

THE SURVIVOR

PETRA NEMCOVA

For Czech supermodel Petra Němcová, life is sweet. Appropriately, her first watch was made out of candy; today, though, she wears a Chopard Happy Sport, set with diamonds but durable enough to withstand any number of endorphin-inducing activities. Petra is so focused on enjoying her life because in 2004, she nearly lost it. Caught up in the Boxing Day tsunami, she survived only by clinging on to a palm tree for eight hours. Suffering a shattered pelvis, she returned to Thailand once she could walk again, and resolved to find a way to offer long-term support to families whose entire lives had been washed away by establishing the Happy Hearts Fund. Today, its mission is to rebuild schools in areas affected by natural disasters. "Our goal is to bring hope, empowerment and safety to children," she says. She wants these children to enjoy living. "After the tsunami experience I was able to live in the present instead of the future, which has given me, personally, huge liberation from the time pressure in my life."—I.T.

*Photographed by Hugues Laurent on the rooftop of the Peninsula, Paris, on July 4, 2016
wearing a Chopard Happy Diamonds in 18ct white gold and diamonds*

RING & PENDANT FROM THE CHOPARD HAPPY DREAMS COLLECTION, BOTH IN 18K WHITE GOLD AND DIAMONDS; MAKE-UP BY GREGORIS AT CALLISTE AGENCY; HAIR BY DAVID DELICOURT AT CALLISTE AGENCY; STYLED BY JOANNE BLACK; SUIT BY ZUHAIR