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This report looks at the following areas:

- Spend on different skincare products
- Starting age of using prestige skincare products
- Reasons for starting use of prestige skincare products
- Purchase channels and desired channel features for purchasing prestige skincare products
- Information source for prestige skincare products

Prestige facial skincare products have maintained a strong status among women in pursuit of more effective solutions and pampering experiences in their skin repertoire. The entry age has also become earlier as young people considering themselves coming to the age of using feel the need to start their skincare journey. In product format, serums (both facial and eye cream/serum) and moisturisers are still in the top categories of consumers' skincare product investment.

Prestige skincare showed resilience post-COVID in 2021 with little change in consumer spending. However, the resurgence of COVID-19 in early 2022 dragged down consumers' confidence in spending and financial prospect, leading consumers to rethink their purchase habits and whether an indulgence in skincare is necessary.

Younger engagement is prevalent in this category, with young people entering the prestige territory given the preventive mindset on anti-ageing, possibly a disruptive force for brands to rethink their product and channel strategies. These digital-savvy young consumers are also showing a heavy emphasis on inperson experience at offline channels as it is an important touchpoint for them to get a taste of brands' premium experience and product trials.



"Younger entry in the category becomes prevailing and brands are now required to act fast and dig deeper product offering diversifications and channels strategies to better accommodate younger consumers' needs on functional benefits and sensorial experience during use."

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