

Beauty

Pollution-nixing skincare saviours, organic wellness wins fresh from the Gold Coast, and new powerhouse powders setting the pace

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By now you've probably heard about the plight of bees: too many pesticides and too few wild flowers are causing colonies to die off at an alarming rate. Our ecosystem depends on saving them, so one beauty brand, which relies on honey for its skincare, is going to extraordinary lengths to do just that – starting with a rare black bee colony on the island of Ouessant in Brittany, France. Guerlain's Abeille Royale Double R Renew & Repair Serum, £105, uses the royal jelly produced exclusively by black bees, as it stimulates the TIEG1 gene, which skin needs to repair collagen and boost elasticity. The company only sources sustainable amounts of the jelly, while also sponsoring a full-time beekeeper to look after the 140 hives, and raises awareness by lobbying government and visiting schools. All of which has us positively buzzing...