

SALE AWAY...

It's easy to get carried away when hunting down a bargain. Four fashionable folk tell HUANG XUELING how they spot a deal

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What do you plan to buy this year?

I will be looking for great buys in cocktail and evening dresses. I need to stock up for the ubiquitous events and parties.

Do you have contacts to inform you when the good stuff is going on sale?

Boutiques I patronise such as The Link, Gucci and Club 21 will normally notify me about the start of a sale and invite me to private sales.

What are some of your favourite shops?

It depends on who my preferred designer of the moment is, but consistently the labels have always been stocked at The Link.

What has been your best buy?

A 42-inch plasma TV from Panasonic that went for half price. I got it from Harvey Norman about five years ago.

And your worst?

A \$1,600 pair of shoes from Sergio Rossi that went for \$160. That was an impulse buy and I've never once worn it. I bought it only because it was cheap but the design was not as versatile as I'd thought.



How do you ensure that you get the best bargain?

Prepare your mind for "big" shopping. I shop for clothes, shoes and accessories every day due to my work, so I would have bought things before the Great Singapore Sale. However, I reserve my "big" shopping for designer houseware, bedsheets, towels, and interior and decorative pieces for my home. The GSS is a good time to shop for your home and necessities.