

REAL WOMEN



FROM LEFT Orla, Kate and Harriet

HARRIET WEARS PEARL NECKLACE, €12,220, ORLA WEARS RAINDANCE PENDANT, €71,500, AND DIAMOND BRACELET, €36,850, AND KATE WEARS DIAMOND PENDANT, €10,400 AND NECKLACE, €61,000 ALL AT BOODLES

THE GILLEYS/VERLINGS

HARRIET GILLEY MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER (loves The Trocadero, her engagement ring and *It's a Wonderful Life*). "Orla was always such a loving child, but well able to stand up for herself and being a triplet with two brothers, she had to be on top. I loved and still love that she's such an independent person. And Kate is just like her – she's adorable. When you get to my age, it's lovely to see the results of your life and looking at these girls, and, of course, Orla's other children, Erica and Mark, I feel I haven't done too badly at all." **ORLA VERLING** OWNER OF MINK HAND & FOOT SPA, MOTHER AND DAUGHTER (loves *Vicki Christina Barcelona*, her Hermès bangles and dinner at Ella in Howth). "Kate [my daughter] has been involved from the very conception of Mink. She has a real *grá* for it, especially, I think, because it's a family business. We've always been very close and I didn't want working together to put any strain on that so, in our time out, we have an agreement that we step away from the business altogether. My husband works in Mink too, so we'd go crazy if there weren't clear separations." **KATE VERLING** 23, MANAGER MINK, BALLSBRIDGE, DAUGHTER AND GRAND-DAUGHTER (loves weekend brunch at the Canal Bank Café, her Nanette Lepore trench and *Coco avant Chanel*) "I suppose I better say Mum is my role model, hadn't I? No, really though, she is. I've learned so much from her. She always taught me to stand my ground. I love listening to both my mum and my nana's stories, they each bring something different to the table and I'm lucky to have them both."

THE CONROYS/MALONES

BRONWYN CONROY BEAUTY TRAILBLAZER, FOUNDER OF BRONWYN CONROY BEAUTY SCHOOLS, MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER (loves Louise Kennedy designs, Chanel No5 and Saturday lunch at The Unicorn) "My girls, Sherna and Bronwyn [not pictured here], like Ella and Zoe [my granddaughters], always got on well together. When I was a child, my sister and I fought so much that my mum took us to the doctor, so I always found it wonderful how close they were. I realise now, when I see her with the girls, that Sherna has a lot more patience than me and, really, I think she's a better mother than I ever was." **SHERNA MALONE** DIRECTOR, BRONWYN CONROY BEAUTY SCHOOL, DAUGHTER AND MOTHER (loves Black Orchid by Tom Ford, shops at Fran & Jane, is reading *Pursuit of Happiness* by Douglas Kennedy) "At a time when it didn't happen in Ireland, Mum separated from our dad and was running her own business. She slogged, toiled and built up the business, and all that has meant that Bronwyn [my sister] and I can now work in an industry that we love and carry on her torch, in a sense. I suppose what I learned first about Mum was not to mess with her. As children we were always aware of Mum's school's reputation. Our family motto was 'every day's for real – not a rehearsal'. It's lovely to see my girls at the school, it is nice to think that they might take over one day." Also pictured, **TWINS ZOE AND ELLA MALONE** 2, GRAND-DAUGHTERS AND DAUGHTERS (love Kinder Surprises, wearing pink and both hope to be Cinderella when they grow up).