**Oris Thais up with marine charity**

Oris has created a limited edition version of its Apys Date wristwatch to raise awareness of the plight of the dugong, an endangered species of marine mammal that has now vanished from 90% of its range around the world. The watch is available in two versions — the leather strap and the grey suede band — and bears the name of the animal on the dial. A portion of the proceeds from each sale will go to the Dugong Research Station in Thailand, which is working to protect the species.

**Japanese in the UK**

Japanophilia in the UK has been growing with increasing numbers of Japanese visitors flocking to London and the West Coast of the USA. A recent study showed that Japanese tourists spend an average of £1,000 per day, with many flocking to islands such as Okinawa and Kii, home to some of the most stunning beaches in Asia. The trend has been helped by the increase in direct flights between Japan and the UK, making it easier for Japanese tourists to visit. The UK government has also been promoting Japanese culture, including food, art, and fashion, to attract more visitors.

**Living the dream**

Singapore will host the second annual Japanese Dance Festival event on Wednesday, during which several famous Japanese artists will perform. The festival includes a variety of performances, including classical dance and drama shows, as well as a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. The festival is attended by many Japanese artists, including famous dancers and actors. The festival is a great opportunity for visitors to experience Japanese culture and to learn more about Japanese arts and traditions.

**What goes around**

Asian buyers heading to Geneva for the annual November watch auctions have been snapping up tickets for the top shows, including Grand Seiko, Omega, and Rolex. The trend is expected to continue in 2023, with many buyers looking forward to the next year's auctions. The trend is driven by the rising demand for luxury watches among Asian consumers, who are increasingly interested in collecting and investing in high-end timepieces.