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NEW ZEALAND · CLIMBING



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## BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Free climbing the Salathe, 8a+, 1000m, Yosemite. First female ascent of Punks in the Gym, 8b+, Australia (first 8b+ in the world). Female Speed record on The Nose, El Capitan - 4:43 Hours, 1000m of climbing. First female ascent of L'Arcadimien, 8c, Ceuse. First ascent of Prowess 8b+, Darran Mts, NZ.

## LATEST SUCCESS OR PROJECT

Speed record on the Nose. First free ascent of Solar Fusion 8a+ - a new route on Tsaranoro, Madagascar.

## LIFETIME PROJECT

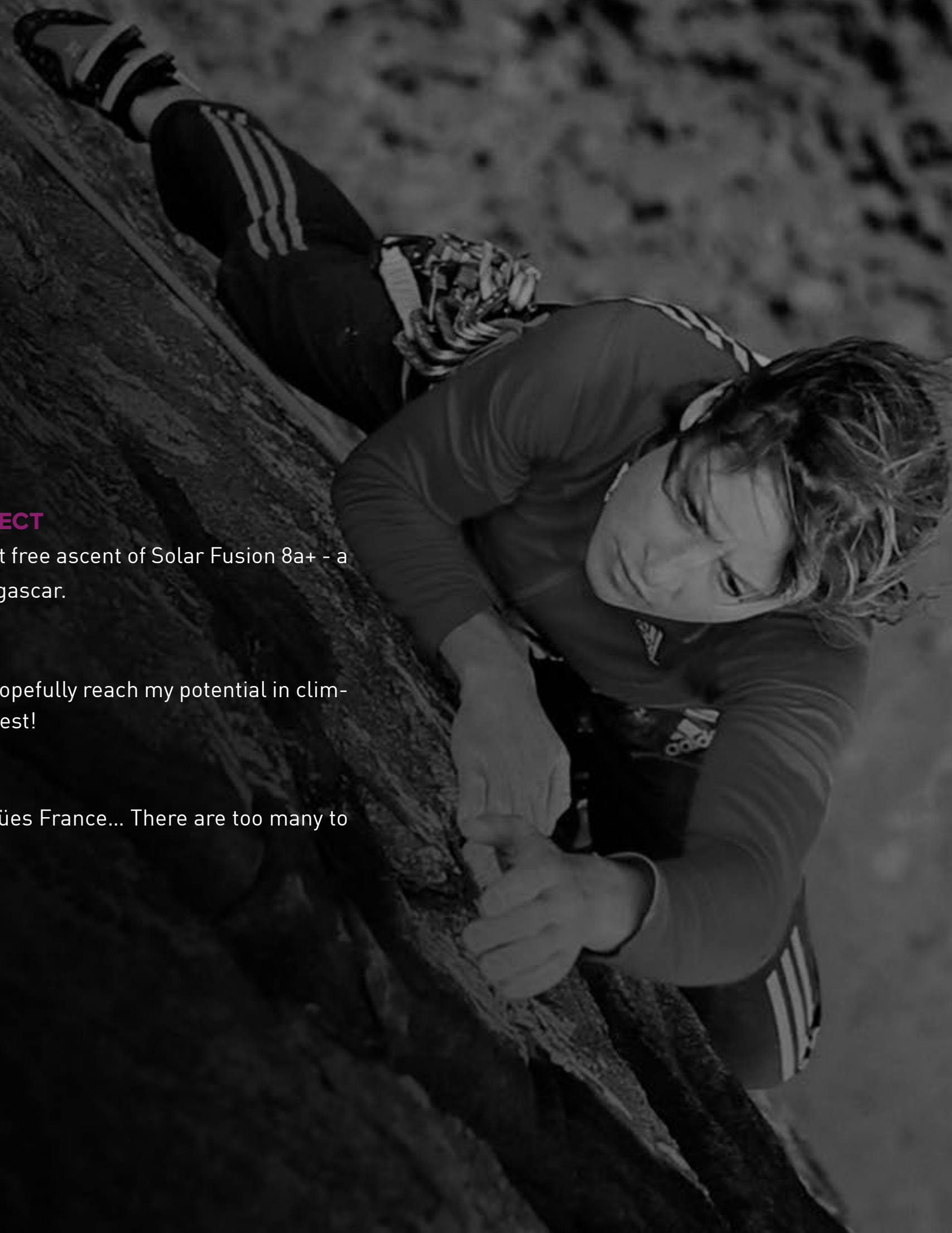
Be the best person I can be... Hopefully reach my potential in climbing and life! Live life to its fullest!

## FAVOURITE SPOT

Yosemite USA, Darrans NZ, Céües France... There are too many to choose from!

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## 01 Why should people submit their projects and join the Claim Freedom campaign?

This campaign is a unique opportunity to realize a dream of yours which otherwise would potentially be out of reach, and be supported by one of the leading companies in this field.

## 02 How do you perceive freedom and how important is it for you to follow your dreams?

Freedom is the most important aspect of life for me! Having the freedom to follow my own crazy dreams and pursue my personal goals is what makes me excited to get up in the morning and give 100% to life! adidas Outdoor allows me this freedom and supports my dreams.

## 03 What is the one thing that you would like to tell your fellow climbers/runners/bikers/flyers to motivate them to achieve their dream goals?

Give everything and keep trying, even when you feel like it is impossible and keep failing. The greatest success takes the most stubborn, determined effort to get up and keep going. It is only through failures that you learn and truly extend your limits.

## 04 What does it mean to you to be a member of the adidas Outdoor team?

adidas Outdoor gives me the ability to pursue my dreams and keep pushing my limits, surrounded and supported by an amazing team of likeminded people.

## 05 What is your next project?

My current project (for this year) is to build my strength to beyond my previous level after having surgery 9 months ago. As part of this I am going to go and try to free climb an old aid line in the Yosemite Valley, in preparation for some major objectives in 2016.

## 06 Which terrex products do you use on a daily basis and which product represents the one «must-have» you wouldn't leave at home, ever?

There are too many products which fall into this category! The light-weight terrex Climaheat Down Jacket is one of my favorites though! I really dislike being cold and this jacket is light, compact yet keeps me comfortable even in the most miserable belays on a wall.