

► Sharon McGlinchey

Winner: Beauty

Long before *green* was cool, Sharon McGlinchey was creating organic skincare. Over a decade ago, a client approached her with skin sensitivities, and McGlinchey, a self-confessed “out of the box” beauty therapist, couldn’t find any products to offer that were petrochemical- and paraben-free. It was a light-bulb moment. “That was the day I decided to produce something ethical, non-toxic and beautiful to use—something that didn’t affect anyone’s health,” says McGlinchey.

The 46-year-old admits she “didn’t have a huge amount of self-belief in the beginning”, but it was feedback from clients and friends that kept her going. Thirteen years on, her range, MV Organic skincare, is a cult success, favoured by celebrities, make-up artists and everyday women alike. For McGlinchey, this Women of Style win is a tribute to her convictions. “I’ve put a lot of love into my brand. I’ve worked for years for something I strongly believe in, without compromising. For me, this recognition of what I do on my own terms is the most important thing.”



Ralph Lauren Blue Label blouse; 1800 501 201.
Carla Zampatti skirt; 03-9568 3649. Elsa Peretti for Tiffany & Co. cuff, and Paloma Picasso for Tiffany & Co. necklace; 1800 731 131.
Chanel heels; 03-9954 4331.
Hair and make-up: Annette McKenzie.