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Rolls-Royce, MatchesFashion, Sferra, Alrosa, Taubman and Simon

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Oh God no: Hindu deities emblazoned across a pair of swimming trunks from Aniri that was withdrawn from MatchesFashion after an objection. Image credit: MatchesFashion, Aniri

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