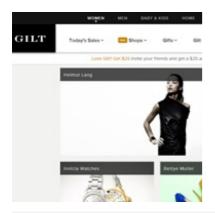


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Gilt Groupe founders gab about the future of commerce

In Gilt Groupe co-founders Alexis Maybank and Alexandra Wilkis Wilson's new book, By Invitation Only: How We Built Gilt and Changed the Way Millions Shop, which hits shelves today, the co-founders trace the story of their company's success and how, along with co-founders Kevin Ryan, Mike Bryzek and Phong Nguyen, they reinvented luxury shopping—online and off.

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Ippolita readies for its retail unveil

The 13-year-old fine jewelry company, which has been confined to the jewelry cases of upscale retailers such as Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman, Harrods and Lane Crawford, is opening its first store in New York this September.

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Even with the economy just starting to pull out of the doldrums, the luxury market has

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