

HSBC Premier Presents Discomfort Zone	
Introduction	
[Nikki VO]	A chef, chocolatier, and entrepreneur, Janice Wong has built global ventures and redefined what chocolate can be. Twice named Asia's Best Pastry Chef, she's the visionary behind 2am:dessert bar and Janice Wong Pure Imagination. And her journey? Always about pushing boundaries, with a touch of edible artistry. Janice Wong is the epitome of mastery. She has spent decades honing her craft, leading with vision and precision. But today, she moves into uncharted territory. No kitchen she knows. No team she's trained. In this episode of Discomfort Zone, she's about to face a challenge more chaotic than ever before.
Scene 1- Janice Wong and Nikki Chat	
Nikki	There's my favorite chocolatier! Oh, Janice, how have you been?
Janice	Very good!
Nikki	Oh I bet. Doing what? Everything?
Janice	Every day with edible art. Traveling around the world, cooking with chefs, giving talks, shooting.
Nikki	I love it. Never a dull moment. But you must be curious about what we have in store for you today.
Janice	I'm really nervous. My hands are sweaty.
Nikki	I can understand that, because we have actually cooked up something with a bit of a twist.
Janice	Okay. What twist?
Nikki	Okay, I'm not going to spill the beans just yet, but I will tell you this. Here's the deal. You are incredible at your craft, right? A true artist, an entrepreneur.

	So we're curious to see how you'd handle something a little bit different from your regular kitchen routine. A bit of chaos but a whole lot of fun. Are you up for it?
Janice	I am, you're saying it with a straight face.
Nikki	But don't worry, you are going to get a little bit of help.
Janice	Oh, but what if I don't want the help,
Nikki	Oh. Let the games begin!
Kids	Hi! I'm going to drink soup. Hey! My dish!
Nikki	What are you feeling right now? What's going through your mind?
Janice	I'm just thinking, are they even old enough to hold a knife?
Nikki	Well, that is all up to you! You're going to manage this! Do you guys have a lot of energy?
Kids	Yes!
Nikki	But don't worry, Janice, it's okay. We've got a little pair of extra hands to make things a little bit more manageable.
James	Hello.
Janice	Hi James. I am so thankful you're here.
James	Hope I bring some order.
Nikki	Yes, you will! Good luck!
Scene 2- Janice Cooking With The Kids	
Janice	Are you guys excited?
Kids	Yes!
Janice	No! Okay. This is what we're going to do. When I say something, you're going to say "Yes,Chef!" Okay,Can we try that? So if I task you something and I said cut all of these and you're going to reply "Yes, Chef!"
Janice	Next I'm going to separate you guys. Are you guys ready?

Kids	Yes!
Janice	All right, let's start.
Nikki	Game on! Chef Janice has just completed her briefing behind me. She is running this like a proper kitchen brigade. It's going to be incredible. Let's see how it works out.
Janice	So the two of you since the weighing scale is next to you, you're going to weigh all the ingredients for everybody. Both of you can chop this up together. Then we're going to put them into a blender and we're going to make a pandan juice. We're going to make a fresh pandan juice the two of you will do the yogurt mixture together. Now lastly, I have you over here. You're going to bloom all the gelatin. Okay.
Kids	Oh! It's heavy!
Nikki	Janice is learning that leading isn't always about control. It's about letting go. It's about adapting and finding new ways to connect. And I think she's also realising it's about giving people their own space to set up. To find their groove, even if it gets a little messy.
Janice	Okay. Like that, just take that.
Nikki	Watching Janice and James today proves one thing. Whether you're building a business or preserving your wealth, the mindset is the same. The key is trust, curiosity and the courage to keep learning and inspiring even when things don't go according to plan.
Scene 3-- Lounge Interview with James, Janice and Nikki	
Nikki	Janice, you handle this challenge like an absolute master chef.

	But before we move on. One more surprise.
Janice	Okay. What is it?
Nikki	Here we go. I think you like this one because it's all heart.
Kids	Hello, Janice! Hi Auntie Janice, Hi Auntie Janice, Hi Auntie Janice. Thank you Chef Janice for the fake marshmallow ice cream with you. It's really delicious! Tasting your desserts is so good. I mean, I could eat it all day, every day if I had to. Thank you again for the amazing experience. Thank you for spreading your chocolate magic. You are just like Singapore's Willy Wonka, but even cooler. Hope to cook with you again!
Janice	Oh, that was super nice. Thank you.
Nikki	Oh, well, what was this like? I mean, they obviously loved you. They had the most amazing time, but it takes a lot of patience and creativity to guide all these energetic minds, I mean.
Janice	Yeah, well, kids have very short attention span, so you've, I've got to adjust a lot of my recipes and whatever the ingredients were on the table, it's like a surprise. A cookout with them. So I had to keep it very simple, yet elegant and something that reflects legacy.
James	Yeah. I think what, Janice, you did, was to kind of inspire the kids. My daughter was there. It left a really big impact on her that she's part of your team, and it's not so much of just, you know, the outcome of that dessert, but just the entire process.
Nikki	That whole journey together.
James	Our journey together.

Nikki	So let's talk about you, Janice, because you've achieved so much already. But do you still feel like you are building something bigger than yourself, something that others can carry forward in the future?
Janice	I think for sure. When I first started out, I knew I wanted to build a brand. Now that we're still in the process of building a brand, you know, to me, I always start from ground zero. What does it mean taking myself back to where I first started? Imagine if I had no knowledge of cooking or even running a business. How would I do things differently? That's the way I process my thoughts and also how I carry myself out every day. And with this fresh start everyday, you really do have a lot of inspirations.
Nikki	But for you, James, why do you believe that it is so important to think about legacy kind of early on, even for those people who might say, I'm not ready yet.
James	Yeah, well, time is always the secret ingredient. The more time you have, the better you could become in anything. Same with investments. If you give time, it will grow. I think, for example, if we just invest every day, \$100 for the next ten years, every single month. If you invest it into the US stock market, for example, that amount over ten years, it's only \$12,000. I think most people can afford that. But if you put it in the stock market and let the money compound. And that's the magic of time. That \$12,000 would become almost \$22,000. So it doubles itself. It's as though you have another person working for you. So I think time is a very crucial element in everything we do.

Nikki	What would you like to impart to the next generation, those who were inspired by your journey?
Janice	Well, I'd like people to actually have this philosophy of "think again", and basically relook into everything that they've been doing and how to stay relevant in these days and the future. So it's not so much of, leaving something physical behind, but basically it's the mindset of how we make change. And I think this is just so beautiful. Right? When food and art will soon become one. And, you know, in terms of the confluence of all these disciplines coming together. You've got people in the food industry, people who are in design, architecture, everything coming together. And you can see the beauty in that in the future.
Nikki	I like this.
James	It's just that I'm in banking and now you're in food business. But coming together for this conversation, right?
Nikki	There's always something to be learned
James	because I think in the future there will be lots of change with technology and with all these confluence of ideas, the lines of industries will be blurred. And clearly, I think you want to be on the side of change rather to be left out of all these changes that are happening right around us.
Nikki	But when you're building something that lasts, why is it important to have a team partner, that you can rely on and that you can trust to navigate life's financial ups and downs, which is inevitable?
James	Yeah, I think it's very important to have trust in this entire element, just like, you know, yesterday. You have to trust the partner. You have to trust your teammates. Because trust can be destroyed very quickly, but it takes very long to build. And that's why, you know, things like legacy that you want to build over many, many, many years ahead.

	And when you're not around, you want to kind of partner with trusted people and managers to kind of help you bring out your plan. So I think that's very important.
Nikki	I think so, too, and also in how important it is to trust yourself. I think that's very much the Janice Wong way - it's to trust yourself. When your gut is talking, It says try something different, do it! And just get the right support behind you. Right? So what role does communication, constant communication and transparency play in building a legacy?
James	Well, transparency you know, allows trust to be built up. And that's where honest conversations come in. Honest conversations include mistakes that were made in the past. And I think at the end of the day, what true wealth is, it's not just about a lot of money, because lots of money can be spent away by 1 or 2 people easily. What's important is what this money is supposed to achieve. What sort of purpose? What sort of value it brings to the people that are beneficiaries of that money? You want to let them kind of understand the difficulties, the mistakes that were made in the past such that it won't be repeated. But more importantly, you want them to, you know, find their own path into a future that's newer and braver. But ultimately you want them to kind of achieve a potential that's beyond them. I think that's what true wealth is really about.
Nikki	In terms of your craft, what does true wealth look like and feel like for you?
Janice	True wealth for me, it's really about knowledge. I mean, I spend a lot of time in self investment. I'm investing in myself and spending time to learn. I think that is the best gift I could give to myself.
Scene 4-Add on B-Roll	
Nikki[VO]	I'm glad this challenge involved the next generation, because kids keep us honest. They see the world in bold, imaginative ways we sometimes forget as adults.

And let's face it, they won't always want to do things our way.

So if we want to build a legacy that lasts, we need to stay curious, open minded and willing to adapt, try new things, find balance.

Because in a world where change is constant and market volatility is the norm, building something meaningful, something that lasts starts with a willingness to step outside our comfort zone to find growth.