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MAZZA
bringing beauty
to Dubai*

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Portman
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Love as we know it now

NAOMI WATTS
on keeping it controversial



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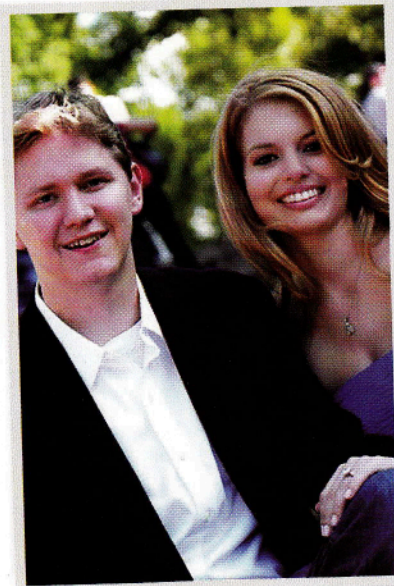
Ariana Bundy, cook and author of Pomegranates and Roses

"LOVE TO ME IS A BOWL OF ASHEH RESHTEH PERSIAN NEW YEAR SOUP - HEARTY COMFORTING AND FRESH. BEANS, NOODLES AND THE FRESHEST VEGETABLES TOPPED WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS AND WHEY IT'S UNBELIEVABLY DELICIOUS! MY GRANDMOTHER TALAT USED TO MAKE US THIS WHEN THE WEATHER WAS SNOWY OUTSIDE AND WE FELT AS THOUGH WE WERE BLANKETED BY HER LOVE."



RIDA ZAFAR, CO-FOUNDER CABINET 7

"A little person just made an enormous entrance into my life and stole my heart in the process. As soon as I held my nephew close I realized that I would protect and care for him as long as I could. It's amazing how all the little things I used to take for granted have suddenly taken on a new importance as everything becomes that little bit more precious. A tiny smile from him will easily carry me through my day and a glance in my direction will immediately make my heart melt. I also know that no matter how much he loves me, I will always love him more!"



Mish Norris, Creative Partner

"Love... what is it? Pain. Fiction. A challenge. Or a life journey? What love means to me is when no matter how lost you are in a situation it will drive you to be the best you can be. A feeling of belonging, hope and trust. When you are in love with someone, the world just seems to disappear and a feeling of serenity takes over. We look to the future, living the present in complete content."

Amy Fohr, Leopardsandlillies.com

"The saying goes, "Home is where the heart is" and that statement rings no truer then when I'm with my darling husband. A few years ago we decided to move from America to the Middle East to explore the world. As any traveler can tell you, great adventures often include moments when you miss your friends and family. For me, love is going on a journey with my husband and knowing that no matter where we are, we are not alone. Whether we are in Dubai, back home in the States or somewhere in between. It's nice to know, we will always be together."



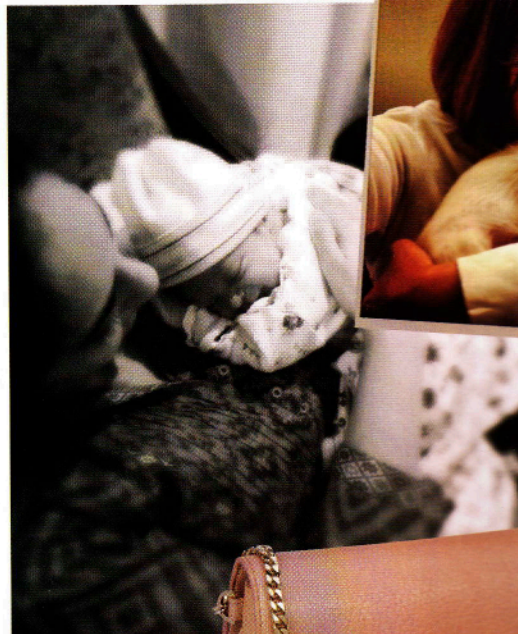
Dina JSR, Fashion Designer



"I absolutely LOVE my dog, she brings so much happiness to me after my family. The beauty in dogs is their loyalty when you only provide them with food, water and affection. It's amazing how they look at you as if you're their angel and love you so much. They feel your moods whether you're sad, happy or angry and try to always cheer you up and react accordingly. Dogs tend to take after your

personality, so you actually connect more with them. Once I was watching a sad movie and I started crying, so my dog stood up and jumped on me and started to kiss me consoling me. She was too adorable and I will always cherish the moments she tries to cheer me up.

When I try to teach her a lesson and I give her an angry look, she lowers her sight and her tail goes between her legs. Then she approaches me with her paw trying to get my attention so I can forgive her and once I give a small smile she would start jumping from joy. What I really love about dogs is that if you're good to them, they will always try to please you."



Love is... Jimmy Choo's pearlised metallic deerskin Shadow bag, Dhs3,500.

