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- Richard Perks, Director of Retail Research

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M&S' efforts to bolster awareness of its beauty ranges through in-store events aligns with Mintel Trend Return to the Experts, which discusses how retailers can differentiate themselves by offering customers expert advice. As more than a third (34%) of Millennial women (16-34s) are interested in attending in-store beauty masterclasses, such efforts have real potential to elevate M&S' position in the UK beauty sector.

M&S has also used seasonal events to drive awareness of its beauty ranges throughout the year, including its Mother's Day campaign which offered customers a free beauty box worth £80 when they spent £30 or more on beauty, make-up or skincare. For more information see M&S ups the ante on beauty with in-store events – 27th April 2017..

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Interest in male grooming continues to grow and in line with this trend, an increasing number of brands and retailers are putting more energy into capturing male consumers.

In July 2017, online youth fashion retailer ASOS began selling a selection of products from male make-up brand MMUK. This was followed by the news in November 2017 that MMUK, which currently only sells products online, is reportedly set to open its first bricks-and-mortar store in the UK.

In the run-up to Father's Day 2017, eBay teamed up with L'Oréal Men Expert to create an online men's grooming hub. The online shopping destination offered products across a number of categories, as well as articles and videos full of tips and how-to guides from skincare routines to beard trimming. As we discuss in Mintel's Seasonal Shopping (Spring/Summer) - UK, October 2017, Father's Day is worth an estimated £410 million to UK retailers, which makes it a significant opportunity for retailers to encourage sales of male-targeted BPC products. Mintel's Gifting in Beauty and Personal Care - UK, January 2018 RReport found that 75% of UK consumers have purchased beauty/personal care products as a gift in the last 12 months, with research for the same Report indicating that well-known brands appeal to such shoppers.

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