available by the end of November* 2024, 64.0% of deposits denominated in national currency belong to legal entities, and 36.0% to individuals.

Herewith, 64.4% of foreign currency deposits were owned by individuals, and 35.6% - by legal entities.

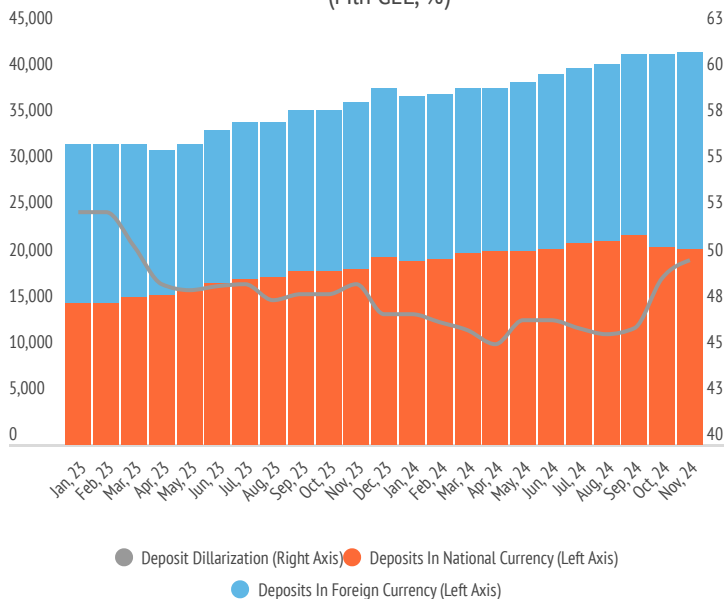
Deposits
(November)



In addition, 51.9% of deposits denominated in national currency were time deposits, 24.4% - demand deposits and 23.7% - current accounts.

In the case of foreign currency, time deposits still hold the largest share (40.9%), followed by demand deposits (30.9%) and current accounts (28.3%).

Deposits and Dollarization
(Mln GEL, %)

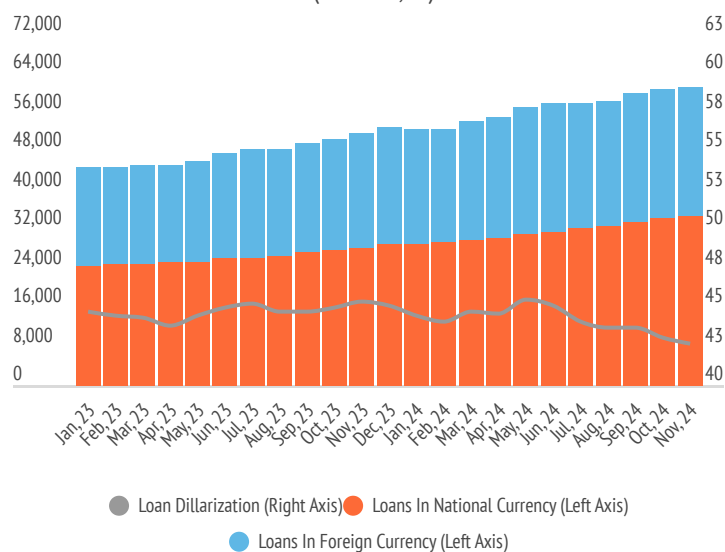


In November* 2024, the dollarization increased on deposits, while decreased on loans MoM.

In November*, the deposit dollarization indicator increased by 0.93 pp and amounted to 50.0% MoM, while loan dollarization decreased by 0.45 pp and made up to 42.7% MoM.

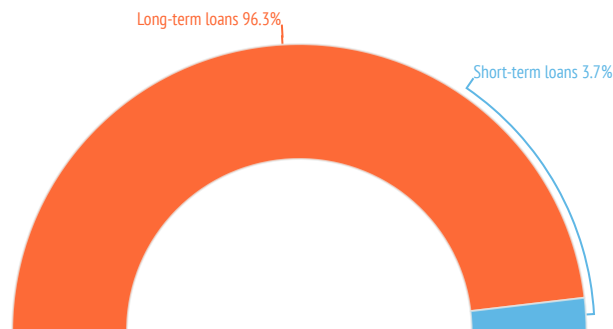
In November*, national currency deposits decreased by -1.2% MoM, while foreign currency deposits increased by 2.6%.

Loans and Dollarization
(Mln GEL, %)



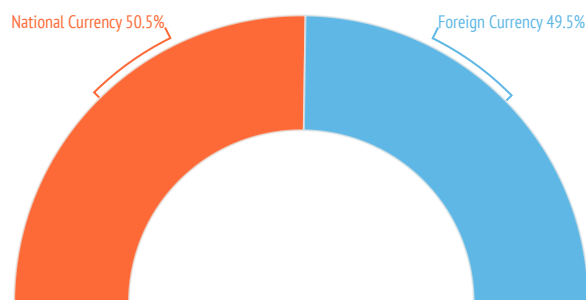
In November* 2024, the volume of consumer loans amounted to 11,833.8 million GEL, which is 26.1% increase YoY. Among them, the share of long-term loans were 96.3%, while short-term loans comprised only 3.7%.

Consumer Loans
(November)



During the same period, the volume of loans secured by real estate amounted to 39,180.9 million GEL, which is 17.1% higher YoY. Among them, the share of loans issued in national currency were 50.5%, while loans denominated in foreign currency were 49.5%.

Loans Secured by Real Estate
(November)



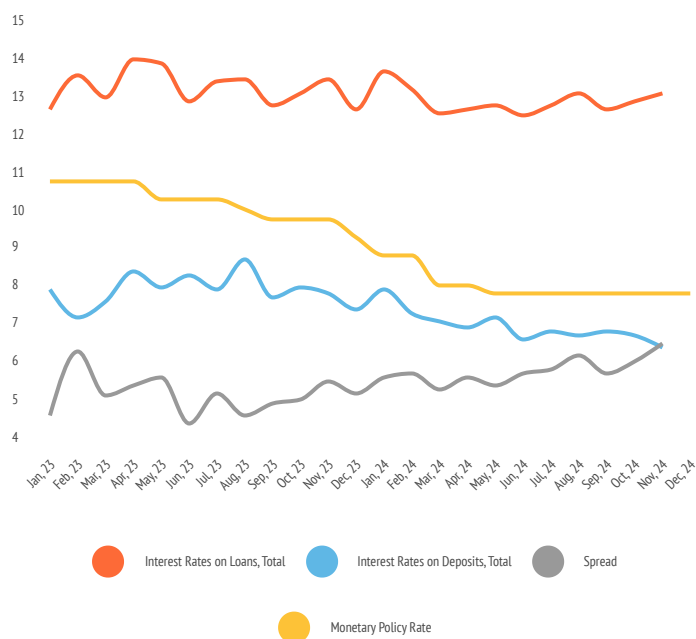
According to the data available by the end of November* 2024, in terms of regions, 63.6% of loans issued by commercial banks denominated in national currency were granted in Tbilisi, 7.9% in Imereti, 7.4% in the Autonomous Republic of Adjara, 5.1% in Kakheti, 4.6% in Kvemo Kartli, 4.2% in Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti. The share of loans issued in other regions is relatively small.

In November* 2024, interest rates on deposits decreased by 0.3 pp while on loans increased by 0.2 pp MoM.

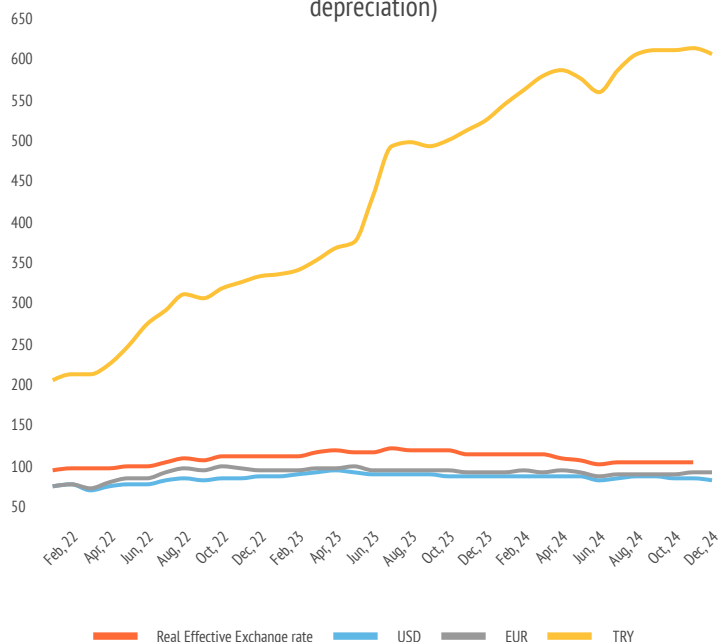
In November* market interest rates on loans amounted to 13.3%, while interest rates on deposits were defined at 6.6%. The interest rate spread (difference between loan and deposit rates) amounted to 6.7% as of November* 2024, 0.98 pp higher compared to the same indicator of November 2023.

On December 18, 2024, the monetary policy committee of the National Bank of Georgia decided to maintain the monetary policy rate at 8.0%.

Market Interest Rates on Loans and Deposits (%)



GEL Exchange Rate Indices
(Increase of the Index means GEL appreciation, decrease - depreciation)



In December 2024, compared to the previous month, the GEL depreciated towards USD as well as towards EUR.

In December, GEL depreciated against USD by 2.7% MoM, depreciated against EUR by 1.2% MoM, and depreciated against TRY by 1.2% MoM. In the analyzing period, the nominal effective exchange rate depreciated. In December, the GEL exchange rate depreciated by 4.5% YoY towards USD and by 0.5% YoY towards EUR, while appreciated by 14.8% YoY towards TRY.

In particular, in December, the average exchange rate of the GEL against USD was 2.81, while it was 2.95 against EUR and 0.08 against TRY.

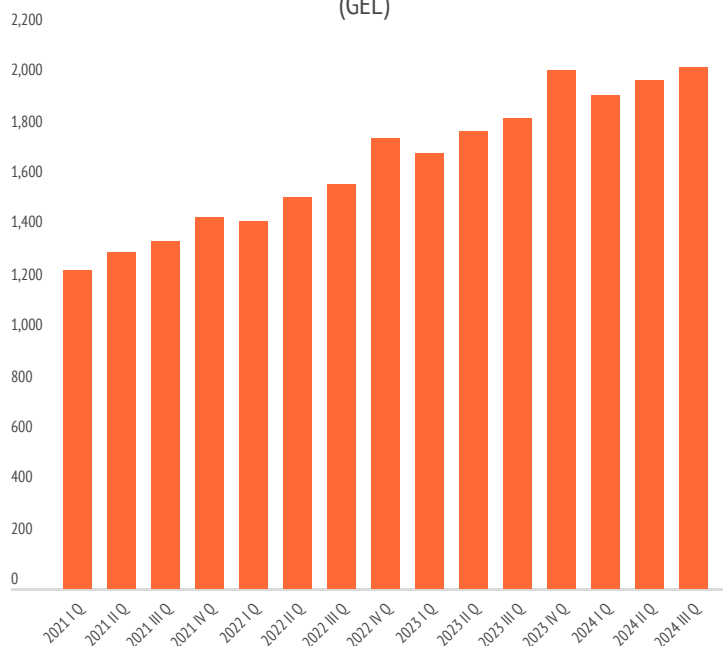
4. Social Sector

In Q3 2024, average monthly nominal earnings of employees increased YoY.

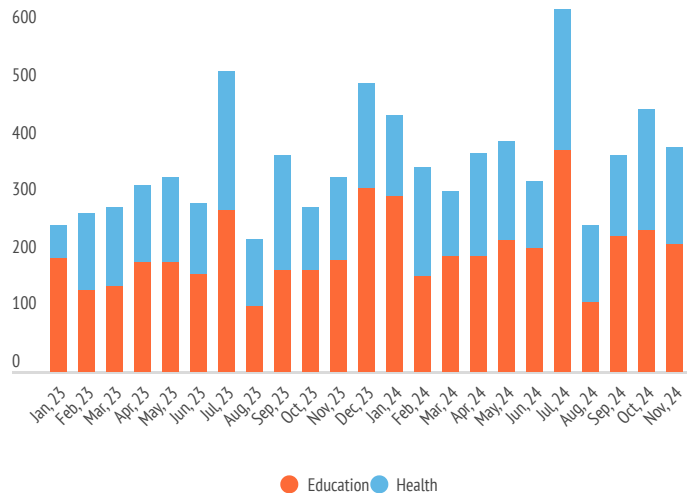
In Q3 2024, the average monthly nominal earnings of employees amounted to 2,056.7 GEL, which is 10.9% increase YoY (201.3 GEL more). Compared to the previous quarter the indicator increased by 2.6%, which is 51.8 GEL less.

As for the change in the average monthly nominal earnings of employees by sector, in the III quarter of 2024, the highest average monthly salary was recorded in the field of information and communication (3,976.9 GEL; 0.5% increase YoY), as well as construction (3,198.2 GEL; 5.4% increase YoY), financial and insurance activities (3,186.6 GEL; 13.5% increase YoY) and in the field of Professional, scientific and technical activities (3,062.9 GEL; 17.1% increase YoY).

Average monthly nominal earnings of employees (GEL)



Public Expenditure on Education and Healthcare (GEL Million)



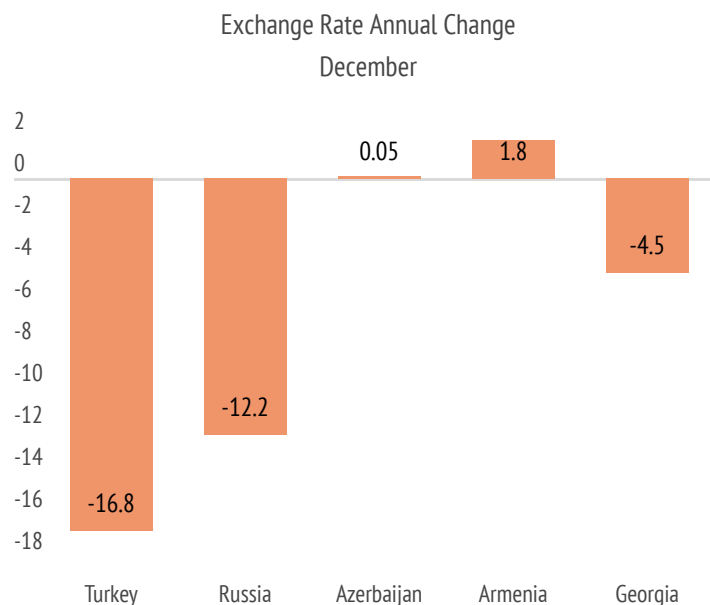
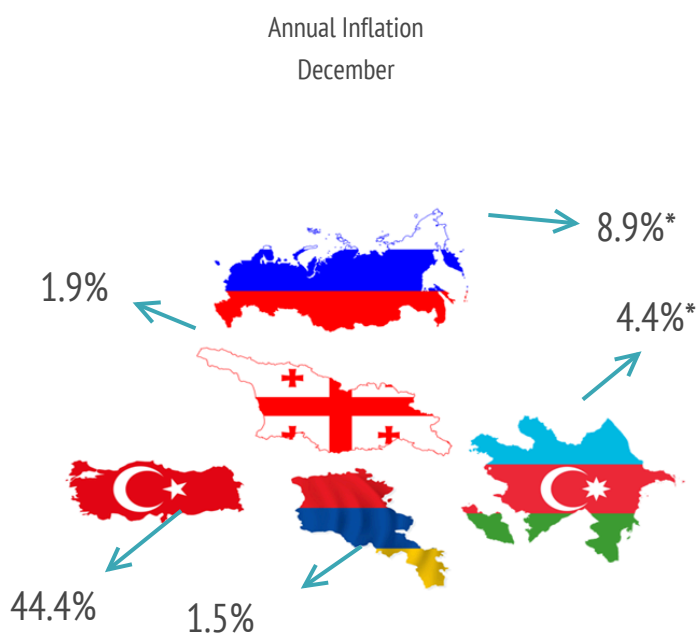
In November* 2024, public expenditures on education and on healthcare increased YoY.

In November*, expenditure on education (as per functional classification) amounted to GEL 222.1 million, which is 13.2% increase YoY. Meanwhile, expenditures on healthcare amounted to GEL 170.7 million, 18.4% increased YoY.

5. Regional Review

In December 2024, consumer price inflation stands out with similar dynamic trends in the region countries, except Turkey.

Namely, in December 2024, annual inflation amounted to 44.4% in Turkey, while in Armenia it was relatively small (1.5%). As for Azerbaijan and Russia, in November* 2024, consumer prices increased by 4.4% YoY and by 8.9% YoY respectively.



In December 2024, the currencies of the region countries stand out with a tendency of depreciation towards USD, except AMD and AZN. Particularly, in December, GEL depreciated by 4.5% YoY towards USD. In the analyzing period TRY depreciated by 16.8% YoY toward USD, RUB by 12.2% YoY toward USD, while AMD appreciated by 1.8% YoY toward USD and AZN by 0.05% YoY toward USD.

Summary Tables of Main Economic Indicators

	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24
GDP Growth Rate (%)	8.3	5.8	9.5	8.2	11.8	9.2	7.5	13.0	12.0	8.3	11.0	7.5	
VAT Turnover Growth Rate (%)	4.6	1.4	11.8	8.5	19.1	10.7	10.7	19.8	14.2	11.6	14.7	10.1	
Inflation (%)	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.0	0.6	0.3	1.3	1.9
Monetary Policy Rate (%)	9.50	9.0	9.00	8.25	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Deposit Dollarization (%)	0.49	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.45	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.49	
Loan Dollarization (%)	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	
Exchange Rate (GEL)	2.69	2.68	2.66	2.68	2.68	2.72	2.83	2.73	2.70	2.71	2.73	2.74	2.81
Remittances (Thousand USD)	311 008	265 093	266 386	280 934	278 515	284 309	281 091	298 118	290 567	283 385	281 060	266 696	
Export (USD Million)	514	339	465	523	437	501	581	684	642	616	682	543	
Import (USD Million)	1 369	1 102	1 181	1 227	1 452	1 413	1 359	1 566	1 452	1 429	1 485	1 436	
Trade Balance (USD Million)	-854.5	-763.7	-716.7	-704.6	-1 014.7	-911.4	-777.8	-882.0	-810.0	-813.1	-803.6	-893.1	
International Reserves (USD Million)	5 010	4 853	4 746	4 777	4 814	4 600	4 581	4 671	4 839	4 712	4 085	4 124	4 448
Revenues (GEL Million)	2 122	2 116	1 823	2 384	2 050	2 010	2 495	2 066	1 951	2 216	2 011	2 003	
Recurrent Expenditure (GEL Million)	1 947	1 716	1 676	1 558	1 904	1 697	1 587	2 193	1 531	1 599	1 661	1 721	
Capital Expenditure (GEL Million)	1 109	402	420	430	424	459	567	570	555	594	567	456	



Increase



Decrease



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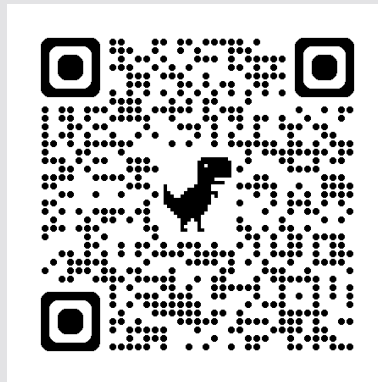
Comparison of key economic indicators with similar data for the corresponding month of last year

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Real Sector	GDP Growth Rate													
	VAT Turnover Growth Rate													
Monetary Sector	Inflation													
	Monetary Policy Rate													
	Deposit Dollarization													
	Loan Dollarization													
External Sector	Exchange Rate													
	Remittances													
	Export													
	Import													
	Trade Balance													
Fiscal Sector	International Reserves													
	Revenues													
	Recurrent Expenditure													
	Capital Expenditure													

Comparison of key economic indicators with similar data of the previous month

		12.2023	01.2024	2.2024	03.2024	04.2024	05.2024	06.2024	07.2024	8.2024	09.2024	10.2024	11.2024	12.2024
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