



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

Weekly Updates

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the latest in Asia

Japan

[E-commerce: Japan's fashion e-tailer Zozo to exit overseas markets](#)

Japan's fashion e-tailer Zozo has announced that it will cease overseas operations in Europe, the U.S., Asia-Pacific and the Middle East from May 26

[Luxury: MCM unveils largest flagship store in Tokyo](#)

MCM has opened its largest flagship store in Ginza, Tokyo; the mega store features the brand's seasonal collections and houses a showroom, a VIP lounge, experience-driven retail installations, a café, a gallery and performance space

[Luxury: Canada's M0851 plans new stores in Japan over the next two years](#)

Canada's upscale leather brand M0851 plans to add more stores in Japan over the next two years; recently, the brand has accelerated its local expansion by launching two pop-up stores in Fukuoka and Osaka respectively

[Luxury: U.K. luxury fashion retailer Belstaff quits Japan market](#)

British luxury fashion retailer Belstaff is exiting from the Japan market to shift its focus to selling online in the U.S. and setting up a wholesale distribution network in Italy

South Korea

[Retail in general: The Chinese government ends Lotte sanctions](#)

Lotte sanctions imposed by the Chinese government two years ago due to the THAAD dispute with South Korea has recently been lifted; local authorities in Shenyang have also allowed Lotte Group to resume work on a US\$2.6 billion retail and leisure project in the region

[Beauty and personal care: Amorepacific introduces Etude House to India](#)

Amorepacific has recently launched Etude House in India, the third Amorepacific's beauty brand rolled out in India following Innisfree and Laneige

Singapore

[Department stores: Marks & Spencer launches at Jewel Changi Airport](#)

Marks & Spencer (M&S) has recently opened a 13,000-sqft store at Jewel Changi Airport, offering M&S's clothing and accessories across womenswear, menswear, lingerie and childrenswear, along with nearly 3,000 lines of food and drinks

Malaysia

[Consumer electronics: Australia's Harvey Norman plans store expansion in Malaysia](#)

Harvey Norman, an Australian-based consumer electronics retailer, is planning to add nine more stores in Malaysia by the end of 2020, taking its local store count to over 50 by the end of 2023

India

[Retail technologies: Indian retail tech startup RealTell embarks gamification](#)

India's retail tech startup RealTell is launching its flagship product "Realtell Retail", which aims to help retailers, primarily the fashion and apparel brands, to drive footfall and encourage customers to spend more by gamifying the offline shopping experience

[E-commerce: Flipkart reportedly in talks to buy local grocery chain](#)

Flipkart is reportedly in talks to acquire local grocery chain Namdhari's Fresh, which currently runs over 30 stores in the southern city of Bengaluru

[E-commerce: BigBasket's parent company secures US\\$150 million additional funding](#)

Supermarket Grocery Supplies, the holding company of India's online grocer BigBasket has recently raised US\$150 million in a fresh funding round led by the UK Government's development finance institution, CDC Group, and Alibaba Group, boosting the company's valuation to over US\$1 billion

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