

FINE GEMS

Independent jewellers are wooing customers in Singapore as well as overseas with their unique designs. Urban talks to four of them



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Carrie K

Designer: Ms Carolyn Kan, 38, recalls being asked at a job interview many years ago what she would do if she were not in advertising.

"I said I would love to be a silversmith and jewellery designer. I didn't give it a second thought for 10 years," she says. Despite the demands of being in the advertising industry, she kept a scrapbook of jewellery designs she sketched. Last year, after five years as managing director of Saatchi & Saatchi, she left the corporate world to launch Carrie K.

Known for: Silver work and a raw style incorporating



unpolished semi-precious stones in whimsical designs. She also has a jewellery range for pets.

Customisation services? Yes, for both fine as well as costume jewellery. For example, Carrie K's silver beaded charm necklaces may be put together based on customer's passions and favourite things. "My most unusual request was for a necklace that had dinosaur, alien, champagne bottle and wedge shoe charms."

Price range: From \$100 for a pair of silver earrings to \$3,000 for pieces with diamonds from the Carrie K. Signature Collection.

Signature pieces: Stoneage Stacked Rings from The Raw Collection, Woman in Chains from The Charmed Collection, The Forget Me Knot Ring from The Reborn Collection, Sliced Amethyst Earrings from the Signature collection.

Where: Quintessential, 02-01 Pacific Plaza; www.carrierocks.com. A Carrie K corner will also open next month at The Society Of Black Sheep, a multi-label boutique in Marina Bay Sands.