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As private wealth reaches record highs, there are very real risks that come with amassing a significant fortune. Secret Me is a new service that aims to teach high-net-worth individuals the skills they need to protect their assets. This includes tutelage in live shooting, surveillance, escapology and even poker, poisons and “persuasion”—and if it all sounds a bit James Bond, that’s because it is. Staffed by former members of the Special Forces and spying agencies, the invitation-only course teaches espionage and self-defence in luxurious surroundings befitting of Secret Me’s five-star clientele. Phase one, “The Camp”, sees clients flown by private jet or helicopter to a stately home in the UK to learn the basics of spy craft. “Mission Training” follows, during which you’re put through your paces in an exotic overseas locale. This is all in preparation for the final mission, a week-long “spy scenario” where you’ll put your new-found skills to the ultimate test. www.s.ecret.me

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Going dotty

Pumpkins and polka dots await shoppers at Selfridges London this autumn, as the department store launches its latest artistic collaboration with Louis Vuitton and Yayoi Kusama. The store’s famed windows will be taken over with her signature dots while the Concept Store will feature giant pumpkins amidst which Louis Vuitton’s new collection by Kusama (right), exclusive to Selfridges, will be showcased. But be quick; the event ends on October 19. www.selfridges.com

