



latest oil, making it suitable for all hair types," says Fadi Mourad, Bumble and Bumble's executive director of product development. "Even for blondes, who used to steer clear of oils due to their staining power." Again, it all boils down to combining the right quantities of high-fat oils (like coconut and macademia) with lower fat oils (like sweet almond and grapeseed) to nourish hair without weighing it down.

So what's next? "Now we have the knowledge of how they work together, we are able to apply it across all categories and products, from sun protection through to foundation," says Bik. "It's an exciting and growing area of beauty."

Here's our pick of the best new-generation oils:

## THE REVOLUTIONARY HAIR COLOUR

Olia, £6.99, Garnier (available nationwide).

HOW IT WORKS: Olia's formula contains four flower oils – sunflower, camellia, passion flower and white meadowfoam – which help maximise the effects of colouring. They also help condition hair during the process. Ammonia, which can dry hair out, has been completely removed from the formula, so all you'll be left with is soft hair with glossy, vibrant colour.

WHY WE LOVE IT: Olia's thick, creamy texture – more like a facial moisturiser than a hair colorant – leaves hair soft and shiny.

## THE MAKE-UP MUST-HAVE

Maestro Complexion Perfector, £36, Armani (0800 123 400).

HOW IT WORKS: providing the coverage of a foundation with the lightness of a tinted moisturiser, this combines five time-release oils, which evaporate off the skin at different rates. The volatile oils ensure the pigments glide on smoothly, while the non-volatile oils, including extracts of lotus oil, keep skin hydrated all day.

WHY WE LOVE IT: it feels like a second skin; completely weightless, giving perfect coverage.

## THE LUXE BODY PERFECTOR

Ultimate Beauty Oil, *below left*, £7.99, Garnier (available nationwide).

HOW IT WORKS: the spray delivers a super-fine mist over your skin. Rub it in and the volatile oils immediately evaporate, leaving a perfectly balanced, lightweight blend of macademia, argan, almond and rose oils to nourish skin without overwhelming it.

WHY WE LOVE IT: the divine smell will transport you back to your summer holiday and you'll love the soft sheen it leaves on your legs.

## THE HAIR TRANSFORMER

Hairdresser's Invisible Oil, *centre left*, £30, Bumble and Bumble (bumbleandbumble.co.uk).

HOW IT WORKS: the six essential oils, including coconut, work weightlessly together to provide multiple benefits, from strengthening and softening to adding shine.

WHY WE LOVE IT: a styler, finisher and conditioner in one, this is a truly multipurpose oil for all hair types.

## THE ANTI-AGEING HERO

Prestige L'huile Souveraine, *top left*, £240, Dior (available nationwide).

HOW IT WORKS: with the nourishment of an oil and the texture of a serum, apply this before your moisturiser for a serious hydration hit. The formula is a blend of natural oils, which have softening, smoothing and plumping powers.

WHY WE LOVE IT: if you're serious about anti-ageing, this wonder product is worth the price tag.

## THE HI-TECH CLEANSER

Ultime8 Sublime Beauty Cleansing Oil, *left*, £28, Shu Uemura (0844 892 0146).

HOW IT WORKS: the result of ten years of research and development, Ultime8 is designed to work for all skin types. Eight botanical oils have been carefully selected and blended for optimum cleansing and hydrating.

WHY WE LOVE IT: Shu Uemura makes the best cleansing oils around (worldwide, one bottle is sold every 15 seconds) and this is its finest yet. □

## BEAUTY OIL DEVOTEES

