

5 questions with Karen Ng

AS A power stylist, Karen Ng "transforms people's image and makes them look gorgeous and outstanding". In August, the 38-year-old was appointed as a Style Ambassador by G H Mumm, which will see her work closely with the French champagne brand on style-related projects. The fixture on the local fashion circuit talks to TODAY about pricey purchases and discounted disasters. LYNETTE KOH

What are your biggest weaknesses when shopping?

I like to splurge on bangles, bracelets and cuffs as I love wearing them piled up.

Where are your favourite shopping spots?

In London, I like Harrods, Selfridges, Liberty and Harvey Nichols. In Paris, I adore shopping at Le Bon Marche and Montaigne Market.

What's your most extravagant purchase ever?

I bought a six-carat diamond ring in Hong Kong four years ago for a six-figure sum.

And your worst buy?

A designer dress that was discounted by 90 per cent at a bazaar sale. I thought it was a good buy at the time and didn't try it on. Once I got home and put it on, it didn't fit right and the cutting wasn't good. That just goes to show that it is important to buy quality pieces and not get caught up in the hype of a sale and buy something you may regret later.

What's your shopping philosophy?

Always do your homework. Take a look at your wardrobe and ask yourself what you need, whether it is more tops, bottoms or dresses. Then, do some research on the season's trends. This will make it easier for you to compile your shopping list.

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