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## Manolo Blahnik, Herms, pickup trucks and Nigeria – News briefs

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Manolo Blahnik International Ltd. is planning "significant strategic investment" in its North American operations as it prepares to take control of business in the region after 37 years, reports Women's Wear Daily.

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Once upon a time, the Herms Birkin could arguably have been called the rarest handbag in the world. Urban myths abounded about how to buy and who was allowed to buy, rumors of wait lists were taken as gospel and the lucky few able to acquire a bag guarded their insider status as if it were a state secret, per The New York Times.

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