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This report looks at the following areas:

- How usage patterns have shifted in women's facial skincare.
- The impact of the rising cost of living on how women shop for facial skincare.
- The importance of private label within women's facial skincare.
- How brands can boost product repertoires in women's facial skincare.
- How brands can respond to the downward pressure on price in women's facial skincare.

The fact that 61% of female facial skincare users agree it's better to shop according to skin type, as opposed to skin concern, spotlights the relevance of ensuring women are accurate when self-diagnosing their skin type. If women are misinformed as to their skin type, but are shopping on this basis, then they're less likely to see product results and may abandon a particular brand or product as a result.

The rising cost of living will accelerate trade-down behaviours within women's facial skincare, with low prices a top three most important factor when shopping the category. Whilst this poses an opportunity for mass-market and private-label brands, it places pressure on prestige alternatives to prove the value in trading up, whether this be in terms of product experience or usage results.

The rise of private label and mass market, in terms of trend-led NPD, poses a significant threat to the women's facial skincare category. These products are becoming increasingly innovative, and dupe alternatives to prestige products are becoming more popular, meaning that there's a risk that trading-down behaviours will become more common, eroding the value of the category.

The fact that a greater proportion of female facial skincare buyers claim that long-lasting results are a top three most important factor when shopping the category than those claiming the same for low prices spotlights an opportunity.



Analyst

"Women's facial skincare will feel the benefit of price rises in 2023, with this boosting value growth in the category. However, despite a challenging economic setting, women still appear willing to experiment with new formats."

- Maddie Malone, Senior Beauty and Personal Care

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Brands and retailers can encourage higher spend among those who favour long-lasting results by leading with messaging in this space, providing proof of results in order to further instil purchase confidence.

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