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# Day's wrap: Rolls-Royce, MatchesFashion, Sferra, Alrosa, Taubman and Simon

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The majestic Rolls-Royce Phantom flagship. Image courtesy of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars

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#### Luxury Daily's live news:

# Sharing name with troubled aircraft engine maker, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars clarifies yet again

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars has been forced to issue a stern clarification that it is not to be confused for Rolls-Royce plc, a British aircraft engine maker in trouble over stalled orders due to the COVID-19 crisis.



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# UK's Matches Fashion withdraws offending swimwear with Hindu gods pictured front and back

The London-based MatchesFashion pulled the Amiri-brand swimming trunks from its offerings within a day of being called out for trivializing Hindu religious beliefs.

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#### Sferra tests US direct retail waters with first pop-up store in Southampton on East Coast

While available in the U.S. through its wholesale channel of department stores and specialty retailers, this is Sferra first company-run retail outlet in North America.

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# Alrosa, world's No. 1 diamond miner, to auction three jewelry items via Christie's for pandemic support

Alrosa, the world's largest diamond miner, will auction three pieces of jewelry created by Anna Hu to support healthcare workers confronting the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak.

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# In battle of US malls, Taubman to contest Simon's decision to walk away from \$3.6B acquisition deal

The COVID-19 outbreak and lockdown took another casualty in U.S. retail with the termination of mall owner Simon Property Group's contract to buy rival Taubman Centers for \$3.6 billion. But Taubman is set to vigorously contest that unilateral move.

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# How to get digital premieres right

Digital premieres have become all the rage as luxury brands from BMW to Chanel look to build buzz and showcase new products in the era of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

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# Call for nominations: Luxury Women to Watch 2021

Even as more women ascend the decision-making ranks at luxury marketers amid the current healthcare crisis, work needs to be done to attract them to C-suite and key marketing, retail, media and digital positions in a business that shows resilience and long-term focus in good times and bad.

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