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The Great Boodles Party

Last week aligning the walls of the Corinthia Hotel in the Penthouse suite were photographs of a whole host of inspirational women - from Jemima Khan, to Marie Helvin, the Duchess of York, and Marion Clegg.

It was the ideal setting for a party to celebrate the Great Initiative's collaboration with high-end jewellers Boodles. The Great Initiative is an inspirational charity founded by Mariella Frostrup and Karen Ruimy it strives to tackle gender inequality with a primary focus on Africa. Booodles have created two exquisite friendship bangles from which 100% of sales profits will go directly to the charity.



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I caught up with Mariella about the work that the charity does;

'I used to complain a lot about the status quo for women in this country and then I went to Africa and you suddenly start counting your blessings,' she told me. We went on to discuss her support of quotas.

'I love quotas. Why not have them? It's gonna take a lot to change 2,000 years of history. Are we gonna wait another 1,000 years or are we gonna have quotas? And yes, we might get some mediocre women, but we've had so many mediocre men.' Here, here.



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Other guests gathered to toast the sisterhood included Marie Helvin, Jemima Khan, Laura Bailey, Karen Ruimy, Amber Le Bon and Rachel Stevens.

The GREAT Booodles Bangles are on sale now.

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