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**Philips Facts & Figures**

- **Founded**: 1891 in the Netherlands
- **Global HQ**: Amsterdam
- **Sectors**: Healthcare technology including personal health, connected care, diagnosis and treatment
- **Patent rights**: 57,000
- **Offices**: 100
- **Staff**: 80,000
Maximizing customized research

Having established such a close working relationship with GfK, Philips not only subscribes to the sales intelligence, but also commissions custom research to address specific challenges. Two recent projects illustrate how the player has used ad hoc intelligence to support strategy development.

- In one project, focused on haircare, the teams worked together to create a go-to-market strategy in Saudi Arabia. The challenge in this market was to increase the average selling price (ASP), while simultaneously striving to become the number one haircare brand in the Kingdom.

- In a second project, GfK helped Philips MENA understand and develop a suitable approach to reach the desirable Gen Z audience in the region. Here the brand wanted to create the most effective media and communications strategy to reach this desirable target audience. The results of the project are guiding Philips’ strategy and tactics.

A strong relationship

Philips MENA and GfK enjoy a strong working relationship, based on a collaboration that has lasted many years. The team at Philips depends on GfK’s intelligence to support a significant part of the strategic planning for the personal care categories in the region.

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With our longstanding working relationship, we trust GfK to underpin our strategic planning in MENA and so from time to time we also add custom research. I’m pleased to say we’ve had great success – for instance, when looking to understand specific target audiences or to drive new initiatives.

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