

BAZAAR SHOWCASE



# WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

*Six Singaporean women share life lessons and how they managed to get to the top of their game. Photographed by Eric Seow. Styled by Jerome Awasthi*

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National sports star and Co-Founder of  
The Chain Reaction Project

**MY BIGGEST LEARN** One key takeaway from my days as a national netballer is the importance of surrounding yourself with a strong team of individuals who are equally passionate about the end goal.

**MY BEST CAREER MOVE...** Was planning ahead for my career move. When I left my TV network job to start The Chain Reaction Project, I knew that it would be risky and that my income would be either non-existent or very unstable for the first couple of years. I started doing Emcee work in the evening and I made sure that I build up a steady stream of clients, so that when I launched the charity I had a safety net.

**MAKE A SOCIAL IMPACT BY** Starting. Don't get paralysed by the enormity of the world's problems and not knowing where to begin to make a difference. Simply start by finding a cause and then deciding how you want to have an effect. At the end of the day it comes down to actually starting and realising that it's ok to start small.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT MOVE I'VE MADE** Investing in relationships. Over the years I've found that our most successful initiatives have stemmed from healthy relationships—where both parties weren't just working together toward a common goal, but more importantly were both also enjoying the journey.

**I STAY DRIVEN BY** I work better when I'm goal oriented, so I tend to focus on short-term goals to help me reach my long-term ones. Long-term goals just seem so unobtainable... I get tired even thinking about them to be honest, I'd rather just go out for ice cream or ride my bike.

Jacket, \$545; tiered top, \$115; silk pants, \$165;  
beaded necklace, \$99.90. Shoes, Tingjun's own