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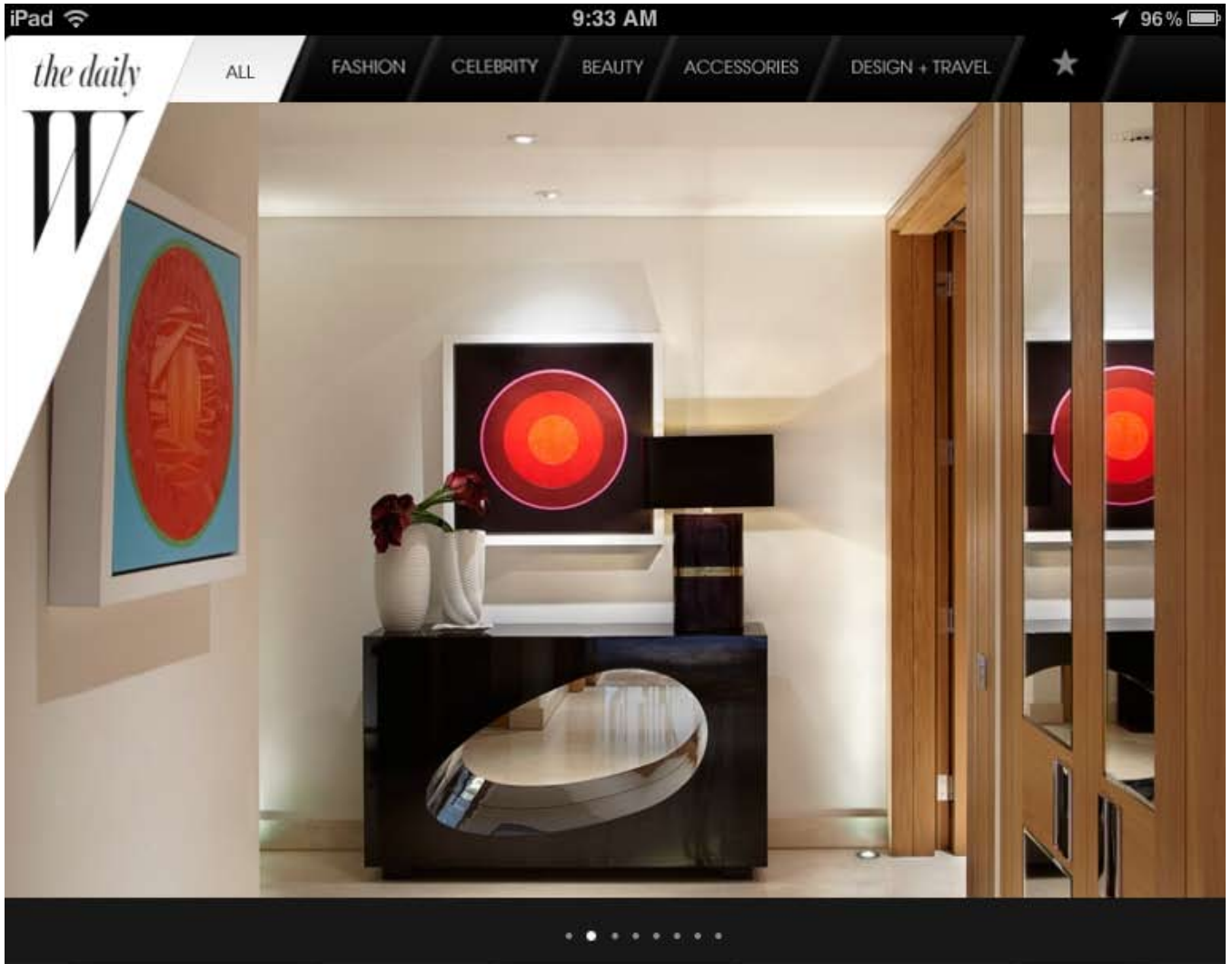
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London's Residences at Mandarin Oriental, at One Hyde Park, are among the most expensive residential properties in the world, with prices around \$9,700 per square foot. London-based design firm **Candy & Candy** was brought on to handle the decor, from the lobby to the 10 model apartments—including this 3,550-square-foot three-bedroom. Candy & Candy Creative Director Matthew Carlisle gives us a tour.

"This wall is quite Mondrian-esque and pulls in the colors of the apartment and the art. We have a close association with Halcyon Gallery, which was an early partner in the design process," says Carlisle.

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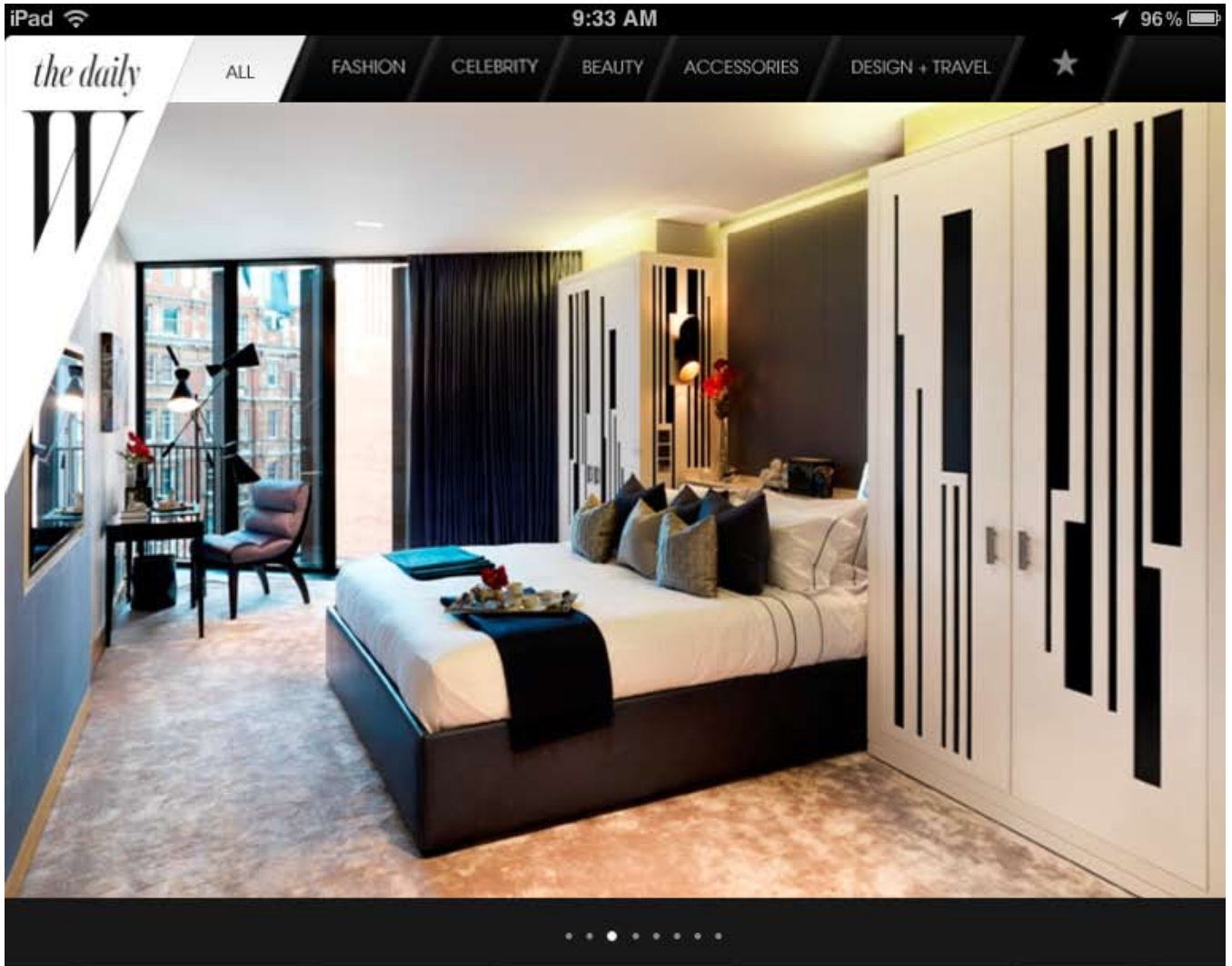
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"The majority of clients who can afford to purchase at One Hyde Park generally have at least an interest in art; some are downright fanatical. The piece in the center is by David Wightman."



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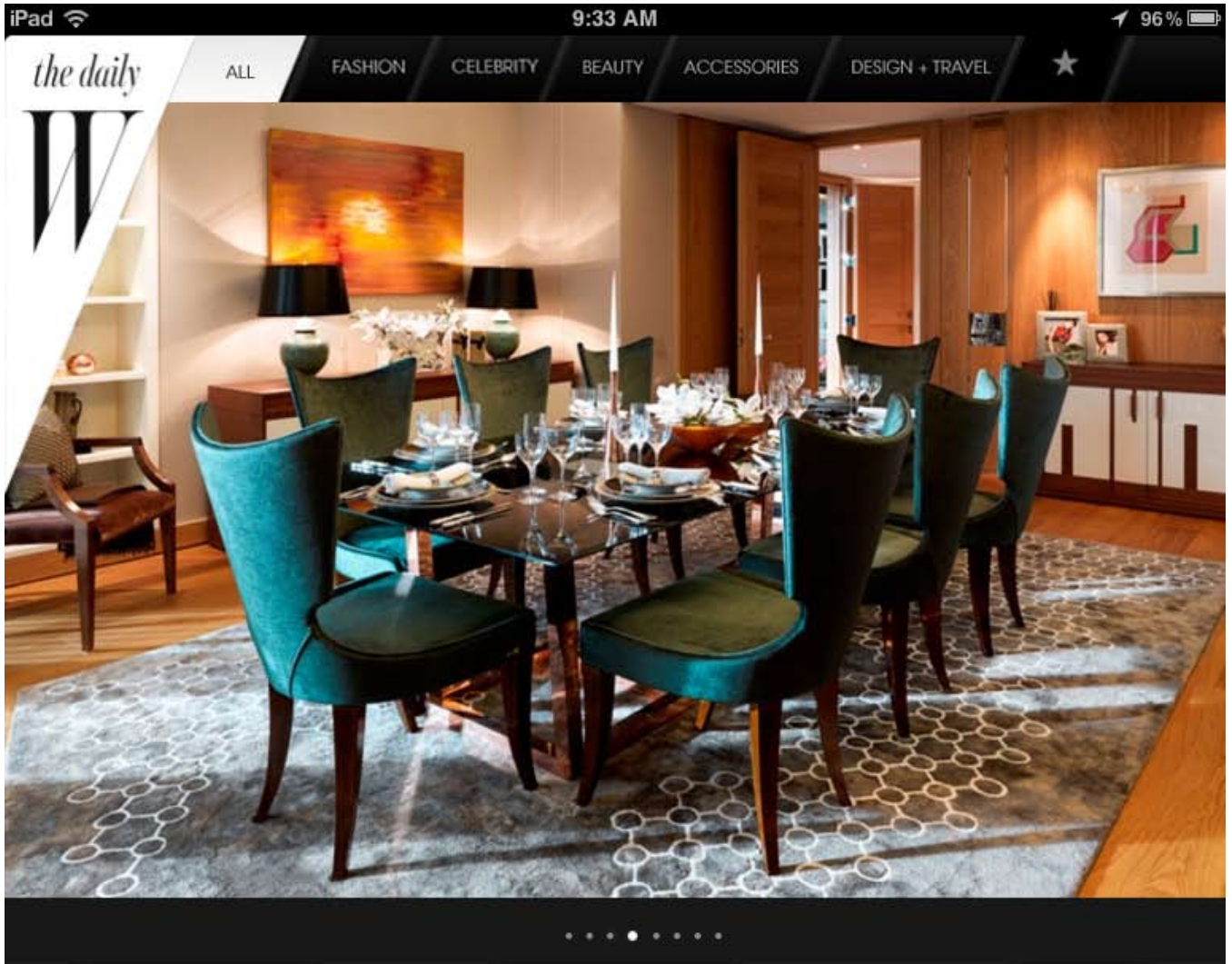
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"The building is designed with these architectural fins, so you have a clear view out, but the neighbors can't see in. You start off thinking that the angled walls are going to be difficult, but the architecture dictates where the bed should be, and then you instinctively know where the wardrobe should go, and so on. There are so many layers to this room—more than you can appreciate from just one angle."



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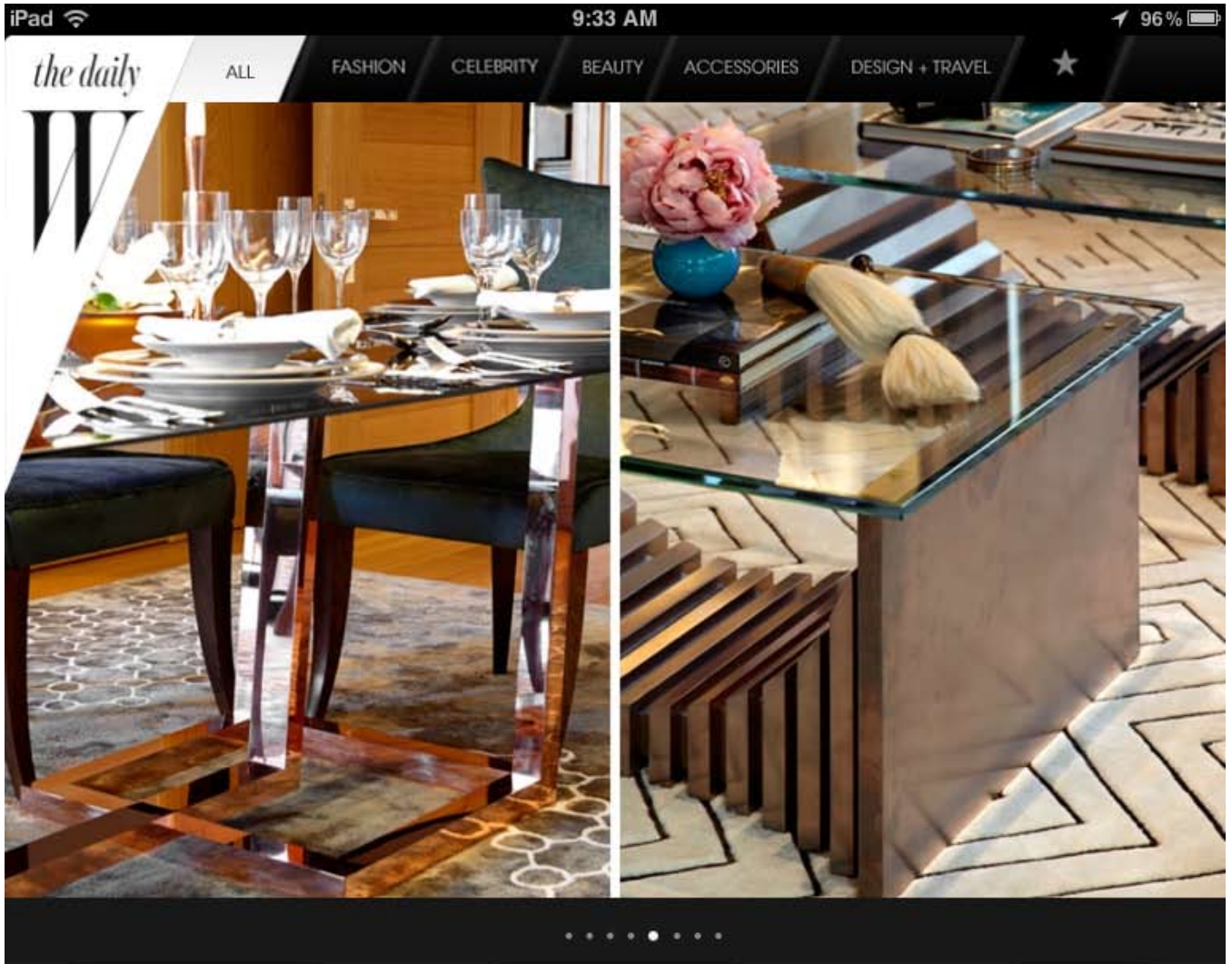
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"There are three options for each of our apartments: one with everything in it, one with nothing in it, and a third with just the artwork. The credenza at far right was inspired by Hermès; the surface is a delicate shagreen, but the inside is a striking orange."



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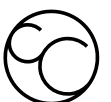
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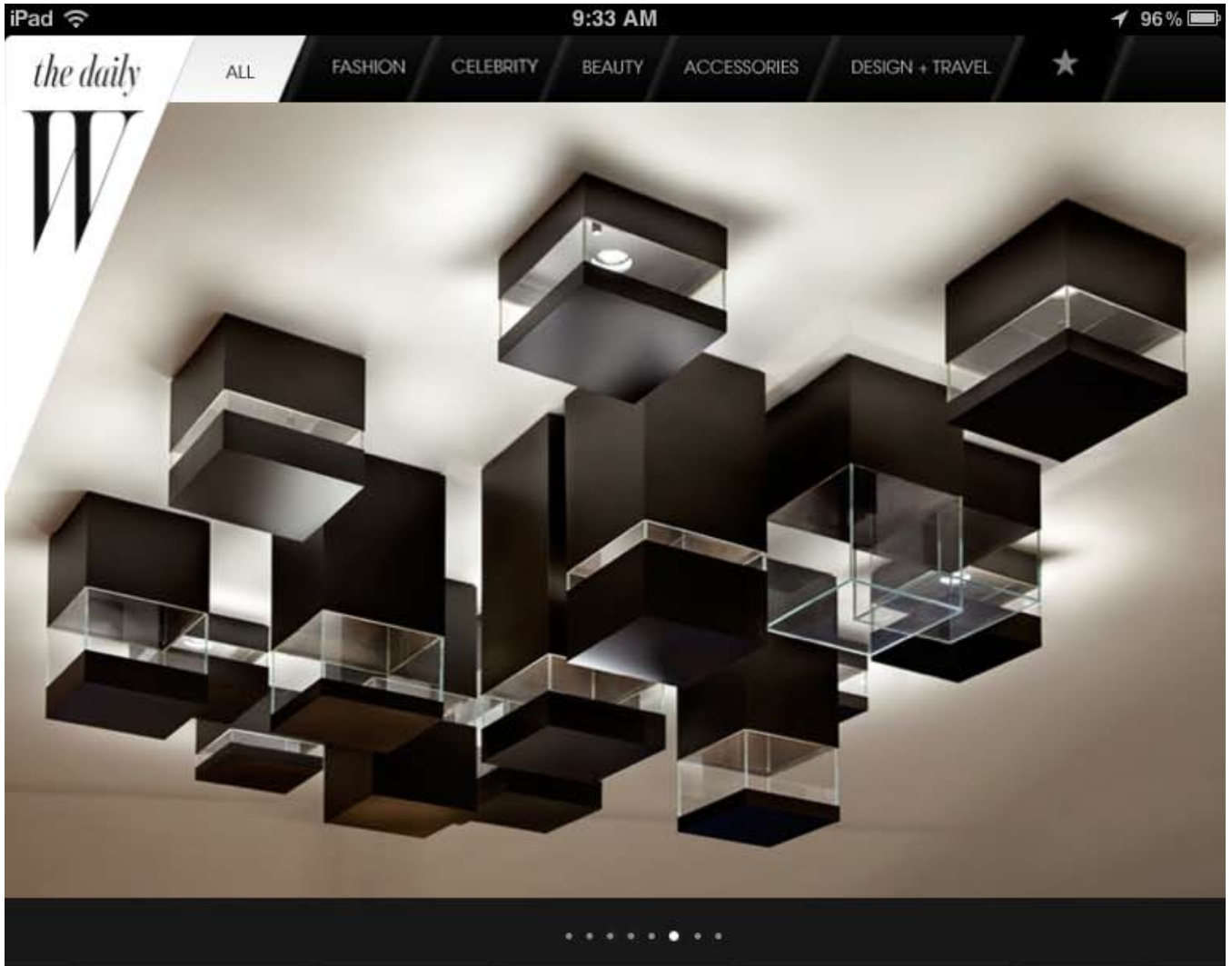
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"At least 80 percent of everything we do is bespoke. Everything in the room, with the exception of the art and, say, the stemware or a vase, would be designed by us and fabricated by our contractors."



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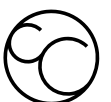
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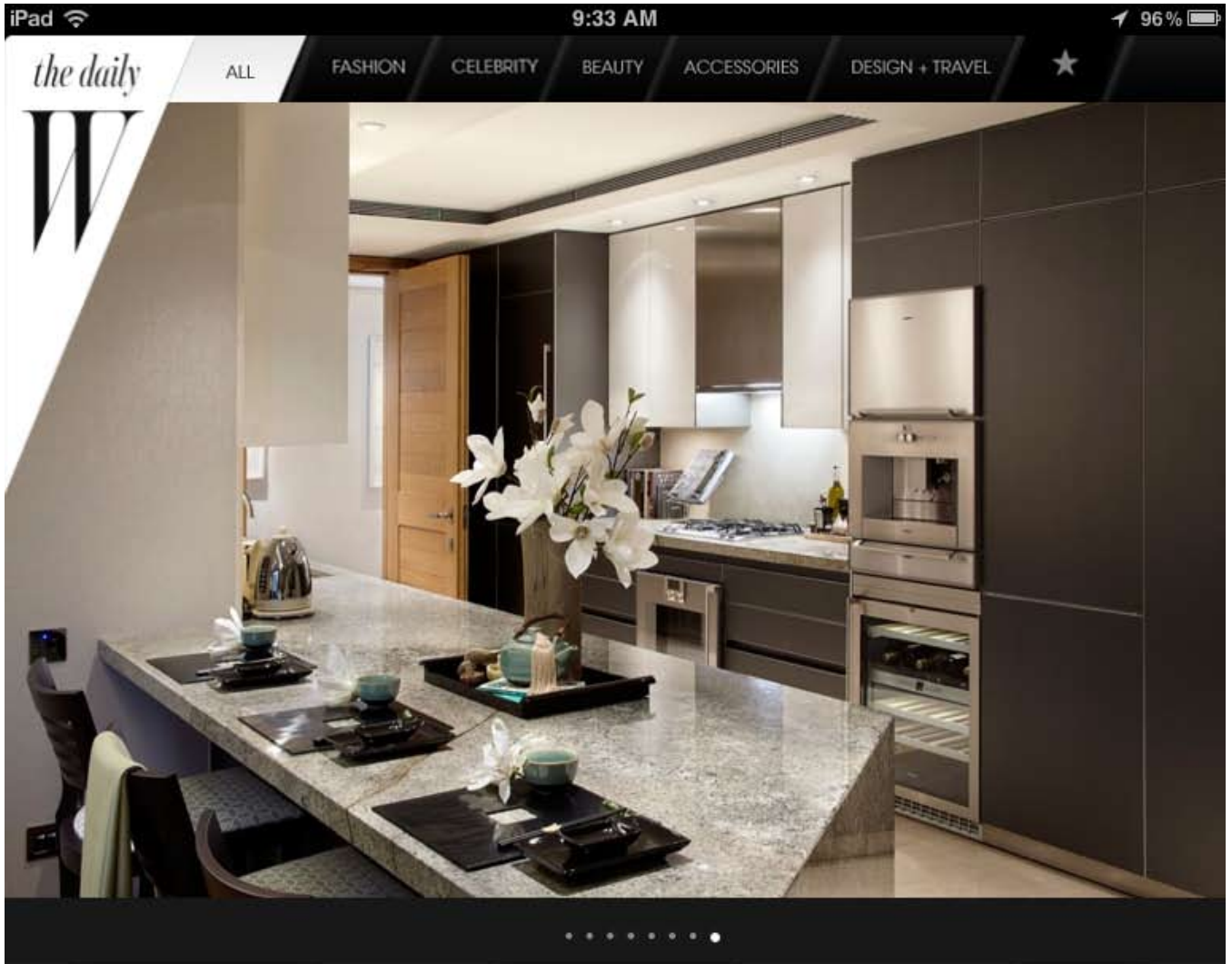
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"This light fixture is a Candy & Candy design made of black metal and clear glass. It represents an upside-down skyline. We don't go to the typical stores."



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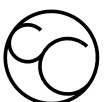
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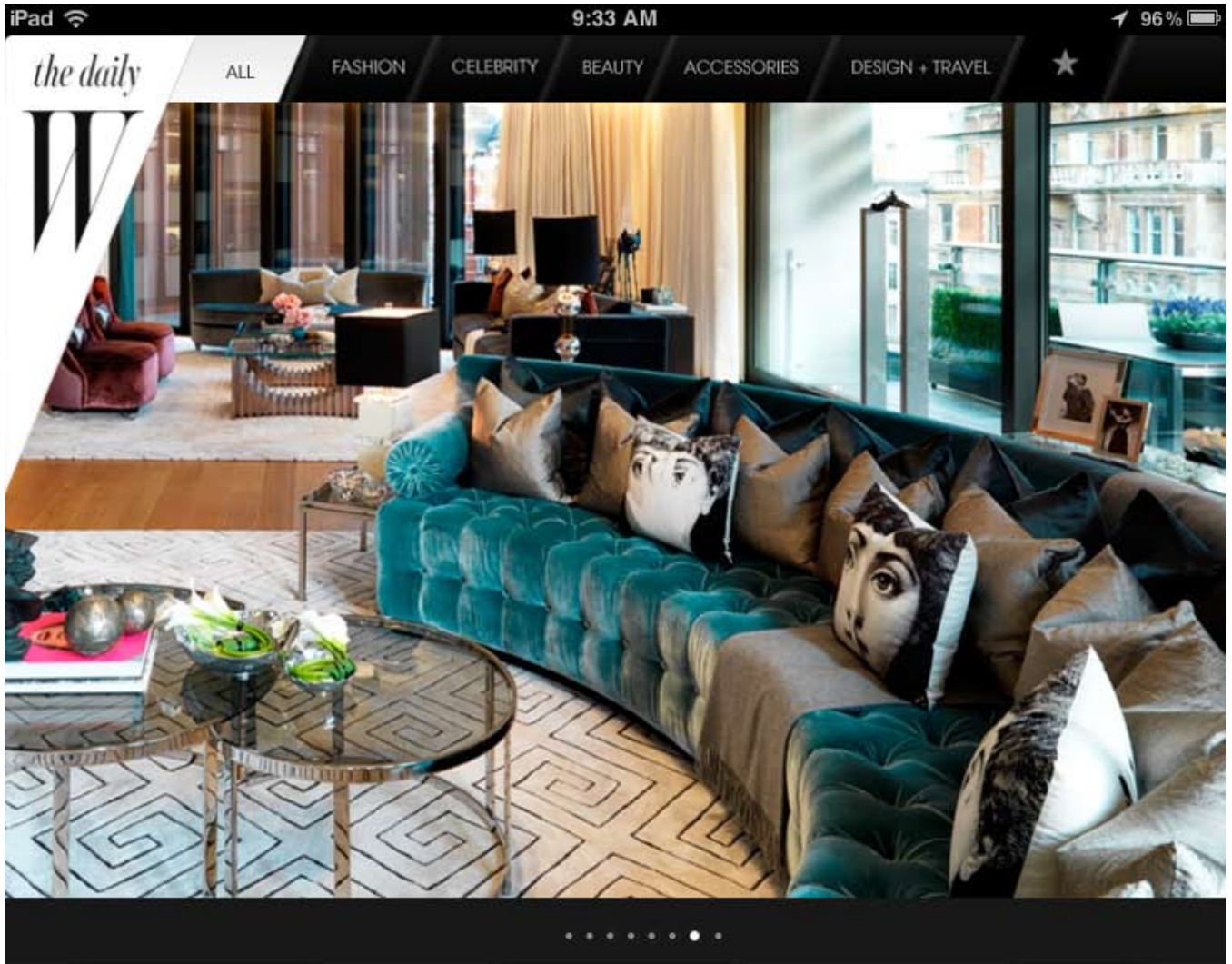
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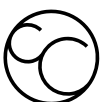
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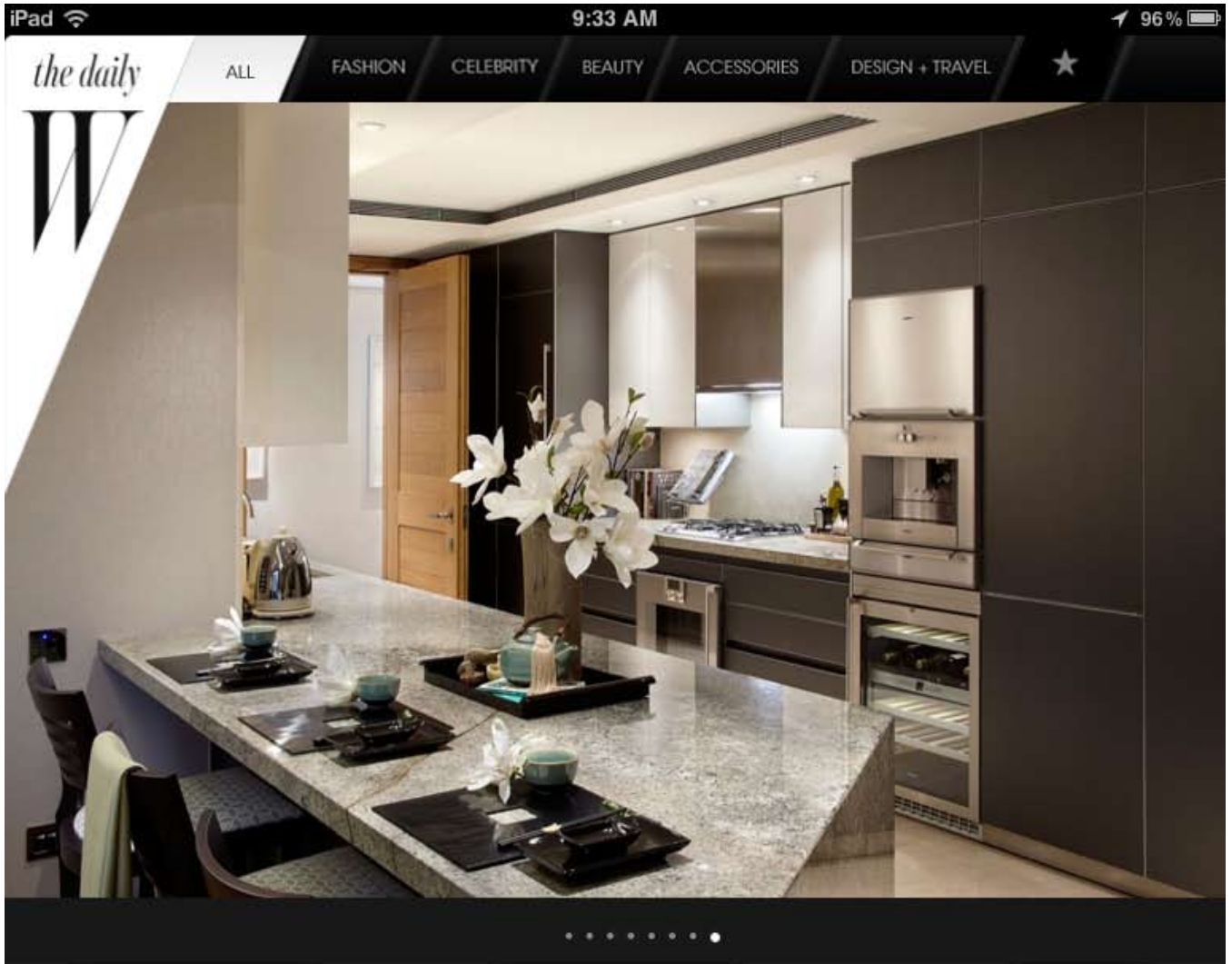
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"I think as long as you have lots of different things to balance the room, you can get away with these vivid teal-y greens and purples, as well as the bold patterns on the rug and the Fornasetti cushions. Put it all together and it works, you know? Each piece is a hero in its own right."



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