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## Day's wrap: BMW, Phillips, premium spirits, mobile payments and Future of Luxury eConference

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*BMW has introduced its eDrive Zone service in select U.K. cities. Image credit: BMW*

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**Consumers will opt for premium and local spirits after COVID: IWSR**

The coronavirus pandemic will have a lasting impact across the global beverage alcohol market according to a new report from market researcher IWSR.

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### Contactless payments more common due to COVID concerns

Use of mobile or contactless payments is on the rise as weary consumers avoid touching common surfaces, per new research from the National Retail Federation and Forrester.

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As the COVID-19 pandemic has kept consumers worldwide closer to home this year, many are opting to invest in renovations to make their abodes more comfortable and state-of-the-art.

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