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Silver suite on the lake

Suite Talk

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A conversation piece is what Carmen Dragomir, the designer of Monarch's Nautilus condominiums on Etobicoke's Humber Lake shores, was aiming for with her black-and-white urban suite.

"Most buyers make very quick decisions. They'll love it or hate it," says Dragomir.

"Most of the time they like it because it's very easy to understand the concept."

The chic suite features

metallic, floral damask wall coverings, which appear in the living room, bedroom and on a matching bathroom wall tile. It sets the theme for the rest of the suite.

Damask is a pattern that was hot in fashion when Dragomir designed the space. She typically looks to fashion for inspiration, but is careful when she does so.

"The trend seems to be something that comes and goes," says Dragomir. "We do choose a pattern that is trendy, but we choose it in one colour."

It becomes busy otherwise, she says.

Accompanied with the coverings are silver ac-



The black-and-white scheme in Monarch's Nautilus model suite is the brainchild of designer Carmen Dragomir.

cents. In the living room, these are paired with a cylindrical, crystal chandelier that gives a sparkling effect and a sophisticated look.

In the kitchen, white mosaic backsplash tiles with espresso-coloured cabinetry and white granite countertops offers clean lines and a contemporary feel.

Versatility is added to the suite with a counter-

weight table in the centre, allowing for a sit-down dinner or an island to mingle around.

Dragomir says she sees first-time buying, single professionals living in her suite, either that or people who travel frequently and only live in Toronto for a few months.

Nautilus suites range from 465 to 1,418 square feet and are priced from the low \$200,000s.