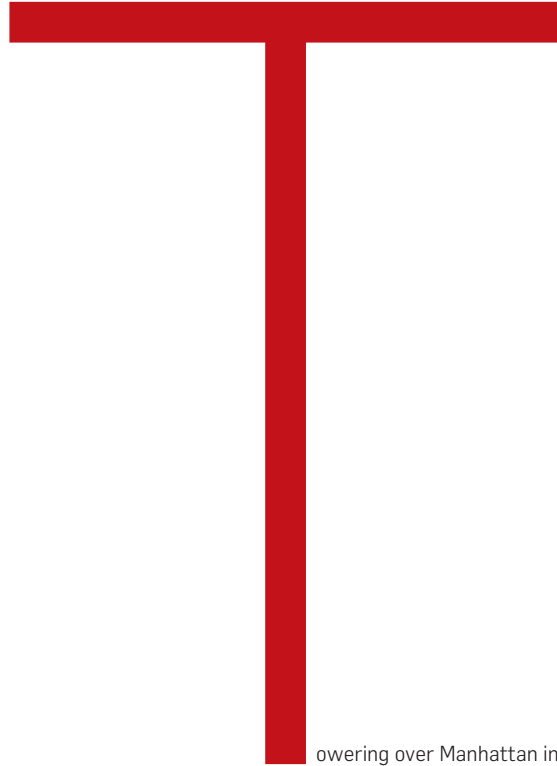


Going Up? For actress Olivia Wilde,

the sky's the limit BY JAMES SERVIN



owering over Manhattan in four-inch stilettos on an open-air construction site 15 stories high, Olivia Wilde is no stranger to danger. You may recall one of the bolder moments in her career, planting a big wet one on the lips of Mischa Barton in the second season of "The O.C." Wilde, 22, a formidable beauty with a 5-foot-7 frame, goddess bone structure, and hypnotic, feline eyes, has shown off her acting chops alongside the likes of Laurence Fishburne and Paul Walker (playing Walker's girlfriend in the soon to be released *The Life and Death of Bobby Z*), Justin Timberlake and Bruce Willis (as Justin's girlfriend in last year's *Alpha Dog*), and in the NBC television series "The Black Donnellys," in which she's a teacher holding her own among a pack of Irish mobsters. She also recently starred in the short film, *L.A. Suite*, which was produced by hotelier Jason Pomeranc. (No, she is no stranger to hotel rooms herself.)

Checking out the femme-fatale wardrobe for the photo shoot seen on these pages, she declares: "This is so Angelina as 'Mrs. Smith,' leaping from skyscraper to skyscraper in New York City." Her own stunt for the six-hour photo session involved braving a vertigo-inducing set in the freezing cold. Several times she was asked to pose close to the edge of the building, with a sheer drop that might have intimidated weaker folk.

Courage is in the blood—she's the daughter of political journalists Leslie and Andrew Cockburn, who have filed investigative reports from the Congo and Somalia for "Frontline," "60 Minutes," and *Vanity Fair*. Taking her stage name from Oscar Wilde (after appearing in a student production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*) Wilde had an international scrape of her own last year, nearly drowning during an underwater scene while filming *Turistas* in Brazil.

Married to an Italian prince (filmmaker and musician Tao Rusponi), Wilde is a label aficionado, wearing Chanel, Marc Jacobs, and J. Mendel when she's out on the town (especially in New York, where she says her style gets "sharper"). At home in Venice Beach, California, she's more bohemian-luxe, favoring Paige jeans, Buddhist Punk T-shirts, and Havaiana flip-flops. In Italy, where her husband's family has a castle, she stays true to form: "I'm always wearing jeans and flip-flops, and people wonder how I managed to get into this big house," she says. "They think I'm the maid."

PHOTOGRAPHY JELLE WAGENAAR LOCATION THOMPSON L.E.S. THOMPSON HOTEL SITE



CORSET BY D&G
PANTS BY DIOR HOMME
BY HEDI SLIMANE
GLOVES BY LACRASIA







ZG

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
GENERAL CONTRACTORS
31-34 70TH ST. BLDG. 11 NY NY
PH: 718-51-3550 & 767-1

NEW YORK
ANDERSON

DRESS BY GIAMBATTISTA VALLI
STOCKINGS BY WOLFORD SHOES BY CESARE
PACIOTTI GLOVES BY LACRASIA



COAT AND JODHPURS BY YOHJI YAMAMOTO
BOOTS BY GIUSEPPE ZANOTTI DESIGN
GLOVES BY LACRASIA

STYLING JOHN TAN
HAIR PETER BUTLER @ TIMOTHY PRIANO ARTISTS
MAKEUP MEREDITH BARAF @ THE WALL GROUP