



Happy Birthday
Two of our fave beauty brands celebrate anniversaries with oldies but goodies.



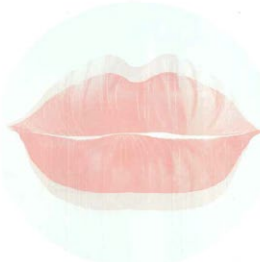
Clarins Blue Orchid Face Treatment Oil, \$65, and Tonic Body Treatment Oil, \$78

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Clarins' Tonic Body Treatment Oil and Blue Orchid Face Treatment Oil, the first products launched by the brand in 1954, have remained unchanged in formula ever since. Made of 100 per cent plant extracts, both work to balance and nourish skin. For its 60th anniversary, Clarins is releasing limited-edition versions (in gold-tone bottles, no less) of the oils.

Though founded in 1799, British perfumery Atkinsons fell by the wayside post-WWII because of financial troubles. In 2013, it finally returned to the luxury fragrance market. Now, to celebrate its second first anniversary, the brand is releasing a richer, more concentrated version of its 24 Old Bond Street cologne. It combines juniper, rose, black tea and whisky, and manages to be intense, yet fresh.

FAST FORWARD

The skin's renewal cycle takes 28 days, so most skincare works with this in mind. But others, like Cosme Decorte's AQ Meliority W Concentration (\$632) work with a seven-day cycle instead, in sync with the number of days it takes for surface skin to regenerate. The serum duo (one for day, another for night) has golden camomile and honeysuckle extracts which reportedly keep this renewal process running smoothly, strengthening skin's topmost layer so that it's better able to protect against external damage. Also, the serums are said to ensure that older cells are shed naturally and don't build up, which makes skin look dull and uneven. All this means that surface skin becomes more even and smoother, and looks brighter. The best part of a seven-day product: You're supposed to see better skin in, yes, just seven days.

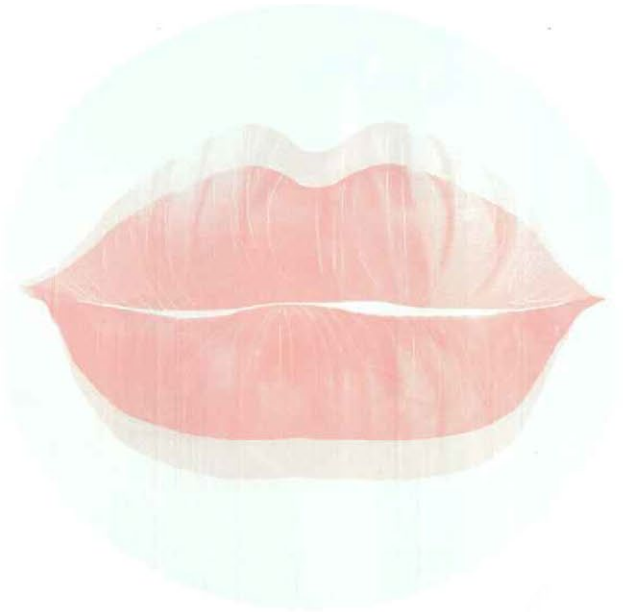


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Low's Lip Lift (Lift) uses plant extracts which reportedly imitate the effects of hyaluronic acid injections. It also claims to increase collagen production to improve elasticity of the skin around your lips. "Lifting" the corners of your mouth. You'll look less sullen – and a smiler face automatically looks youthful. At Robinsons The Heeren.



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