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MICHELLE ONG

Michelle Ong is a Hong Kong-based jewellery designer who set up the house of Carnet with her business partner Avi Nagar in 1998. Michelle started designing as a hobby in the early 1980s. Her pieces proved very successful amongst her friends, and so Ong continued to create. Now, her pieces are recognized for their intricate 'cobweb' lace-style designs. By using minimal metal, she showcases her gemstones and combines vivid colours theatrically; her fluid pavé-set stones appear to have been created with a single brushstroke. She prefers the subtle lustre of a rose-cut diamond to the dazzle of a brilliant cut, and is meticulous about craftsmanship. Her pieces take Asian influences – dragons, clouds, jade – and add a European twist, giving them international appeal.

Facing page, top: stunning
Radiant Peacock earrings in
white gold, white, grey and brown
diamonds and emeralds.

Facing page, centre: Ong's Emerald
Envy ring and earrings – pieces inspired
by, and provoking, the emotion
for which they are named. They are
in fact created with emeralds and
tsavorite, in platinum.

Facing page, bottom: Ong's
Emerald Delight ring, with diamonds
and coloured sapphires,
set in platinum and titanium.

