

Arab and African Beauty: The Story of Identity, Innovation and Opportunities

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Why read this report?

INTRODUCTION

Key findings

WHAT IS A-BEAUTY?

A-beauty embraces a growing demographic What is A-beauty?

Exploring opportunities through gaps in A-beauty

MEA'S MARKET GROWTH POTENTIAL

Beauty and personal care in MEA to grow to USD54 billion by 2029
Factors fostering MEA growth for beauty and personal care
Changing demographics and economic policy are shaping the beauty landscape

GETTING HAIR AND SKIN CONCERNS RIGHT

Itchy scalp and dark spots top MEA consumers' hair and skin concerns, respectively Understanding concerns of darker skin tones is the first step to A-beauty Most common hair types in the MEA region are Types 3 and 4 Expanded hair routines for textured hair can increase usage opportunities for brands

TAPPING INTO TRADITIONAL INGREDIENTS

A-beauty: Ingredients are key to addressing Arab and African concerns

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Ingredients native to the Arab world form an integral part of Arab beauty
Brands that embody A-beauty through innovative ingredient concepts
UAE based izil beauty brings traditional beauty rituals to contemporary consumers
Fragrances' cultural significance in Middle East generates potential for beauty tourism
Best-in-class brand examples of Arabian fragrance concepts

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Halal beauty: Appealing to Muslims and non-Muslims alike
Opportunity lies in the region's rich biodiversity and culture
African beauty ingredients form an important part of skin and hair care rituals
African brands that leverage indigenous ingredients through authentic storytelling

MARKETING TO ARAB AND AFRICAN CONSUMERS

A-influencers' connectivity on social media platforms encourages shopping behaviour Making social media platforms shoppable to reach A-beauty consumers Exploring brands and marketing techniques in the Arab world of beauty The bankability of social media influencers to generate revenue is promising Fostering brand loyalty through meaningful engagement and shopper education Case study: Surrati Perfumes uses TikTok to connect with consumers, churn sales Case study: Dubai-based Huda Beauty and Kayali Perfumes enjoy massive local appeal Regional beauty brands connecting to consumers using social media in MEA

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Opportunities and recommendations for maximising the potential of A-beauty

CONCLUSION

Questions we are asking

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