

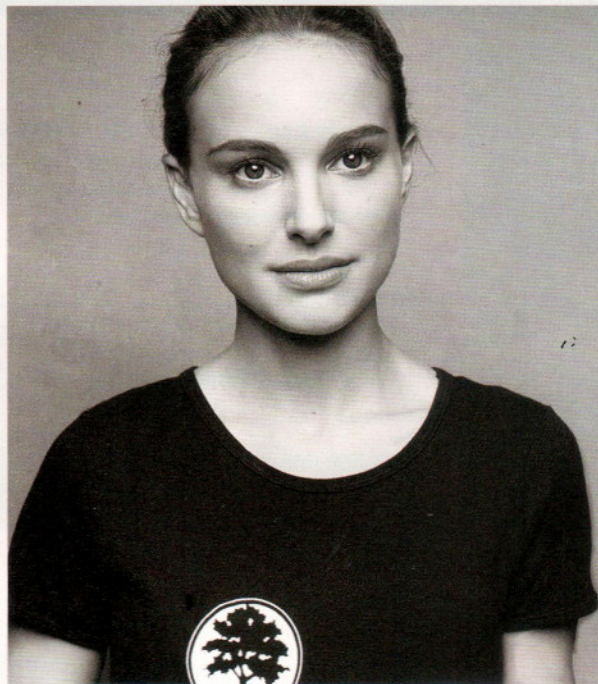
WHEELS UP //

Lifestyle

Trends, tastes and talk.

“IT’S A WONDERFUL, SUSTAINABLE WAY
TO HELP WOMEN TAKE PRIDE
IN IMPROVING THEIR OWN LIVES.”

—Natalie Portman, FINCA Ambassador of Hope



Cause Celeb //

Natalie Portman helps open doors

Like everyone else, the working poor around the world need resources to live and thrive. They need access to credit, insurance and a safe place to deposit savings. That's where microfinance and the **Foundation for International Community Assistance** come in. "FINCA provides women in developing nations with small loans to start their own businesses," says Natalie Portman, who has served as an Ambassador of Hope since 2004. By providing financial services to the world's lowest-income entrepreneurs (70 percent of whom are women), FINCA enables recipients to create jobs, build assets and improve their lives. It reaches 725,000 clients in 21 countries.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

LEARN:

Microfinance—loans as small as \$50 to \$300—can make the difference between absolute poverty and a thriving business.

ACT:

Join FINCA's Village Banking Campaign to help extend loans to poor families so they can effect their own development.

GIVE:

Make a tax-exempt donation at villagebanking.org and help more than 1 million recipients.

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// ESCAPE TO RIVIERA MAYA

// TALK SHOW WITH
MUSICIAN JOHN LEGEND

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Our World **NOW**

Anderson Cooper on the power of facts: *"There's far too much yelling going on in television as it is."*

Fame Exchange: **Bill Ford** and **Harrison Ford** on the environment

Melinda Gates inspires us to make a difference

Trends and **Cities** to watch



Vancouver
The Canadian city is poised for next month's Winter Olympics

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