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Our editorial round-up of some of the newest, best and brightest updates from the world of luxury.

A Golden Opportunity

The Kaigai Experiences Series unites the finest wines, astounding gastronomic offerings and art.

Prior to the 25th Kaigai Fine Wine and Whisky Charity sale on 6 October, the Japanese wine auction house and wholesale distributor of rare and fine wines will be holding its Kaigai Experiences Series. Between 11 September and 14 October, Kaigai will hold four unique wine dinners at Tokyo establishments Chateau Branaire-Ducru, Chateau Rauzan-Segla, Crony and La Pioche, which are exclusively available to Kaigai's auction-goers. Those with hearty appetites and an eager auction paddle, move quickly – Kaigai is offering up to two seats per dinner to *Robb Report Malaysia*'s readers (a seat costs ¥9,000 and upwards per person).

www.kaigaiasia.jp

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Queen of Diamonds

Roberto Coin's most lavish piece from Baselworld 2019 proves to be an absolute stunner.

If there's a woman who knows what jewellery fit for a queen is, it's Dame Joan Collins – yes, she of *Dynasty* fame – which is why you ought to take a look at this Maharani Necklace, which was previously worn by her. Created by Italian jewellery designer Roberto Coin, the unique necklace is crafted from white gold and set with 1,754 diamonds weighing a total of 84.61 carats. The price? A thoroughly royal RM1.97 million – justifiably extravagant for a piece that should carry through several dynasties of your own.

www.robertocoin.com



Warrior Writer

Graf von Faber-Castell's Pen of the Year is an ode to samurai tradition and legend.

The Pen of the Year 2019 from Graf von Faber-Castell is deeply rooted in the spirit of the samurai. The Samurai Black Edition Pen of the Year (RM28,000) has a painted metal barrel with 24-carat gold plating, embellished in the style of traditional samurai armour. A quote from the legendary warrior Miyamoto Mushashi, "Cultivate both – your spirit and wisdom", is engraved on the PVD-coated titanium cap. Each of the 330 pieces is individually numbered.

www.graf-von-faber-castell.com

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Silver Side Up

Marvel at Theo Fennell's eye-catching, masterfully crafted British silverware.

Gain inspiration for your own modern heirloom when you visit the Theo Fennell Gallery in Chelsea, London this month, which will be showcasing an exhibition of its unique and devilishly intricate silverware between 9 and 20 September. It may be that a sterling silver chocolate box in the shape of a hot-air balloon (£39,500) or a silver and gilt Game Birds chess set (£250,000) take your fancy. Should you decide to commission a Theo Fennell piece, the possibilities are endless: requests to engrave crests, reproduce photographs or realise far wilder ideas are readily entertained at the brand's design studio and workshop.

www.theofennell.com



Bottle Service

Transport your finest vintages in this handsome wine carrying case.

Metallic alligator skin, gunmetal hardware and a spear-lock closure make Tyler Ellis's Dennis wine bag (US\$7,525) a highly respectable carry case for your most treasured wines. The independent label, created by the daughter of American fashion designer Perry Ellis in 2011, focuses on practicality as much as it does design. That's why you'll find its signature Thayer Blue satin lining on the interior of the wine bag, while a top handle, detachable cross-body strap and an exterior wine-opener pocket ensure that you'll never lose your grip on what's precious.

www.tylerellis.com



Pushing the Envelope

Bristol's Kanye combines architectural composition with walnut veneers.

Distinctive and functional, Bristol's contemporary Kanye collection highlights the company's craftsmanship and aesthetic ideals. Natural American walnut is the wood veneer of choice to add a distinctive finish to the furniture; the results are flawlessly finished desks and tables which seem to hover if not for their slender chrome legs. The Kanye executive desks (from RM50,000) are designed to rise or descend at the touch of a button. So whether it's a day of meetings on one's feet or an extended period of seated concentration, the Kanye sit-to-stand desk accommodates instantly.

www.bristol.com.my



Piece of Mind

Monc addresses global eyewear's most problematic issue – sustainability.

British designer Freddie Elborne's eyewear brand, Monc, takes its belief in responsible product design one step further with the release of the 2019 Conscious Collection (from £230). Its focus is on using sustainable materials such as biodegradable bio-acetate for its frames, high-strength mineral glass for its lenses, vegetable-tanned leather for its cases and upcycled coffee cups for its packaging. Eyewear connoisseurs remain spoilt for choice: the new collection offers three frame styles with nine bold colours, including bottle green, apricot and ruby.

www.monclondon.com