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Luxury, wealth and life across borders

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EDITORIAL METHOD & INTENT

This publication combines legal and market sources with professional observation. It is written for internationally mobile wealth holders, family offices, private banks and professional advisers, where material decisions are usually reached through discussion rather than prescription.

It does not forecast markets, recommend acquisitions or provide legal, tax, investment or regulated financial advice. Commercial reports are treated as research or industry commentary; legal propositions are distinguished from editorial interpretation.

POSITION STATEMENT

A **Conduit for Complex Family Affairs**

Aria Lifestyle Wealth is a bespoke concierge and coordination service shaped by legacy, innovation and imagination. Trust is the foundation of the relationship, but accountability, objectivity and independence give that trust operational form.[1][2]

Our role is to organise the requirement, identify the appropriate professional disciplines and maintain sight of the client journey. We do not replace lawyers, tax advisers, investment managers, trustees, lenders, insurers or other regulated professionals. We connect the moving parts and support implementation within clearly disclosed boundaries.

The Family Office Beyond Wealth Management

A family office may coordinate authority, information, professional advice, investment oversight, lifestyle requirements and succession. Its value lies not merely in the assets it supervises, but in the coherence it can bring to family purpose, entrepreneurial activity and different forms of capital.[1][2][30][31][32][33]

The questions are rarely confined to performance: who can listen without imposing; who possesses the necessary competence; what must be protected; how should ownership, control and benefit be separated; what is intended for descendants or philanthropy; and which jurisdiction has authority over each person, entity or asset?

Aria also creates expert-built itineraries and experiences centred on wine, culture, art, jewellery and significant life events. Those services can sit alongside relocation, high-value asset lending introductions and cross-border professional coordination. A journey to Verbier or Milan may be personal; the property, financing, insurance and residence consequences surrounding it may not be simple.

“We simplify the client’s experience by coordinating complexity intelligently—not by pretending that complexity does not exist.”

DRESS TO DESIGN YOU

Take control of
Your Life



ARIA WEALTH CONCEIRGE

Aria Lifestyle Wealth is a bespoke private-client concierge and coordination service, inspired by legacy, innovation and imagination.

To be trusted is not, in itself, a commercial purpose. It is a privilege—conferred gradually, tested continually and capable of being lost quickly. Within a family-wealth environment, trust is both the foundation of the relationship and the condition upon which every other function depends.

Our contemporary standards are grounded in enduring principles of human leadership: integrity, intelligence, accountability and emotional understanding. Exceptional service should not be diluted by expediency or compromise. Experience may create the conditions in which trust develops, but trust is sustained only through conduct, clarity, accurate communication and responsible coordination.[1][2][3]

Research into wealth management distinguishes between trust placed in an individual professional and trust placed in the institution surrounding that professional. It also recognises the cognitive, affective and behavioural dimensions through which trust is formed, interpreted and tested.[3] Technical knowledge alone is therefore insufficient: a trusted relationship must also demonstrate consistency, transparency and accountability.

Family-office research similarly identifies accountability and objectivity as important contributors to trust.[1][2] It describes the family office as an organisational structure through which a family may coordinate its financial, entrepreneurial, administrative and intergenerational objectives.[2][4] Aria draws upon these principles without presenting itself as a family office, law firm, tax practice, fiduciary, investment manager or regulated financial adviser.

Intelligent Coordination Across a Changing Life

Aria’s services evolve alongside the lives of the individuals and families we support.

A change in residence, the sale of a business, a liquidity event, a marriage, a divorce, succession or the reassessment of a significant asset may involve several professionals, institutions and jurisdictions. A client may retain excellent lawyers, accountants, tax advisers, investment managers, trustees and property specialists, yet still lack one trusted point from which the complete journey can be understood and coordinated.

Aria provides continuity around that complexity. We help clients articulate the underlying requirement, organise information, coordinate communication and maintain sight of agreed actions across their chosen professional network.

ARIA WEALTH CONCEIRGE

We do not provide substantive legal, tax, accounting, investment, fiduciary or regulated financial advice. Where specialist expertise is required, we facilitate introductions to appropriately qualified and, where applicable, authorised professionals. Responsibility for substantive advice remains with each independently appointed provider operating under their own terms of engagement.

Our purpose is not to select a legal structure, determine tax liability, establish a trust or manage an investment portfolio. Our purpose is to help the client communicate their objectives clearly, reach the appropriate professionals and experience greater continuity across the resulting relationships.

Lifestyle, Culture and Experience

Aria Lifestyle creates expert-built itineraries and carefully curated experiences centred upon wine, culture, travel, art, jewellery and personal development.

Through Aria Circles, Aria Retreats and Aria 360, we bring together thoughtful individuals, professional insight and cultural discovery across London, Switzerland, Italy and other international destinations. Where a client requires high-value asset lending, property support, insurance, relocation assistance, succession expertise or cross-border professional services, Aria may facilitate an appropriate introduction and coordinate the resulting relationship. We do not recommend financial products, determine the suitability of an investment or provide regulated advice.

Our work recognises that private wealth is not experienced solely through a balance sheet. It may also be expressed through education, time, family, travel, cultural participation, philanthropy, personal development and the creation of shared memories.

A journey to Verbier, Fashion Week in Milan, the acquisition of a work of art or a meeting with a private-client professional may each form part of a wider personal narrative. Our responsibility is to understand the context, respect the boundaries of our role and coordinate each element with discretion.



ARIA WEALTH CONCEIRGE

Asian and English Traditions of Service

Aria's identity draws upon Asian and English traditions of hospitality: respect for family, discretion, education, service and continuity.

We understand that a private moment may carry significance far beyond the immediate request. We therefore develop an informed archive of preferences, experiences and professional relationships—not as a promise to protect or increase wealth, but as a means of preserving continuity and improving the client's experience over time.

Legacy cannot be defined solely by the assets accumulated. It is also found in the judgement exercised, the relationships sustained, the knowledge transmitted and the opportunities created for those who follow.
We are not here to simplify wealth by denying its complexity. We are here to make the client's experience more coherent by coordinating that complexity intelligently.
Aria Lifestyle Wealth: where legacy, culture and international private-client coordination meet.

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Fees, referral payments or commissions may arise from certain introductions or commercial relationships. Where applicable, these arrangements will be disclosed in accordance with the relevant contractual, legal and regulatory requirements.

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YOUR WORLD HAS NO BORDERS.
NEITHER SHOULD YOUR PRIVATE OFFICE.

Wealth may be held in one country, property in another, and family life lived between several more. Aria Lifestyle brings these moving parts together through one discreet and trusted relationship. From cross-border professional introductions and high-value asset opportunities to private travel, culture, wine, art and invitation-only circles, every element is thoughtfully connected around the individual.

Not simply concierge.

Not conventional family-office administration.
A private world, intelligently coordinated.



ARIA LIFESTYLE

Discreet by nature. International by design. Legacy-led in everything we do. Wealth designed by you.
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What begins as an introduction, journey or private gathering may become something of greater and more lasting value: a trusted relationship, a new commercial opportunity, a significant acquisition or a memory carried forward through generations.

Private enquiries and selected professional partnerships are welcomed.

ARIA WEALTH CONCEIRGE

Aria Lifestyle recognises the various capacities that remain in the dynamics of the family's operations. Our services are not just to serve families but to organise authority, coordinate professional advice, oversee wealth, preserve institutional knowledge and prepare for succession.

There are so many questions that arise from managing your wealth, such as:

·Who can we trust to listen to what we want?
·What expertise and skill do you hold?
·What gives you protection?
·Why would you trust someone to undertake your estate?
·What would be my dying wish?
·What is important to me?
·What division of assets is to be retained, dispersed or given to charity?
·Tax efficiency without breaking the law.
·Multi-jurisdictions, red tape - what can we do together?

The fine yarn of life serves the right direction with the right people. This is how we ensure your trust is preserved for years to come.



FROM POSSESSION TO PURPOSE, PROTECTION AND CONTINUITY

A family's wealth is measured not only by what it possesses, but by what can be preserved, understood and passed responsibly from one generation to the next. What appears substantial to one family may seem modest to another. In either case, wealth is rarely confined to a single asset, adviser or jurisdiction.[3][4][5] It may encompass operating companies, trusts, foundations, private-equity interests, listed investments, property, art, intellectual property and philanthropic vehicles.[6] Behind those assets sit history, reputation, sacrifice and sometimes the anxiety accompanying ownership.

When people move, their assets do not necessarily move with them. Land remains where it is situated; companies, trusts and foundations retain separate legal identities and governing laws. Relocation may nevertheless alter residence, control, beneficial enjoyment, reporting and taxation.

Relationships also transform. Affection may become marriage; marriage may end in divorce; authority may terminate on death and be renewed through succession. The consequences depend upon the relevant facts, governing instruments and applicable law—not sentiment alone.[3][4][24]

The Wealth Barrier

Trust can also operate as a veil, obscuring the boundaries between legal ownership, beneficial entitlement and practical control. The law ordinarily respects the separate identity of a company or trust even where personal and commercial affairs are closely connected.[8][9] A single asset may be owned by a company, controlled through voting rights and held for beneficiaries whose family members live in several jurisdictions. Sound governance distinguishes ownership from expectation, evidence from recollection and authority from influence. It requires accurate information, identifiable decision-makers and records capable of explaining how material decisions were reached.[34][35][36][37]

"A passport may identify the person, but it does not identify the complete legal and fiscal life of their wealth."

THE EVOLUTION OF ARIA

Aria was conceived in response to a practical gap. Internationally mobile families may possess considerable resources and retain excellent advisers, yet still lack one trusted point from which their complete affairs can be understood and coordinated.

Lifestyle coordination addressed relocation, property, education, healthcare, travel and personal administration. Experience demonstrated, however, that these matters cannot always be separated from legal ownership, taxation, governance, financing and succession. The modern family office exists because wealth is rarely a purely financial matter.[2][3][4]

Altrata estimated in 2023 that the global ultra-high-net-worth population collectively held more than US$45 trillion.[5] Knight Frank's 2026 proprietary model estimates 713,626 people worldwide with net worth of at least US$30 million and approximately 10,000 family offices.[14] Both are commercial estimates and should be attributed rather than treated as official counts.

What Keeps a Family Awake?

The most difficult concerns rarely appear on a consolidated investment report. They arise between generations, jurisdictions, trustees, advisers and family members—usually at the moment when authority, judgement and trust matter most.[38][39][40]

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SPECIAL THANKS



A special thanks to my loved ones.
They have looked out for me and given me more hope, perseverance and dedication than can imagined.
For those who are willing to participate in good faith alone.
To those who gave without wanting anything back.
To crafting more memories with Aria Circles and life-long friendship at all steps of life.
To those who challenged, motivated and saw more than I hoped or imagined.
Thank you those loved ones who saw, believed and helped with the Aria discourse of life.



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THE NEW WEALTH EXODUS

The movement of wealth is not merely the movement of money. It may relocate entrepreneurs, intellectual capital, family businesses, investment decisions and prospective tax revenue. Henley & Partners projected that 142,000 millionaires would relocate internationally during 2025 and projected a substantial net outflow from the United Kingdom.[16] These are modelled estimates, not audited government counts, and their methodology has been contested.

Relocation should not be described as uniformly tax-driven. Legal certainty, political stability, personal security, education, healthcare, infrastructure, family circumstances and quality of life may all influence mobility. Tax nevertheless remains material because residence can affect income, gains, inheritance, trusts and foreign assets.

The Reordering of UK Residence-Based Taxation

From 6 April 2025, the remittance basis was replaced by a residence-based foreign income and gains regime. UK residents are generally taxed on worldwide income and gains as they arise, subject to statutory reliefs, exemptions and treaty rules.[18]

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Transparency and the End of Assumed Secrecy

The historical image of offshore wealth was often associated with opacity. The contemporary regulatory environment is increasingly organised around identification, disclosure and automatic exchange. Under the OECD Common Reporting Standard, participating jurisdictions exchange information concerning reportable financial accounts held outside the account holder's jurisdiction of tax residence.[22]

The OECD's 2025 peer-review update assessed 118 jurisdictions committed to commencing exchanges by 2024 and reported that 116 had an international legal framework fully consistent with the relevant requirement.[22] The Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework extends the transparency agenda towards specified crypto-asset transactions.[23] [49][50][51][52]

A foreign bank account, company, trust or digital asset may create reporting obligations even where nothing is physically remitted to the holder's country of residence. The sustainable response is lawful structuring, accurate identification and timely reporting—not an assumption of secrecy.



The Family Behind the Figures

Within a family, legal ownership, beneficial expectation, historic contribution and personal perceptions of fairness do not always coincide. A parent may regard a transfer as conditional while the recipient understands it as an outright gift; a spouse may assert an interest despite not appearing on formal title.[24]

Several family members may speak with equal emotional force, but their assertions will not necessarily carry equal legal or evidential weight. Governance must identify governing instruments, source of funds, beneficial interests, decision-making powers and foreseeable cross-border consequences.[53][54][55]

For every trust, personal trust may have supplied part of the original impulse; in law, however, a trust arises through legally recognised obligations concerning identifiable property. Sir Thomas Plumer MR's statement in Pearse v Green that an accounting party should remain "constantly ready with his accounts" captures the enduring importance of accountability.[7]

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OPENING REFLECTIONS



Long-term exposure to UHNW decision-making environments reveals a consistent pattern: as wealth matures, visibility loses utility, while discretion compounds value. In the world of fashion, travel, and high-value clients (including during my tenure with Centurion at American Express), I have witnessed the transformation of client desires—from accumulation to alignment.[1]

Thus, Aria Lifestyle is more than a concierge. It is an anchor. A guide. A voice. The beacon of hope that luxury redefined comes with articulation of experience and without cutting corners.

[1] Robert J Shiller, Narrative Economics: How Stories Go Viral and Drive Major Economic Events (Princeton University Press 2017).Harvard Business Review, 'How the Pandemic Changed Luxury Consumption' (2021).



We begin 2026 with a mission to explore, educate, and elevate through a curated array of global offerings: from immersive cultural experiences to timeless asset opportunities, all anchored in ethics, privacy, and style.

With this publication, you become part of the **Aria Circle—**an intimate community of visionaries, legacy builders, and aesthetic purists. Within these pages, you will find instruments for growth, emotional connection, and value preservation.

Let us acquire not only the rarest assets—but the rarest lives.



ARIA LIFESTYLE

Timeless Noir | Representing timeless classic service

Minimal White | Effortless intellectual knowledge

Deep Burgundy | Bringing you robust depth and quality

Foreword

This is a long-overdue publication that has been rewritten several times. Always in consideration of the audience needs with evidence-based findings that offer a resource over time. This will hopefully prove insightful, rewarding, and bring alive the passion of luxury consumer goods and services to perhaps even boost the economy; as consumer spends create employment and therefore contribute to market growth.

Thank you to my loved ones, forever in my mind and heart.

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BIO







Mary Panwaskar is a strategic consultant and executive coach with over a two decades of experience working with brands like American Express, Unilever, Penguin, and Pricewaterhouse. Her background American Express Centurion involved crafting bespoke experiences for discerning clients globally.

She has a strong network, she facilitates exclusive access to cultural treasures and influential figures, acting as a master connector. Mary's meticulous attention to detail and focus on human connection help her create luxurious, meaningful travel experiences and cultivate lasting relationships.

Mary is a member of Chatham House, Middle Temple Inn, and ALBA. She continues to belong to the Working Parents charity, helping change legal reform, create legal discourse for parents across the UK.

Mary has two companies: Aria Lifestyle, a 37-day coaching platform for holistic nutrition, self-help, and health, and a luxury connector and coach to the super-rich.

Finishing a law degree at Birkbeck, specialising in banking, company, commercial and international law, with the potential of a first-class honours degree in 2026 if all goes to plan and awaiting confirmation of application to UCL for an LLM in Monetary and Banking Law. A moot competitor for BBK, a member of the Intelligence Finance roundtable topical events.

Mary also enjoys sports, including Krav Maga and mixed martial arts (MMA), writing poems, intellectual stimulation, as well as Company, Banking and International Law.

Her twin forces are her two intellectual children, who engage Mary in vastitudes of life.

Aria Lifestyle Ltd

Aria Lifestyle Ltd will curate memorable, luxurious experiences with unparalleled service for its discerning ultra-luxury members worldwide. This is by creating complicated itineraries by experts, coaching in confidence and self-actualisation, travel including wine, high-value art, jewellery acquisition with Lombard lending, cross-border territorial legal services and other professional luxury services, inclusive of topical events to help growth-minded individuals and showcase talent.

Aria is dedicated to redefining luxury living by providing exceptional concierge and lifestyle-supporting services tailored to our clients' unique needs. Our mission is to offer unique, memorable experiences, personalised customer care, and extraordinary experiences, ensuring that every request is handled precisely and carefully. Through our passion for excellence and attention to detail, we aim to enrich the lives of those we serve, making the extraordinary a part of everyday life and making it an extraordinary part of our day in our business life.

ABSTRACT

This publication is about all things luxury: chattels,[1] people, and places.[2] This means luxury is not merely as an economic category, but of cultural, social and temporal construction. Especially, as luxury has never been static, evolution through time, craftmanship, production, consumption and social hierarchy. The movement from overt display of wealth towards subtler expressions of discernment, knowledge, and control.

The concept of Luxury has evolved, as Coco Chanel quite clearly stated, “luxury is not the opposite of poverty but the opposite of vulgarity.”[3] But really in fact, “true luxury requires genuine materials, honest craft, and human care.”[4] But really, in today’s world, the evolution and definition of luxury have adapted, as “luxury today is about time, space, privacy and control – things money alone cannot always buy”.[5] Moreover, it could be said that luxury is a signpost to social status and decency[6] in conspicuous consumption.[7]

Aria Lifestyle[8] wants to educate modern luxury individuals of the functionality and simultaneously represents as symbolic capital, emotional utility, and intergenerational value. What was exceptional now become more ordinary and even mainstream, as Christopher J. Berry notes; what was elevated has been refined into everyday living.[9] Furthermore, Jean-Noël Kapferer, as the challenges the luxury market faces are, as to what is deemed as luxury is problematic with three different realities intertwined. What he means is that consumer behaviour changes[10] when dominant countries monopolise, with voices unheard in times when designers like Chanel or Monet existed.

[1] Chattel means a tangible good that is not fixed to the land or building.
[2] Place
[3] Coco Chanel, quoted in Justine Picardie, Coco Chanel: The Legend and the Life HarperCollins 2010
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[6] Thorstein Veblen, The Theory of the Leisure Class (Macmillan 1899) 94/95. moglen.law.columbia.edu please see, “the upper class in fixing the canons of reputability fosters the practice of conspicuous consumption. The prevalence of conspicuous consumption as one of the main elements in the standard of decency among all classes is of course not traceable wholly to the example of the wealthy leisure class, but the practice and the insistence on it are no doubt strengthened by the example of the leisure class.”
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[9] Christopher J Berry, ‘The Idea of Luxury: Revisited’ (2023) 9(2–3) Luxury 185, 186. Enlighten Publication
[10] "The digital revolution has impacted luxury in numerous ways, enabling companies to share brand narratives by highlighting their heritage and values." Instead of viewing digital as a challenge, several luxury brands have started to perceive it as a strategic chance to strengthen their identity while thoughtfully managing consumer interaction.

ABSTRACT

Aria Lifestyle will integrate cultural theory, market data, and lived professional experience, this publication positions luxury as an evolving system of meaning rather than a static marketplace. To discuss, luxury: preservation, frameworks, and integrity in an era defined by volatility, overproduction, and accelerated change.

2026 marks a post-surge recalibration phase in global luxury markets — following liquidity expansion (2020–2022), asset inflation (2021–2023), and behavioural distortion driven by geopolitical and technological volatility. This publication intervenes at the point where scale has exhausted meaning, and discernment must be relearned to create a robust luxury commodity future.



INTRODUCTION

Contemporary luxury has shifted from visible excess toward invisible control — where the true markers of value are discretion, continuity, and ethical coherence rather than display.

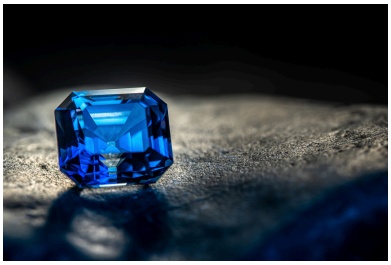
A luxury brand must distinguish itself with key characteristics, including an aura of exclusivity, prestige, and superior quality. Each brand will have key market differentiators, offering and a kinship relationship of a bond that draws consumers in. Over time, we expect the following from all our brands' products and services.

The exceptional quality, meticulous craftsmanship, and the use of premium materials ensure excellence, if not durability. Gabriela Hearst emphasises quality and sustainability, integrating responsible sourcing and environmental consciousness into their craftsmanship.[1]

[1] Time article taken down, see https://www.missionmag.org/an-interview-with-the-high-priestess-of-sustainable-fashion-gabriela-hearst/







INTRODUCTION

You would expect exclusivity and scarcity, such as limited production runs and exclusive lines, which create desirability and reinforce the elite brand status, as with Hermès, which produces a limited number of Birkin bags each year, maintaining its exclusivity and high demand.

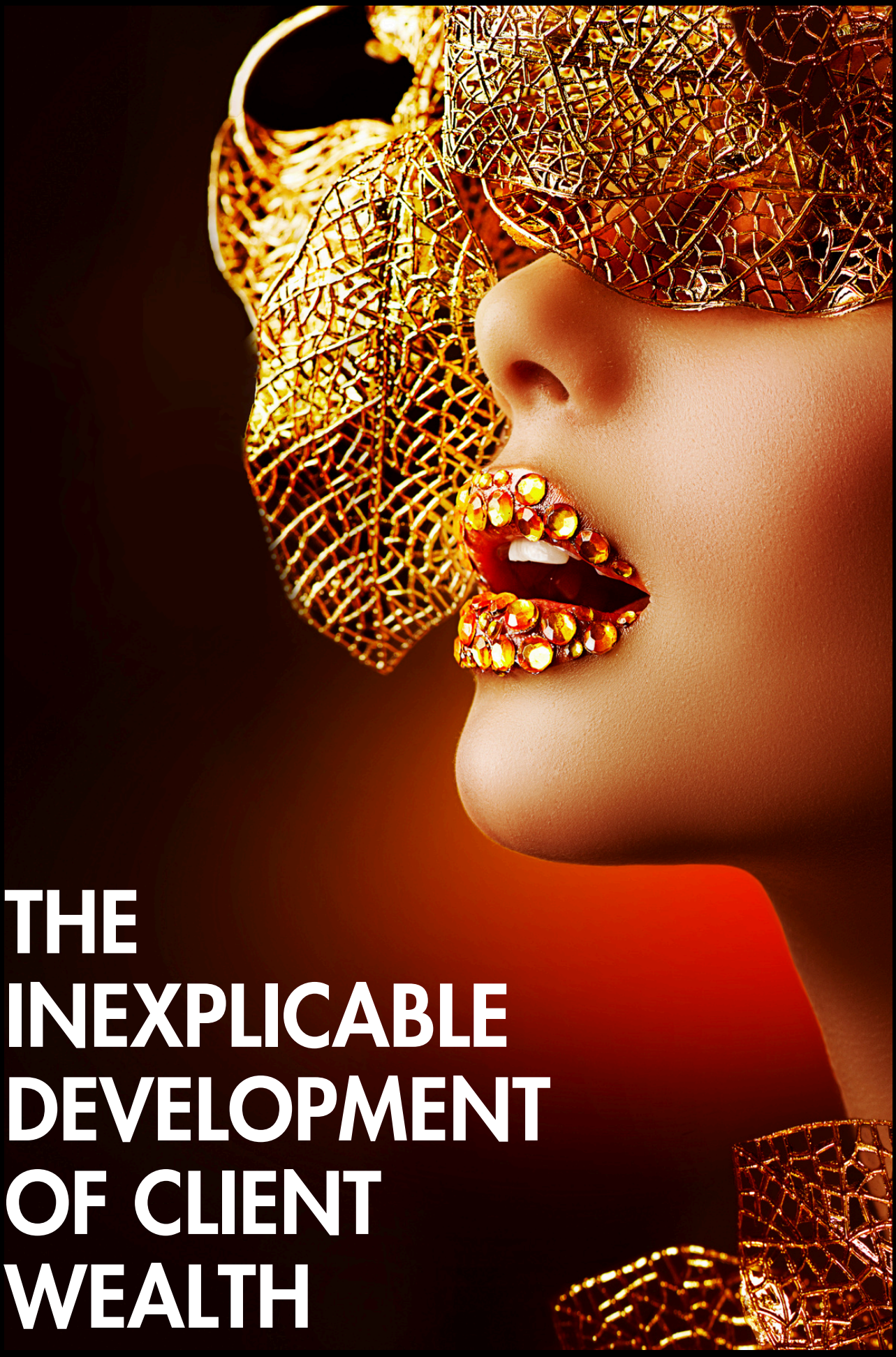
The rich heritage and legacy of Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Hermès, and Rolex or Patek Philippe are steeped in the history of redefining femininity, timeless suits, No. 5 perfume, and exquisite timeless pieces. All with an expected premium price, according to craftsmanship and status symbol; those crafted to evoke emotional and consumer connectivity, aka strong branding. Khaite, Madison Avenue, embodies and emphasises hand craftsmanship and detailed materials.[1]

In summary, high-value objects crafted with precision, weighted toward exclusivity, heritage, and premium pricing, will emotionally connect with people. The evolution of consumer behaviour due to economic factors, environmental and technological advances, these aspirational experiences, and a sense of belonging becomes rather tricky, yet can still remain an exclusive community.

Over time, I hope to request key influential writers to join forces to write for Aria Lifestyle.

So, here it goes, my beloved Aria readers.

[1] Uptown Girl? Khaite's Catherine Holstein Has a New Madison Avenue Address by Nichole Phelps. January 22, 2025, view Vogue



THE INEXPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT OF CLIENT WEALTH

2023 UNTIL 2025



A Private Client Perspective

There has been inexplicable developments with client wealth. The understanding and development of luxury is now understood, and refined according to contemporary ultra-high-net-worth client who are not into want not, waste not. They are far more inclined to understand, consume and aware of durability, the implications — legal, financial, cultural and reputational.As John Maynard Keynes observed, “the difficulty lies, not in the new ideas, but in escaping from the old ones.” [1] An evolution, a changed landscape, not just validated by judgement but by common currency.

[1] John Maynard Keynes, The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money (1936, Macmillan).



Luxury Globalisation

The global personal luxury market has halted. It was expected after Covid19 that a post-pandemic surge is expected, being €364 billion in 2024, but a modest downward turn to €358 billion in 2025 (-2% year on year). Deloitte and Bain indicate appetite of luxury goods reflected in pricing over loss of appetite.[1] Does this mean that consumers are reluctant to over-pay for UHNWI goods that previously sold on emotional merit?

[1] Bain & Company, Luxury Goods Worldwide Market Study, Fall–Winter 2024 (Bain, 2024); Deloitte, Global Powers of Luxury Goods 2025 (Deloitte, 2025).

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The Realities

Ultra-high-net-worth individuals (net worth > USD 30m) represent a large buyer population of luxury goods. In 2023, the global UHNW population rose by 7.6% to approximately 426,330 individuals, collectively controlling USD 49.2 trillion, equating to 32% of total HNW wealth, despite representing just 1.1% of the HNW population.[2]
Forward projections indicate UHNW wealth approaching USD 68 trillion by 2028, driven by business liquidity events, capital markets appreciation, and intergenerational transfer.

For private banks, this reinforces a central doctrine: asset class knowledge is secondary to client-specific intelligence — jurisdiction, family governance, liquidity timing, and legacy intent.

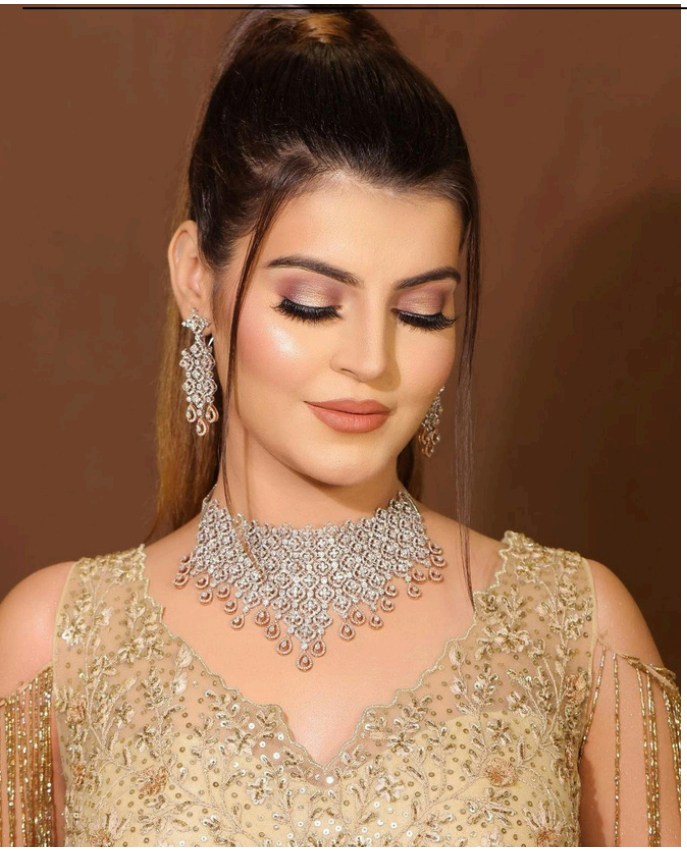
Looking across core luxury categories — handbags, watches, jewellery — nominal prices remain 1.5–1.7× above 2019 levels. Simultaneously, up to 40% of inventory in 2025 has been subject to discounting, particularly in volume-driven lines.[3]Lionel Robbins famously defined economics, it is “the science which studies human behaviour as a relationship between ends and scarce means which have alternative uses.”[4] Luxury has re-entered that definition. For UHNW clients, this environment favours informed acquisition, negotiated access, and disciplined timing — not conspicuous immediacy.

[1] Bain & Company, Luxury Goods Worldwide Market Study, Fall–Winter 2024 (Bain, 2024); Deloitte, Global Powers of Luxury Goods 2025 (Deloitte, 2025).
[2] Altrata, World Ultra Wealth Report 2024 (Altrata/Wealth-X, 2024); Altrata, ‘UHNW Banking Strategies: Focus on the Individual, Not the Asset Class’ (2025) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Quisque ligula nulla, sollicitudin eget dignissim vel, viverra a nisi. Proin dignissim libero quis eleifend vehicula. Aliquam nec est urna. Integer vulputate, mi vitae dignissim congue, risus quam cursus nisl, id ultrices ex diam vel lacus. Sed iaculis mauris neque, vel semper mauris pulvinar at. accessed 6 January 2026.
[3] Bain & Company (n 2); Financial Times, ‘Luxury brands confront slowing demand’ (2025).
[4] Lionel Robbins, An Essay on the Nature and Significance of Economic Science (1932).



What fails in the current luxury market?

- Overproduction masked as accessibility
- Narrative inflation without craft depth
- Emotional immediacy replacing proportional judgement
- ESG rhetoric unanchored from governance
- Visibility mistaken for legacy



All things bright & precious

Precious metals

Gold reached record nominal highs during 2024–2025, driven by central-bank accumulation, inflation hedging, and geopolitical fragmentation. These dynamics are widely priced and well understood.

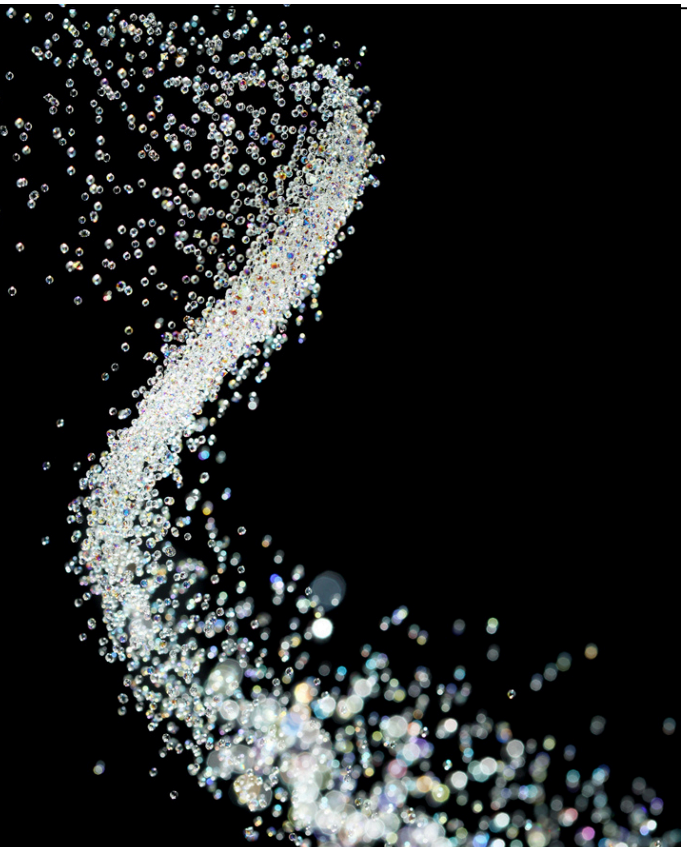
- Auction benchmark: “The Mellon Blue” (Fancy Vivid Blue, 9.51ct) sold for CHF 20,525,000 (US$25,592,269) on 11 Nov 2025 (Christie’s)[1].
- Weak demand signal: Debswana (Botswana/De Beers JV) 2024 production 17.93m carats (-27%), sales revenue -46%, 2025 production plan 15m carats.[2]

[1] Christie's
[2] Reuters



Platinum group metals, however, present a structurally tighter narrative. Persistent supply deficits were recorded:
·2023: ~896 koz
·2024: ~992 koz
·2025e: ~966 koz[1]
Reuters market move: platinum +33% in Dec 2025, +146% in 2025 (record annual rise, per Reuters report).[2]
Late-2025 price appreciation reflected industrial dependency and constrained production.

[1] Platinum Investment
[2] Reuters



Diamonds

The division between rarity and volume is now pronounced than ever before. In November 2025, a 9.51-carat Fancy Vivid Blue diamond achieved CHF 20.5 million at public auction, while rough diamond production declined -27% YoY in 2024, with weaken in demand expected by Christies from 2025 to 2026. [1] The concept of rarity, preciousness in such objects is nuanced by consumer behaviour, value, or economic constraints.

[1] Christie's, Magnificent Jewels Auction Results (November 2025); Reuters, 'Diamond output falls as demand weakens' (2025).



Timeless pieces

The Swiss watch industry peaked at CHF 26.7 billion in exports in 2023, easing to CHF 26.0 billion in 2024, with unit declines concentrated below the ultra-high-end. At the apex, constrained production, elevated margins, and persistent waiting lists endure.[1]

[1] Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry, Annual Report 2024 (FH, 2025); Fondation de la Haute Horlogerie, Market Review 2025.

TIMELESS PIECES



Watches

Similarly, ultra-luxury automotive manufacturers continue to prioritise low volume, bespoke engineering, and capital-intensive personalisation. Record EBIT margins reported in 2024 confirm that scarcity, not scale, now defines value.
These objects function less as transport or timekeeping, and more as mechanical expressions of discipline.

Cigars

- US premium handmade cigar imports 2023: 467.6m (CAA data via Cigar Aficionado). Cigar Aficionado
- US premium handmade cigar imports 2024: 430m (+0.9% vs 2023, per CAA data cited). Cigar Aficionado
- Early 2025: shipments -8.7% vs first two months of 2024 (CAA data cited). Cigar Aficionado

TIMELESS PIECES



Bags

- Hermès €300bn; Q4 2024 revenue €3.96bn (+17.6% YoY); 2025 price rises planned ~6–7% (FT). Financial Times
- Luxury resale market (bags + watches): $34.79bn (2024) → $37.95bn (2025) (Business Research Company). The Business Research Company
- Resale market projected $360bn by 2030 (reported as McKinsey/BCG in Business Insider). Business Insider

Luxury footwear

- Luxury footwear market estimate: $20.6bn (2024); $21.6bn (2025) (Global Market Insights). Global Market Insights Inc.
- Alternate market sizing (another research house): $30.0bn (2024) → $31.91bn (2025) The Business Research Company

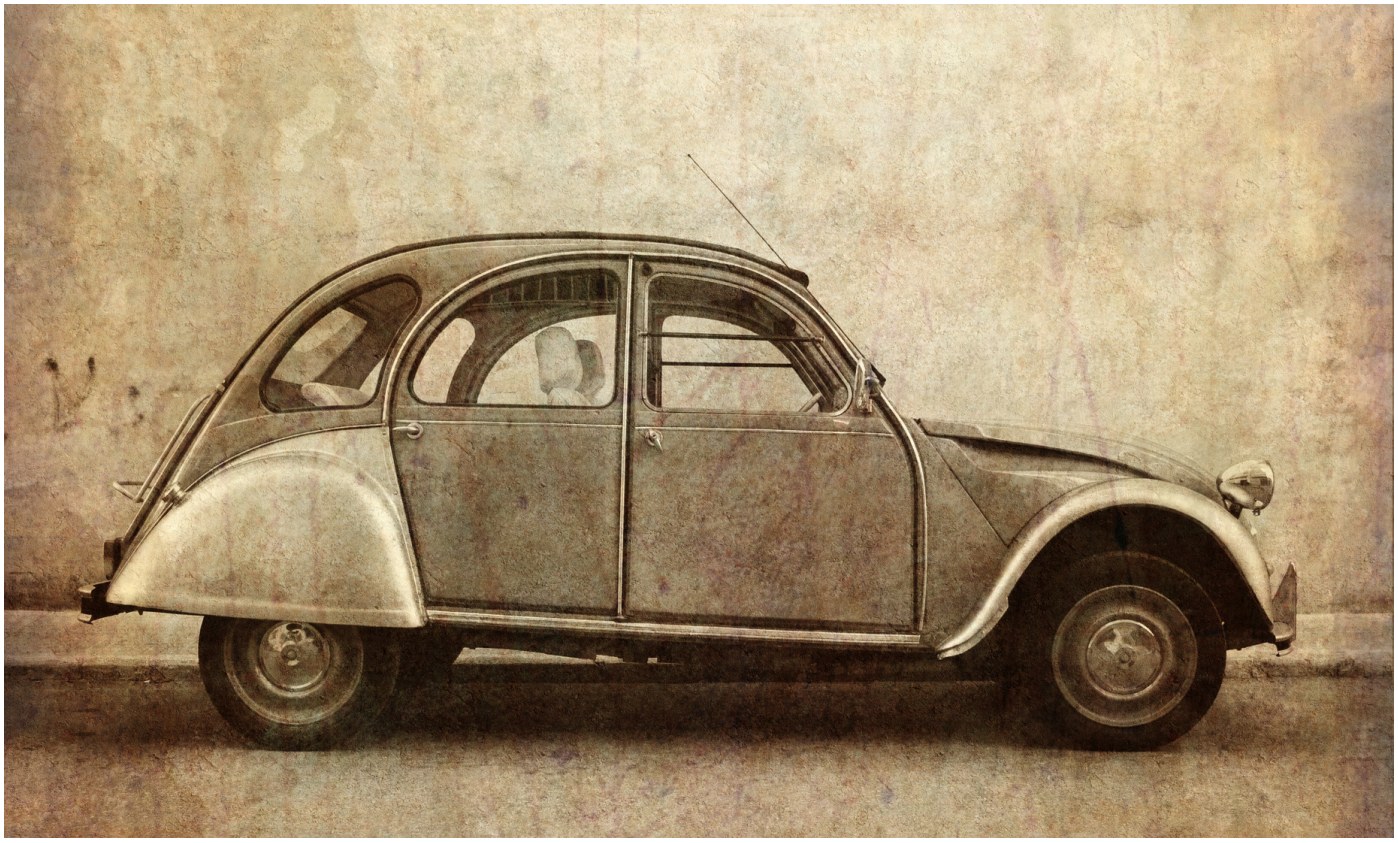
Cars

- 2023: EV sales ~14m; EVs ~18% of global car sales (IEA). IEA
- 2024: EV sales >17m; >20% of new cars sold were electric; global EV fleet ~58m (IEA). IEA+1
- 2025 (IEA expectation): EV sales >20m, about one-quarter of total car sales (IEA). IEA
- 2025 (headline leadership): BYD sold 2.26m battery-EVs vs Tesla 1.64m (FT/AP). Financial Times+1

TIMELESS PIECES

Cars

- Luxury car market ~$710.54bn in 2025 (Business Research Company). The Business Research Company
- Ferrari: 13,663 shipments in 2023. Ferrari
- Ferrari (2024 financials): EBIT €1,888m, 28.3% EBIT marginFerrari+1
- Lamborghini: 10,687 cars delivered in 2024 (record year). Lamborghini.com+1
- Bentley (2024): revenue €2.648bn, operating profit €373m;. bentleymedia.com+1
- Rolls-Royce Motor Cars (2024): 5,712 deliveries; bespoke features; £300m Goodwood investment best-selling-cars.com+1



Prime Real Estate

The prime real estate remains the most desirable asset. Those understand the value of land, hence why, the European commercial investment volumes are forecast to reach €215 billion in 2025, rising a further +18% in 2026, as pricing stabilises and institutional capital re-engages. This cements further cross-border legal consumption being +45% of activity, reinforcing property's role as land remains one's paradise.[1] Notwithstanding the fact, for many family offices, property is rarely a consumption. It is structure: entrusted through trust instruments, holding companies, succession vehicles, collateral, and jurisdictional strategy to hold, broaden and define a geographical landscape through land ownership.

Technology-Driven Society

The modern society cannot function without the latest gadget. This remains the same for the luxury discerning market with increasing demands, digital needs, data intelligence, and integrated software to engage, develop and adapt with clientele demands.

Research indicates that UHNW individuals alone accounted for USD 290 billion in personal luxury goods spending in 2024, representing 21% of the global total.[2]

[1] Savills, Spotlight: European Investment – Q4 2025 Preliminary Results and Forecasts (Savills, 2025) https://www.savills.co.uk/research_articles/229130/383655-0 accessed 6 January 2026.

[2]Altrata, 'Digital Clienteling: The Data-Driven Concierge for Luxury Client Experiences' (2025) https://altrata.com/articles/digital-clienteling accessed 6 January 2026.

LUXURY GOODS

Asset Class	Key Metric	Latest Data
Global luxury goods	Market size	€364bn (2024)
UHNW wealth	Aggregate net worth	USD 49.2trn (2023)
Platinum	Supply deficit	966 koz (2025e)
Diamonds	Record auction	CHF 20.5m (Nov 2025)
Swiss watches	Exports	CHF 26.0bn (2024)
Luxury resale	Market size	USD ~38bn (2025)
European property	Investment volume	€215bn (2025e)

Luxury has always been a mirror of civilisation's values. In moments of excess, it reflects vanity; in moments of restraint, it reflects wisdom.
The task ahead is not to rescue luxury from decline, but to return it to its proper function: the disciplined stewardship of beauty, meaning, and continuity across time.

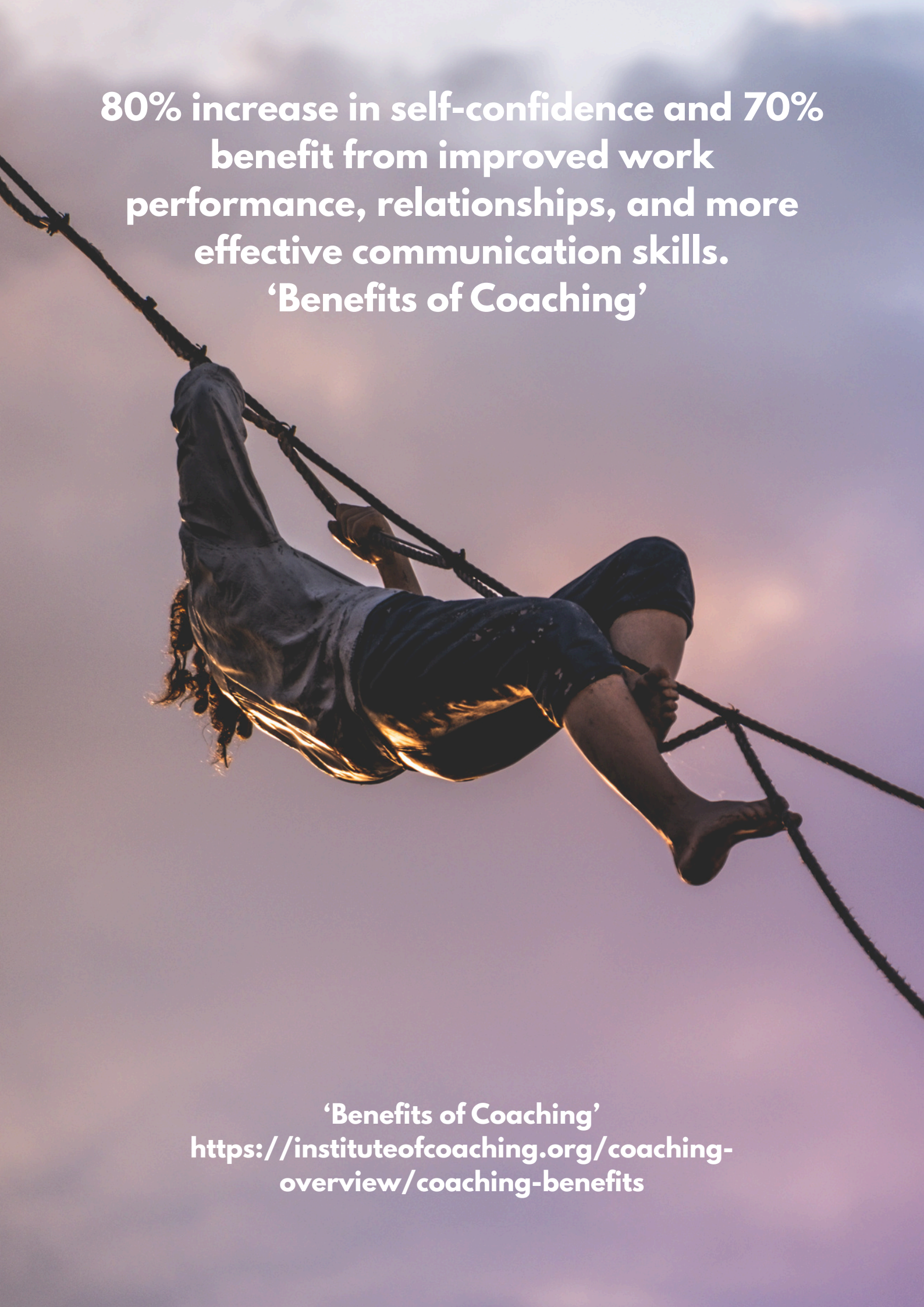
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International Coach Federation, Association Resource Centre Inc and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, ICF Global Coaching Client Study: Executive Summary (2009) 8–9, Exhibit 5 ('Overall Positive Impacts of Coaching.

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- 29 JANUARY – EVENING DRINKS

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- 26 FEBRUARY – EVENING DRINKS

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NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

The Newest Openings

The Chancery Rosewood, opened in 2025, is found here. I am uncertain about this location, but the Emory, by Maybourne in Belgravia, looks superb, found here.

Taiwan, favourable to ex-locals, now Capella Taipei, is on the destination spot, here. The Desert Rock, Red Sea, offers luxury and golf, found here. There is Patina, Osakar, Japan, ultimate transformative luxury style, here. The Six Senses Roma, award winning, and provides sustainability plus relaxation under one roof, found here.

Award-winning (74), need I say anymore, Hoshino Ya Nara Prison, Nara, Japan, cultivates all under one roof, here. Africa calls: heal in exclusivity, surrounded by nature, at Singita Elela, Botswana, here.

A place to be seen, The Standard Lisbon, found here. Something more intimate, at the Ett Hem in Stockholm, found here. The la Foundation, Paris, here. Villa Dubrovnik, Croatia, here. Other new hotels, Villa Copenhagen, Copenhagen, here. Hotel Hana, Paris, here. Intimate, Nobis Palma, 37 rooms, here. Hoxton, Vienna, here.





NOTEWORTHY HOTEL'S TO STAY AT

Notewothy Hotel's to stay at...

HOSHINOYA Nara Prison, Japan — Once a 1908 correctional facility, now reimagined as a poetic juxtaposition of discipline and serenity, this hotel channels Japan's wabi-sabi elegance through its preservation of constraint, silence, and stone.

Desert Rock Resort, Red Sea, Saudi Arabia — Carved directly into the ancient mountain rock, this immersive hideaway blends geology with geometry, creating a sanctuary where time and architecture disappear into the land.

The Emory, London, UK — The first ground-up creation by the Maybourne Group, this all-suite residence elevates quiet opulence and architectural precision in the heart of Knightsbridge — a blueprint for modern Mayfair minimalism.

Eremito, Umbria, Italy — A former monastery now enforcing digital silence, where introspection becomes the luxury and guests commune with stillness as the ultimate indulgence.

Fogo Island Inn, Newfoundland, Canada — Perched on the edge of the North Atlantic, this social enterprise channels every profit back into its island community — proving that luxury and ethics can cohabit in one sweeping seascape.

Kisawa Sanctuary, Mozambique — With 3D-printed architecture and miles of untouched coastline, this refuge blurs the line between ancient craft and future design — barefoot luxury meets regenerative tech.

The Krane, Copenhagen, Denmark — A single-suite former coal crane suspended over Nordic waters, this brutalist haven distills Danish minimalism into pure spatial theatre.
Amangiri, Utah, USA — A concrete monolith in the desert, where guests dissolve into isolation and sky; the architecture exists not to be seen, but to disappear.

Shinta Mani Wild, Cambodia — Guests arrive by zip-line, soaring into a jungle tented camp where anti-poaching efforts meet adventure — where each night funds a fight for wildlife preservation.

Juvet Landscape Hotel, Norway — Rooms are glass cubes embedded in Nordic wilderness, allowing guests to vanish into the birch and light, rewriting luxury as presence.

Notewothy Hotel's to stay at...

White Desert, Antarctica — Accessible only by private jet, this polar luxury camp delivers warm hospitality in Earth's coldest theatre, where silence, stars, and snow become the show.

Hotel Marqués de Riscal, Rioja, Spain — Designed by Frank Gehry, this vineyard-set icon drapes wine country in titanium and curves, becoming a sculpture you sleep in.

Pater Noster Lighthouse, Sweden — A lone lighthouse on a rock beaten by storms, where weather dictates everything — luxury here is elemental and brave.

Giraffe Manor, Kenya — Where wild giraffes peek into your breakfast — colonial charm meets animal intimacy in a dining room unlike any other.

Null Stern Hotel, Switzerland — A bed in the open air, beneath the stars and with no walls — the world's most radical anti-luxury gesture is also one of its most honest.
Aman Venice, Italy — A private palazzo of museum-grade interiors, where history seeps through silk walls and each key unlocks a personal Renaissance.

Shebara Resort, Red Sea, Saudi Arabia — Floating mirrored villas create the illusion of hovering above water — futurism reflected back to nature.

Mashpi Lodge, Ecuador — Set in a private cloud forest reserve, this all-glass jungle retreat invites you to listen to birdsong from bed and lose your breath to mist.

Soneva Jani, Maldives — Overwater villas with retractable roofs and private observatories — where luxury is measured in stars, silence, and sea.

Palacio de Sal, Bolivia — A palace constructed entirely from salt blocks, it rises mirage-like on the Salar de Uyuni, evoking the impossible — and achieving it.

Claridge's — London, UK
Art Deco palace; royalty, discretion, power breakfasts, institutional continuity.

The Connaught — London, UK
Intimate Mayfair stronghold; Michelin dining, private diplomacy, absolute discretion.

The Emory — London, UK
New-build Maybourne; all-suite, private wellness, modern power enclave.

Hôtel de Crillon — Paris, France
Historic palace; restored grandeur, political memory, Place de la Concorde.

Four Seasons Hotel George V — Paris, France
Floral excess, triple-Michelin dining, consistent global service benchmark.

Aman Venice — Venice, Italy
Private palazzo; frescoed rooms, ultra-low keys, cultural gravitas.

Aman Tokyo — Tokyo, Japan
Vertical sanctuary; Japanese minimalism, city silence, financial elite.

Badrutt's Palace Hotel — St Moritz, Switzerland
Alpine grande dame; winter aristocracy, legacy glamour, social theatre.

Mandarin Oriental Bangkok — Bangkok, Thailand
Riverside heritage; literary history, faultless Asian service traditions.

Rosewood Hong Kong — Hong Kong
Contemporary vertical luxury; art, finance clientele, harbour dominance.

One&Only Reethi Rah — Maldives
Vast private island; superyachts, extreme privacy, scale luxury, forever a fave!

Six Senses Zighy Bay — Oman
Remote fjord-like setting; paragliding arrivals, barefoot ultra-luxury

Singita Lebombo Lodge — South Africa
Conservation-first safari; architecture elevated above wilderness.

Raffles Singapore — Singapore
Colonial icon; disciplined service, institutional Asian luxury.

Capella Bangkok — Bangkok, Thailand
Riverfront modern luxury; restrained design, private residence feel.

The Ritz-Carlton Kyoto — Kyoto, Japan
Cultural immersion; ryokan sensibility, river calm, ritualised service.

Maybourne Riviera — France
Cliffside modern palace; Riviera views, contemporary Maybourne ethos.

Burj Al Arab Jumeirah — Dubai, UAE
Architectural icon; maximalist luxury, symbolic wealth, global visibility.

The Peninsula Hong Kong — Hong Kong
Aviation-level service; colonial heritage, precision, enduring prestige.

The Peninsula Paris — Paris, France
Palace-scale modernity; expansive suites, diplomatic security, understatement.

YOUR HOTELS YOUR CHOICE.

January 2026

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MY GADGET CHOICES FOR JANUARY 2026



Technological advances for any home.

Theragun PRO Plus – Editorial Mention

The Theragun PRO Plus is a premium handheld wellness device that brings together multiple technologies in a single, considered design. It incorporates percussive massage functionality alongside features such as vibration and light-based elements, with optional temperature-based accessories available separately. Designed with professional and personal use in mind, it reflects the growing intersection between design-led technology and modern wellbeing tools.
Therabody

Dyson Cordless Vacuum (latest flagship model)
The newest high-performance cordless vacuum offering laser dust detection, exceptional suction power, and refined design. Powerful yet lightweight, engineered for efficiency and ease.
Dyson

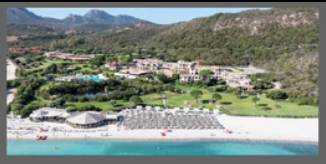
Bang & Olufsen Leather Headphones
Over-ear headphones crafted with lambskin leather and aluminium, delivering balanced, immersive sound with active noise cancellation. Elegant, timeless, and designed for long listening sessions rather than trend-led tech.
Bang & Olufsen

Luxury Old-Fashioned Games Box
A beautifully crafted wooden or leather-bound games compendium, typically including chess, backgammon, cards, and dice. A display piece as much as an object of use — understated, nostalgic, and tactile.

Vitamix High-Performance Blender
Professional-grade blender known for reliability, power, and longevity. Used widely in wellness, clinical, and chef environments. Suitable for smoothies, soups, nut butters, and whole-food nutrition.
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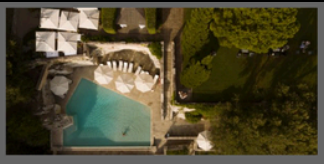
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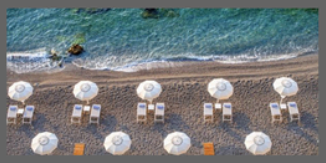
Florence, Italy



BORGO PIGNANO VOLTERRA

Luxury country estate

Tuscany, Italy



BORGO SANTANDREA

A villa by the sea in Amalfi

Amalfi Coast, Italy



COQUILLADE PROVENCE

Luxurious Provençal estate

Provence, France



HOTEL CRILLON LE BRAVE

Exquisite Provençal retreat

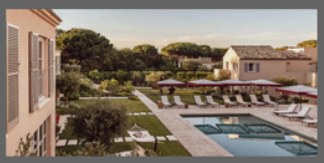
Mont Ventoux, France



HOTEL LE COUCOU

Stylish 3-Valleys ski resort

Méribel, France



HOTEL LOU PINET

Slow-living paradise

Saint-Tropez, France



LE GRAND MAZARIN

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Additional sources have been intentionally excluded where they would duplicate established propositions or dilute analytical clarity. This restraint reflects the norms of private banking, family office advisory, and senior decision-making environments, where authority is conveyed through judgement, coherence, and discernment rather than volume of citation. The methodology therefore aligns with the subject matter itself: luxury understood not as accumulation, but as disciplined selection, continuity, and informed restraint.

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