

Xcel Brands Buys Mizrahi for \$31.5M

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Isaac Mizrahi has a new backer in Xcel Brands Inc., which has acquired the designer's licensing business for \$31.5 million. [SEE LIST BELOW FOR ALL OF THIS ISSUE'S ARTICLES](#)

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Front Row at Balenciaga Spring 2012

Collapsing benches upstaged celebrities, with some editors falling flat on their backs.

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William and Kate Open Hospital in Surrey

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Karl's Book For Hogan

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A Book Party for Marc Rosen

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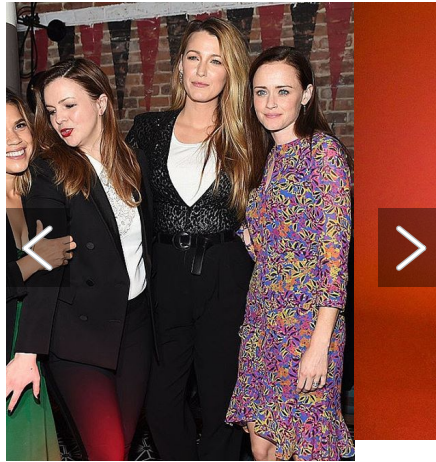
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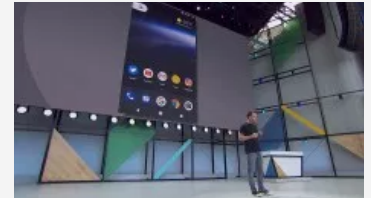
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