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TRENDING NOW BEST PICKS FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED

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From living green walls that help you breathe to etiquette-friendly bracelets that let you know when your cell phone is ringing, and gadgets that fly, luxury surveyed the market to cherry-pick the best of what's trending now.

1. Bridging the gap between the convenience and comfort of at-home fitness with the energy and motivation of a group fitness class is the Peloton Cycle. Geared to "Spin" addicts, this state-of-the-art cycling wonder provides frictionless magnetic resistance and a near-silent belt drive. A water resistant, HD touch screen tablet that is Wifi and Bluetooth-enabled streams live or on-demand classes straight to your bike at a monthly service charge of \$39.

2. A phone on the table is, well, rude. Missing important phone calls due to an unfindable phone at the bottom of a handbag is decidedly frustrating.

Now style-conscious moms and ladies who lunch can stay connected and not be disrupted. Beacon and Lively's comfortably chic bracelet shoots a beam of light across your wrist signaling someone important is trying to reach you. It can be custom color-coded to suit your needs: a red light for your significant other; a blue light for the babysitter.

3. For the guys, celebrated designer Michael Bastian teamed up with computer giant HP to launch the MB, a 44 mm stainless steel "smart watch" that provides email and text notifications plus real-time

alerts for weather, sports and stocks. "It needed to be a link, not a replacement, to your phone, so a lot of extraneous features could be eliminated to make the experience and function of the watch more intuitive and streamlined for the wearer," Bastian says.

4. Looking to rent a private island for your wife's special birthday or daughter's Sweet 16? In the market for a trip to Los Angeles including red-carpet access to the Oscars? SMARTFLYER, a new breed of travel concierge, is based on creative, one-of-a-kind experiences with unique, customized itineraries crafted for the leisure or corporate traveler. Its worldwide team of travel experts have unparalleled industry connections. All

you have worry about is what to pack.

5. If you'd rather travel by road, get on the wait-list for the Tesla Model X crossover. Tesla's most family friendly design boasts seating for seven passengers with easy access to third row seating. Every model comes standard with functional Falcon wing doors and dual-motor all wheel drive.

6. Looking for a little breathing room? Try going green. Vertical gardens or Living Walls protect your home from toxins and save energy by creating a natural sheet of insulation. The lush plantings also provide significant health benefits by removing formaldehyde, VOC solvents, carbon monoxide and many other

harmful pollutants. Michael Maderash, principal designer for Kokobo Green-scapes, says the trend ranges from "starting small with a 3 X 3 square in a kitchen filled with basil and mint for homemade mojitos to a 6,000 square-foot rooftop garden as an entertaining centerpiece."

7/8. Accessories have never been so much fun. For him, get in line for a Nixie, a wrist-mounted drone camera that leaps into the air to snap an action "selfie" before landing right back on your wrist. Or, try a Skully, a motorcycle helmet with head-up displays such as road layouts, GPS mapping and rear camera viewed fighter pilot style.

9/10. For her, glam-up with the new eponymous makeup collection of

Charlotte Tilbury, the celebrated artist behind A-list faces like Penelope Cruz and Jennifer Lopez. And no shoulder should be without a "Bucket Bag," the ultimate marriage of form and function that is blessing fashion runways for spring.

11. And, for the kid in all of us: Aim high with a 14 megapixel camera drone that snaps pictures or records high definition video seen live on your smartphone. The autonomous flight system allows the drone to hover in place or stay on course, providing time to focus. A rechargeable battery provides 25 minutes of flight time while built-in firmware prevents the copter from flying into restricted airspace. SE