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AND LEADING MEN
IN HER LIFE

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OF HAPPY EVER AFTERING

COUNTESS NECKLACE WEAIVED WITH AROUND 3,000 FANCY BROWN BRIOLETTE AND ROSE-CUT DIAMONDS AND MATCHING EARRINGS.
TIMELESS ELEGANCE WATCH WITH FANCY BROWN DIAMONDS AND PAVÉ WHITE DIAMOND DIAL

WEARABLE ART - THE CARNET TOUCH

FLORAL FANTASY BROOCHES SET WITH DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAPPHIRES, HAUYNITE, GARNETS AND AMETHYSTS
PRECIOUS APPLE BLOSSOM DROP EARRINGS SET WITH DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAPPHIRES AND GARNETS





THE ESSENCE OF CARNET

BEJWELED SATURN SKY EARRINGS SET WITH DIAMONDS, EMERALDS, SAPPHIRES AND AMETHYSTS
EMERALD RIBBON WATCH WITH EMERALDS AND PAVÉ WHITE DIAMOND DIAL

CARNET IS INTERNATIONALLY recognised as one of the world's leading high jewellers. Creative Director and Co-Founder Michelle Ong, in partnership with leading gem specialist Avi Nagar, has created some of the world's most desired, valued and memorable jewels.

The remarkable aesthetic of Carnet as "wearable art" has secured an exclusive international clientele that appreciates the perfection and the collectability of Michelle Ong's designs.

Carnet's jewellery has been featured at the Natural History Museum in London, the Burrell Collection in Scotland and included in retrospectives of some of the world's greatest jewellers. Headquartered in Hong Kong, Carnet's flagship store is in Prince's Building and a special Carnet boutique is located in Bergdorf Goodman in New York.



JEWELS WITH A TWIST OF THE WRIST

PURPLE RAIN AMETHYST AND DIAMOND DROP EARRINGS
AMETHYST AND DIAMOND SHIRT STUDS AND MATCHING CUFF LINKS
JAUNE DE CARNET DIAMOND RING OVER 15 CARATS

The Carnet Touch

Michelle Ong and the World of Carnet

I AM DELIGHTED to be the first to be invited to take on the role of Guest Editor for *Prestige Hong Kong*. I decided to accept this invitation because it gives me the chance to represent aspects of my creative process and aesthetic vision through the medium of the written word and photo impressions. In particular, I hope to communicate my love of wearing Carnet's enduring jewellery designs with a sense of personal freedom that always enhances the beauty of my pieces.

Art is never static and, if you will, I design Carnet to be "wearable art." I adore the sense of playfulness that can only come with the assurance that each jewel is absolutely right and perfect in itself. And herein lies the secret to the Carnet touch: I think that the artistry of the jewel can be heightened with a twist – with originality and with the confidence that originates in the wearer's connection to my aesthetic vision.

I have "cast" some of my Carnet creations in, what I hope, is a memorable and enjoyable tableau that reveals the endless modes and ways to wear jewellery. Indeed, one picture is often worth a thousand words.

Whether it is a sense of the "regal," the appropriation (dare I say) of our men's most significant jewels, or a more traditional reflection of the essence of the House of Carnet, I encourage all lovers of jewellery to "play" with my wearable art. Please always enjoy the rare, decorative, reflective and charismatic elements inherent in every collectable jewel.

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L'OCEAN DE CARNET DIAMOND AND SAPPHIRE DROP EARRINGS AND MATCHING NECKLACE

AZURE SEA DIAMOND AND SAPPHIRE CUFF BRACELET

All Carnet pieces by Michelle Ong; price on application