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## Mandarin Oriental, Balenciaga, Eleven James and Jaguar – News briefs

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*Mandarin Oriental. Image credit: Dennis Owen/Bloomberg*

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### [Mandarin Oriental hits South America amid new-hotel push](#)

Mandarin Oriental is opting for the safe bet over the big bet in South America. The luxury hotel operator is bypassing Sao Paulo, the region's cultural and financial hub, in favor of the relatively sedate Santiago, according to Bloomberg.

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### [Retail therapy: Balenciaga and the \\$250 key to nowhere](#)

It's been another weird week in retail. Balenciaga is back with a hotel key tag that costs more than a room at the Holiday Inn, a Walmart shopper was hailed as a hero for braving a rainstorm to return her cart and luxury retailers have officially jumped on board the reusable straw train, according to Retail Dive.

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### [What actually happened to Eleven James?](#)

On August 13, Hodinkee received an email from a current Eleven James member alerting us to the fact that the prominent watch-lending service was no longer responding to his emails. When we checked the Eleven James Web site, we found it to be totally unresponsive, failing to load over and over again. A perusal of the company's recent social media activity revealed that, depending on the platform, the company's channels haven't posted any new content since May or June 2018. All of this seemed a little strange to us, says Hodinkee.

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### [Jaguar Land Rover Heritage is opening a classic center in Georgia](#)

For an increasing number of European automakers, the business of supporting their classic models is becoming big business. Brands like Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini and are all in on the classic parts and restoration game, but

Jaguar Land Rover is going a step further by joining Mercedes-Benz in having a classic parts center in the US, reported CNET.

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