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Japan

[Apparel and footwear: Uniqlo enters the Italy market](#)

Fast fashion retail chain Uniqlo will make its debut into Italy by opening its first store in Milan. With a floor space of 1,500 sqm, the new store is located on Piazza Cordusio, in close proximity to Piazza Duomo

[Beauty and personal care: Lush Tokyo opens largest flagship store in Asia](#)

On 8 June, Lush Tokyo opened its largest flagship store in Asia. Located in the southeast wing of Shinjuku Station, the three-story flagship store provides an “experiential, imaginative retail space showcasing Lush’s innovation in technology, with exclusive product drops, and new ways to shop”

South Korea

[Duty-free shops: South Korea mulls raising ceiling on purchases at Duty-free stores](#)

South Korea is considering raising the ceiling on purchases at duty-free shops by locals in view of the rise in people’s incomes. Currently, South Koreans can buy goods worth up to US\$3,600 at duty-free stores in South Korea, including arrival duty-free shops that opened earlier this week

Thailand

[Duty-free shops: King Power Bangkok airport retail monopoly to stretch another decade](#)

King Power Duty Free Company has gained monopoly power on duty-free business at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi airport for another decade after Airports of Thailand announced it had lodged the highest bid to retain the business

[Home products: Ikea Thailand opens full online store after two years planning](#)

After two years of planning, Ikea Thailand has launched an online store with a view to matching the journey and impression customers experience at a physical Ikea shop. Ikea is aiming to hit 17,000 online orders this year within the territory

Singapore

[Shopping malls: Funan mall is set to reopen on 28 June](#)

After undergoing a three-year redevelopment, Funan is set to make its return on 28 June, with more than 180 brands. Of these, around 30% are new-to-market brands, new concept stores or flagships

[Consumer electronics: Singtel opens first unmanned pop-up store in Singapore](#)

Singtel has inaugurated 'Unboxed by Singtel', its first unmanned 24/7 pop-up store in Singapore. Store visitors will be able to consult with a live bot, which is powered by facial recognition technology, and receive personalized recommendations

India

[E-commerce: Amazon is the most trusted among Internet brands in India](#)

Among the 32 Internet brands surveyed, e-commerce giant Amazon is the most trusted among the Internet brands in India, followed by Google and Facebook, according to a recent report by TRA Research

[E-commerce: Online fashion retailer Myntra to sell in Walmart's US stores](#)

Online fashion retailer Myntra is set to sell its own branded products to the U.S. via Walmart. Myntra was acquired by Walmart 10 months ago, since then Myntra's brands have been available through Walmart Canada

[Apparel and footwear: Cotton On Group enters India via Myntra](#)

Cotton On, Australia's largest fashion retailer, has made its entry into the Indian market through online shopping platform Myntra. The brand also plans to open flagship store in India — either in Delhi or Mumbai — in 3Q20 or 4Q20

[Apparel and footwear: Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail to acquire two ethnic wear brands](#)

Homegrown fashion company Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd. announced to acquire ethnic wear brands Jaypore and TG Apparel & Decor Pvt Ltd. to strengthen its position in the branded fashion space

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