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(54) Title: COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING HYDROPHOBIC SILICA AEROGEL PARTICLES, A WAX, A HYDROCARBON OIL AND A FATTY ALCOHOL AND/OR A FATTY ACID

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a cosmetic composition comprising: - hydrophobic silica aerogel particles, - at least one wax, - at least one hydrocarbon oil and - at least one fatty alcohol and/or at least one fatty acid, the composition comprising at least 10% by weight of wax(es), with respect to the total weight of the composition.

COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING HYDROPHOBIC SILICA AEROGEL PARTICLES, A WAX, A HYDROCARBON OIL AND A FATTY ALCOHOL AND/OR A FATTY ACID

The present invention relates to a cosmetic composition comprising hydrophobic silica aerogel particles, at least one wax, at least one hydrocarbon oil and at least one fatty alcohol and/or at least one fatty acid, and also to the use of such a composition for hair treatment, especially for the treatment of keratinous fibres and in particular for form retention/shaping of the hair.

Styling products having a wax effect are predominantly provided in the form of more or less viscous pastes which are applied to the hair with the hands.

In point of fact, styling waxes are often tacky and greasy. In addition, the hairstyle obtained is difficult to reposition.

There is therefore a real need to have a cosmetic composition that has good styling and cosmetic properties, and that makes it possible to overcome the drawbacks mentioned above.

The Applicant Company has discovered that, by combining hydrophobic silica aerogel particles, a wax, a hydrocarbon oil and at least one fatty alcohol and/or at least one fatty acid, it is possible to obtain styling waxes with improved qualities of use and improved styling performances.

A subject-matter of the present invention is thus a cosmetic composition comprising :

- hydrophobic silica aerogel particles,
 - at least one wax,
 - at least one hydrocarbon oil and
 - at least one fatty alcohol and/or at least one fatty acid,
- the composition comprising at least 10% by weight of wax(es), with respect to the total weight of the composition.

The cosmetic composition is preferably a composition for styling and/or conditioning keratinous fibres, in particular for styling keratinous fibres, especially human keratinous fibres, such as the hair.

The invention also relates to a method for the cosmetic treatment of keratinous fibres, in particular for form retention and/or shaping of keratinous fibres, employing the cosmetic composition as defined above.

Another subject-matter of the invention is the use of a composition as defined above for hair treatment, in particular for the treatment of keratinous fibres and especially for form retention and/or shaping of the hair.

The composition obtained is easy to distribute in the hands and then over the hair. In addition, the hairstyle is rapid to shape. The hair is not very tacky and a hairstyle having a natural rendering is obtained. The hold of the hairstyle is improved and restyling is facilitated.

5 Other subject-matters, characteristics, aspects and advantages of the invention will become even more clearly apparent on reading the description and examples which follow.

In that which follows, the expression "at least one" is equivalent to the expression "one or more".

10 The composition according to the invention comprises hydrophobic silica aerogel particles.

Aerogels are ultralight porous materials which were first produced by Kristler in 1932.

15 They are generally synthesized by a sol-gel process in a liquid medium and then dried by extraction with a supercritical fluid. The supercritical fluid most commonly used is supercritical CO₂. This type of drying makes it possible to avoid shrinkage of the pores and of the material.

20 Other types of drying also make it possible to obtain porous materials starting from gel, namely (i) drying by freeze drying, which consists in solidifying the gel at low temperature and in then subliming the solvent, and (ii) drying by evaporation. The materials thus obtained are referred to respectively as cryogels and xerogels. The sol-gel process and the various drying operations are described in detail in Brinker C.J. and Scherer G.W., Sol-Gel Science, New York, Academic Press, 1990.

25 The expression "hydrophobic silica" is understood to mean any silica, the surface of which is treated with silylating agents, for example halogenated silanes such as alkylchlorosilanes, siloxanes, in particular dimethylsiloxanes such as hexamethyldisiloxane, or silazanes, so as to functionalize the OH groups with Si-Rn silyl groups, for example trimethylsilyl groups.

30 Preferably, the hydrophobic aerogel particles that may be used in the present invention advantageously have a specific surface area per unit of mass (SM) ranging from 500 to 1500 m²/g, preferably from 600 to 1200 m²/g and better still from 600 to 800 m²/g.

35 Preferably, the hydrophobic aerogel particles that may be used in the present invention advantageously have an oil absorption capacity, measured at the wet point, ranging from 5 to 18 ml/g of particles, preferably from 6 to 15 ml/g and better still from 8 to 12 ml/g.

Preferably, the hydrophobic aerogel particles that may be used in the present invention advantageously have a size, expressed as the mean diameter ($D[0.5]$), of less than 1500 μm , preferably ranging from 1 to 30 μm , preferably from 5 to 25 μm , better still from 5 to 20 μm and even better still from 5 to 15 μm .

5 The hydrophobic aerogel particles used in the present invention may advantageously have a tapped density ρ ranging from 0.04 g/cm^3 to 0.10 g/cm^3 and preferably from 0.05 g/cm^3 to 0.08 g/cm^3 .

Preferably, the hydrophobic aerogel particles used in the present invention have a specific surface area per unit of volume SV ranging from 5 to 60 m^2/cm^3 , preferably
10 from 10 to 50 m^2/cm^3 and better still from 15 to 40 m^2/cm^3 .

According to one preferred embodiment, the hydrophobic aerogel particles according to the invention have a specific surface area per unit of mass (SM) ranging from 500 to 1500 m^2/g , preferably from 600 to 1200 m^2/g and better still from 600 to 800 m^2/g , a size expressed as the mean diameter ($D[0.5]$) ranging from 1 to 30 μm
15 and/or an oil absorption capacity measured at the wet point ranging from 5 to 18 ml/g of particles, preferably from 6 to 15 ml/g and better still from 8 to 12 ml/g .

According to another advantageous embodiment, the hydrophobic aerogel particles used in the present invention have a specific surface area per unit of mass (SM) ranging from 600 to 800 m^2/g and a size, expressed as the volume mean
20 diameter ($D[0.5]$), ranging from 5 to 20 μm and better still from 5 to 15 μm .

The specific surface area per unit of mass can be determined by the nitrogen absorption method, known as the BET (Brunauer-Emmet-Teller) method, described in The Journal of the American Chemical Society, Vol. 60, page 309, February 1938, which corresponds to international standard ISO 5794/1 (appendix D). The BET
25 specific surface area corresponds to the total specific surface area of the particles under consideration.

The absorption capacity measured at the wet point, denoted W_p , corresponds to the amount of oil which needs to be added to 100 g of particles in order to obtain a homogeneous paste.

30 It is measured according to the "wet point" method or the method for determining the oil uptake of a powder according to the principle described in standard NF T 30-022. It corresponds to the amount of oil adsorbed onto the available surface of the powder and/or absorbed by the powder by measuring the wet point, described below:

An amount $m = 2$ g of powder is placed on a glass plate and the oil (isononyl isononanoate) is then added dropwise. After addition of 4 to 5 drops of oil to the
35 powder, mixing is performed using a spatula, and addition of oil is continued until

conglomerates of oil and powder have formed. From this point, the oil is added at the rate of one drop at a time and the mixture is subsequently triturated with the spatula. The addition of oil is stopped when a firm and smooth paste is obtained. This paste must be able to be spread over the glass plate without cracks or the formation of
5 lumps. The volume V_s (expressed in ml) of oil used is then noted.

The oil uptake corresponds to the ratio V_s/m .

The sizes of the aerogel particles according to the invention can be measured by static light scattering using a commercial particle size analyser such as the MasterSizer 2000 machine from Malvern. The data are processed on the basis of the Mie scattering
10 theory. This theory, which is exact for isotropic particles, makes it possible to determine, in the case of non-spherical particles, an "effective" particle diameter. This theory is described in particular in the publication by Van de Hulst, H.C., "Light Scattering by Small Particles", Chapters 9 and 10, Wiley, New York, 1957.

In the context of the present invention, this density can be assessed according to
15 the following protocol, known as tapped density protocol:

40 g of powder are poured into a graduated measuring cylinder and then the measuring cylinder is placed on a Stav 2003 device from Stampf Volumeter. The measuring cylinder is subsequently subjected to a series of 2500 tapping actions (this operation is repeated until the difference in volume between two consecutive tests is
20 less than 2%) and then the final volume V_f of tapped powder is measured directly on the measuring cylinder.

The tapped density is determined by the ratio: mass (m)/ V_f , in this instance $40/V_f$ (V_f being expressed in cm^3 and m in g).

The specific surface area per unit of volume is given by the relationship:

$$25 \quad SV = SM \cdot \rho$$

where ρ is the tapped density expressed in g/cm^3 and SM is the specific surface area per unit of mass expressed in m^2/g , as defined above.

The hydrophobic silica aerogel particles used according to the present invention are preferably silylated silica (INCI name: silica silylate) aerogel particles.

30 The preparation of hydrophobic silica aerogel particles modified at the surface by silylation is further described in document US 7 470 725.

Use will in particular be made of hydrophobic silica aerogel particles surface-modified with trimethylsilyl groups.

As hydrophobic silica aerogels that may be used in the invention, an example
35 that may be mentioned is the aerogel sold under the name VM-2260 (INCI name: Silica silylate), by the company Dow Corning, the particles of which have a mean size of

about 1000 microns and a specific surface area per unit of mass ranging from 600 to 800 m²/g.

Mention may also be made of the aerogels sold by Cabot under the references Aerogel TLD 201, Aerogel OGD 201 and Aerogel TLD 203, Enova Aerogel MT 1100
5 and Enova Aerogel MT 1200.

Use will be made more particularly of the aerogel sold under the name VM-2270 (INCI name: Silica silylate), by the company Dow Corning, the particles of which have a mean size ranging from 5 to 15 microns and a specific surface area per unit of mass ranging from 600 to 800 m²/g.

10 The hydrophobic silica aerogel particles can be employed in a content ranging from 0.05% to 10% by weight, more preferentially from 0.1% to 5% by weight and more preferentially still from 0.2% to 3% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition containing them.

15 The composition according to the invention also comprises at least one wax.

The waxes under consideration in the context of the present invention are generally deformable or non-deformable solid lipophilic compounds at ambient temperature (25°C) which exhibit a reversible solid/liquid change in state and which have a melting point of greater than or equal to 30°C which can range up to 200°C and
20 in particular up to 120°C.

On bringing one or more waxes in accordance with the invention to the liquid state (melting), it is possible to render it or them miscible with one or more oils and to form a macroscopically homogeneous mixture of wax(es) and oil(s) but, on bringing the temperature of said mixture back to ambient temperature, recrystallization of the
25 wax(es) in the oil(s) of the mixture is obtained.

Within the meaning of the invention, the melting point corresponds to the temperature of the most endothermic peak observed in thermal analysis (DSC) as described in Standard ISO 11357-3; 1999. The melting point of the wax can be measured using a differential scanning calorimeter (DSC), for example the calorimeter
30 sold under the name MDSC 2920 by TA Instruments.

The measurement protocol is as follows:

A sample of 5 mg of wax placed in a crucible is subjected to a first temperature rise ranging from -20°C to 100°C, at a heating rate of 10°C/minute, it is then cooled from 100°C to -20°C at a cooling rate of 10°C/minute and finally it is subjected to a
35 second temperature rise ranging from -20°C to 100°C, at a heating rate of 5°C/minute. During the second temperature rise, the variation in the difference in power absorbed by the empty crucible and by the crucible containing the sample of wax is measured as

a function of the temperature. The melting point of the compound is the value of the temperature corresponding to the tip of the peak of the curve representing the variation in the difference in power absorbed as a function of the temperature.

5 The waxes capable of being used in a composition according to the invention are chosen from waxes which are preferably solid at ambient temperature and which are of animal, vegetable, mineral or synthetic origin, and their mixtures. They can be hydrocarbon, esterified, fluorinated and/or silicone waxes.

10 The wax or waxes capable of being used in the composition according to the invention can be chosen in particular from waxes of mineral origin, such as paraffin wax, ozokerite, ceresin or microcrystalline waxes, such as, for example, the microcrystalline waxes having a melting point of greater than 85°C, such as the products Hi-Mic® 1070, 1080, 1090 and 3080 sold by Nippon Seiro, waxes of vegetable origin, such as carnauba wax, candelilla wax, such as that sold under the reference SP 75 G by Strahl & Pitsch, esparto wax, olive tree wax, rice wax, such as
15 that sold under the reference NC 1720 by Cera Rica Noda, sunflower seed wax, sold by Koster Keunen under the reference sunflower wax, hydrogenated jojoba wax or absolute flower waxes, such as blackcurrant blossom essential wax, or waxes of animal origin, such as beeswaxes or modified beeswaxes (cerabellina); other waxes or waxy starting materials which can be used according to the invention are in particular
20 marine waxes, polyethylene waxes or polyolefin waxes in general, such as α -olefin oligomers, for example the polymers Performa V® 825, 103 and 260 sold by New Phase Technologies, ethylene/propylene copolymers, such as Performalene® EP 700, or Fischer-Tropsch waxes.

25 Mention may also be made of silicone waxes, such as alkyl or alkoxy dimethicones having from 16 to 45 carbon atoms, or fluorinated waxes.

According to a specific embodiment, the wax used in a composition in accordance with the invention exhibits a melting point of greater than 35°C, better still of greater than 40°C, indeed even of greater than 45°C or also of greater than 55°C.

Preferably, the wax(es) is(are) chosen from vegetable waxes and mineral waxes.

30 More preferably, the wax(es) is(are) chosen from mineral waxes.

According to a specific embodiment of the invention, the composition comprises a microcrystalline wax and/or ozokerite.

35 The composition comprises at least 10% by weight of wax, with respect to the total weight of the composition. The wax content preferentially varies from 10% to 40% by weight, preferably from 10% to 30% by weight and better still from 10% to 20% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

The composition according to the invention also comprises at least one hydrocarbon oil.

The term "hydrocarbon oil" is understood to mean a hydrocarbon which is composed solely of carbon and hydrogen atoms and which is liquid at normal
5 temperature (25°C) and at atmospheric pressure (760 mmHg; i.e. 1.013×10^5 Pa).

More particularly, the hydrocarbon oil according to the invention is chosen from:

- linear or branched, optionally cyclic, lower C₆-C₁₆ alkanes. Mention may be made, by way of example, of hexane, undecane, dodecane, tridecane or isoparaffins, such as isohexadecane, isododecane and isodecane. Mention
10 may more particularly be made of the mixture of n-undecane (C₁₁) and n-tridecane (C₁₃),
- linear or branched hydrocarbons of mineral, animal or synthetic origin comprising more than 16 carbon atoms, such as liquid paraffins, liquid petrolatum, polydecenes, hydrogenated polyisobutenes, such as Parleam®,
15 or squalane,
and their mixtures.

Preferably, the hydrocarbon oil according to the invention is chosen from liquid paraffins, liquid petrolatum, linear lower C₆-C₁₆ alkanes, such as hexane, undecane, dodecane and tridecane, and their mixtures.

20 More preferably still, the hydrocarbon oil according to the invention is liquid petrolatum.

The content of hydrocarbon oil(s) preferentially varies from 0.1% to 20% by weight, preferably from 1% to 15% by weight and better still from 1% to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

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The composition according to the invention can also comprise at least one fatty alcohol.

The fatty alcohol can be liquid or non-liquid.

The term "liquid fatty alcohol" is understood to mean a non-glycerolated and non-oxyalkylenated fatty alcohol which is liquid at normal temperature (25°C) and at
30 atmospheric pressure (760 mmHg, i.e. 1.013×10^5 Pa).

Preferably, the liquid fatty alcohols of the invention comprise from 8 to 30 carbon atoms.

The liquid fatty alcohols of the invention can be saturated or unsaturated.

35 The saturated liquid fatty alcohols are preferably branched. They can optionally comprise, in their structure, at least one aromatic or non-aromatic ring. They are preferably acyclic.

More particularly, the saturated liquid fatty alcohols of the invention are chosen from octyldodecanol, isostearyl alcohol and 2-hexyldecanol.

Octyldodecanol is very particularly preferred.

The unsaturated liquid fatty alcohols exhibit, in their structure, at least one double
5 or triple bond and preferably one or more double bonds. When several double bonds are present, there are preferably 2 or 3 of them and they can be conjugated or unconjugated.

These unsaturated fatty alcohols can be linear or branched.

They can optionally comprise, in their structure, at least one aromatic or non-
10 aromatic ring. They are preferably acyclic.

More particularly, the unsaturated liquid fatty alcohols of the invention are chosen from oleyl alcohol, linoleyl alcohol, linolenyl alcohol and undecylenyl alcohol.

Oleyl alcohol is very particularly preferred.

The non-liquid fatty alcohols suitable for the implementation of the invention are
15 chosen more particularly from saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched alcohols comprising from 8 to 30 carbon atoms. Mention may be made, for example, of cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol and their mixtures (cetearyl alcohol).

Preferably, the fatty alcohol is non-liquid and is preferably solid.

Preferably, the fatty alcohol is chosen from cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol and their
20 mixtures.

Preferably, the composition comprises at least one fatty alcohol.

When it comprises it (them), the fatty alcohol(s) is (are) present in the
composition in a content ranging from 0.1% to 20% by weight, preferably from 0.5% to
10% by weight and better still from 1% to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight
25 of the composition.

The composition according to the invention can also comprise at least one fatty
acid.

The fatty acid can be liquid or non-liquid.

30 The term "liquid fatty acid" is understood to mean a fatty acid which is liquid at normal temperature (25°C) and at atmospheric pressure (760 mmHg, i.e. 1.013×10^5 Pa).

Preferably, the liquid fatty acids of the invention comprise from 8 to 30 carbon
atoms.

35 The liquid fatty acids of the invention can be saturated or unsaturated.

The saturated liquid fatty acids are preferably branched. They can optionally comprise, in their structure, at least one aromatic or non-aromatic ring. They are preferably acyclic.

Mention may more particularly be made of isostearic acid.

5 The unsaturated liquid fatty acids exhibit, in their structure, at least one double or triple bond and preferably one or more double bonds. When several double bonds are present, there are preferably 2 or 3 of them and they can be conjugated or unconjugated.

These unsaturated fatty acids can be linear or branched.

10 They can optionally comprise, in their structure, at least one aromatic or non-aromatic ring. They are preferably acyclic.

Mention may be made, as unsaturated fatty acid, of oleic acid.

Preferably, the fatty acid is non-liquid and is preferably solid.

15 The non-liquid fatty acids suitable for the implementation of the invention are chosen more particularly from saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched acids comprising from 8 to 30 carbon atoms.

Mention will be made, for example, as fatty acid, of stearic acid, palmitic acid, myristic acid, behenic acid and their mixtures.

Preferably, the composition comprises at least one fatty acid.

20 The fatty acid(s) can be present in the composition in a content ranging from 0.1% to 20% by weight, preferably from 0.5% to 10% by weight and better still from 1% to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

25 The cosmetic composition according to the invention can optionally comprise one or more surfactants which can be chosen from anionic, cationic, non-ionic, amphoteric or zwitterionic surfactants and their mixtures.

Preferably, the surfactant(s) is (are) chosen from non-ionic surfactants.

30 The non-ionic surfactants which can be used in the compositions of the present invention are compounds well known per se (see in particular in this respect "Handbook of Surfactants" by M.R. Porter, published by Blackie & Son (Glasgow and London), 1991, pp. 116-178). They are chosen in particular from polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated or polyglycerolated fatty alcohols, polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated or polyglycerolated α -diols or polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated or polyglycerolated (C₁₋₂₀)alkylphenols, the fatty chain comprising, for example, from 8 to 18 carbon atoms,
35 it being possible for the number of ethylene oxide or propylene oxide groups to range in particular from 1 to 150 and for the number of glycerol groups to range in particular from 1 to 30.

Mention may also be made of condensates of ethylene oxide and of propylene oxide with fatty alcohols, polyethoxylated fatty amides preferably having from 1 to 100 ethylene oxide units, polyglycerolated fatty amides comprising on average from 1 to 5 and in particular from 1.5 to 4 glycerol groups, ethoxylated fatty acid esters of sorbitan
5 having from 1 to 50 ethylene oxide units, fatty acid esters of sucrose, fatty acid esters of polyethylene glycol, alkyl polyglycosides, polyethoxylated vegetable oils preferably having from 1 to 100 ethylene oxide units, N-(C₆₋₂₄ alkyl)glucamine derivatives or amine oxides, such as (C₁₀₋₁₄ alkyl)amine oxides or N-(C₁₀₋₁₄ acyl)aminopropylmorpholine oxides.

10 The alkyl polyglucosides can be chosen, for example, from decyl glucoside ((C₉/C₁₁ alkyl) (1,4) polyglucoside), such as the product sold under the name Mydol 10[®] by Kao Chemicals or the product sold under the name Plantacare 2000 UP[®] by Henkel and the product sold under the name Oramix NS 10[®] by SEPPIC; caprylyl/capryl glucoside, such as the product sold under the name Plantacare KE 3711[®] by Cognis or
15 Oramix CG 110[®] by SEPPIC; lauryl glucoside, such as the product sold under the name Plantacare 1200 UP[®] by Henkel or Plantaren 1200 N[®] by Henkel; coco glucoside, such as the product sold under the name Plantacare 818 UP[®] by Henkel; caprylyl glucoside, such as the product sold under the name Plantacare 810 UP[®] by Cognis; and their mixtures.

20 When it comprises it (them), the surfactant(s) is (are) present in a content ranging from 0.01% to 20% by weight, preferably in a content ranging from 0.1% to 15% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

The composition according to the invention can also comprise one or more thickening agents which can be chosen from polymeric thickeners, which are natural or
25 synthetic and associative or non-associative, and non-polymeric thickeners.

Mention may be made, as polymeric thickening agents, for example, of cellulose thickening agents, for example hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose and carboxymethylcellulose, guar gum and its derivatives, for example hydroxypropyl guar, sold by Rhodia under the reference Jaguar HP 105, gums of microbial origin, such as
30 xanthan gum and scleroglucan gum, carrageenan, for example the carrageenan powder sold by Cargill under the reference Satiagum UTC 30, synthetic polymeric thickening agents resulting from radical polymerization reactions or polycondensation reactions, such as crosslinked homopolymers of acrylic acid or of acrylamidopropanesulfonic acid, for example the Carbomer products, or non-ionic,
35 anionic or amphoteric associative polymers, such as the polymers sold under the names Pemulen TR1 or TR2 by Goodrich, Salcare SC90 by Allied Colloids, Aculyn 22, 28, 33, 44 or 46 by Rohm & Haas and Elfacos T210 and T212 by Akzo, or else sodium

polyacrylate, such as the product sold by Sensient under the commercial reference Covacryl MV 60.

When it comprises it (them), the thickening agent(s), preferably polymeric thickening agent(s), is (are) present in a content ranging from 0.1% to 10% by weight, preferably in a content ranging from 0.2% to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Preferably, the composition comprises water, preferably at a content of greater than or equal to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition. The water content preferentially varies from 5% to 98% by weight, preferably from 10% to 95% by weight, better still from 20% to 80% by weight and even better still from 30% to 70% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

The composition can also comprise one or more water-soluble liquid organic solvents preferably chosen from monoalcohols, such as ethanol or isopropanol; polyols, such as propylene glycol, butylene glycol or glycerol; polyol ethers; and their mixtures.

The composition according to the invention can comprise a propellant. Mention may be made, for example, of liquefied gases, such as dimethyl ether, 1,1-difluoroethane or C₃₋₅ alkanes, for instance propane, isopropane, n-butane, isobutane or pentane, or compressed gases, such as air, nitrogen or carbon dioxide, and their mixtures.

Mention may preferentially be made of C₃₋₅ alkanes and in particular propane, n-butane and isobutane, and their mixtures.

When it comprises it (them), the composition comprises one or more propellant(s) in an amount ranging from 1% to 60% by weight, better still from 2% to 50% by weight and more preferentially still from 4% to 40% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

The composition for form retention and/or shaping of the hair according to the invention can additionally comprise one or more additives, other than the compounds of the invention, chosen from fixative polymers, non-silicone conditioning agents, silicones, vitamins and provitamins, including panthenol, sunscreens, pearlescent agents and opacifying agents, dyes, sequestering agents, plasticizing agents, solubilizing agents, acidifying agents, basifying agents, neutralizing agents, antioxidants, antifoaming agents, moisturizing agents, emollients, hydroxy acids, penetrating agents, fragrances, preservatives and fillers and particles of solid type other than the aerogels, such as, for example, coloured or colourless and inorganic or organic pigments.

These additives can be present in the composition according to the invention in an amount ranging from 0% to 20% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Of course, a person skilled in the art will take care to choose the optional
5 additional compounds and/or their amounts in such a way that the advantageous properties of the compositions used according to the invention are not, or not substantially, detrimentally affected by the envisaged addition.

According to a specific embodiment, the cosmetic composition comprises hydrophobic silica aerogel particles, at least one mineral wax, at least one hydrocarbon
10 oil and at least one fatty alcohol and/or one fatty acid, the composition comprising at least 10% by weight of mineral wax(es), with respect to the total weight of the composition.

The composition according to the invention can be provided *inter alia* in the form of liquids which are thickened to a greater or lesser degree, gels, serums, creams,
15 pastes, sprays or mousses.

In particular, the composition of the invention can be applied using an aerosol device.

Preferably, the composition according to the invention is provided in the form of gels, creams or pastes.

20 The cosmetic composition according to the invention can advantageously be used for the cosmetic treatment of the hair. In particular, the composition can be employed for styling the hair, for example for shaping and/or form retention of the hairstyle.

The present invention also relates to a method for the cosmetic treatment of the
25 hair, for example a method for shaping and/or form retention of the hairstyle, which consists in applying, to the hair, an effective amount of a composition according to the invention as described above and in then carrying out an optional rinsing after an optional leave-in time.

Preferably, the composition according to the invention is not rinsed off.

30 The method of the invention can be carried out at ambient temperature (25°C) or under heat at a temperature varying from 40°C to 230°C using any heating device: hood, hairdryer or iron.

The invention is illustrated in more detail in the following example, which is
35 presented by way of illustration and without implied limitation of the invention.

EXAMPLE

A styling paste was prepared from the ingredients shown as percentage by weight of product as is in the table below:

Chemical name	%
Fragrance	0.6
1,3-Butylene glycol	3
Liquid petrolatum ⁽¹⁾	2
Mineral wax formed of hydrocarbons (C ₂₀ /C ₆₀) ⁽²⁾	11
Sorbitol as a 70% aqueous solution	3
Trimethylated silica ⁽³⁾	1
Oxyethylenated stearyl alcohol (2 EO) ⁽⁴⁾	4
Glyceryl caprylate	0.5
Triethanolamine (99%)	1.2
Myristyl/cetyl/stearyl myristate/palmitate/stearate mixture ⁽⁵⁾	7
Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate dihydrate	0.1
1,2-Octanediol	0.5
2-Phenoxyethanol	0.9
Fatty acids of vegetable origin (stearic acid at 53% - palmitic acid - myristic acid) ⁽⁶⁾	3
Polydimethylsiloxane (viscosity 5 cSt)	7.5
Microcrystalline wax (melting point 74-79°C) ⁽⁷⁾	7
Carboxyvinyl polymer ⁽⁸⁾	0.2
Oxyethylenated oleocetyl alcohol (30 EO) ⁽⁹⁾	6
Water	q.s. for 100

⁽¹⁾ Blandol, sold by Sonneborn

5 ⁽²⁾ Ozokerite Wax SP 1020 P, sold by Strahl & Pitsch

⁽³⁾ VM-2270 Aerogel Fine Particles, sold by Dow Corning

⁽⁴⁾ Brij S2-SO-(SG), sold by Croda

⁽⁵⁾ Crodamol MS-PA-(MH), sold by Croda

⁽⁶⁾ Palmera B1802CG, sold by KLK Oleo

10 ⁽⁷⁾ White Microcrystalline Wax SP-18, sold by Strahl & Pitsch

⁽⁸⁾ Synthalen K, sold by 3V

⁽⁹⁾ Eumulgin O 30, sold by Cognis

This cream was applied to dry hair.

15 The cream obtained is easy to withdraw and to spread in the hands. It can be easily transferred from the hands to the hair and it is easy to distribute over the hair. The cream is not very tacky but sufficiently so to shape the hairstyle. In addition, the hairstyle is rapid to shape.

20 A hairstyle with a natural rendering is obtained. The hair does not clump together and, in addition, a mat effect is obtained.

Good hold of the hairstyle, which is lasting, and which is in addition easy to restyle, is obtained.

CLAIMS

1. – Cosmetic composition comprising :
- hydrophobic silica aerogel particles,
5 - at least one wax,
- at least one hydrocarbon oil and
- at least one fatty alcohol and/or at least one fatty acid,
the composition comprising at least 10% by weight of wax(es), with respect to the total
weight of the composition.
- 10 2. – Composition according to the preceding claim, in which the hydrophobic aerogel
particles exhibit a specific surface per unit of weight (S_w) ranging from 500 to
1500 m^2/g , preferably from 600 to 1200 m^2/g and better still from 600 to 800 m^2/g .
- 15 3. – Composition according to either one of the preceding claims, in which the
hydrophobic aerogel particles exhibit an oil absorption capacity, measured at the wet
point, ranging from 5 to 18 ml/g of particles, preferably from 6 to 15 ml/g and better still
from 8 to 12 ml/g.
- 20 4. – Composition according to either one of the preceding claims, characterized in that
the hydrophobic silica aerogel particles exhibit a size, expressed as mean diameter
($D[0.5]$), ranging from 1 to 30 μm , better from 5 to 25 μm , better still from 5 to 20 μm
and even better still from 5 to 15 μm .
- 25 5. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the
hydrophobic silica aerogel particles are particles of hydrophobic silica surface-modified
with trimethylsilyl groups.
- 30 6. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that
the hydrophobic silica aerogel particles exhibit a packed density ρ ranging from
0.04 g/cm^3 to 0.10 g/cm^3 and preferably from 0.05 g/cm^3 to 0.08 g/cm^3 .
- 35 7. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that
the hydrophobic silica aerogel particles exhibit a specific surface per unit of volume S_v
ranging from 5 to 60 m^2/cm^3 , preferably from 10 to 50 m^2/cm^3 and better still from 15 to
40 m^2/cm^3 .

8. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the hydrophobic silica aerogel particles are present in the composition in concentrations ranging from 0.05% to 10% by weight, more preferentially from 0.1% to 5% by weight and more preferentially still from 0.2% to 3% by weight, with respect to the total weight
5 of the composition.
9. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the wax(es) is (are) chosen from vegetable waxes and mineral waxes, preferably from mineral waxes.
- 10 10. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the wax(es) is (are) chosen from microcrystalline waxes, ozokerite.
11. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the wax(es) is (are) present in the composition in concentrations ranging from 10% to 40% by
15 weight, more preferentially from 10% to 30% by weight and better still from 10% to 20% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.
12. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the hydrocarbon oil(s) is (are) chosen from liquid paraffins, liquid petrolatum, linear lower
20 C₆-C₁₆ alkanes, such as hexane, undecane, dodecane and tridecane, and their mixtures, and preferably liquid petrolatum.
13. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the hydrocarbon oil(s) is (are) present in the composition in concentrations ranging from
25 0.1% to 20% by weight, more preferentially from 1% to 15% by weight and better still from 1% to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.
14. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, which comprises at least one fatty alcohol chosen from cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol and
30 their mixtures and/or at least one fatty acid chosen from stearic acid, palmitic acid, myristic acid, behenic acid and their mixtures.
15. – Composition according to the preceding claim, in which the fatty acid(s) and/or the fatty alcohol(s) is (are) present in the composition in a content ranging from 0.1% to
35 20% by weight, preferably from 0.5% to 10% by weight and more preferably from 1% to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

16. – Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, which comprises water preferably in a content varying from 5% to 98% by weight, preferably from 10% to 95% by weight, better still from 20% to 80% by weight and even better still from 30% to 70% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

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17. – Method for the cosmetic treatment of keratinous fibres, in particular human keratinous fibres, such as the hair, characterized in that it comprises the step of applying, to the said fibres, an effective amount of a composition as defined according to any one of Claims 1 to 16.

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18. – Use of a composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 16 for hair treatment, in particular for the treatment of keratinous fibres and especially for form retention/shaping of the hair.