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## Mercedes-Benz, Gucci, Ritz-Carlton and Balmain – News briefs

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Mercedes-Benz's A-Class sedan. Image credit: Mercedes

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When dealing with most automakers (Tesla being a notable exception), options and features are set in stone. Once you drive your new car off a dealer's lot, it's usually impossible to upgrade it. But Mercedes-Benz is trying to change that, albeit on a small scale, per Digital Trends.

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[Gucci owner owes \\$1.6B in taxes to Italy, audit finds](#)

Kering SA, the French owner of the Gucci luxury brand, owes about 1.4 billion euros (\$1.6 billion) to Italy in back taxes, according to the conclusions of a government audit, reports Bloomberg.

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[Iconic Ritz-Carlton sells after focus on upgrades](#)

Since 2012, Kennedy Wilson grew the ADR by 63 percent and per-room revenue by 100 percent at the Ritz-Carlton Lake Tahoe through capital and operational improvements including culinary, year-round and outdoor offerings, according to Globest.

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[Sex Education's Emma Mackey is Olivier Rousteing's new Balmain girl](#)

Balmain's return to couture after a 16-year hiatus saw a new member of Olivier Rousteing's little black book take in the collection from the front row: Emma Mackey. If you can't quite place the woman in wide shoulder pads and high-waisted vinyl trousers, it's perhaps because of her hair color, say British Vogue.

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