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Swiss watch exports increased last month. Image credit: Net-a-Porter

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Swiss watch sales continued to grow in March, though at a slower pace than in the previous two months, the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry said on April 24, according to Women's Wear Daily.

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[At war with Alibaba: Top brands fight China's ecommerce giant](#)

Foreign companies say Alibaba punishes them for refusing exclusive deals, a charge the Chinese ecommerce giant denies, per Business of Fashion.

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["The world's first undersea residence": The Muraka launches in the Maldives](#)

With more than 100 resorts in the Maldives, it can be hard to decipher true points of distinction between one idyllic private-island retreat and another - overwater villas, Asian-inspired spas, dolphin-watching excursions and even aerial yoga classes are now nationwide staples, says The Telegraph.

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[Audi recalling 1.16M vehicles worldwide over coolant pump issue](#)

Volkswagen AG's luxury unit Audi said on April 24 that it was recalling 1.16 million vehicles worldwide because of concerns that an electric coolant pump could overheat or short-circuit from moisture within the pump and pose a fire risk, reports Reuters.

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