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"New product development in the Men's haircare category has seen an overall decline, despite trends in men's hair styles favouring higher maintenance longer hair. With longer hair trends looking set to stay, haircare brands can do more to offer products that reflect the latest fashions."

— Roshida Khanom, Senior Personal Care Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- New launches have shown a decline
- · Young men want more specific help
- · Build-up on hair may be driving down sales of conditioner
- · Dry shampoo could be positioned as a styling aid

The Men's haircare category has shown modest growth in 2014, despite declines in both launch activity and advertising spend. Men show high frequency of usage when it comes to styling products, with just over a third of users of styling products using them once a day or more. Younger men in particular show high usage across haircare products, and with longer hairstyles in fashion, there are new opportunities for innovation and product positioning to this demographic.

Education will be essential to boost further growth in this market, with almost 40% of non-users of some/all haircare products agreeing that their hair does not need styling regularly and just under a quarter only using haircare products when they think their hair needs it. In addition, almost half of male haircare users agree that men's and women's haircare products do the same thing. Men also show concern when it comes to haircare products, with just over two thirds of users agreeing that using too many products is damaging to hair.

Within this report we investigate men's hair types and concerns, haircare products used and frequency of usage. We also investigate the preference for using budget vs prestige brands, interest in new innovations and attitudes towards haircare, as well as reasons for not using some/all haircare products.

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