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## Gucci, Christian Louboutin, Trump and malls – News briefs

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*Petra Collins, on left, appeared in Gucci's fall/winter 2016 ad campaign*

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Marco Bizzarri is a man of his word. Looking back at the changes he set in motion two years ago to spearhead the turnaround of Gucci, the brand's president and chief executive officer can tick off two major goals on his original list. Not only did Bizzarri return Gucci to its moneymaker status within Kering, its parent company, but the Italian house has also regained its fashion prominence thanks to creative director Alessandro Michele's directional designs, reports Women's Wear Daily.

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Born in Paris, Christian Louboutin began work aged 17 at the Folies Bergre music hall, before his obsession with shoes led him to work for French designer Charles Jourdan and later Roger Vivier. Louboutin set up his own company in 1991, opening a store in Paris, per The Telegraph.

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