Voltas

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To focus on driving volume growth

Voltas' UCP segment reported robust revenue growth of 43% YoY with RAC volumes growing by 70% (35% in FY24). However, segment margins contracted by 80bps YoY to 9.2% on account of (1) heightened competitive intensity; (2) input price escalation; and (3) inability to take price hikes. While Voltas's YTD RAC market share was 18.7%, management cited its primary market share to be 20% (2mn units sold out of an industry total of 10mn). Voltas will focus on driving volume growth which shall limit margin expansion through (1) scaling up its presence in the south; (2) expanding capacities and integrating backwards; (3) sweating all channels - GT, MT, E-com, EBO; and (4) making brand investments to further leverage its strong legacy. In the EMPS segment, while domestic project business is trending well, headwinds continue to plague international business, leading to losses. However, going forward management does not expect any more provisions (from Qatar) and expects margins to sustain in the 4-5% range over the medium term. We cut our FY25 EPS by 4% while maintaining FY26 EPS and value the stock on a SOTP basis (UCP: 45x Mar'26 EPS) to arrive at a TP of INR 1,350. Maintain ADD.

- Revenue grew by 42%; EMPS dragged profitability: Revenue grew by 42% YoY to INR42bn (5% below HSIE), led by 43/47% growth in the UCP/EMPS segment. Gross margin contracted by 180bps YoY to 19.8%. EBITDA fell by 13% YoY to INR1.9bn (38/30% below HSIE/consensus) while the margin contracted by 280bps YoY to 4.5% (HSIE: 6.9%). Employee/other expenses grew by 19%/74%YoY. The PBT declined by 12% to INR 2.1bn as a 17% increase in other income was more than offset by a 14/67% increase in depreciation/finance cost. JV losses widened to INR 383mn vs INR 282mn LY. APAT fell by 19% YoY to INR 1.2bn.
- UCP margins fall 80bps YoY; EMPS losses widen: UCP revenue grew by 43% YoY to INR29.4bn while margin contracted by 80bps YoY to 9.2%. Voltas's YTD RAC market share stood at 18.7%. For FY24, Voltas reported 26% growth vs 12/27% growth for Lloyd/Bluestar. EMPS revenue grew by 47% YoY to INR11bn while margin came in at -9.8% vs -1.9% YoY (-12.2% in Q3FY24). While domestic project revenues grew 38% YoY with healthy bottom-line growth, international projects continue to witness headwinds. As a result, further provisions on reassessment of exposure led to EBIT loss. EMPS loss stood at INR 3.3bn for FY24. EPS revenue grew by 10% YoY to INR1.6bn while the margin contracted by 870bps YoY to 30.6%.
- Earnings call takeaways: (1) RAC growth aided by expanded product portfolio, new SKUs of in-house design and strategic pricing actions. (2) RAC margins improved from 9% to 10% in Q4FY24. For FY24 it stood at 9%. (3) Sri City plant will add 2mn units capacity (1mn in FY25). (4) Domestic projects business saw 38% growth in revenue. (5) Voltbek volume grew 50%+ in FY24. (6) W/M market share is at 8.5% (SA WM: 15%) and refrigerator market share is at 5.3%. (7) The domestic/international order book stood at c.INR 50/30bn.

Financial summary

(INR mn)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	YoY (%)	Q3 FY24	QoQ (%)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	42,029	29,568	42.1	26,257	60.1	79,345	94,988	1,24,812	1,39,103	1,56,206
EBITDA	1,906	2,182	(12.6)	284	570.6	6,816	5,724	4,746	10,336	13,248
APAT	1,164	1,439	(19.1)	(304)	na	5,041	3,788	2,520	7,883	10,458
EPS (INR)	3.5	4.4	(19.1)	(0.9)	na	15.2	11.5	7.6	23.8	31.6
P/E (x)						86.5	115.2	173.2	55.4	41.7
EV / EBITDA (x)						63.0	75.5	90.6	41.6	32.1
RoE (%)						9.5	6.9	4.4	12.8	15.3

Source: Company, HSIE Research

ADD

CMP (as on 8	May 2024)	INR 1,319			
Target Price		INR 1,350			
NIFTY		22,303			
KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW			
Rating	ADD	ADD			
Price Target	INR1,350	INR 1,350			
EDC 0/	FY25E	FY26E			
EPS %	-4%	0%			

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	VOLT IN
No. of Shares (mn)	331
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	436/5,224
6m avg traded value (INR n	nn) 2,083
52 Week high / low	NR 1,502/745

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	23.9	60.8	64.2
Relative (%)	21.0	47.7	45.2

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Dec-23	Mar-24
Promoters	30.30	30.30
FIs & Local MFs	37.21	40.57
FPIs	17.17	14.71
Public & Others	15.32	14.42
Pledged Shares	0.00	0.00
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Source : BSE

Pledged shares as % of total shares

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Exhibit 1: Quarterly Performance

Y/e March (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY	Q3FY24	QoQ	Q4FY24E	Var	FY24	FY23	YoY
Revenue	42,029	29,568	42%	26,257	60%	44,405	-5%	1,24,812	94,988	31%
UCP	29,380	20,486	43%	14,756	99%	31,537	-7%	81,364	64,745	26%
EMPS	10,979	7,458	47%	9,819	12%	10,846	1%	36,830	24,029	53%
EPS	1,564	1,424	10%	1,548	1%	1,583	-1%	5,879	5,220	13%
Gross Profit	8,302	6,386	30%	5,652	47%	9,930	-16%	26,672	21,206	26%
GPM %	19.8%	21.6%	-180bps	21.5%	-180bps	22.4%	-260bps	21.4%	22.3%	-100bps
Employee Cost	1,992	1,678	19%	2,046	-3%	2,217	-10%	7,788	6,672	17%
% of sales	4.7%	5.7%	-90bps	7.8%	-310bps	5.0%	-30bps	6.2%	7.0%	-80bps
Other Expenses	4,404	2,526	74%	3,322	33%	4,646	-5%	14,138	8,810	60%
% of sales	10.5%	8.5%	190bps	12.7%	-220bps	10.5%	0bps	11.3%	9.3%	210bps
EBITDA	1,906	2,182	-13%	284	571%	3,067	-38%	4,746	5,724	-17%
EBITDAM %	4.5%	7.4%	-280bps	1.1%	350bps	6.9%	-240bps	3.8%	6.0%	-220bps
Other income	544	467	17%	579	-6%	632	-14%	2,533	1,685	50%
Depreciation	118	104	14%	128	-8%	134	-12%	476	396	20%
EBIT	2,332	2,545	-8%	735	217%	3,564	-35%	6,803	7,012	-3%
EBIT Margin %	5.5%	8.6%	-310bps	2.8%	280bps	8.0%	-250bps	5.5%	7.4%	-190bps
Interest	208	124	67%	135	54%	112	85%	559	296	89%
PBT before exceptional item	2,124	2,420	-12%	599	254%	3,452	-38%	6,244	6,716	-7%
ETR (%)	29.9%	29.2%	70bps	85.8%	-5600bps	24.1%	580bps	38.1%	25.4%	1260bps
Profit before JV/Associates/NCI	1,490	1,714	-13%	85	1655%	2,620	-43%	3,867	5,007	-23%
Share of JV/Associates	-383	-282	na	-361	6%	-305	26%	-1,386	-1,207	na
Non-controlling Interest	-58	-7	na	28	na	11	-620%	-39	12	na
Exceptional item	-	-	na	-	na	-	na	-	-2,438	na
PAT	1,164	1,439	-19%	-304	na	2,304	na	2,520	1,350	87%
Adj. PAT	1,164	1,439	-19%	-304	na	2,304	na	2,520	3,788	-33%
Adj. EPS (INR)	3.5	4.4	-19%	-0.9	na	7.0	na	7.6	11.5	-33%

Source: Company; HSIE Research

Exhibit 2: Quarterly Performance

Revenue (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY	Q3FY24	QoQ	Q4FY24E	Var	FY24	FY23	YoY
UCP	29,380	20,486	43%	14,756	99%	31,537	-7%	81,364	64,745	26%
EMPS	10,979	7,458	47%	9,819	12%	10,846	1%	36,830	24,029	53%
EPS	1,564	1,424	10%	1,548	1%	1,583	-1%	5,879	5,220	13%
Total	41,923	29,368	43%	26,123	60%	43,966	-5%	1,24,074	93,994	32%
EBIT (INR mn)										
UCP	2,704	2,057	31%	1,229	120%	3,495	-23%	6,935	5,378	29%
EMPS	-1,077	-140	na	-1,200	na	-728	48%	-3,285	-582	Na
EPS	478	559	-14%	499	-4%	574	-17%	2,057	2,007	2%
Total	2,105	2,475	-15%	528	299%	3,341	-37%	5,707	6,803	-16%
EBIT Margin %										
UCP	9.2%	10.0%	-80bps	8.3%	90bps	11.1%	-190bps	8.5%	8.3%	20bps
EMPS	-9.8%	-1.9%	-790bps	-12.2%	240bps	-6.7%	-310bps	-8.9%	-2.4%	-650bps
EPS	30.6%	39.3%	-870bps	32.2%	-170bps	36.3%	-570bps	35.0%	38.5%	-350bps
Total	5.0%	8.4%	-340bps	2.0%	300bps	7.6%	-260bps	4.6%	7.2%	-260bps

Source: Company; HSIE Research



Exhibit 3: Change in estimates

	Old		New		Change %		
Year End (March) - INR mn	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	
Revenue	1,41,562	1,60,787	1,39,103	1,56,206	-2	-3	
EBITDA	10,693	13,253	10,336	13,248	-3	0	
EBITDAM %	7.6	8.2	7.4	8.5	-10bps	20bps	
APAT	8,238	10,435	7,883	10,458	-4	0	
EPS (INR)	24.9	31.5	23.8	31.6	-4	0	
Rating	ADD		ADD				
Target Price (INR)	1,350		1,350				
Target P/E (x)	SOTP (UCP: 45x Mar'26)		SOTP (UCP: 45x Mar'26)				

Source: Company; HSIE Research

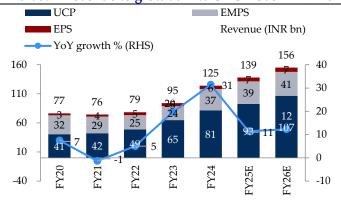
Exhibit 4: Key Assumptions

Year End (March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (INR mn)							
UCP	40,737	42,185	48,819	64,745	81,364	92,755	1,06,668
EMPS	32,461	28,786	24,705	24,029	36,830	38,659	41,065
EPS	3,317	3,595	4,887	5,220	5,879	6,585	7,309
Total	76,515	74,566	78,411	93,994	1,24,074	1,37,999	1,55,043
Revenue Growth %							
UCP	29	4	16	33	26	14	15
EMPS	-10	-11	-14	-3	53	5	6
EPS	6	8	36	7	13	12	11
Total	8	-3	5	20	32	11	12
EBIT (INR mn)							
UCP	5,121	5,837	5,134	5,378	6,935	8,070	9,867
EMPS	1,704	270	1,258	-582	-3,285	870	1,643
EPS	993	1,143	1,579	2,007	2,057	2,370	2,704
Total	7,817	7,250	7,971	6,803	5,707	11,310	14,214
EBIT Margin %							
UCP	12.6	13.8	10.5	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.3
EMPS	5.2	0.9	5.1	-2.4	-8.9	2.3	4.0
EPS	29.9	31.8	32.3	38.5	35.0	36.0	37.0
Total	10.2	9.7	10.2	7.2	4.6	8.2	9.2

Source: Company, HSIE Research

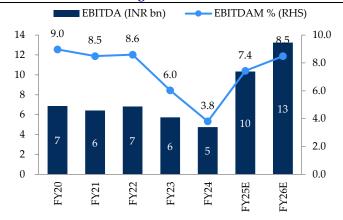
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Exhibit 5: Revenue to grow at 12% CAGR over FY24-26E



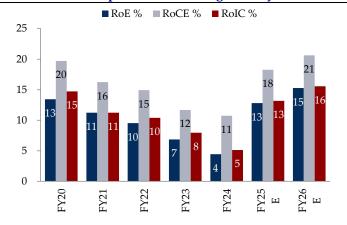
Source: Company, HSIE Research

Exhibit 7: EBITDA to grow at 67% CAGR over FY24-26E



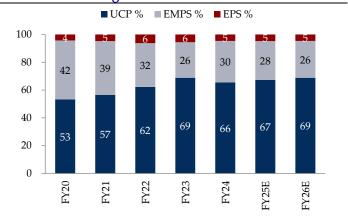
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Exhibit 9: Return profile to recover gradually



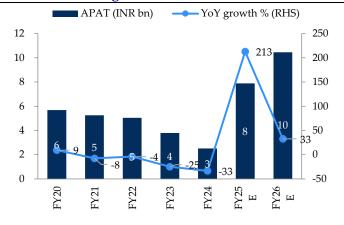
Source: Company, HSIE Research

Exhibit 6: UCP segment dominates revenue mix



Source: Company, HSIE Research

Exhibit 8: PAT to grow 2x over FY24-26E



Source: Company, HSIE Research

Exhibit 10: Trading at 54x 1-year forward P/E



Source: Bloomberg, HSIE Research



Financials

Consolidated P&L

Year End (March) - INR mn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenues	76,581	75,558	79,345	94,988	1,24,812	1,39,103	1,56,206
Growth (%)	7.5	(1.3)	5.0	19.7	31.4	11.4	12.3
Material Expenses	55,549	55,785	58,967	73,782	98,140	1,08,500	1,20,278
Employee Expense	6,717	6,017	6,176	6,672	7,788	9,042	10,153
Other Expenses	7,448	7,343	7,386	8,810	14,138	11,225	12,526
EBITDA	6,867	6,414	6,816	5,724	4,746	10,336	13,248
EBITDA Growth (%)	12.3	(6.6)	6.3	(16.0)	(17.1)	117.8	28.2
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.0	8.5	8.6	6.0	3.8	7.4	8.5
Depreciation	320	339	373	396	476	577	772
EBIT	6,547	6,075	6,443	5,328	4,270	9,759	12,476
Other Income (Including EO Items)	2,306	1,889	1,892	1,685	2,533	2,792	3,069
Interest	211	262	259	296	559	528	514
PBT	8,642	7,702	8,076	6,716	6,244	12,023	15,031
Total Tax	2,233	1,804	1,913	1,709	2,377	3,066	3,833
Profit before JV/Associates/NCI	6,409	5,898	6,163	5,007	3,867	8,957	11,198
Share of JV/Associates	(687)	(610)	(1,103)	(1,207)	(1,386)	(1,094)	(745)
Non-controlling Interest	39	37	19	12	(39)	(20)	(5)
Exceptional Gain/ (loss)	(512)		-	(2,438)	-		-
RPAT	5,172	5,251	5,041	1,350	2,520	7,883	10,458
Adjusted PAT	5,684	5,251	5,041	3,788	2,520	7,883	10,458
APAT Growth (%)	9.4	(7.6)	(4.0)	(24.8)	(33.5)	212.8	32.7
EPS Growth (%)	17.2	15.9	15.2	11.5	7.6	23.8	31.6
	9.4	(7.6)	(4.0)	(24.8)	(33.5)	212.8	32.7
Consolidated Balance Sheet							
Year End (March) - INR mn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
SOURCES OF FUNDS							
Share Capital - Equity	331	331	331	331	331	331	331
Other Equity	42,471	49,603	54,665	54,190	57,874	63,937	71,748
Total Shareholders' Funds	42,802	49,933	54,996	54,521	58,205	64,268	72,079
NCI	365	361	381	417	337	317	312
Long Term Debt	-	-	-	212	2,280	2,280	1,780
Short Term Debt	2,090	2,514	3,432	5,948	4,853	4,853	4,853
Total Debt	2,090	2,514	3,432	6,160	7,133	7,133	6,633
Net Deferred Taxes	(715)	(558)	(317)	(303)	176	296	446
Other Non-Current Liabilities	1,241	1,219	1,404	1,393	1,383	1,469	1,647
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	45,783	53,470	59,896	62,187	67,234	73,483	81,117
APPLICATION OF FUNDS							
Net Block	2,402	2,384	2,305	3,611	3,902	9,623	11,481
Goodwill	723	723	723	723	723	723	723
CWIP	263	88	593	983	3,675	1,000	1,000
Intangible assets	95	85	72	62	56	68	78
Right of Use Assets	130	133	204	357	348	348	287
Non-Current Investments	18,229	27,971	31,811	28,015	30,068	30,068	30,068
Other Non-Current Assets	3,205	2,720	2,523	4,220	3,927	4,226	4,584
Total Non-current Assets	25,048	34,103	38,231	37,970	42,698	46,056	48,221
Current-Investments	5,204	2,493	4,343	3,072	5,015	5,015	10,015
Inventories	14,689	12,796	16,614	15,920	21,354	22,866	25,678
Debtors	18,273	18,009	21,097	21,919	25,328	26,677	29,957
Cash & Equivalents	3,084	4,588	5,717	7,084	8,523	8,472	7,899
Other Current Assets		14,008	11,022	16,471			
Total Current Assets	14,534		•	•	17,027	17,308	18,498
	55,784	51,894	58,792	64,465	77,246	80,337	92,047
Creditors	26,889	24,645	29,421	30,126	38,557	38,110	42,796
Other Current Liabilities & Provisions	8,160	7,882	7,707	10,121	14,154	14,800	16,354
Total Current Liabilities	35,049	32,527	37,127	40,247	52,711	52,911	59,151
Net Current Assets	20,736	19,367	21,665	24,218	24,536	27,427	32,896
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	45,783	53,470	59,896	62,187	67,234	73,483	81,117

Source: Company, HSIE Research

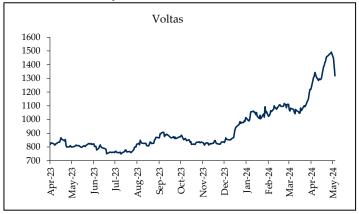


Consolidated Cash Flow

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Year End (March) - INR mn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Reported PBT	7,955	7,092	6,973	5,510	4,858	10,928	14,286
Non-operating & EO Items	(890)	141	845	884	3,036	(411)	(375)
Interest Expenses	211	262	259	296	559	528	514
Depreciation	320	339	373	396	476	577	772
Working Capital Change	(911)	(1,580)	(438)	(3,836)	801	(2,942)	(1,042)
Tax Paid	(2,061)	(693)	(2,169)	(1,656)	(2,115)	(3,066)	(3,833)
OPERATING CASH FLOW (a)	4,625	5,561	5,842	1,594	7,615	5,613	10,321
Capex	(832)	(187)	(469)	(1,774)	(2,883)	(3,623)	(2,566)
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	3,792	5,375	5,373	(181)	4,732	1,990	7,755
Investments	(1,242)	(2,963)	(3,474)	253	(3,176)	-	(5,000)
Non-operating Income	443	323	156	450	549	306	333
Others	(474)	267	141	255	286		-
INVESTING CASH FLOW (b)	(2,105)	(2,559)	(3,646)	(816)	(5,224)	(3,318)	(7,233)
Debt Issuance/(Repaid)	(1,057)	425	918	2,728	974	-	(500)
Interest Expenses	(253)	(267)	(225)	(284)	(555)	(528)	(514)
FCFE	2,989	6,066	6,516	2,831	6,261	2,518	7,768
Share Capital Issuance	- (1 (07)	(15)	(1.686)	- (1.020)	(1, 400)	- (1.020)	(0. (45)
Dividend	(1,627)	(1,358)	(1,676)	(1,829)	(1,432)	(1,820)	(2,647)
Others	(2.027)	- (4.045)	(87)	(65)	(149)	(0.045)	(0.661)
FINANCING CASH FLOW (c)	(2,937)	(1,215)	(1,070)	550	(1,163)	(2,347)	(3,661)
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c) EO Items, Others	(417)	1,787	1,126	1,328	1,228	(52)	(573)
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Closing Cash & Equivalents	2,693	4,480	5,605	6,934	8,162	8,110	7,538
Ratios							
Year End (March)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PROFITABILITY (%)	27.7	24.2	25.5	22.2	24.4	22.0	22.0
GPM	27.5	26.2	25.7	22.3	21.4	22.0	23.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.0	8.5	8.6	6.0	3.8	7.4	8.5
EBIT Margin	8.5	8.0	8.1	5.6	3.4	7.0	8.0
PBT Margin	11.3	10.2	10.2	7.1	5.0	8.6	9.6
APAT Margin	7.4	7.0	6.4	4.0	2.0	5.7	6.7
RoE	13.4	11.2	9.5	6.9	4.4	12.8	15.3
RoIC (or Core RoCE) RoCE	14.7	11.3	10.4	8.0	5.1	13.2	15.6
EFFICIENCY	19.7	16.2	14.9	11.7	10.7	18.3	20.6
Tax Rate (%)	25.8	23.4	23.7	25.4	38.1	25.5	25.5
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	16.4	15.5	16.2	16.9	18.7	13.8	10.8
Inventory (days)		66	68	63		60	60
Debtors (days)	61 87	88	90	83	62 74	70	70
Other Current Assets (days)	63	69	58	53	50	45	43
Payables (days)	121	124	124	114	113	100	100
Other Current Liab & Provns (days)	34	39	36	34	41	39	38
Cash Conversion Cycle (days)	56	60	55	49	32	37	35
Net D/E (x)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Interest Coverage (x)	31.0	23.2	24.9	18.0	7.6	18.5	24.3
PER SHARE DATA (Rs)	01.0	20.2	21.7	10.0	7.0	10.0	21.0
EPS	17.2	15.9	15.2	11.5	7.6	23.8	31.6
CEPS	18.2	16.9	16.4	12.7	9.1	25.6	33.9
Dividend	4.0	5.0	5.5	4.3	5.5	8.0	10.0
Book Value	129.4	151.0	166.3	164.8	175.9	194.2	217.8
VALUATION							
P/E (x)	76.8	83.1	86.5	115.2	173.2	55.4	41.7
P/BV (x)	10.2	8.7	7.9	8.0	7.5	6.8	6.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	62.6	67.3	63.0	75.5	90.6	41.6	32.1
EV/Revenues (x)	5.6	5.7	5.4	4.6	3.4	3.1	2.7
OCF/EV (%)	1.1	1.3	1.4	0.4	1.8	1.3	2.4
FCF/EV (%)	0.9	1.2	1.3	(0.0)	1.1	0.5	1.8
FCFE/Mkt Cap (%)	0.7	1.4	1.5	0.6	1.4	0.6	1.8
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8
Source: Company, USIE Posserch	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0

Source: Company, HSIE Research

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Rating Criteria

BUY: >+15% return potential
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