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FUND MANAGER FOREWORD

Welcome to the November edition of the Yearn US Fund monthly newsletter. I am Jeroen van Druten, founder of Van Druten Capital and fund manager of the Yearn US Fund. I want to bring you along in the insights of the fund's performance, as well as the key developments that shaped the fund. We hope you find this edition insightful, and as always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

The Yearn US Fund is designed to generate strong returns with low correlation to the broader U.S. market. It does so by dynamically managing a long-bias strategy focused on U.S. equities, guided by custom-built algorithms that identify opportunities across all market conditions.

In this month, our investment management system rebalanced the fund's portfolio on November 7. The automated investment management system has positioned the fund to benefit from the momentum in specific stocks diversified over industries, together with the continuation of the easing of monetary policy.

The Yearn US Fund has generated a profit of 1.97% during November. This brings the total return, since our start on May 5th, 2025, to 35.41%. In this month, the U.S. market experienced high volatility and ended with marginal profits.

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1 FUND PERFORMANCE

1.1 Net Asset Value

(Results in this section are after deduction of fees and provided by AssetCare)

The total return since the start of the Yearn US Fund stands at 35.41%, reflecting a net monthly return of 1.97%. The table below outlines key performance metrics for the Yearn US Fund.

This month's performance was initially supported by strong earnings from the positions in our previous portfolio. Followed by volatile trading days caused by AI valuation and spending concerns as well as changing views on the likelihood of a rate cut in December. Eventually, the fund bounced back from a strong drawdown due to normalizing stocks in the Technology sector and strong performance in healthcare stocks.

As it is the Yearn US Fund's first year, some metrics may differ significantly from the fund's project long-term averages due to the number of available data points.

Net Fund Performance Statistics

Metrics	Yearn US Fund (F-Class)
Returns	
Current Month	+1.97%
Year to Date*	+35.41%
Annualized Since Fund Launch*	+68.12%
Net Asset Value	$ 135.41
Risks	
Sharpe Ratio**	4.80
Volatility	13.41%
Positive Months	100%
Maximum Drawdown	0%

*: The Yearn US Fund launched on May 5th, 2025
**: Using 1-year U.S. Treasury rate as the risk-free rate

1.2 Current Portfolio

The automated investment management system has constructed a new portfolio for the current period, spanning from early November 2025 to early March 2026. Based on the system's factor-driven assessment, the portfolio is positioned long-biased and positions to benefit from the momentum within the market of the past months.

The system projects that, over this horizon, U.S. markets maintain upward potential despite economic uncertainty around inflation and employment, and elevated valuations in certain industries and market capitalizations. The probability of a severe downturn is judged to be medium, although strong volatility is expected throughout the holding period. Based on these assumptions, the portfolio is designed to capture upside from companies with strong momentum in fundamentals in both offensive and defensive sectors.

Several key characteristics define the construction of this portfolio:

- Substantial exposure towards stocks with strong momentum in their fundamentals, reflecting the power of the momentum factor during a market, sector and industry with high momentum.

- Balanced allocation towards industries. Diversification across ten industries and six sectors to mitigate industry-depending risks which could arise during the holding period.

- A sizeable portion of the portfolio consists of companies in sectors that are typically less affected during volatile periods and large drawdowns, namely Healthcare and Energy, reflecting the systems more defensive stands towards market risk.

- Only a small allocation towards two short positions in select small-cap names, as the system computed that the involved shorting risks did not out weight the shorting potential. The system showed an increase in the number of negative forecasts but also, an increase in weakness of these signals. Short positions would therefore increase risks instead of lowering risks.

Overall, the system expects that this portfolio will benefit strong momentum in fundamentals and industries together with a supportive monetary backdrop. And by diversifying the positions over multiple industries, the portfolio aims to mitigate possible industry related volatility and drawdowns.

1.3 Portfolio Allocation

(Results in this section are before deduction of fees & provided by Interactive Brokers)

The portfolio consists of 11 stocks, diversified across multiple sectors and market capitalizations in the U.S. market. Gross exposure is 98.29 %, allocating 98.14% of the portfolio to long positions and 0.15% to one short position, resulting in a net exposure of 99.70%.

The portfolio spans six sectors and 10 industries, with the largest weights allocated to the Healthcare (33.21%), Technology (29.26 %), and Communication services (16.69%) sector.

The funds short position in Cogent Communications Holdings Inc. (CCOI) has been closed on the 14th of November due to risk levels exceeding the maximum threshold of the risk management. The stock declined more than 35% during the first week of the holding period, contributing positivily to the portfolio despite the small allocation of -0.11%. The strong decline in combination with its trading range caused the risk management system to liquidate the position.

Markt Exposure

Exposure	Total Weight (%)	Portfolio Weight (%)
Gross	98.29	100.00
Net	97.99	99.70

Exposure	Long Weight (%)	Short Weight (%)
Total Exposure	98.14	-0.15
Portfolio Exposure	99.84	-0.15

Holdings

Symbol	Description	Sector	Industry	Market Capitalization	Net Weight (%)
EBS	Emergent BioSoluitions Inc.	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Specialty & Generic	Small	11.23
HAE	Haemonetics Corporation	Healthcare	Medical - Instruments & Supplies	Mid	11.23
LFST	LifeStance Health Group, Inc.	Healthcare	Medical - Care Facilities	Small	10.75
TDC	Teradata Corporation	Technology	Software - Infrastructure	Mid	10.40
APPN	Appian Corporation	Technology	Software - Infrastructure	Mid	10.16
RES	RPC, Inc.	Energy	Oil & Gas Equipment & Services	Small	9.67
XMTR	Xometry, Inc	Industrials	Industrial - Machinery	Mid	9.30
TWLO	Twilio Inc.	Communication Services	Internet Content & Information	Large	9.17
DDOG	Datadog, Inc.	Technology	Software - Application	Large	8.70
LUMN	Lumen Technologies, Inc.	Communication Services	Telecommunications Services	Large	7.52
CASH	Cash	-	-	-	2.01
DFIN	Donnelley Financial Solutions, Inc.	Financial Services	Financial - Capital Markets	Small	-0.15

1.4 Benchmark Comparison

(Results in this section are before deduction of fees & provided by Interactive Brokers)

The Yearn US Fund is benchmarked against the S&P 1500 Index, which is a combination of three major S&P indices:

- **S&P 500**, representing large-cap companies;
- **S&P 400**, representing mid-cap companies;
- **S&P 600**, representing small-cap companies.

These benchmarks are included to provide context for the fund's performance across different market capitalizations.

The figures below illustrate that the Yearn US Fund experienced strong volatility throughout the month and eventually overcoming the mid-month drawdown with a strong rally to the end of the month.

Key takeaways:

- In the beginning of November, the portfolio benefited from strong earnings of Xometry Inc. (XMTR), Lemonade Inc. (LMND), and Digitial Ocean Holdings Inc. (DOCN), boosting the previous portfolio.

- The portfolio felt AI related volatility regarding valuations and spending concerns with a strong mid-month drawdown.

- The mid-month volatility was amplified by the mixed views of the members of the Federal Reserve regarding rate cut in December. Ending in a favor for another rate cut supported by economic data.

- The strong drawdown experienced by the fund was carefully monitored by the risk management of the investment management system. The system allowed for strong but expected volatility within the portfolio. Eventually, the portfolio rebounded following the system's expected positive overall trend towards March 2026.

Benchmark Performance Comparisons

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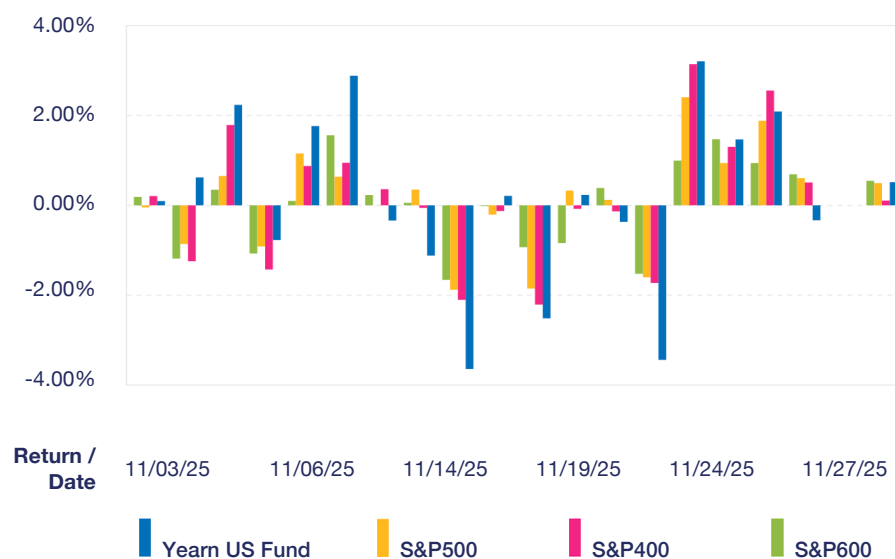
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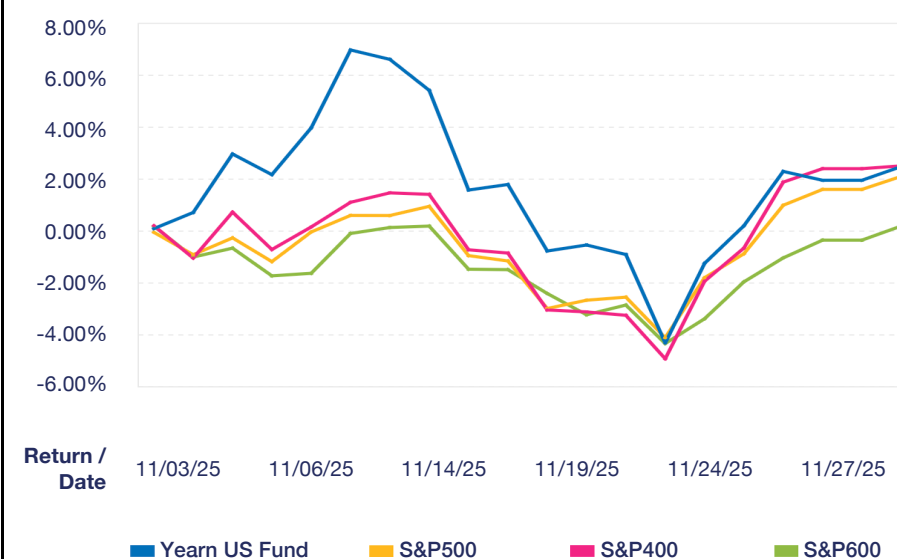
1.5 Position Performance

(Results in this section are before deduction of fees & provided by Interactive Brokers)

In November, results were driven by both company-specific developments and broader market trends. Below, the best- and worst-performing positions of the month are highlighted.

The healthcare sector delivered a strong contribution with three positions. These stocks benefited from positive sector sentiment and company-specific news. Haemonetics Corporation (HAE) received additional support from a series of analyst upgrades, focused on strong margins and expectations of stable demand in 2026. Emergent BioSolutions Inc. (EBS) rose on positive updates regarding contract manufacturing and extensions of existing government contracts. LifeStance Health Group Inc. (LFST) ended the month higher due to strong operational trends within its mental health network, including rising patient volumes, improved staffing levels, and positive analyst commentary on growth prospects.

Xometry Inc. (XMTR) recovered from a weaker October, supported by strong quarterly results. The company benefited from growing demand for AI-driven manufacturing solutions, increased activity on its marketplace platform, and improving margins. Xometry is the only position carried over from the previous into the current portfolio. Since the rebalancing, performance temporarily softened due to AI-related uncertainty, but the system expects a recovery throughout the period based on strong business fundamentals.

The position in Lemonade Inc. (LMND), held in the previous portfolio, also made a strong contribution, driven by solid quarterly results. Investors responded positively to the insurer's improved efficiency profile and recent AI-driven process optimizations. Sally Beauty Holdings Inc. (SBH), also a position from the previous portfolio, weighed on results due to disappointing earnings.

Lumen Technologies Inc. (LUMN) was the weakest performer in November. The stock came under pressure following disappointing updates on the progress of network modernization efforts and the appointment of a new CTO. Datadog Inc. (DDOG) also contributed negatively despite strong revenue figures. Concerns about rising competition and a more cautious outlook led to profit-taking after a period of strong performance. For both companies, weak sector sentiment driven by broader AI-related uncertainty, also played a role.

Top Performers

Symbol	Return (%)	Contribution (%)
HAE	15.86	1.57
EBS	12.76	1.34
XMTR	19.49	1.15
LMND	20.06	0.83
LFST	7.85	0.82

Bottom Performers

Symbol	Return (%)	Contribution (%)
LUMN	-23.95	-2.27
DDOG	-12.55	-1.27
SBH	-8.41	-0.53

Contribution by Sector

Sector	Contribution (%)
Healthcare	3.40
Industrials	0.93
Financials	0.82
Technology	0.02
Basic Materials	0.00
Cash	-0.05
Energy	-0.35
Communication Services	-1.53
Consumer Cyclicals	-0.53
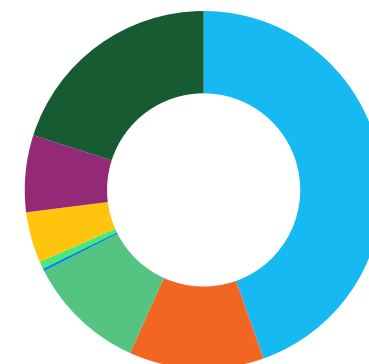
2 U.S. MARKET ANALYSIS

2.1 Market Recap November

November was marked by volatility and caution in U.S. financial markets, as investors navigated the final stage of the Q3 earnings season, shifting expectations surrounding the Federal Reserve's December meeting, and ongoing debates about AI-related capital expenditure and valuations. Equities showed strong volatility due to frequently fluctuating sentiment as markets balanced improving macro signals with pockets of uncertainty in technology and interest-rate sensitive sectors.

Q3 earnings season concludes with mixed signals
The final weeks of the Q3 earnings season delivered a combination of solid bottom-line performance and more cautious forward guidance. Many companies exceeded earnings expectations, but revenue surprises were more muted, and management commentary pointed to an uneven demand outlook heading into year-end.

AI spending and valuation concerns weigh on technology
AI remained a defining theme in November. Large technology firms disclosed substantial increases in AI-related capital expenditures, raising questions about return on investment and the sustainability of elevated spending plans.

Despite robust revenue results from most major platforms, the market increasingly scrutinized balance-sheet flexibility and profitability, leading to valuation pressure in certain AI-exposed names. This shift from enthusiasm to evaluation contributed to heightened dispersion within the technology sector and dragged the whole market down during the month.

Federal Reserve rate-cut uncertainty drove volatility
The Federal Reserve remained a central driver of market sentiment in November. After cutting rates in both September and October, markets entered the month assigning a high probability to an additional cut in December. However, delayed and patchy economic data, particularly around inflation moderation and labor-market cooling, reintroduced uncertainty.

Comments from Chair Jerome Powell emphasized a strictly data-dependent stance, signaling that policymakers were not yet committed to the next step in the easing cycle. By the end of November, sentiment had shifted back toward optimism. With comments of the Fed's New York president, stating that there is room for a further adjustment in the near term to the target range for federal funds rate.

2.2 Market Projection

As the U.S. market enters the final month of the year, investor attention is centered on the Federal Reserve's upcoming policy decision and the dynamics that typically shape year-end trading. While financial conditions have eased and risk sentiment improved late in November, uncertainties remain around the Fed's policy path, the trajectory of inflation, and the economy's resilience going into 2026. These factors will determine whether recent gains can extend into December or whether volatility will re-emerge.

Possibility of a December rate cut and forward guidance
The key question for December is whether the Federal Reserve will deliver a third consecutive rate cut. Softer inflation prints and continued moderation in the labor market have strengthened the case for further easing, and dovish commentary from the New York Fed has increased market confidence that a reduction remains on the table. However, policymakers continue to emphasize data dependency, and divisions within the FOMC suggest the decision is not predetermined.

Forward guidance will therefore carry heightened importance. Even if a December cut is implemented, markets will look closely at the Fed's communication on the likely pace of easing in 2026. A more cautious stance, signaling that additional cuts will be conditional on sustained disinflation, could moderate investor enthusiasm. Conversely, acknowledgment of softening economic momentum may reinforce expectations of a longer easing cycle.

Year-end market dynamics and outlook versus historical patterns
Seasonally, December tends to be a supportive month for equities, driven by year-end rebalancing and tax-related positioning. Against this backdrop, the current market environment appears cautiously favorable: financial conditions have eased, earnings trends have stabilized, and key macro indicators are showing signs of gradual cooling rather than abrupt deterioration.

However, compared with average year-end periods, several elements may dampen the typical "December effect." Valuations in AI-exposed technology firms remain elevated, making sentiment more sensitive to profitability concerns. Additionally, investors may act more defensively until clarity emerges from the Federal Reserve meeting. This environment could lead to greater dispersion across sectors, with small and mid-caps potentially benefiting the most from any dovish policy outcome, while stretched mega-cap valuations may limit upside in the broader indices.

3   FUND CHARACTERISTICS

3.1   Fund Information

The Yearn US Fund is a long-bias equity hedge fund with a focus on stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq. The fund is structured as a Fonds voor Gemene Rekening ("FGR") and governed by Dutch law under the AIFMD Registration Regime as outlined under Article 2:66a of the Wet financieel toezicht ("Wft"). The fund is management by Van Druten Capital together with its partners (moreover in 3.3 Fund Manager and 3.4 Fund Partners) following the strategy stated below in section 3.2 Fund Strategy.

The key information of the fund is displayed on the right-hand side of this page.

3.2   Fund Strategy

The Yearn US Fund is designed to generate strong returns with low correlation to the broader U.S. market. It does so by dynamically managing a long-bias strategy focused on U.S. small-, mid- and large-cap equities, guided by custom-built algorithms that identify opportunities across all market conditions.

Our dynamic multi-factor framework combines five factor domains: profitability, valuation, momentum, sentiment, and quality, to provide a broad range of perspectives for generating meaningful predictions through market and economic cycles.

Using AI technologies, the system adapts to different market conditions by adjusting model weights based on the characteristics of the market, sector, industry, and individual stocks as well as our models, to maximize performance across varying scenarios.

While the fund embraces the long-term bullish outlook of the U.S. market and maintains strong exposure accordingly, it also adapts when conditions shift. In bearish or fragmented markets, our system transitions into a concentrated long/short portfolio targeting high-potential stocks.

The portfolio allocation is optimized in such a way that it maximizes potential in favorable scenarios while keeping strategic diversification and specific holdings to minimize drawdowns in unfavorable scenarios, which is key in an ever-changing market.

This flexible, data-driven approach positions the fund to outperform over the long term, while minimizing reliance on overall market direction.

Fund Information – Yearn US Fund

Characteristics

Structure	Fonds voor Gemene Rekening (FGR)
Style	Long-bias equities | No leverage
Approach	Systematic multi-factor
Geography	United States
Base Currency	USD
Inception	05/05/2025
Bloomberg name / ISIN-code	YEARNUSNA / NL0015002JL3

Investments

Minimum Investment	$ 150,000	R-Class
	$ 500,000	L-Class
	$ 1,000,000	F-Class
Deposit Currency	USD or EUR	
Liquidity	1st of March, May, August & November	
Minimum Additions & Withdrawals	$ 25,000	
Notice Period	5 trading days	
Lock-Up	1 Year	

Fees

Management fee	2%		
Performance fee	20%	(8% Hurdle rate)	R-Class
	10%	(9% Hurdle rate)	L-Class
	0%		F-Class
Fund fee	±0.5%	(Depending on AuM)	
Subscription fee	0%		
Withdraw fee	0.25%		

3.3 Fund Manager

The Yearn US Fund is managed by Van Druten Capital B.V ("Van Druten Capital"). Van Druten Capital leverages advanced technology to automate the entire investment process, from in-depth research and trade execution to risk management. This enables Van Druten Capital to provide investors with investments that deliver above-market returns, backed by data-driven insights. To accomplish this, Van Druten Capital builds the company from a unique blend of innovation, expertise and ambition.

Our team consists of three passionate and hardworking people focused on getting the most out of the company every day, guided by two experts in the financial and investment fund industry (see overview below). More information on our team as a whole and team members can be found on our website.

Van Druten Capital is registered as a 'light' manager under the AIFMD Registration Regime as outlined under Article 2:66a of the Wet financieel toezicht ("Wft"), and duly acknowledged by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets ("AFM").

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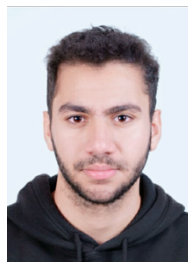
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3.4 Fund Partners

At Van Druten Capital, we believe that strong investment performance requires more than a robust investment strategy. It starts with a solid operational foundation. To ensure the Yearn US Fund is managed efficiently, securely, and transparently, we have partnered with trusted and experienced organizations across every critical area of our business.

AssetCare provides independent administration, reporting, and investor servicing, while Rabobank safeguards capital and ensures compliance as the fund bank. Interactive Brokers delivers global market access and reliable trade execution for our U.S. equity strategy. To strengthen governance and compliance, we work with DM Financial, and for technology, Amazon Web Services powers our secure and scalable automated investment management system, supported by Automat-IT as our DevOps and FinOps partner. More information on our partners can be found on our website.

AssetCare
Our fund administrator

Rabobank
Our fund bank

Interactive Brokers
Our prime broker

DM
Our fund consultancy partner

amazon web services
Our cloud service provider

AUTOMAT-IT
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4 FUND MANAGER

4.1 News

Portfolio rebalancing | 7th of November

As we end the second portfolio cycle, the investment management system of Van Druten Capital performed a rebalancing for the Yearn US Fund on the 7th of November.

On the 7th the fund transitioned to a newly constructed portfolio as stated in this newsletter (section 1.2), which took the newly reported earnings reports a long with technical, sentiment and macro-economic insights to optimally allocate the funds capital.

Curious how the previous portfolio performed? In our Portfolio Recap of August to November, we shared the performance and details of the previous portfolio. The recap can be found on our website under Insights.

4.2 Upcoming events

Group Demo in Voorburg | 21st of January

Following our previous group demos in Voorburg, we are excited to announce another group demo will take place in Voorburg on Wednesday, September 21st.

During this event, our portfolio manager, Jeroen van Druten, will guide investors through the essential aspects of how the Yearn US Fund and Van Druten Capital operate, including:

- Our investment philosophy and systematic long-bias approach
- A walkthrough of the back test results and the current portfolio
- The fund's legal and operational structure
- Key insights into our company's growth and future plans
- An interactive Q&A session with our fund manager

We look forward to welcoming both existing stakeholders and new potential investors to this upcoming demo. It is a unique opportunity to gain first-hand insights into our systematic investment process and to ask your questions directly to the fund manager.

If you would like to attend the Voorburg group demo or prefer to arrange a personal demo instead, please reach out to us using the contact details below.

Coming Subscription Day | March 1st

The Yearn US Fund will open again for new investors from February 1st until February 20st. All approved subscriptions will enter the fund on March 1st. The February 20st onboarding deadline ensures sufficient time to complete the due diligence and processing of investments.

Why consider investing in the Yearn US Fund?
- The fund thrives in recovery phases and fragmented markets conditions we are currently experiencing.
- A systematic long-bias strategy in high-potential U.S. equities.
- An adaptive system that knows when to differentiate and when to concetrate.
- Lower dependency on major U.S. indices.
- Full transparency into our strategy and operations.
- Direct access to the fund team.

Early investor Advantage
To reward our early investors, we are offering exceptionally favorable terms:
- Only 10% performance fee on commitments above €500.000.
- 0% performance fee on commitments above €1 million.

The incentive is temporary and exclusively available for subscriptions in the coming period. This is therefore an opportunity to enter the Yearn US Fund on highly advantageous terms and to participate directly in the next portfolio cycle.

If you are interested in joining the Yearn US Fund or would like additional information about Van Druten Capital, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to provide all the details needed to make an informed decision.

A personal or group demo can also be scheduled to discuss the fund's strategy, operations, and outlook in detail.

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