

Where Consumers Shop for Luxury Goods

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Key findings

Key facts to share

STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

Luxury retail moves beyond the transactional model to storytelling and experience
Macro and climate forces continue to reshape the luxury retail landscape
Luxury spending continues its shift from goods to elevated luxury experience
Asia Pacific at the helm of luxury retail but growth tempered by China's headwinds
Wealth as a status symbol takes on new dimensions amid consumer diversification
The middle class and their aspirational spending still paramount for luxury retailers
Asia's new wealth expansion positions the region as the next frontier for luxury retail
India poised as a strategic growth market for luxury retailers thanks to wealth expansion
Cross-border shopping in flux as new tariffs and tourism trends reshape consumption
Galeries Lafayette opens its first luxury department store in India, in autumn 2025
Dolce & Gabbana takes over the San Domenico Palace in Sicily, for summer 2025
Offline retailers adopt new strategies to stay competitive amid strong e-commerce growth

OFFLINE RETAIL

Physical stores remain the cornerstone of luxury retail despite digital growth
Luxury retailers and brands continue to explore the role of their brick-and-mortar stores
Despite challenges, department stores remain leaders in personal luxury goods sales
Luxury department stores face a heightened era of disruption and rising competition
Luxury consumers continue to crave the physical aspect of in-store shopping
Physical stores became engagement hubs rather than pure transactional spaces
Retailers are trading excess inventory space for memorable experiences
The power of control in the luxury digital space leads some brands to go it alone
Selfridges rewards time spent in its stores and plans to open a private members' club
Ralph Lauren turns London's Sloane Square into a holiday pop-up with a philanthropic twist
Navigating a shifting landscape through digitalisation
A seamless shopping experience expected throughout their entire shopping journey
Elevating the online luxury shopping experience through innovation and personalisation
Social media disrupts how consumers interact with retailers through live streaming
Advanced technologies continue to transform the face of luxury retail

CONCLUSION

Luxury retail future remains optimistic, defined more by mindset than by price tag

Key emerging markets will offer luxury retailers opportunities to diversify beyond China

Retail goes beyond the boutique into third spaces and immersive shopping experiences

Experience-led channels will increasingly become the future of luxury retail

Recommendations/how to win

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Definitions (1/2)

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