



**M.A.C. Cleansing Wipes, \$22**

The choice of professional make-up artists and models backstage in Paris, Milan, London and NY, the gentle wipes remove *everything* – including waterproof mascara. Then you turn the sheet over to cleanse and tone the skin. Local fans include Lim Yu Beng, Tan Kheng Hua and Pamela Oei.

**Själ Cela Intuitif, \$398 (60ml)**

This range was formulated by a NY mother-and-daughter team who wanted minimum products for maximum effect. It has 45-50 active ingredients including gold, silver and sapphire essence. Donatella Versace reportedly buys it in bulk. Available at Escentials counter, Tangs, Level 1.



**Jurlique Lavender Floral Water, \$30 (30ml)**

One of the most-wanted aromatherapy ranges in the world, Australian brand Jurlique's products are found in many top spas. Those in the know carry these handy sprays in their totes for that mid-day perk-me-up. From Essence Vale, #01-03, Orchard Emerald (Tel: 6735 8082).

**Burt's Bees Lifeguard's Choice Weatherproofing Lip Balm, \$4.02**

This cult brand of natural products had its humble beginnings in a small American town, and this lip balm is considered by many to be the best ever. Made with beeswax, coconut oil, Vitamin E and peppermint oil, it softens the lips of everyone from Hollywood stars to models to high-powered businesswomen. And it's super-affordable. Available at Healthy Planet, #B1-20 Forum Shopping Mall (Tel: 6834 2688).



**Estée Lauder Advanced Night Repair Whitening Recovery Complex, from \$85 (30ml)**

This has been a major skincare icon for 20 years: the first formulation of the Night Repair Complex was launched in 1982 and women have sworn by it ever since. The souped-up Advanced Night Repair was born in 1991 and has recently been followed by a whitening version.



**Dr. Hauschka Neem Nail Oil, \$29**

This cult brand has recently repackaged its popular strengthening and nourishing nail oil, made from neem-leaf extract, into a handy felt-tip applicator. It's sure to make life (not to mention nail care) easier for legions of its fans including Julia Roberts, Cate Blanchett, Heather Graham, Madonna... the list is endless. Available from Healthy Planet.



# The insiders

Amid the flurry of skincare products launched every year, a few become cult must-haves. By Clare Austin



**Clarins Body Lift Contour Control, \$60**

With its promise of diminishing the appearance of cellulite, this product rapidly became every woman's best friend. The high concentration of natural plant extracts help to tighten and tone you. It's not all hype either; Body Lift won the Grand Prix Avantage de la Beauté in 2001.

**REN Calendula & Chamomile Moisturiser, \$65**

REN is an eco-friendly skincare company from London that creates beautifully packaged natural skincare, free from chemical additives and harmful ingredients. This soothing moisturiser calms and hydrates skin. Fans include Kate Moss, actress Sadie Frost and her husband, Jude Law. Available at Belle, Shop No. 1 Main Lobby, the Grand Hyatt Singapore (Tel: 6736 0483).



**Crème De La Mer, \$315 (60ml)**

One product that definitely lives up to the hype. Formulated by a NASA scientist, it's good skin in a pot and is essential for travel to cooler and drier climates. Just ask Sharon Stone, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Stella McCartney, Zoe Tay and Jacintha Abisheganaden.



**Blackmores Tea Tree Pimple Gel, \$14.50**

Found in many a stylish woman's emergency kit, it's perfect for zapping acne problems before they become disaster zones. The tea-tree oil is sourced by Blackmores from wild crafted trees growing in native Australian bush and the gel itself is made without the use of chemicals. Available at all Watson's Personal Stores.



**La Prairie Skin Caviar, \$280 (50ml)**

With extract of Beluga caviar, this cream adds a decadent dimension to skincare. Encapsulated in the caviar beads is a high concentrate of skin protectors, nutrients and conditioners in a liquid full of natural replenishers. Your skin will simply shout "quality".



**Shu Uemura High Performance Balancing Cleansing Oil, from \$46 (50ml); \$116 (150ml)**

This star product is also the number-one selling cleanser in Japan. Shu Uemura "discovered" the oil when he saw Hollywood actresses using it in the 1950s to clean their skin and remove make-up. It's now also available in "light" and "enriched" versions.

