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# ARMANDO UNA EMPRESA

Christopher Calonje



A close-up photograph of a hummingbird perched on a mossy branch. The bird has iridescent green feathers on its back and head, with a white underbelly and a long, dark beak. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

# El Comienzo







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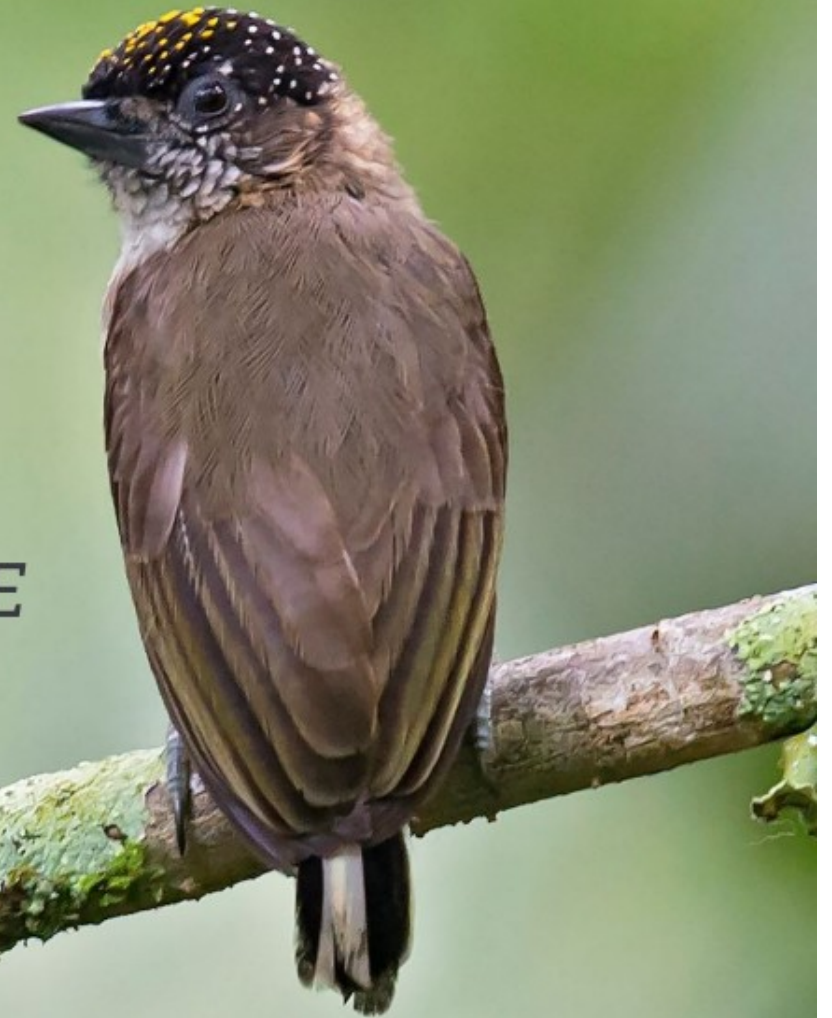
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# La Idea

AVITURISMO COMO UNA  
HERRAMIENTA DE  
CONSERVACION DE  
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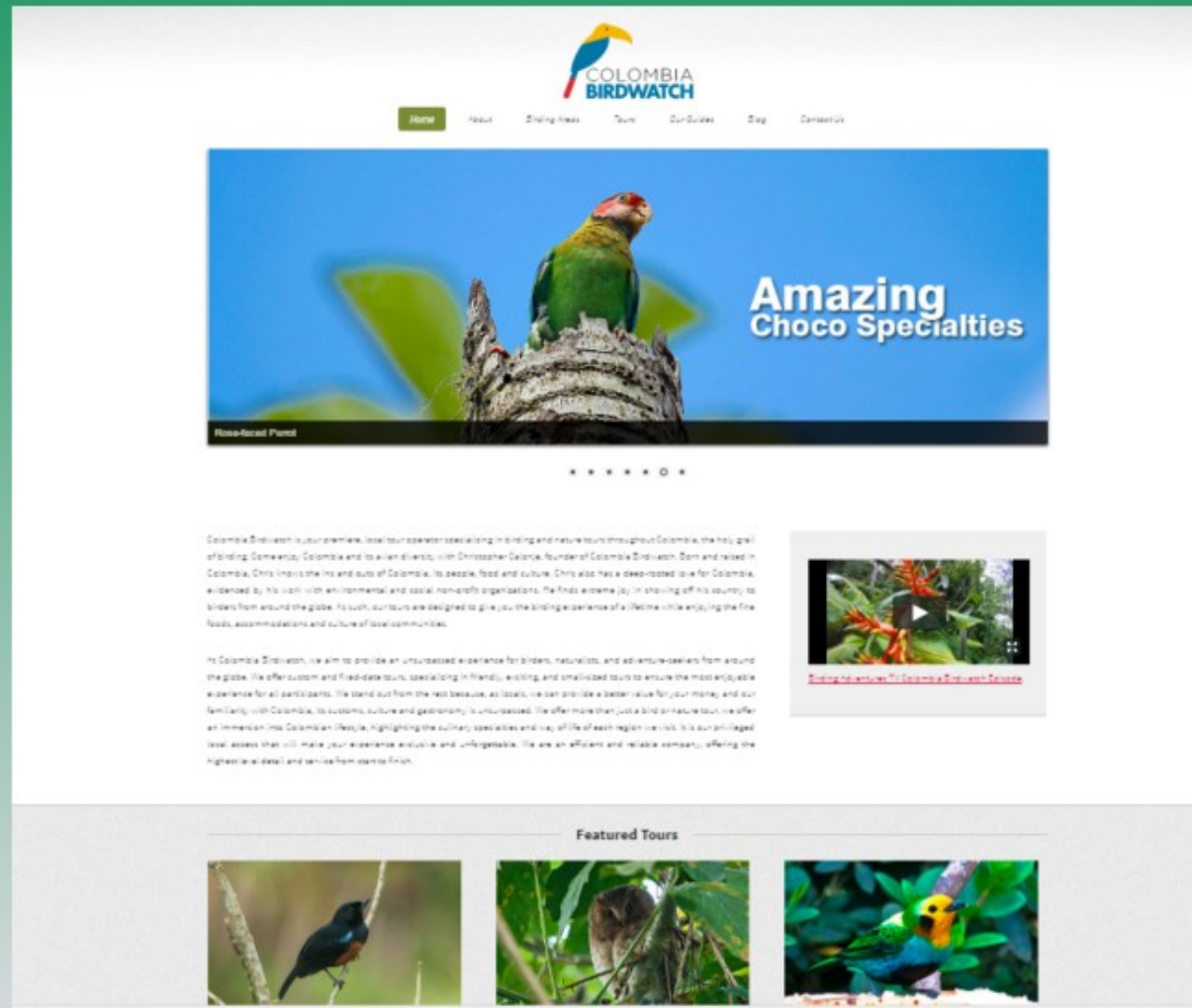
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# Creando La Marca





















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# Equipo Humano



## OUR TEAM

### Christopher Calonge

Chris founded Colombia Birdwatch in 2009 to promote sustainable tourism in his native Colombia. A Humboldt State University graduate, he has led hundreds of tours in all regions of Colombia. Chris devotes his time to various non-profit conservation groups and local communities.



### Jose Luna

Jose was born and raised in the western Andes of Colombia and has been birding since he was 16. He is our lead regional guide, and has shined amongst his colleagues for his proficiency in English and his ability to find birds.



### Vivian Carrascal

Vivian runs our welcoming committee and oversees our ground operations to ensure all trips run smoothly. She is also in charge of our cultural, history and culinary outings in the city of Cali.



### Giancarlo Ventolini

Giancarlo has been birding since 2012, and since that year has been preparing incessantly as a bilingual birding guide. His skills and personality has made him shine as one of the most brilliant guides in the Colombian birding scene.



### Oswaldo Cortes

Oswaldo has been birding in Colombia for most of his adult life and thus has a vast knowledge of the avifauna of Colombia. He is Colombia's #1 ebirder, and enjoys meeting and traveling with people from around the world.



### Juan Carlos Obando

Juan is a certified birding guide and biologist specializing in environmental impact assessment and focuses his studies on interactions between birds and plants. He loves sports and says that birds and bicycles are the best way to make new friends.



### Gilberto Collazos

Gilberto has been birding the Anchieta Valley for longer than anybody else. Working in the area for more than a decade as an orthodontist, his love of birds and the people in the region led him to make a career change to bird guiding.



### Alejandro Pinto

Alejandro has had experience with bird research since 2010 and has been a professional tour guide for five years. His field researches included topics like seed dispersal by birds and implications in natural restoration of habitats in Colombia.



### Jose Castaño

Jose has been studying birds since 2000 when he became interested in the protection of the Yellow-crowned Parrot. Jose was a founding member of Proaves, and helped to establish many successful nature reserves. Jose has been guiding professionally since 2008.



### Angel Ortiz

Angel has been guiding since 2007 and is a recent graduate of Audubon's bird guide training program. Since taking the course Angel has become one of the region's 'go to' birding guides and now oversees our operations in the Caribbean.



### Edwin Campbell

Edwin is a Panamanian-Colombian biologist. He has almost two decades of experience working with birds, spending five years in a Harpy Eagle conservation project in Soberania National Park. He guides in Panama and Colombia.



### Johanner Arango

Johanner has been birding for almost a decade and has been guiding birders to all regions of Colombia since 2009. He complements his job as a guide with biologic research activities, photography, graphic design and social initiatives, all as a volunteer for a local NGO.



### Diana Balcazar

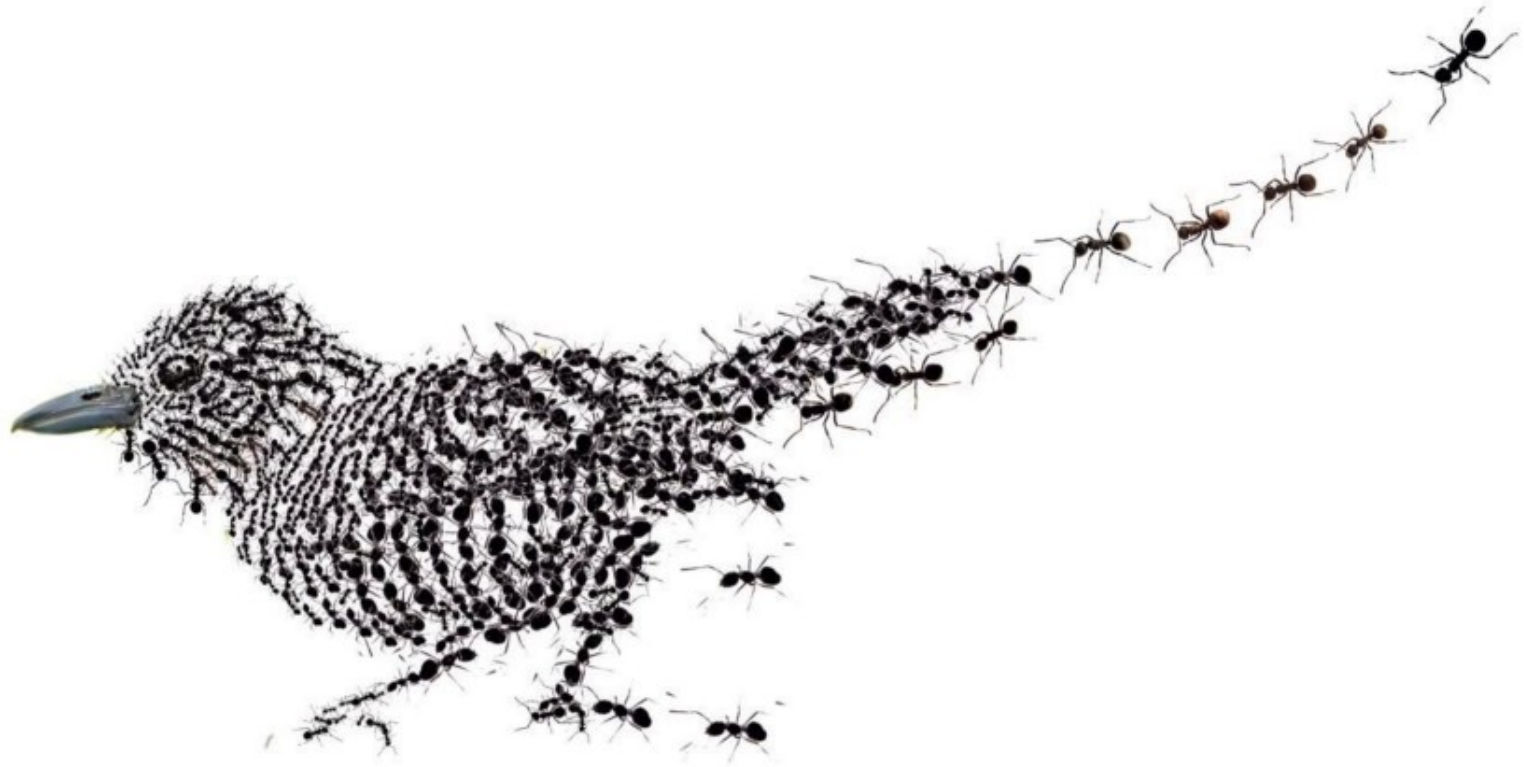
Diana has been interested in birds from an early age but began birding seriously in 1998 when she started working with her neighbors to protect urban wetlands. Her knowledge of the English language and her great skills with people led her to work since 2009 full time as a birding guide.



### Jaruen Rodriguez

Jaruen has been guiding since 2005 and is a recent graduate of Audubon's bird guide training program. He is director of a local guide association and helps oversee our operations in the Caribbean region of Colombia.







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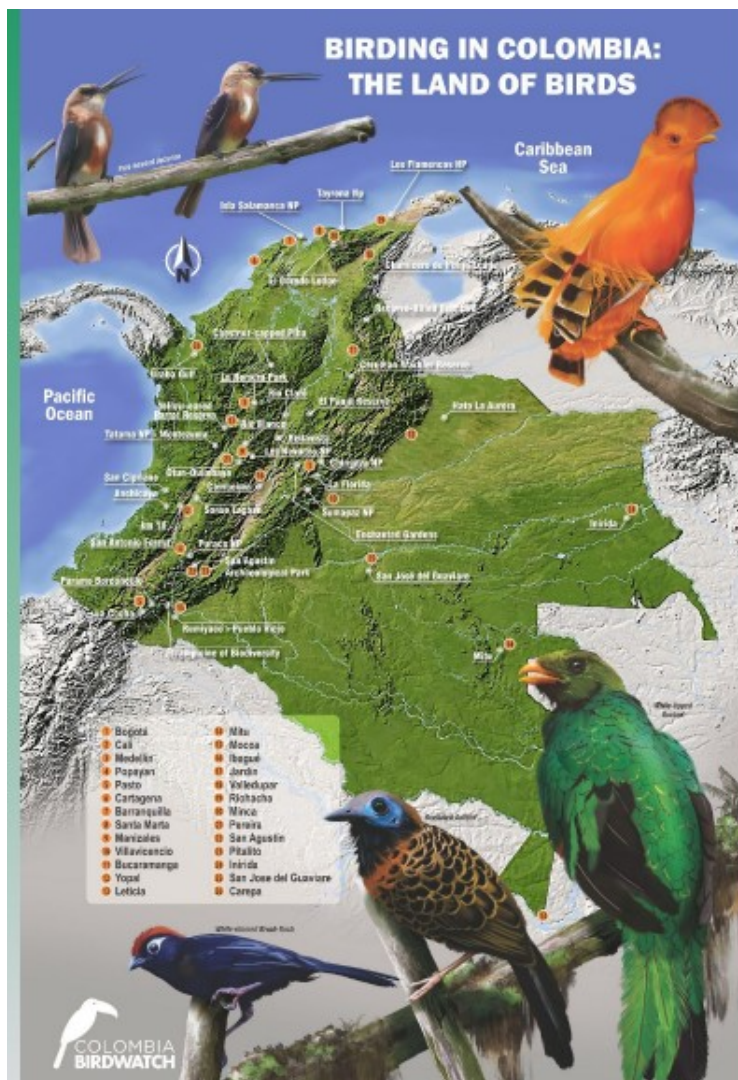
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A través del avistamiento de aves, este biólogo caleño quiere visibilizar la biodiversidad del país y su potencial para esta actividad

**S**on las 4:30 de la mañana y Christopher Calonje empieza a convocar a su grupo de avistadores de aves para que se acerquen a desayunar. Es el primer día de un tour que durará 20, y la jornada debe empezar con el amanecer. Los aficionados están a risaños por empezar a observar las especies, para cumplir los objetivos del viaje. Por lo general, los observadores buscan dos tipos de aves: las endémicas, es decir las que son propias de cada región, y las raras, aquellas que siempre se escapan de la vista, pero que divisarlas es el premio para



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CHRISTOPHER ASSEGURA  
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meses perfectos para el avistamiento  
de aves en Colombia

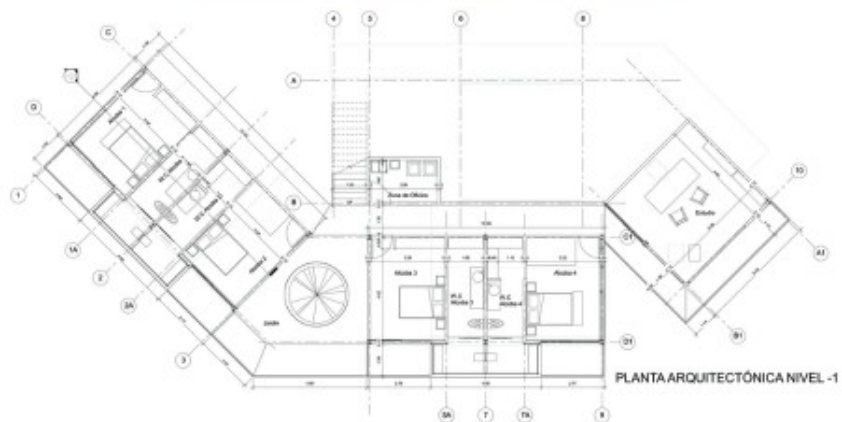


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**El señor de  
los pájaros**

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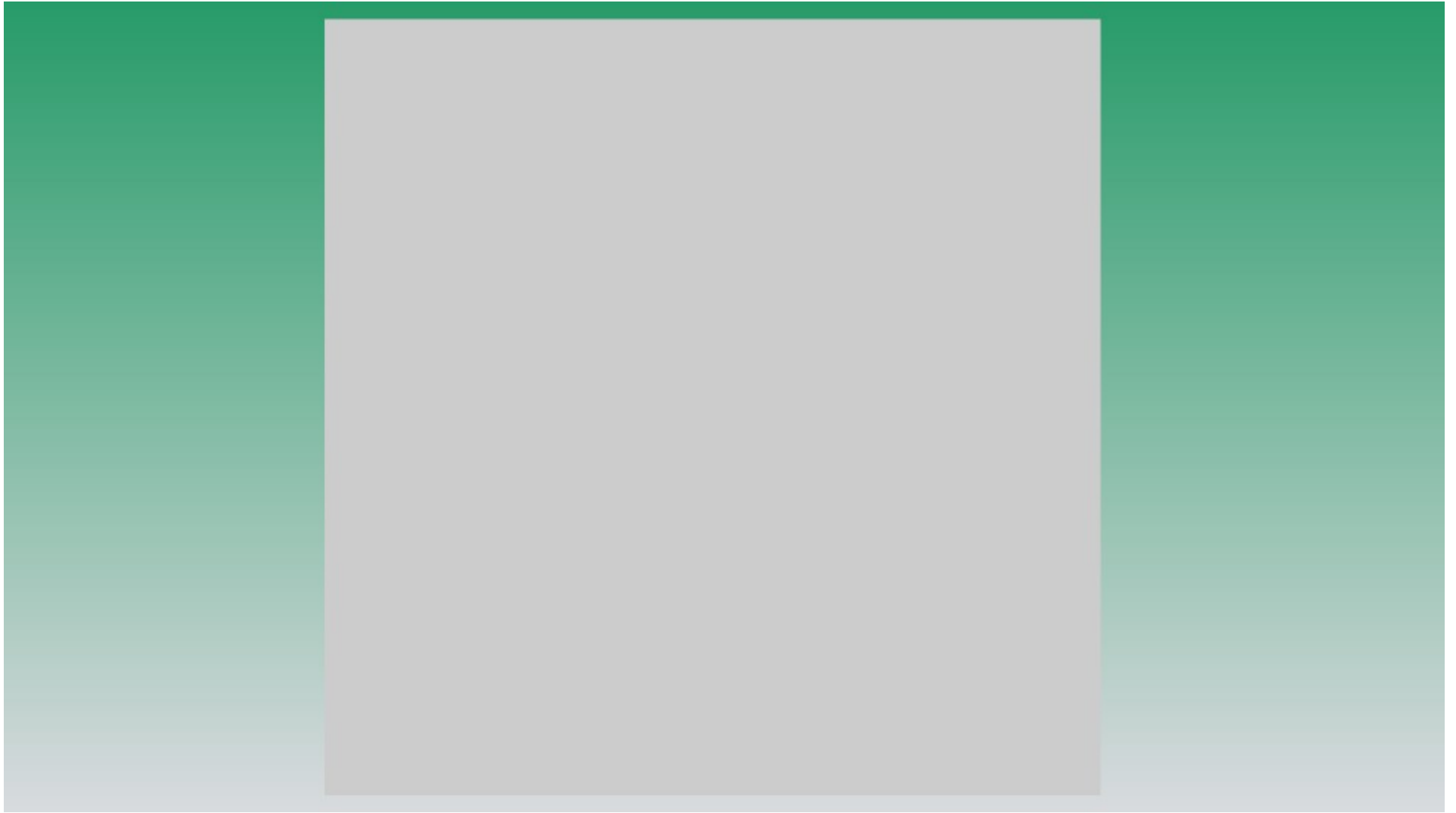


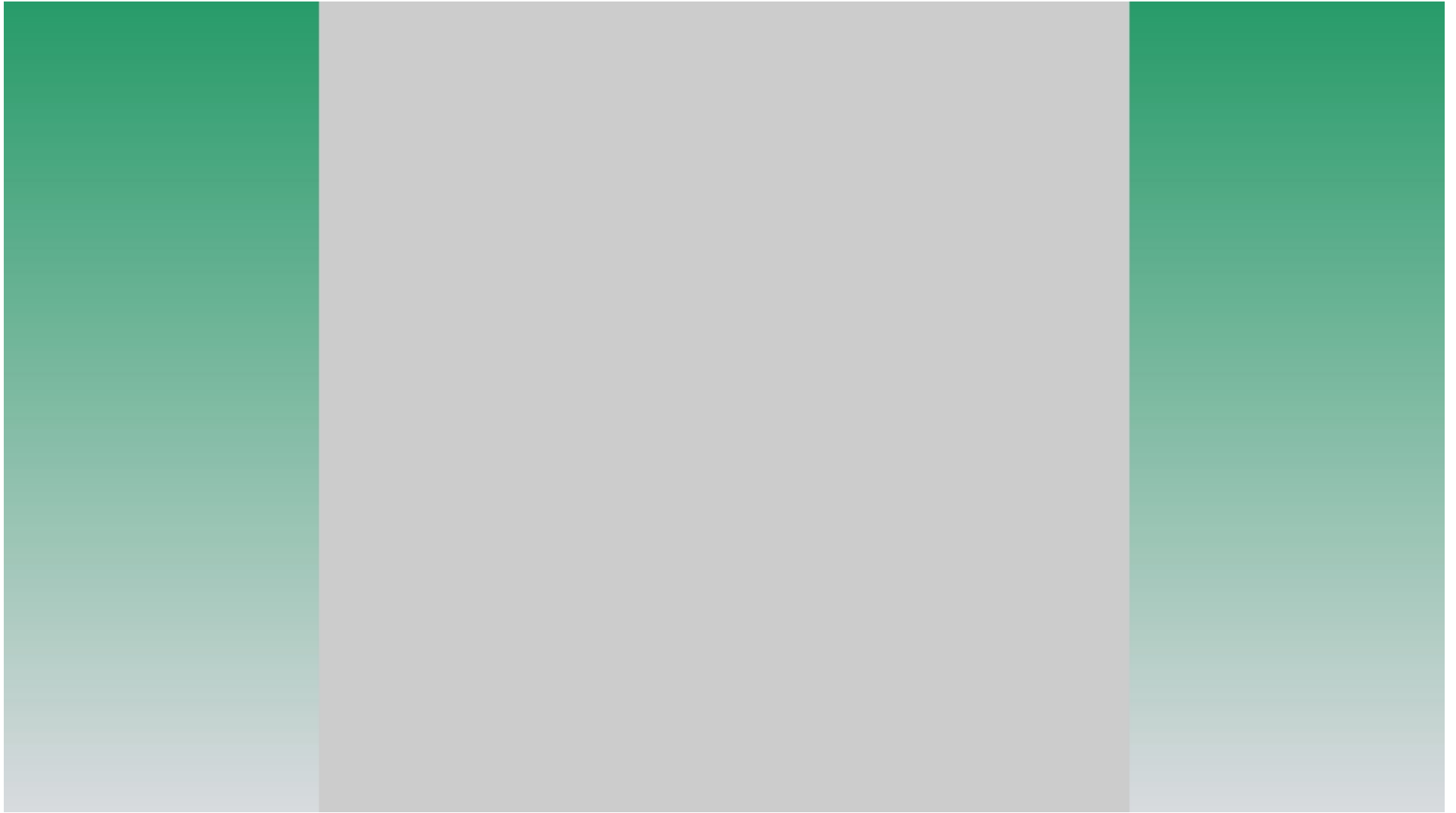
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