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This report looks at the following areas:

This Report focuses on female consumer behaviour and attitudes after the pandemic, investigating their attitudes and preferences of daily life activities, social connections and preferences regarding the portrayal of women in advertising.

- Enjoyable routines and sense of ritual
- Price indexes for different categories
- Celebrity influence on consumption
- Influence and interactions among besties
- Self-improvement priorities
- Impressive and favourable female images in brands' commercials
- · Lifestyle attitudes and concerns.



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Overview

When compared with 2021, the year before the pandemic, apart from maintaining personal wellbeing (2021: 41%, 2023: 45%), more women are paying attention to enhancing their appearance (2021: 36%, 2023: 40%) and social circle (2021: 23%, 2023: 25%). It is evident that the emphasis for women is shifting towards healthy lifestyles, life aesthetics and cultivating social relationships.

In terms of life aesthetics, modern women increasingly want to add a sense of ritual into their lives in both daily routines and significant moments, finding enjoyment in everyday routines.

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They are also in pursuit of seeking knowledge and content from celebrities, embracing an emerging form of livestreaming with a content-driven storytelling mode.

As for social relationships, women have strong bonds with their besties, which even adds new meaning to conventional festivals like Valentine's Day. Under the context of "girls know girls", women develop a deep emotional resonance with besties, and their awareness of independence is rising. Brands will need to adapt to dynamic changes in women's lifestyles and values by updating their understanding and portrayal of women, and taking action to fulfil their desire to experience more outside of work and families.

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