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## Safilo, Blenders Eyewear, Rolls-Royce, RH and Marriott International

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*St. Regis Venice on the Grand Canal. Image credit: St. Regis Venice*

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Luxury Daily's live news:

### [Italy's Safilo on new ecommerce journey with control of California-chic Blenders Eyewear](#)

Italy's Safilo Group, a maker of sunglasses and eyeglass frames, has completed the acquisition of a 70 percent stake in Californian ecommerce retailer Blenders Eyewear that is popular with millennials and Gen Z consumers.

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### [Rolls-Royce unveils new "Inspiring Greatness" film with adventure photographer Cory Richards](#)

Fresh from resuming production after the COVID-19 lockdown, British automaker Rolls-Royce Motor Cars has debuted the next installment in its "Inspiring Greatness" series of films featuring National Geographic photographer and explorer Cory Richards.

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RH, the retailer formerly known as Restoration Hardware, is preparing for a Sisyphean challenge: taking its premium home furnishings brand to the luxury echelons with a foray into hospitality, food and dining, yachts and home-building.

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Marriott International, owner of hotel brands such as the Ritz-Carlton, St. Regis and the Luxury Collection, will extend its furloughs and reduced workweek schedules through Oct. 2 as the hospitality giant grapples with the fallout of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

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