

# LUXURY GOODS WORLDWIDE MARKET STUDY, SPRING 2019

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# PERSONAL LUXURY GOODS MARKET IN 2018 CONFIRMED THE "NEW NORMAL" STARTED IN 2017



# STRONG 2018 HOLIDAY SEASON ALMOST EVERYWHERE ACROSS THE WORLD



#### CHINESE CONSUMERS CONFIRMED AS KEY MARKET ENGINE

- Chinese consumers driving market growth: accelerations in domestic spending, at the expense of its neighbors, Hong Kong and Macau
- Uncertainties on US China trade war causing continuing decline in Asian travel to the US



#### TOURISM ACCELERATION FUELING POSITIVE GROWTH FOR EUROPE

- Weakening of the Euro against all major currencies causing increased tourist inflows to Continental Europe
- Positive final quarter for the region, although with differences across countries: Brexit in UK and continuous socio-political protests in France represent potential risks for the future of the region



#### TEMPORARY WEAKENING OF AMERICAN CONSUMERS' SPENDING

- Ongoing changes in US tax plan creating temporal uncertainties, negatively impacting consumer spending on personal luxury goods
- Malls and department stores underperforming as traffic continues to decline, while monobrand stores maintain a positive growth trend

### **POSITIVE Q1 2019** PERFORMANCE, WITH CHINESE SPENDING DYNAMICS FUELING GLOBAL LUXURY SCENE



### 2019 FULL-YEAR OUTLOOK BY REGION (1/2)

#### **AMERICAS**



US maintaining its positive growth, fueled by full-price channels with strong domestic consumption in the retail and online segments, plus revamped tourist flows from Mexico and Brazil; off-price channel suffering from lower footfall, sign of an uncertain aspirational customer

On the radar: evolving **US – China trade agreements** pose potential risk to **luxury consumers' confidence** in the coming months

**Mexico** on the rise; **Canada** still on a positive trend, thanks to favorable exchange rate **boosting local consumption** and offsetting reduction in **tourist purchases** 

Differences across countries in domestic consumptions; regional performance increasingly stimulated by tourists inflows and spending due to weakening currency

Weakening macro-economic outlook, political evolution following recent elections and unclear development on Brexit agreement potentially damaging overall confidence of local consumers towards luxury spending

# EUROPE

#### MAINLAND CHINA



Price harmonization, consumer-centered strategies and governmental initiatives continuing to favor local purchases: cross-border luxury shopping still on a declining trend, yet relevant in Europe due to exchange rate effect

Solid consumer confidence and willingness to buy, especially among young generations, sustaining luxury purchases; digital channel providing an extra boost

### 2019 FULL-YEAR OUTLOOK BY REGION (2/2)



**Positive growth trend** across the entire region, except in **Hong Kong** and **Macau**, impacted by **reduced tourist spending** (mainly from Chinese)

Expanding middle class's disposable income fueling growth in SEA countries: **Indonesia, Philippines** and **Vietnam in the spotlight** 

Sustained growth in S. Korea, particularly in downtown locations, primarily fueled by local consumers, with a mild but encouraging rebound of tourist flows

Japan maintaining its exclusivity: boost in travel retail favored by the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games, with Chinese tourists confirming their interests in the region

Increasing average ticket as 'new rich' from SEA still prefer splurging in Japan due to more product choice: creation of new routes for grey market

*'Ikina-rich'* on the rise: young tech entrepreneurs less interested in ostentatious luxury and more in experiences

**Confirmed uncertainties** across **Middle East:** domestic consumer spending flowing outside region as currency appreciates; **e-commerce** and **soft luxury** registering positive acceleration

Growth in Australia slowing down as foreign purchase restrictions and capital controls raise in China

Newly emerging economies still timid in showing their potential, mainly due to infrastructural gaps



**JAPAN** 

# GLOBAL LUXURY GOODS GROWTH IN **2019** EXPECTED **STEADY**, CONFIRMING THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH CONTRIBUTION OF THE VARIOUS REGIONS



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# **SOLID MID-TERM GROWTH** TO 2025, DRIVEN BY POSITIVE FUNDAMENTALS, WITH SOME POSSIBLE BUMPS ALONG THE ROAD

#### 2025 Personal luxury goods market trends



 Chinese customers will account for 45%+ of the global market, with half of their luxury purchases happening in Mainland China



 Online channel representing 25% of global market value, with 100% of luxury purchases digitally enabled



- New generations (Y+Z) delivering 130% of future market growth
- **Digital penetration** fostering store network consolidation and leading to a radical change in **physical stores' role**
- Cultures/sub-cultures and new consumption trends will arise

#### Personal luxury goods market forecast | €B



@K: growth at constant exchange rates

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# **UNDER THE SURFACE** OF A NEW NORMAL PHASE OF MARKET GROWTH: **NEXT GEN LUXURY IS ARISING**





#### **NEW-GENERATION**

Chinese Gen Z - the "segment to watch": significant spending force, impulse buyers, proud and empowered

#### **POST-OWNERSHIP**

Paradigm shift in consumption favoring access over ownership (e.g. Rental)

Accelerating 2<sup>nd</sup> hand market favored by digital players with global scale

#### **AFTER-LIFE**

Sustainability, Social responsibility and Circular fashion as a new mantra: new vision for the environment, for human labor and animal welfare



#### **BEYOND-PHYSICAL**

**Digital** disrupting the entire luxury **value chain** and asking for a holistic redesign of the entire **technology eco-system** 

Experience and ecosystem over product



#### **ABOVE-VOLUME/PRICE**

Customer networks as the new and exponential measure of value, beyond product and brand

# **INSURGENT** BRANDS AND BUSINESS MODELS ARE **CHALLENGING** THE RULES OF THE GAME, ASKING **ESTABLISHED** BRANDS FOR A **FULL TRANSFORMATION**



#### **Creativity-led transformation needed for established luxury giants**

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### METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

Revenues at retail equivalent value



• Each player consolidated sales are *retailized* through the following methodology:



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