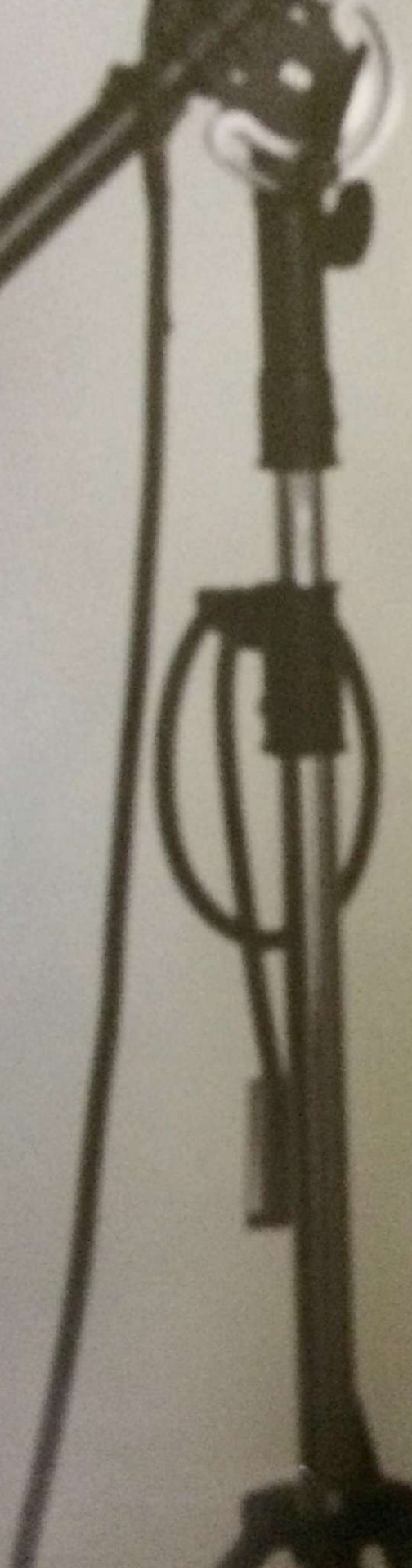


# THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

*TAG Heuer and Cameron Diaz collaborate on the new limited edition Link Lady Trilogy, a watch collection that not only stands for contemporary luxury, but also for generosity of spirit as it supports The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.*

*In celebration of both TAG Heuer and Cameron Diaz's commitment to good causes, not to mention International Women's Day this month, Prestige pays tribute to three empowered Malaysian women who truly represent the spirit of giving back to society – co-founder of Pure Charity and cancer survivor Sham Van Boonstra-Nasution, environmentalist Yasmin Rasyid and founder of Akaasa Angela Yap.*

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## Angela Yap


*Founder of Akasaa*

LEO TOLSTOY, THOMAS PAINE, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Christopher Marlowe, Henrik Ibsen, Plato and Socrates – these great writers and thinkers filled Angela Yap's bookcase when she was growing up. "What you read is important because it shapes your mind and builds your character," says entrepreneur, author, lecturer and founder of Akasaa. In fact, Angela credits these great men for developing her passion for human rights. When she was 22 years old, Angela was the youngest elected Board of Governor of Amnesty International Malaysia.

Today, however, Angela shares that she has chosen to stand independent with Akasaa, a non-profit consultancy and communications organisation. Through Akasaa, she balances the fine line between social work and business sustainability by providing companies with strategies with a social purpose and conscience.

Aside from Akasaa, Angela also extends pro-bono consultation on human rights and refugee issues to the Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI). She is currently working with an Iraqi refugee under the Awake Minds Mentorship, helping her to learn new skills for business and overcome the mental challenges of being a refugee. "Over the past two years, MSRI and I have been working to set up the first women's co-op for Middle Eastern refugees. My focus was to help them build a market for their products and transfer business knowledge and skills for them to sustain the co-operative in the long run," she says.

Angela considers giving back to society and helping those in need a duty of utmost importance. It reaffirms her sense of humanity. "Most people live in a vacuum of self-importance. It's about the things we have, the things we don't have, the things we wish we have. Leave all that behind and understand that life is bigger than just us."

A close-up portrait of a woman with dark hair pulled back, smiling gently. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, button-down shirt. Her hands are clasped together in front of her face. On her left wrist, she is wearing a Tag Heuer watch with a metal link bracelet and a light-colored dial. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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