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Look from Lanvin spring/summer 2018. Image credit: Lanvin

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Lanvin is the oldest French fashion house still in operation. It was founded in 1889 by Jeanne Lanvin, a woman who smashed the glass ceiling almost a century before that term was invented. It is also a brand in turmoil, still reeling from the acrimonious 2015 exit of its much-loved figurehead Alber Elbaz, whose luxurious draped and ruffled dresses made the brand the toast of the red carpet throughout the noughties, says The Guardian.

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EU antitrust regulators will investigate whether the planned 46-billion-euro (\$54 billion) merger of Italian eyewear maker Luxottica and French lens manufacturer Essilor could drive out rivals from the market or push up prices, reports Reuters.

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In the Middle East, department stores are relatively new, well-received and can't be clones of their Western counterparts, according to WWD.

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In the latest installment of this series that goes inside the private working worlds of designers, Olivier Rousteing, creative director of Balmain, discusses the importance of loud music, breaking rules and facing down his critics.

And that's just what didn't make it into the video. This interview has been edited and condensed, per The New York Times.

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