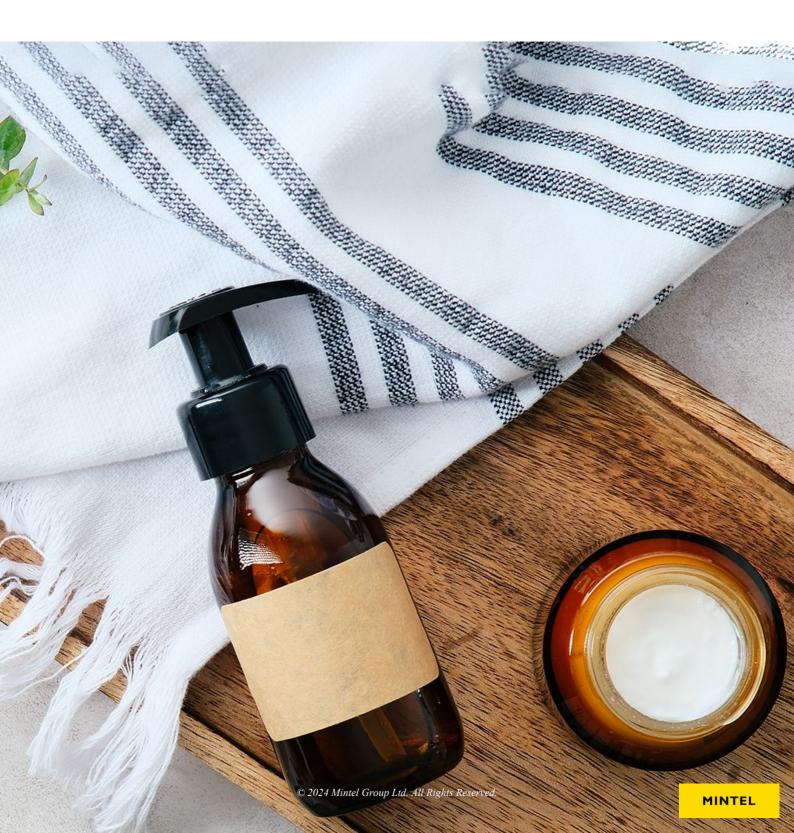
# CURATIVE BEAUTY – THAI CONSUMER – 2022

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### This report looks at the following areas:

• The impact of COVID-19 on facial skincare and the demand for curative solutions

- The gap between consumers' curative demands and the facial skincare market's current offerings
- What product solutions consumers perceive to be the most effective in treating skin problems
- The difference between what consumers with few and many skin problems prioritise when purchasing facial skincare

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• Opportunities to dial up efficacy claims in facial skincare, and hence curative solutions

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### Overview

The daily mask-wearing lifestyle introduced by the pandemic led consumers to develop maskne – problems of skin sensitivity and acne breakouts. Because this was unprecedented, consumers learned how to cope and actively sought remedies to best cure these persistent maskne problems.

Efficacy has become the number-one criteria when purchasing facial skincare (56%) as consumers want to get rid of problems quickly. 62% of Thai consumers perceive serum to be the most effective skincare format, which accelerates the launch of serum to the point that it overtakes the pre-existing, long-established cream format.

Still, whitening and brightening claims dominate beauty-enhancing claims in Thai facial skincare. Anti-acne, conversely, remains static at 14% of facial skincare launches in the past

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three years. This implies underleveraged anti-acne claims and an overemphasis on enhancive beauty within the industry.

Use maskne as an entry point for consumers to treat their acne, especially for young men whose primary skin problem is acne. Offer efficacious acne treatment serum that they can afford in sachet format as a gateway to recruit them into the facial skincare category.

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- Enhance the power of curative beauty through customised skincare
- · Grow other formats with even more efficacious propositions
- Natural and science go hand in hand

#### Keep it simple with consumers who have minimal skin issues

- Provide sachet formats to tackle acne quickly and affordably
- Educate on and promote skin positivity
- Leverage cica and ceramide as effective natural ingredients
- Skipcare is the new skincare

#### Build overall healthy and glowing skin solutions for consumers with multifaceted skin issues

- Emphasise overall healthy and glowing skin solutions
- Venture out of the topical beauty space
- Achieve optimum efficacy at a cellular level
- Bring clinical-grade technology back home



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