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Neiman Marcus Group fights against lawsuit

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MyTheresa.com is the source of Neiman Marcus lawsuit. Image credit: MyTheresa

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Department store chain Neiman Marcus is caught in a legal battle with a creditor over MyTheresa assets.

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Marble Ridge Capital filed a suit against the retailer in Dallas, Texas, claiming Neiman Marcus fraudulently transferred its MyTheresa assets to Ares Management and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board. The lawsuit has been building since Neiman Marcus attempted to restructure early this fall.

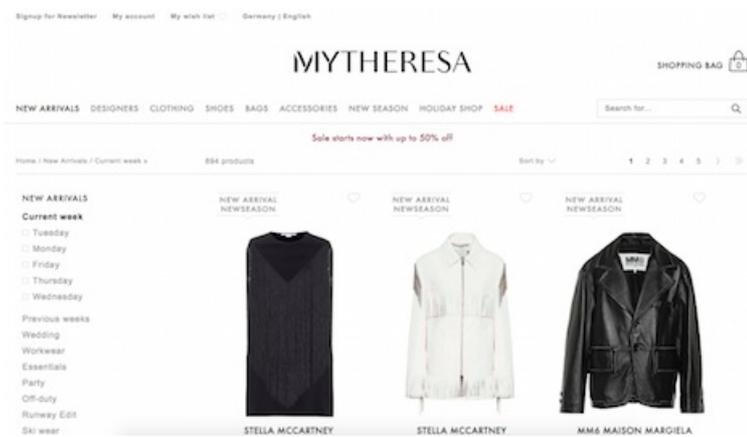
Lawsuits and claims

Neiman Marcus Group Inc. hit a wall in negotiations with its creditors due to a conflict over control of MyTheresa.com in September.

After a previous slump, the retailer was working with financial backers to lift its position. However, a plan to bring German ecommerce platform MyTheresa to sit directly under the Neiman Marcus Group has ruffled feathers with bondholders, with one claiming it would violate the group's loan agreement, according to *Women's Wear Daily* ([see story](#)).

Neiman Marcus has seen positive growth since then, and saw an adjusted EBITDA up 10.6 percent from the same quarter in the previous year.

The creditor, learned to be Marble Ridge Capital, has now filed in a Dallas court seeking relief of more than \$1 million.



Mytheresa.com is owned by Neiman Marcus

"A default under the revolver will set off a cascade of events leading to bankruptcy," said Marble Ridge in a statement. "Because the company is insolvent, in a bankruptcy unsecured creditors will recover only a small fraction of the par value of the company obligations that they hold."

"For the last three months, Marble Ridge has made numerous false statements in the press and has repeated them in this complaint," said Neiman Marcus in a response statement on Dec. 10. "The company will defend itself vigorously against these false allegations."

"Neiman Marcus is not and has never been in default, and is in full compliance with the terms of its debt agreements," it said.

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