# Global State of Luxury 2024

# An industry underscored by change





"Regular Black Swan events are our <u>norm;</u> having a clear end goal is critical to navigate this degree of change and disruption"

Luxury CEO 2023

# The luxury players are faced with a challenging and evolving environment, with shifting markets, consumers, categories and channels

Global Personal Luxury Goods Market is expected to generate \$410B in 2023<sup>1</sup>

GUCCI HERMES PARIS DIOR ROLEX Cartier

26% of market accounted for by US &14% accounted for by China

Luxury apparel and leather goods make up 34% and 19% of market

**3-7% expected CAGR** through 2023-2028, slowed from 11% (2020-2023)<sup>2</sup>

24% revenue made up by top 7 brands





Slowing luxury demand vs. post-COVID boom

By 2026, **75%+** of luxury consumers will be **younger cohorts** (Gen Y and Z)<sup>3</sup>

Mature markets like US and China are facing economic challenges and pulling back on luxury spending



Hard luxury goods, beauty and personal care categories expected to lead sector growth



Slowing e-commerce growth and expect to normalize to pre-COVID levels

#### What Do Consumers Value?

Exclusivity Personalization Quality

### Authenticity



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Excludes experiential luxury categories (e.g., hospitality, cars, etc.), estimates are projecting a 5% reduction in this total based on H2 results
 Historical market values from Euromonitor; forecasted CAGR range calibrated via various sources
 The Altagamma Foundation: True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight 2023
 Source: Euromonitor, The Altagamma Foundation

Inflation, waning consumer confidence and spend appetite created a challenging macro environment for the sector in 2023 Factors Impacting 2023 Performance

Inflationary Pressures



### Global Fragility

Slowing Growth in China

Heavy Holiday Discounting

Source: Business of Fashion, Vogue Business, Adobe Analytics, Kearney

There's a challenging macro environment coming across from all regions, I think this is something that has been quite unique, because historically if you get softness in one region you're able to pick it up in another.

- Jonathan Akeroyd, Burberry CEO

**66** After three roaring years, and outstanding years, growth is converging toward numbers that are more **in line with historical average.** 

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Jean-Jacques Guiony, LVMH CFO

With the headwinds in 2023, brands applied various strategies to address market dynamics

#### Consolidation via M&A

- L'Oreal buys Aesop in \$2.5B deal
- Kering acquires 30% stake in Valentino
- Tapestry acquires Capri Holdings in \$8.5B deal

#### Expansion into Beauty

- Prada debuts skincare and beauty lines, Prada Skin and Prada color
- Richemont launches new fragrance and beauty division

#### **Quiet Luxury Wave**

- Brunello Cucinelli saw
  +27.5% growth in first
  9 months of 2023 vs.
  2022
- Quiet luxury searches up 614% on Google in past year (Jun '23)

#### Double Down on Boutiques

 Luxury groups including LVMH, Kering and Richemont added 650,000 square feet of retail space in the past 12 months<sup>1</sup>

#### Cost Cutting Programs

- Farfetch lays off 11% of headcount and closes offices and retail locations in costcutting program
- Ssense lays off 7% of headcount

#### Successful Pricing Strategies

- Chanel increases bag prices internationally in September, up to 17% for its most popular styles
- Hermes elevated prices by 5-10% in January

1. JLL Luxury Report 2023 Source: Company news & financial reports, JLL, Business of Fashion, Google Trends

#### Despite efforts, an industry-wide slowdown was observed after H1 2023

#### Sector Performance of Top Luxury Players CY23 vs. CY22 growth, by quarter<sup>1</sup>



Slight variances in quarterly and past 9M reporting timing by company ource: Company earnings reports

### **Global Luxury Goods Market Outlook** 2018-2028, \$USD million



KEARNEY 1. Historical market value and absolute projected val 2. Includes luxury eyewear, writing instruments and sources

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Luxury's top two markets are projected to experience slowing growth while grappling with individual market dynamics

#### **Top Markets: Luxury Goods** 2023, % market share

			Hist. CAGR '20-23	Proj. CAGR '23-28E
USA		26%	18%	3%
China	14%		14%	10%
Japan	6%		2%	5%
UK	6%		14%	6%
France	5%		6%	4%
Italy	5%		9%	3%
South Korea	4%		9%	7%
Germany	4%		8%	4%
Hong Kong	3%		19%	6%
Taiwan	2%		6%	4%
Non Top 10		26%	8%	6%

Top 10 markets account for **~75%** of luxury market, with **China** still driving majority of growth despite market slowdown Aspirational shopper fatigue

Political uncertainty

End to COVID relief

#### **Millionaire migration**

#### China

USA

Domestic economic struggles "One China" policy Rise of Guochao and national pride Crackdown on displays of wealth

#### Growth markets will play a critical role in the development of luxury

#### Luxury Growth Markets



#### India

- Rising incomes, increased digital connectivity and middle-class lifestyle changes driving growth
- Consumer confidence reached four-year high in Sep 20232



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China

#### \$59B +10%

market value 2028 CAGR

Proj. 2023-

2023

- Continued appetite for domestic shopping and tourism
- Brands investing in local store openings and luxury developments



#### Southeast Asia<sup>3</sup>

#### \$13B +6%

- Rebound of regional tourism
- Younger consumers buying luxury in part driven by Kpop boom



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Highlights on select disruptive forces shaping 2024

#### Sustainability Imperative

Refining Channel Strategies

### Luxury Market

Sweeping Role of Technology

Supply Chains for Uncertainty

#### Channel dynamics continue to normalize post pandemic

**Refining Channel Strategies** 





#### **Owned Retail**

- The boutique continues to serve as the primary connection point
- Expectations for owned retail are rising to be immersive, emotional, frictionless

#### Wholesale

- Wholesale is recovering after loss of share from DTC & e-commerce boom
- Remains an important channel for brands to broaden reach and offload inventory risk

#### **E-Commerce**

- E-commerce post-covid growth slowed as consumers return to stores
- 68% of customers say that COVID-19 has elevated their expectations of companies' digital capabilities<sup>1</sup>

In-store shopping will continue to dominate the luxury market, while social commerce maintains momentum

**Refining Channel Strategies** 



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### Mono-brand boutiques shine

- Renewed appetite for instore experiences and return of post-pandemic footfall will benefit monobrand boutiques
- Brands are upgrading the boutique shopping experience with omnichannel & digital elements (interactive dressing rooms, personalized product recommendations, etc.)

#### Return to travel

- Rebound of transcontinental tourism and rise of "bleisure" (business & leisure) travel drives growth in duty-free and international retail
- The traditional travel retail value proposition is due for a refresh – eroding price effectiveness & misaligned assortment are key pain points for Fashion consumers

### Continued surge of social commerce

- Social commerce adoption, led by China, growing at 30% (2023-2030)<sup>1</sup>
- Brands are implementing livestream shopping (e.g., Douyin), one-click & in-app checkout, and XR experiences to drive conversion and engage with consumers at different touchpoints

Growing regulatory momentum will put pressure on brands to accelerate sustainability efforts

Sustainability Imperative

New York State Senate, Kearney



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Sep '23: US Fashioning Accountability and **Building Real** Institutional Change Act (*Proposed*)

Dec '23: EU Ecodesign for Sustainable Product Regulation (Provisional Agreement)

Q1 '24: US SEC **Climate Disclosure** (Expected Approval)

Q4 '24: EU Textile labelling regulation, revision (Expected Proposal)

(Approved)

Sep '23: EU Microplastics Ban, under REACH (Approved)

Jan '24: Canada **Protection Against** Forced and Child Labor (*In Effect*)



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Waste management

**Financial** 

disclosure

instruments

**Preventative** 

eco-design

Q4 '24: EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (Expected Approval)



Responsible labor practices



**Plastic usage** restrictions



Fashion and retail brands are increasingly susceptible to a variety of demand and supply shocks across the supply chain

**Supply Chains for Uncertainty** 

Source: WWD, Business of Fashion, Kearney

Supply chain	
shutdowns driven	
by geopolitical	
and health risks	
(e.g., Ukraine,	
Israel conflicts)	

Raw material

jeopardized by

looming climate

production

crisis

Sourcing restrictions from ethical, environmental and labor concerns (e.g., Xinjiang)

Facility shutdowns from increased scrutiny over **labor violations**  Poor forecasting leading to

insufficient transportation capacity and service issues

**Channel shifts** to DTC or recommerce Brand reputation damage and demand shifts from conscious consumption Shifting retail seasons (see now buy now, drop model) require to expedited timelines and more agility

Near and On-shoring

 Reduces exposure to geopolitical risks, unlocks faster speed to market

 European brands are already leveraging production in Eastern Europe and Middle East Tightened Vertical Integration & Collaboration

- Increases control & visibility
- LVMH acquired stake in tanneries and leather manufacturers; Brunello Cucinelli & Chanel in knitwear suppliers

#### E2E Traceability

- Build traceability via aggregation of standardized data, joint process ownership with upstream suppliers, and origin testing
- Brands are adopting digital solutions (e.g., FibreTrace, EON)

# Disruptive technologies are allowing brands to elevate consumer experiences and optimize operations

Sweeping Role of Technology

#### Gen Al in Go-To-Market

- Accelerating go-to-market lead time
- Enabling agility in product development
- Automating low value-add activities



**Moncler** uses Algenerated photos in London Fashion Week campaign

#### Virtual Merchandising

- Enabling global, real-time purchasing
- Reducing operating costs
- Unlocking data driven consumer insights



Ralph Lauren partners with AR startup Obsess to reduce physical sample making

#### Blockchain & RFID for Traceability

- Providing consumers affirmation of authenticity
- Combating counterfeit risks
- Enhancing supply chain visibility



Alexander Mcqueen's label MCQ embeds blockchain + NFC technology in product tag



**Tommy Hilfiger** launches digital fashion items generated by Al



Watch retailer Chrono24 enables customers to try on Rolex and Omega watches via its virtual showroom



Aura Blockchain Consortium, first global luxury blockchain to improve digital traceability

## **Final Thoughts**

Unprecedented consumer and market shifts will continue

Clarity of vision and path forward are critical to weather the changes

Relying on historical resilience will leave brands behind

#### Thank you

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