

# Finnish central government borrowing

March 2021



# AA+ AA+

### **Credit ratings**

The government has solicited credit ratings from two credit rating agencies: S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings.

For long-term debt, they are

AA+ and AA+

(stable, stable)





# Finnish economy



# **Economic recovery foreseen in Finland in 2021**

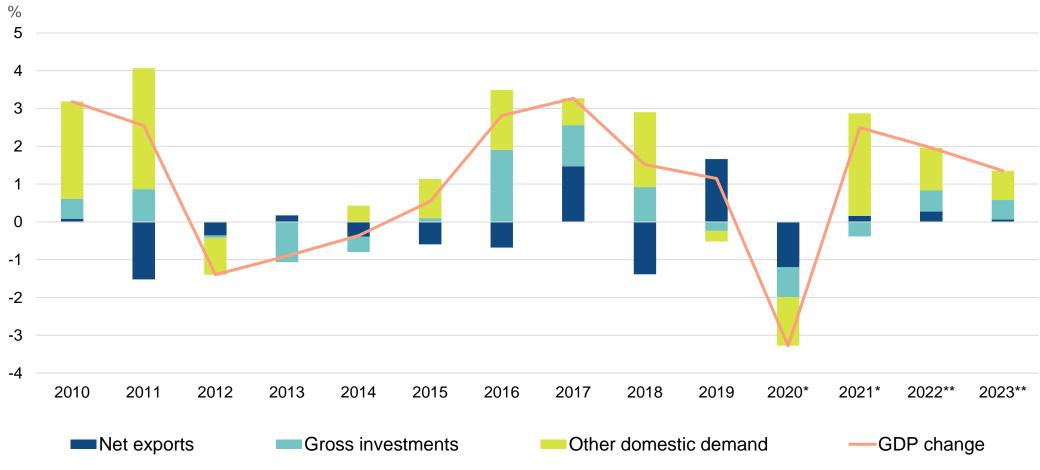
- Goods picking up faster than services both in consumption and exports
- Overall uncertainty hampering investment growth
- The employment rate will stand at 72.8% in 2023
- Strong measures to stimulate production and demand have been initiated and are planned in the EU

	2020	2021	2022	2023
GDP change %	-3.3	2.5	2.0	1.4
Inflation, %	0.3	1.0	1.4	1.6
Current account, %/GDP	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7	-0.7
Private investment change, %	-6.0	-2.0	3.8	3.7
Exports change %	-10.4	5.0	4.6	2.2
Unemployment rate, %	7.8	8.0	7.6	7.2
Public deficit, %/GDP	-6.1	-4.9	-2.8	-2.4
Public debt, %/GDP	69.0	71.4	72.5	73.6

Source: Ministry of Finance, Winter 2020



# Exports recovering but contribution to growth remains moderate





# Inflation will accelerate only slightly in 2021

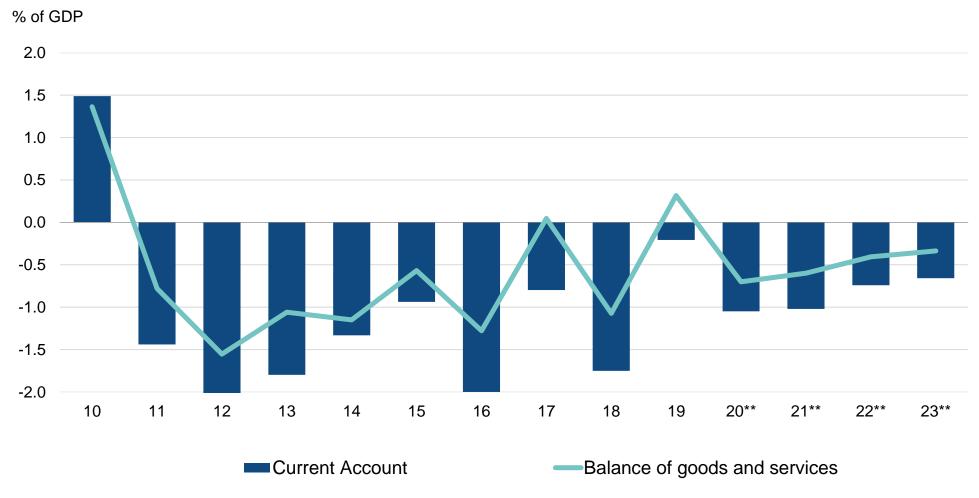
change from previous year, %



Source: Macrobond



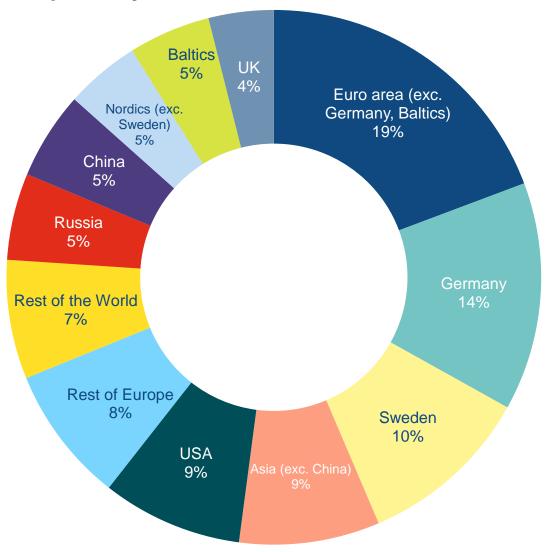
# Current account deficit to shrink during the outlook period



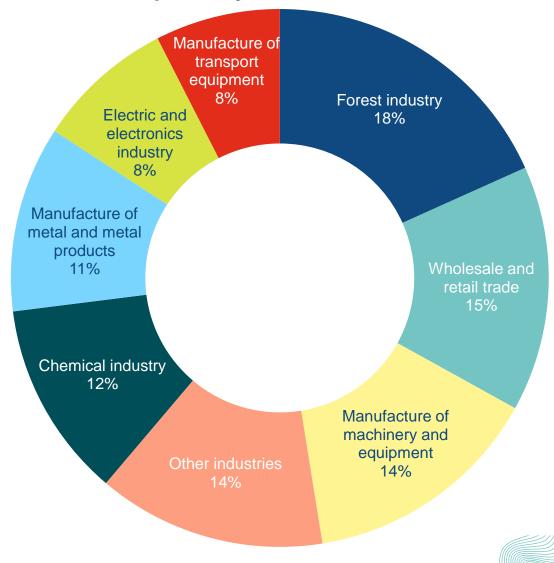
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# **Exports of goods well diversified**

**Exports by countries of destination in 2020** 

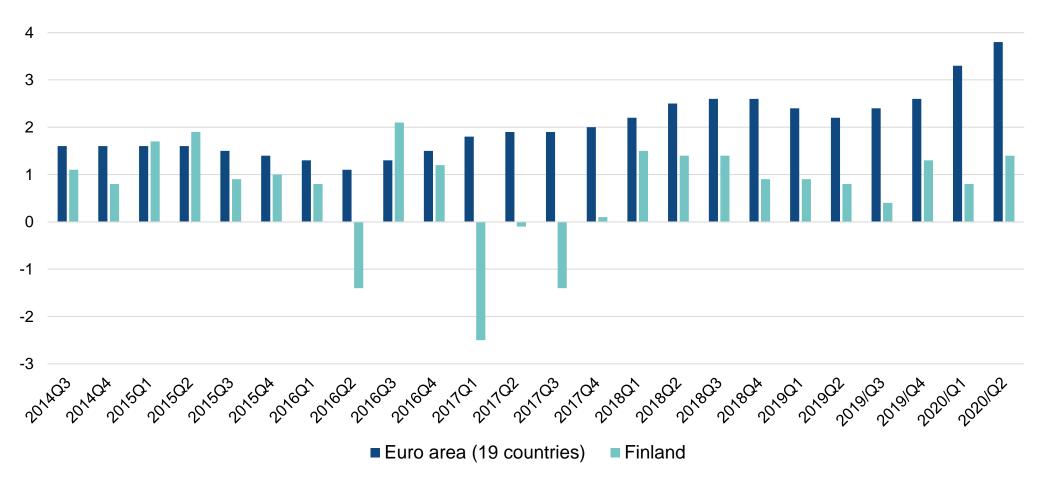


#### **Exports by industries 2020**



## Labour costs competitiveness improved

Hourly labour cost % change from previous year





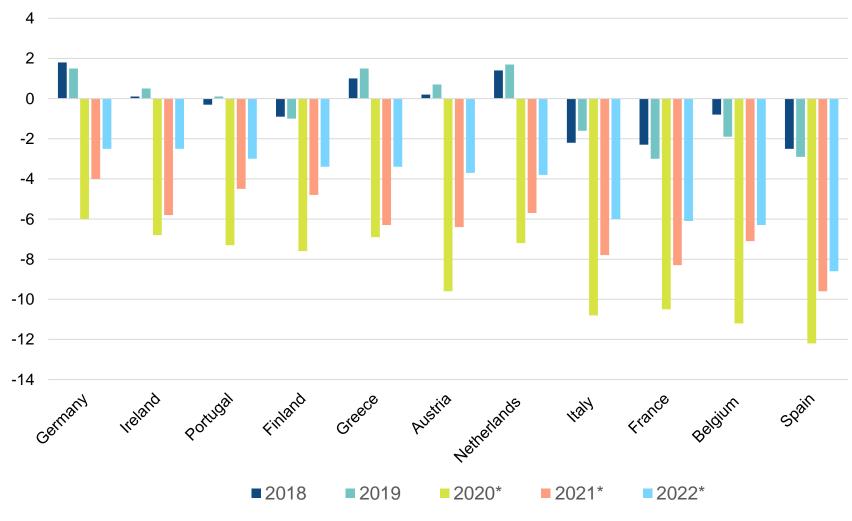
# Relative housing prices in Finland





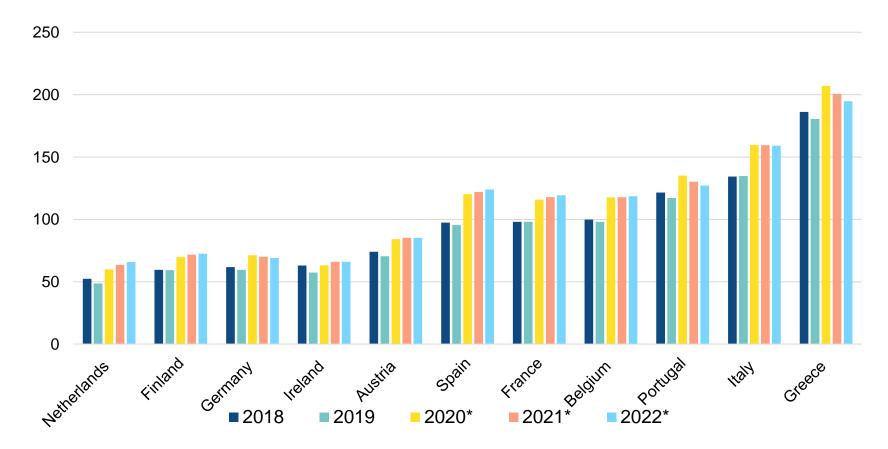
### EMU general government financial balance

in ratio to GDP, %



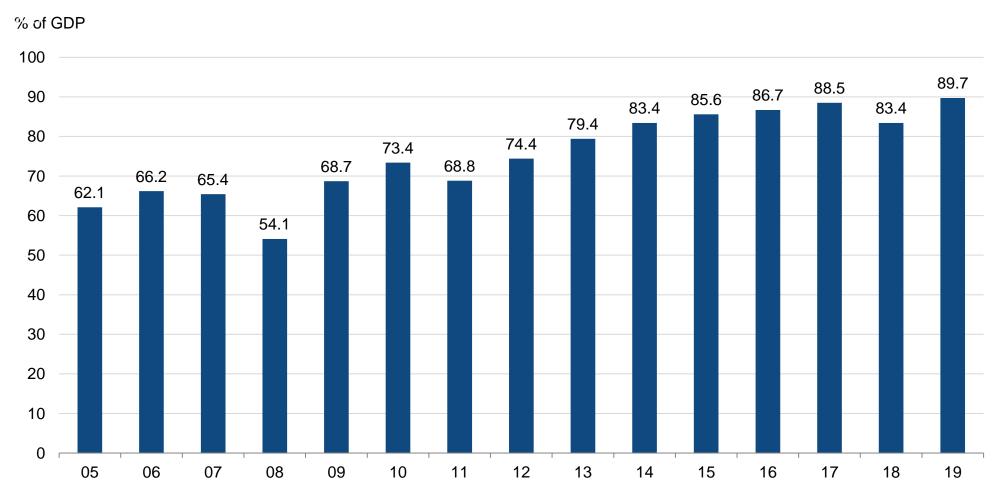
# The public debt-to-GDP ratio in Finland is one of the lowest in the euro area

EMU general government gross debt, % of GDP





# Earnings-related pension assets including public sector pension assets



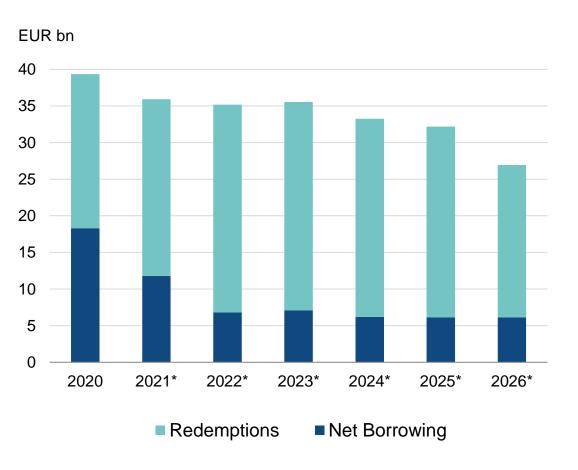


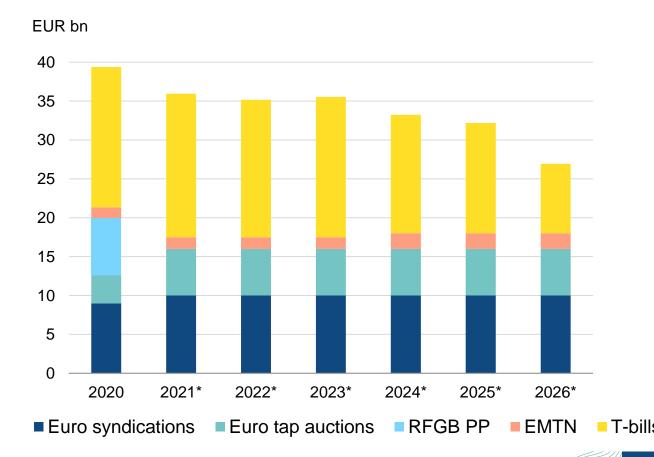
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# Central government gross borrowing estimate and projected funding instrument allocation



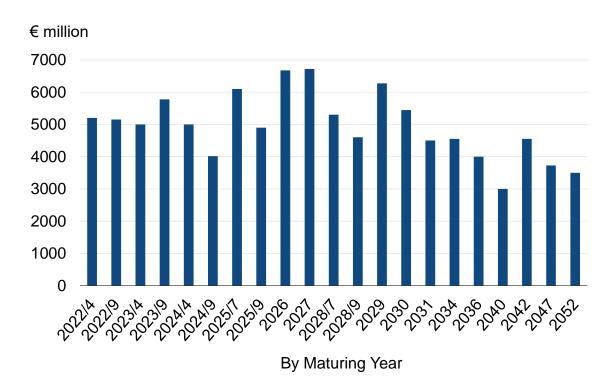


# **Funding strategy**

"Maintaining a globally diversified investor base by geography and investor type"

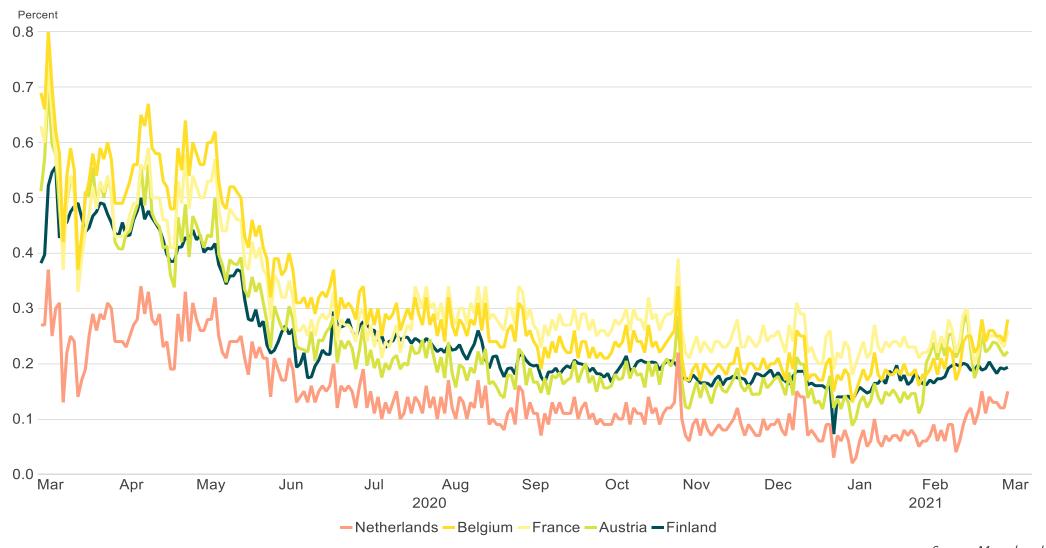
- Euro benchmark bond curve to 30 years
- Three syndicated euro benchmark bonds per year complemented by tap auctions
- Liquidity in focus Primary Dealers and
   3 inter-dealer platforms (MTS, BrokerTec, BGC
   E-Speed)
- EMTN issuance complements euro benchmark bonds

#### Benchmark bonds outstanding

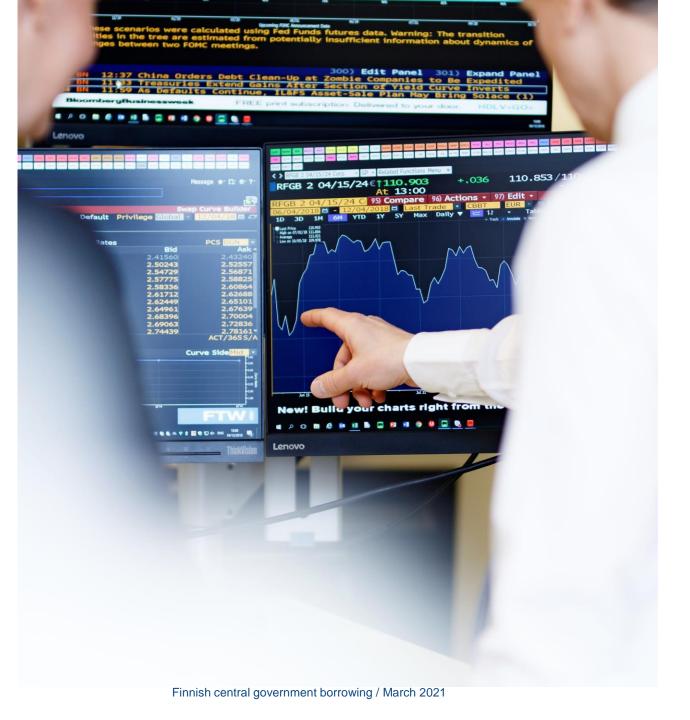




# 10-year government bond yield spreads to Germany







# **Primary Dealers 2021**

**BofA Securities** 

Barclays

**BNP** Paribas

Citi

Crédit Agricole

Danske Bank

Deutsche Bank

Goldman Sachs

**HSBC** 

J.P. Morgan

NatWest Markets

Nomura

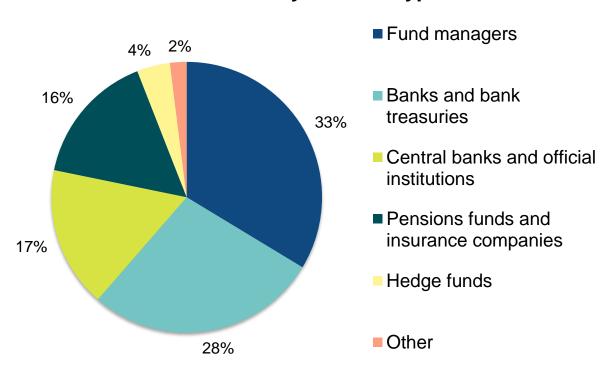
Nordea

Société Générale

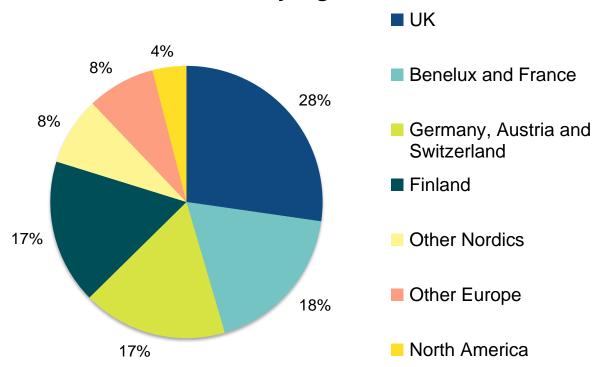
### Investor base for RFGB 0.00% EUR 3bn due September 2030

- Launched in August 2020
- Allocated to over 150 investors

#### Distribution of the bond by investor type



#### Distribution of the bond by region

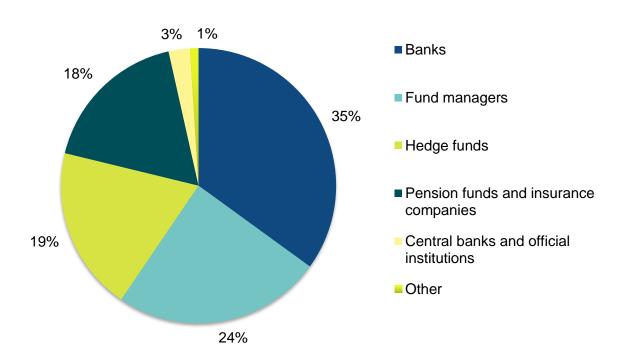




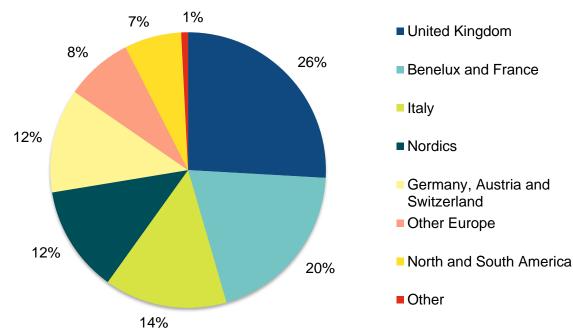
### Investor base for RFGB 0.125% EUR 3bn April 2052

- Launched in February 2021
- Allocated to over 130 investors

#### Distribution of the bond by investor type



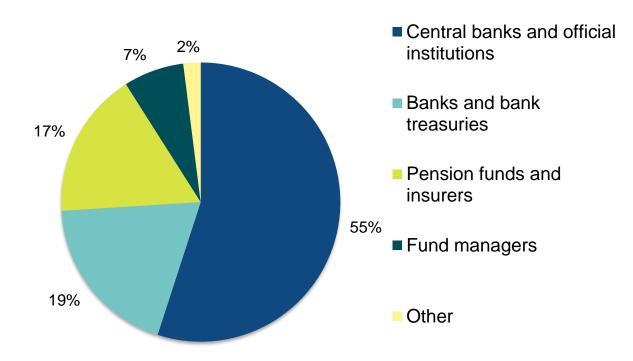
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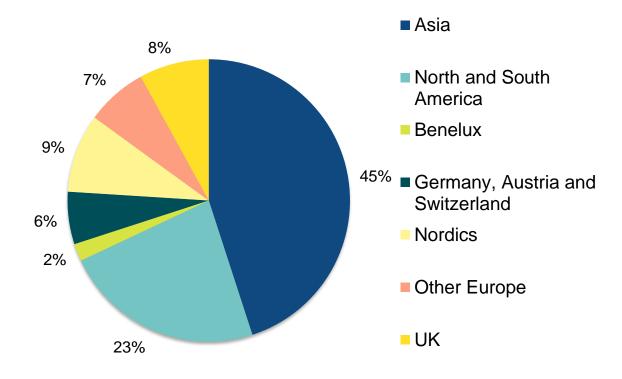




### Investor base for FINL 0.875% USD 1.5 bn due 2030

- Launched in May 2020
- Allocated to 87 investors







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