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India	2'700.00	950.00	n.a.	150.00	n.a.	n.a.
China	2'400.00	950.00	3'825.00	650.00	n.a.	n.a.
Japan	2'500.00	950.00	2'750.00	450.00	n.a.	n.a.
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Europe	n.a.	2'500.00	n.a.	2'695.00	590.00	250.00
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