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Herms posts 14pc revenue bump, hitting \$12.1B through Q3

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An Herms boutique in New Jersey's Princeton neighborhood nods to the original architectural touches of the surrounding shopping arcade, built in 1843. Image credit: Herms

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French fashion and leather goods house Herms is navigating challenging economic conditions, coming out on top this quarter.

The company's revenue reached 11.2 billion euros, or \$12.1 billion at current exchange, up 14 percent year-over-year at constant rates in the first nine months of the year. Herms is posting a growth rate of 11 percent on the same basis for Q3 2024, hitting \$4 billion in sales, proving resilient in the face of a persistent luxury market slowdown.

"In a more uncertain economic and geopolitical context, I want to thank all employees for the robust third-quarter performance, and our customers for their loyalty," said Axel Dumas, executive chairman at Herms, in a statement.

"Thanks to the singularity of its model, Herms is continuing its recruitments and long-term investments."

Leather goods drive gains

Executives have witnessed standout y-o-y performances at constant exchange rates across all regions in the third quarter, including those where peers have struggled to resonate with luxury consumers lately (see story).

In Japan, sales are up 22.8 percent compared to the same three-month period in 2023. Sales in Asia, excluding Japan, rose just 1 percent during the term, with notable activity in markets including Korea, Singapore, Australia and Thailand offsetting losses in Greater China.

The Americas, another notoriously tough market for high-end players, increased sales by 13.4 percent.

Its France business fielded a 13.1 percent y-o-y boost. A statement notes that the latter metric was achieved "despite a slight slowdown in traffic in the Parisian stores due to the Olympic Games."



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Elsewhere in Europe, revenues jumped 20.3 percent. The Middle East showed the highest regional growth, doubling its sales year-over-year.

Its final Q3 2024 growth figure lands at an impressive 104.4 percent.

By sector, leather goods and saddlery led with a 14 percent increase.

Ready-to-wear followed closely at 13.5 percent growth, while perfumes and beauty, as well as jewelry and Herms home products, delivered a 10.6 percent and 13.6 percent uptick, respectively.

Watches is the only product category to lag behind y-o-y, declining by 6 percent after a strong prior-year period.

Despite a complex landscape, Herms attributes the realization of positive results quarter-after-quarter to its "highly integrated artisanal model, the balanced distribution network, the creativity of collections and the loyalty of clients," per a statement.

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