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Dato' Farah says she was very hands-on with the planning of her holiday retreat. "The house has been designed for every single corner of it to be enjoyed and ready to soak up the magnificent outdoors," she says. "My motivation lies with this place. Sitting by the pool, with nothing else on my mind, is when I feel most creative."



It is not often that an entrepreneur's woman like Sabrina Van Cleef Ault. Blessed with an enviable figure, deep-piercing eyes and a bubbling personality, she has the elegant poise of a woman who is at the peak of her career.

The 34-year-old, Bali-Scottish beauty is married to the American king of the nightclub, Michael Ault, with whom she has a gorgeous four-year-old son, Phoenix. It is no wonder she claims that her biggest achievement in life have been finding true love, being able to laugh every day, and becoming a mother.

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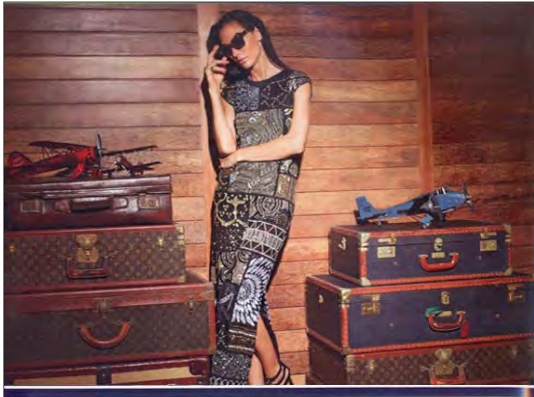
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**Do you ever have a mild relationship with your husband?**

Well, we've married eight (8) to 12 years together, and it is one of the most loving partners. We share but a great relationship but certainly this because we are one man or woman that are simply unmanageable. But we both are extremely patient, and that's what's been a long wild ride.

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Naturally family comes first, but the club business has consuming 24/7, that the others are very busy at times. To succeed, you really have to eat, drink and sleep this business.

**Do you spend a lot of time with Phoenix?**

I have tried the island more than three years ago, I have had this overwhelming desire to run back to Singapore and the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles, California, still finish the line for photographers. "I am constantly shooting in Asia," she says.

**How do you balance your professional and personal life?**

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Sublime courts traveling as one of her favorite things to do, and is grateful that she has managed to do a lot of it with her husband Michael Ault and their son Phoenix. "Our business is very demanding for the only way we can unwind, it seems, is when we are away on vacation. That is why we tend to take a lot of them," she says, adding that she thinks that is a major piece. Above: Dato' Farah Khan's collection of designer luggage



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"We plan to be based out of Singapore for the meantime. We are very happy here and already have loads of friends."

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"Our business is very demanding so the only time we can unwind, it seems is when we are away on vacation," she says. "That is why we tend to take a lot of them. I think it is totally in my nature to not have an 'off' switch."

Prior to her break into the nightlife industry, Sabrina was deeply involved in the fashion industry as a model. Her glamorous presence and strong sense of style have recently led to her becoming the global ambassador and muse to Malaysian designer Farah Khan.

Despite her busy schedule, Sabrina, who is NEXT models New York City, Avenue Management in Singapore and the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles, California, still finds the time for photoshoots. "I am constantly shooting in Asia," she says.

Shot at Farah Khan's astonishing holiday house in Bali, this exclusive photoshoot combines her love of traveling with her passion for fashion. "My love for Bali has always been immense. Ever since I first

visited the island more than three years ago, I have had this overwhelming desire to run back to it, almost as if it was calling my name. The energy when you set foot onto the island is magical, and Farah's home is a piece of heavens on earth," she says.

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My role as a mother does not seem so different from before I was a mother. It seems like I was the one always trying to give my friends advice and making sure everyone was happy. As for expanding the family, maybe not at the moment, but never say never.

**You must have solid relationship with your husband.**

Well, we've opened eight clubs in 12 years together, and it is one of the most taxing businesses. We always had a great relationship, but certainly this business will test you in ways that are simply unimaginable. But we both are adventure junkies, and that what it's been – a long wild ride.

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**How did you start out in the fashion and modeling industry?**

The modeling industry definitely found me. I had been approached by model scouts and agencies since I was three. I did not know any of this because of my mother did not tell me, as she had it in her mind for me to become a doctor or lawyer. But eventually, when I was 16 years old, I won a random scouting contest at my high school and signed with a local agency. After that it has been 15 years of travelling around the globe, modeling in more than 20 countries and doing commercials worldwide.

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