

Competitor Strategies in Beauty and Personal Care

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L'Oréal focuses on hyper-premiumisation and specialisation in high-spend markets

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