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Everything from the continent rules in this home. Except soccer

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BLACK, grey and white are the colours that people tend to favour when doing up their home in contemporary style.

Home owner Karen Ng is no different. Grey is the dominant shade in her 150 sq m condominium apartment in Kim Seng Road.

But when it comes to furniture, the single girl, a freelance image consultant in her early 30s, opts for dark colours, like an almost-black dining table and a black sofa set, bought from Space in Millenia Walk.

She favours European-made furniture. She says they are "better designed and of better quality".

While her home seems spartan, it belies the fact that she spent more than \$100,000 on furniture and accessories, including a Ceccotti sofa. She says: "I'd rather spend on quality than on quantity."

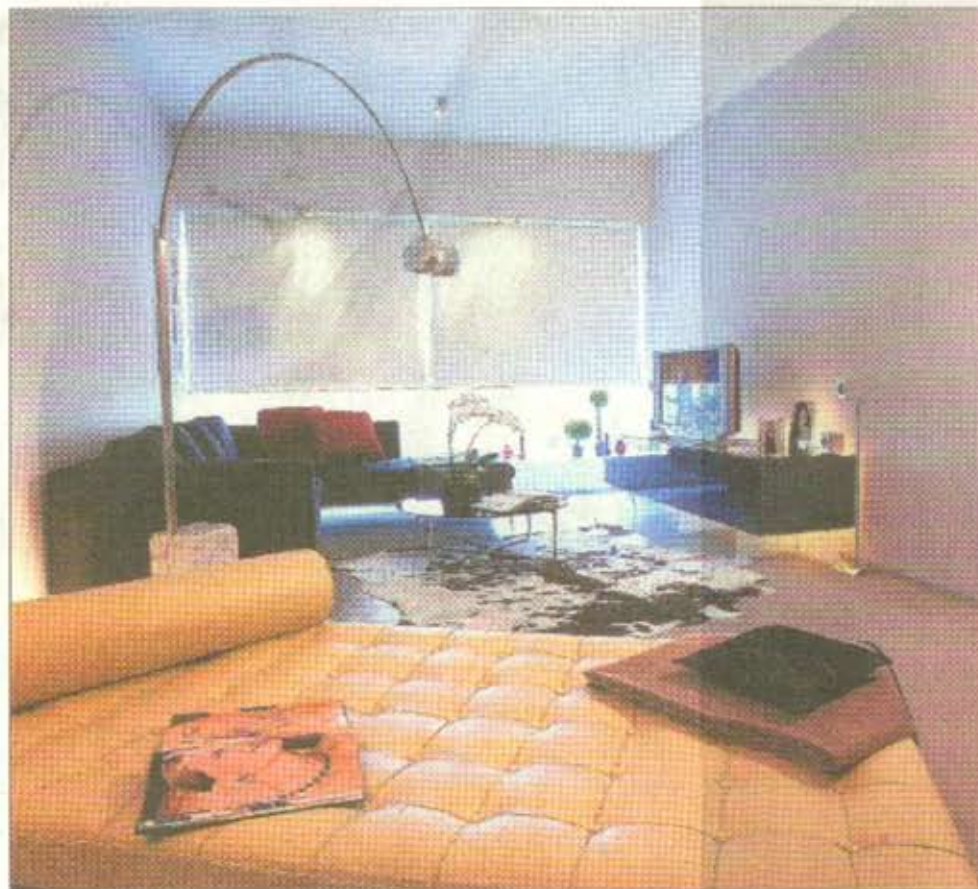
Even her toiletries are not household brands.

Her bathroom is stocked with Jo Malone toiletries, which are available in London and also sold online. Her favourite, the amber and lavender shower gel, retails at £28 (\$88) for 250ml.

She holidays in London thrice a year and buys about 10 bottles of the gel each time.

Other buys from the British capital are reproduction prints from Portobello Road. More prints come from Toast Gallery in Paris, another favourite vacation spot.

She says: "The prints add colour to the home."



Opposites attract: A white daybed makes a stark, stylish contrast in a sea of black furniture in the living room, which comes with designer pieces like an Arco lamp.

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Wall of frame: Artworks, like this piece (left) by Carolina Spielmann bought in Paris which depicts a building in New York, adorn the walls of this bachelorette pad.

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