



THE NUE CO Barrier Culture Moisturiser, £45

## FRANCE: VIOLETTE SERRAT, FOUNDER OF VIOLETTE FR

"In France we believe that being different means being unique. So at Violette\_FR we nurture that because, ultimately, we want to take care of what Mother Nature gave us instead of changing it. That's why the concept of celebrating who you are is so important for us. I saw that there was a need to create a brand that restores our relationship with heauty, with the skin you're in. It's skincare to celebrate yourself, rather than something to 'fix' yourself.'

VIOLETTE\_FR Bisou Balm in Bêtise, LZ4. Right: C'est La Cream, £62

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## COLOMBIA: JULES MILLER, FOUNDER OF THE NUE CO

"I was born in Lendon but moved to Colombia from an early age. My mother is from 'El Quindro', the coffee region, but beauty in Colombia is not about how you look, but how you look, but how you look, but how you look provided about yourself. My grandfather was a chemist and lecturer at Cambridge University and he was part of the team that led significant research into vitamin B12, So through my Colombian mother taking me to herbalists in the local market and my grandfather schooling me on the insland outs of clinical studies, I've learnt a lot about the powerful benefits of both natural and medical grade ingredients. It is how we develop our formulas'

## ENGLAND: CAROLE BAMFORD, FOUNDER OF BAMFORD

"As a child in the English countryside, I remember being given rose hip syrup to heal cuts and scrapes and we now use rose hip seed oil in our skindare formulations because it can strengthen our skin's membranes, which deteriorate as we age. Our skin is our largest organ, so it makes sense to me that what I put on my body is as nourishing as whet goes into it, so it was instinctive to look to nature to feed the skin."

### BRAZIL: FRANCISCO COSTA, FOUNDER OF COSTA BRAZIL

"Growing up in Brazil, where the beach is the backdrap to life, there is an ease Brazilians have with their bodies – they are comfortable in their skin. There is an expression used by the people of Riot instead of greeting people with "How are you doing?" they say "E at Beleza?", which literally means "Is everything beautiful?" So I'm inspired by the richness in spirit of the Brazilian people, hence Costa Brazil inspires a different definition of beauty – one that you find within yourse!"



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BAMFORD Nourishing Sleep Mask, £60

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gamut of destinations across the world, including Brazil, India, China, France and Togo, are the unlikely inspirations for some of skincare's most exciting and progressive offerings. While the formulations are created for the rigours of modern times, the genesis of the brands are very much steeped in heritage. Ten beauty founders venture down memory lane to reveal how their roots have influenced the skincare lines we are coveting right now.



From left: MELYON Night Gream, £38. Detox Serum, £68. Both at <u>Candourbeauty.com</u>

#### TOGO & GHANA: ROGER DUPE, FOUNDER OF MELYON

"The birth of Melyon – the ingredients, formulation and even packaging represents my expression to close the gap between my West African - Togo and Ghana - and my Swedish heritage. I wanted to highlight unique ingredients, shea butter baobab and moringa oils, and traditions that have long been used by women and men in West Africa, My mother always taught me to take pride in my skin and that 'It's not OK to be dry!' Mothers would massage their babies with shea butter so they can sleep better. Having silky-soft skin was not only seen as an affordable status symbol, it was a spiritual practice."



### CHINA: TINA CRAIG, FOUNDER OF U BEAUTY

"The Chinese believe that good skin is synonymous with self-confidence. Instead of covering up your face with make-up, embrace your healthy, glowy skin. It starts from the inside out, taking care of yourself holistically – my grandmother taught me this at a young age. The goal is simple: to feel good and be comfortable with yourself, feeling ready to face the world every single day. That's why, in addition to introducing proprietary science and high-performance products, one of my main motivations in launching U Beauty was to give the gift of 'good skin' – and the self-confidence that inherently comes with it – to the world."

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BEAUTY The
Super Hydrator,
from £65.
Resurfacing
Compound,
from £85

### SOUTH KOREA: CHRISTIN CHANG, CO-FOUNDER & CO-CEO OF GLOW RECIP

"Being raised in a Korean household the act of caring for skin was alway integrated into our upbringing. Our grandmothers used to apply cold watermelon rinds to soothe irritate and inflamed skin during the summ months. Seeing the soothing effect of this natural ingredient always sta