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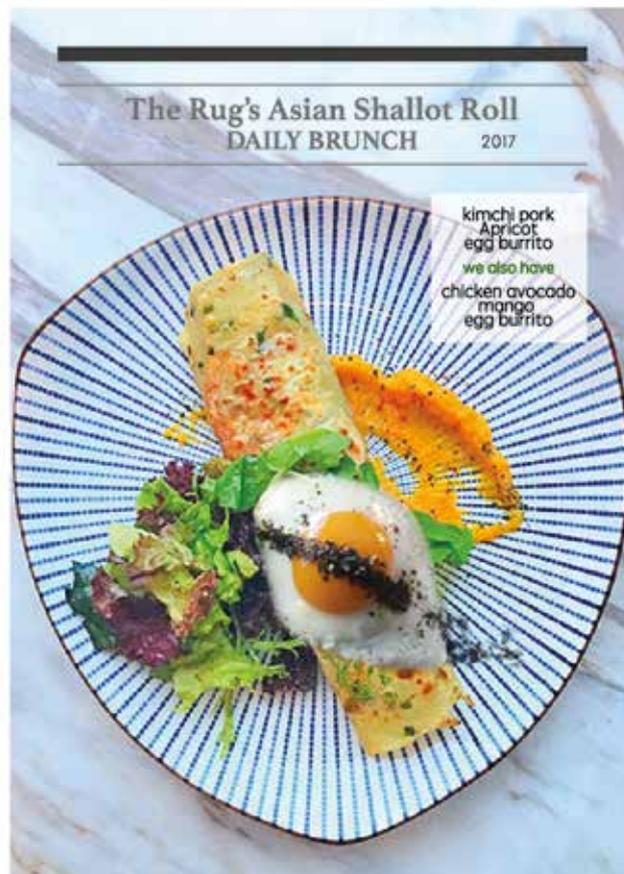
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 **DEALS**

It was both humbling and harrowing to hear a guy my own age explain that he's retired from conflict zones having "seen so many children die in front of their parents." While I work within the relative safety of China's borders (OK let's be real, mostly within the Sixth Ring Road), war reporters like Chen Xu are telling the frontline stories that the world needs to hear.

Chinese media is sometimes denigrated in the West, but hearing the experiences of Chen and other war correspondents (see page 10) was a reminder of how many courageous and dedicated reporters there are here. Few interviews are more inspiring than those with fellow journalists who risk everything for their work.

Closer to home, there's another group of people risking life and limb to document their experiences: rooftoppers. In this month's vertigo-inducing cover story Dominique Wong joins some of Beijing's urban explorers as they scale abandoned (or unguarded) buildings in search of the perfect shot.

Alongside her excellent story, which you can read from page 42, we are excited to print a handful of the rooftoppers' most stunning photographs. Special thanks go to Joseph Lulu (@josephlulu on Instagram) for the image that you find on this month's cover.

Elsewhere in the magazine: Mia Li introduces another essential bit of slang in Chinese Urban Dictionary (page 17); Andrew Chin chats with punk legend Mike Watt ahead of his intimate show in Beijing this month (page 36); and Noelle Mateer explores Mumbai's unusual take on Chinese food (page 56) before flying back to Beijing and bringing you a characteristically fastidious roundup of the city's new openings (from page 52).



Dominique takes to the rooves for this month's cover story (photo by @dongchenf)

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Tan Tzai Noodles

More than one hundred years ago, a fisherman named Hong Yu Tou immigrated to Tainan, Taiwan from Zhangzhou, Fujian China.

At that time, a heavy storm hit Tainan during the Qingming and Mid-Autumn festival, which affected the fishing season. Therefore, Mr. Hong had to rely on other ways to make a living and started to carry a bamboo basket full of noodle soup and selling them on the streets during the "Slack Season". From this event the Du Xiao Yue (Passing the Slack Season) store was born.

The unique taste of the "Dang Zai Noodle" was becoming popular and began attracting a lot of celebrities and politicians, both local and abroad.

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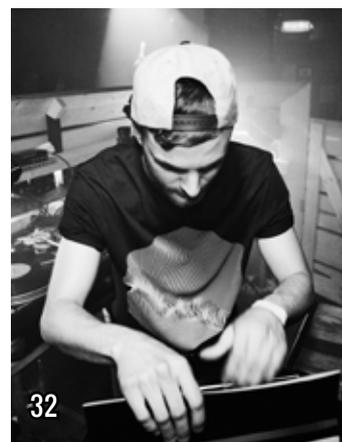
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WELCOME TO HUILONGGUAN, BEIJING'S HOTTEST NEIGHBORHOOD (TECHNICALLY)

by Oscar Holland

If a neighborhood's desirability was measured by craft beer bars per capita, then Huilongguan wouldn't score well. In fact, it wouldn't score at all.

But if you consider factors important to the housing market, this part of Changping district is the hottest area in Beijing. Over the last three years, the number of people renting apartments in Huilongguan has grown faster than anywhere else in the city, according to real estate agency 5i5j.

The company claims that the number of rental deals in the area grew by 277.6 percent in 2014, 24.2 percent in 2015 and a further 44.6 percent in 2016. So, naturally, we travel north past the Fifth Ring Road to see what's popping.

Journeying there presents us with an immediate selling point: The subway ride from *That's Beijing* towers in Dongzhimen takes just 29 minutes thanks to Line 13. A further 10-minute walk from Huilongguan station takes us to Xindi Market, which sells pretty much anything, in small batches or bulk, from towel racks to *baozi* baskets.

Such variety undoubtedly fuels suburbanites' oft-used vindication: that an area has

"everything I need." And anything that Xindi *can't* provide is found on nearby Huilongguan Dong Dajie, the neighborhood's main artery. This sleepy eight-lane highway offers a hypermarket, multiple KTVs, a dental surgery and a 'mobile pet chamber' (looks after dogs). Spilling off either side, we see endless rows of apartment compounds with names like My Town. They are certainly less imposing and more spaced out than their downtown counterparts.

All in all, this is a perfectly livable – though not particularly exciting – part of Beijing. Accessibility is key to its success, as former resident Elaine Cui explains.

"I wouldn't say it's a nice area, but it's very convenient living there," says Cui, who says that the property prices have increased more than tenfold since 2006. "There are a lot of famous IT companies around Xi'erqi [a couple of subway stops away] and there will soon be more bike paths going directly to Zhongguancun. It's nice for people who work in those industries."

Rising prices are good news for homeowners like Cui. But they can be tough for local businesses like Fromager de Pekin, the

popular cheese company that began life in Xindi Market. Founder Liu Yang tells us that rising rents are a problem for his business, though he still keeps a kitchen and shop in Huilongguan.

So hey, there might not be any craft beer nearby, but artisanal cheese is on your doorstep.

For those indifferent to small-batch dairy products, there are more practical reasons to move here. A spokesperson from 5i5j attributed Huilongguan's appeal to lower costs of suburban living, combined with improvements to infrastructure, education and medical care compared with downtown areas. Unsurprisingly, we see numerous branches of 5i5j – and rival realtors like Lianjia – hoping to capitalize on the boom.

But hang on a second. If it was 5i5j who published statistics on the area's desirability, and it's 5i5j who will profit directly from the boom...

That, readers, is how you fall into a PR trap. If we were you, we'd choose our next property on the reliable measure of proximity to good alcohol.

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ASK A LAOBEIJING

We meet Zhang, 70, waiting for a bus on Chunxiu Lu.



What do you think about the new Chaoyang residents crime-fighting app?

"I don't understand how it works. I mean, I own a phone but there are no apps on it so I won't be using this crime-fighting app, Chaoyang Qunzhong.

I'm too old to use apps, although I have some friends who do and it's convenient for them. Those who have recently retired probably like them the most. But I only need my phone to answer or make calls, and that's it. I don't trust using my phone too much because, for example, sometimes people send messages like 'You've won a million yuan' – it's all lies and trickery, just rubbish!

I am a Chaoyang resident. If I discovered anything suspect happening in the area I would rather simply call the crime-fighting hotline. I've never had to call the number before though. I'm a very careful person and try to avoid getting involved with dodgy activities or people."

As told to Dominique Wong

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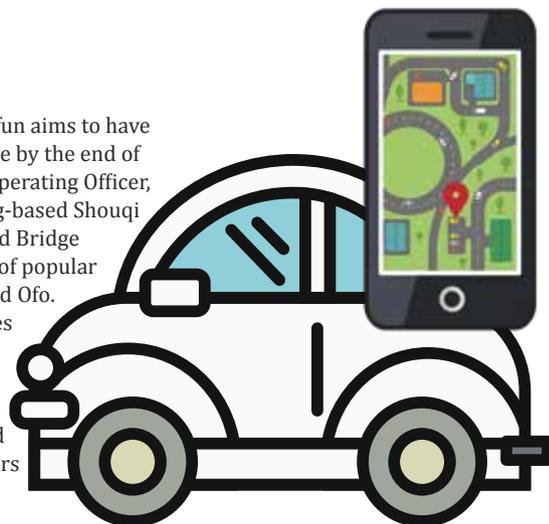
A dutiful son cleans out his mother's ears at a Beijing temple fair during Spring Festival.



Mobike for Cars?

A new car-borrowing initiative called Gofun aims to have 800 to 1,000 public electric cars in service by the end of 2017, according to the platform's Chief Operating Officer, Tan Yi. A partnership between the Beijing-based Shouqi Group and the Beijing Municipal Road and Bridge Group, Gofun mimics the 'share' concept of popular public bicycle systems such as Mobike and Ofo.

Shouqi plans to open 10 rental terminuses along Beijing's Second and Third Ring Roads for parking and charging the vehicles. During the promotional period fares are calculated at RMB1 per kilometer and RMB0.1 per minute, making the public cars cheaper than taking a taxi.





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... is the number of foreigners who became permanent Chinese residents in 2016, a 163-percent increase from the previous year, according to the Ministry of Public Security. China eased its residence and entry policies in September 2015, allowing more people to gain access to the same rights as Chinese citizens – including investment, housing purchases and schooling. Last year Beijing witnessed a 426-percent increase in the number of permanent residence applications from foreigners and their families compared to the previous year.

“The days when people went to shop near the Beijing Zoo are quickly being forgotten”

Deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform Lu Yan reflects on how building regulation changes passed in 2014 have affected the capital’s wholesale market scene. Since the new restrictions were put into place, the number of wholesale markets in the Beijing Zoo area has more than halved, from 13 to just five. Most of the markets have relocated to Hebei province, according to Lu, with the old sites being converted into schools and supermarkets.

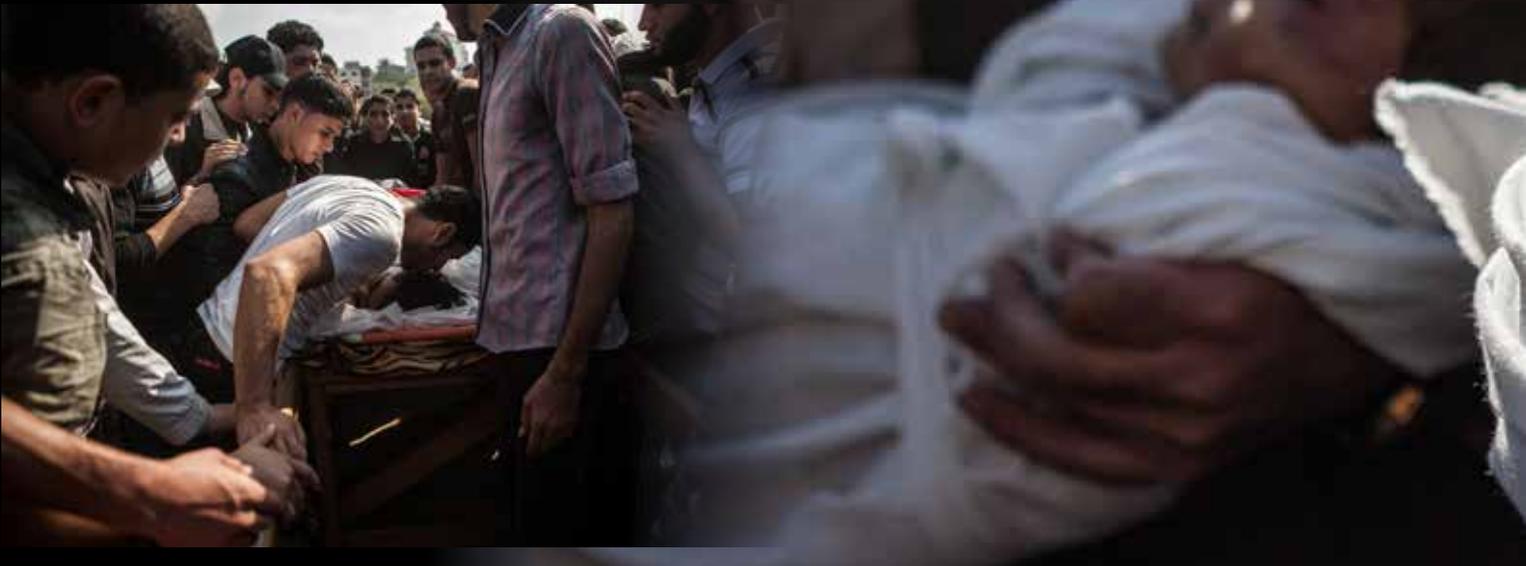


THE ART OF WAR

A photograph showing a military vehicle, possibly a tank or armored car, with a mounted machine gun. The vehicle is olive green and is positioned in a flat, arid landscape with some buildings and hills in the background under a clear sky.

As Chinese state media expands its overseas presence, more of the country's journalists are being posted in conflict zones from Kosovo to Baghdad. Oscar Holland talks to some of the country's most respected war reporters about objectivity, suicide bombs and life on the front line.

“Fire climbed into the sky, and a heatwave pushed me five meters backwards. I can still feel that heat on my face”



Just months after Chen Xu was posted to Gaza, the region descended into the worst violence seen there for years. It was early 2012, and the then-24-year-old photojournalist was on assignment for China's Xinhua News Agency when Israeli and Palestinian forces began exchanging airstrikes and rocket attacks.

“There were warships in the sea, F-16 fighters in the sky and Israeli tanks on the ground,” he recalls. “And they were all firing mortars and missiles into Gaza. I went to the window to check what was happening and saw a missile hit the ground within a kilometer, or even 500 meters, of my hotel.

“Fire climbed into the sky, and a heatwave pushed me five meters backwards. My window shattered and I remember feeling as if my hair must be on fire. As I talk about it now, I can still feel that heat on my face.”

The proximity of danger was not always so palpable. But over four years spent in conflict zones – first in Gaza, then at Xinhua's Baghdad bureau – Chen knew that it was never far away.

“There were a lot of suicide bombers and car explosions,” he says of his two-year stint in Iraq. “And you never know when the danger will come. I was living in the Mansour Hotel where, a few years earlier, a suicide bomber came into the lobby and blew himself up. Three floors were totally destroyed and more than 10 people died.”

Until the late 1990s, Chinese journalists were rarely found near warzones. State media's international coverage was largely pieced together from translated Western sources, with their overseas reporting limited to sports coverage. When two *Beijing Youth Daily* reporters traveled to Belgrade

in 1999 to cover the infamous embassy bombing, it was the first time a commercial Chinese newspaper had sent correspondents to an overseas conflict.

But domestic appetites for international news is growing – and so is the central funding provided to report it. As Western media (both private news firms and public broadcasters like the BBC) face shrinking advertising revenues and budget cuts, Chinese media outlets are making their presence felt in hotspots around the world.

Since 2008, the Chinese Government has embarked on a soft-power drive that has substantially expanded the presence of the country's media overseas. Xinhua now has over 180 foreign bureaus, just 20 fewer than Reuters and Agence France-Presse (AFP). State broadcaster CCTV now has over 70 bureaus in six languages, and



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This page | Photos by Chen Xu show the bodies of two young brothers being carried to a Gaza mosque for their funeral (main), and Palestinians preparing to bury the victim of an Israeli airstrike (far left)

newspapers from *People's Daily* to *Southern Weekly* are upping their budgets for foreign reporting.

"Xinhua's Gaza bureau didn't have many people before 2008," explains Chen, who majored in Arabic at university before joining the agency's Beijing newsroom. "But with the Gaza War [of 2008-2009] and Beijing hosting the Olympics Games, China wanted to provide an alternative to Western media, so we expanded.

"When I was there, we also had around 40 or 50 local [Palestinian] reporters and our Jerusalem bureau had almost the same number of Israelis. Of course we don't hire as many as AP or AFP do, but we still have a lot of staff. It's an international news agency, not just a domestic one."

Up to 40 Chinese journalists are believed to have covered the Libyan Civil War in

2011. As such, Chen is one of a generation of young reporters working in conflict zones previously considered beyond the remit of the country's media. He has been able to accompany Iraqi forces in Ramadi and Mosul – the front line of their battle against ISIS – and he believes that China's media enjoys more cooperation from military officials than before: "Sometimes there will only be one or two positions, so they'll choose BBC or CNN. But 80 times out of 100 we can go together."

Yet despite China's growing presence in international press corps, its journalists still struggle to get the access they'd like. Some describe being denied entry to group interviews or photo shoots (so-called 'press pools'). And while state media reporters do occasionally get to spend time attached to a military unit (so-called 'embedment'),

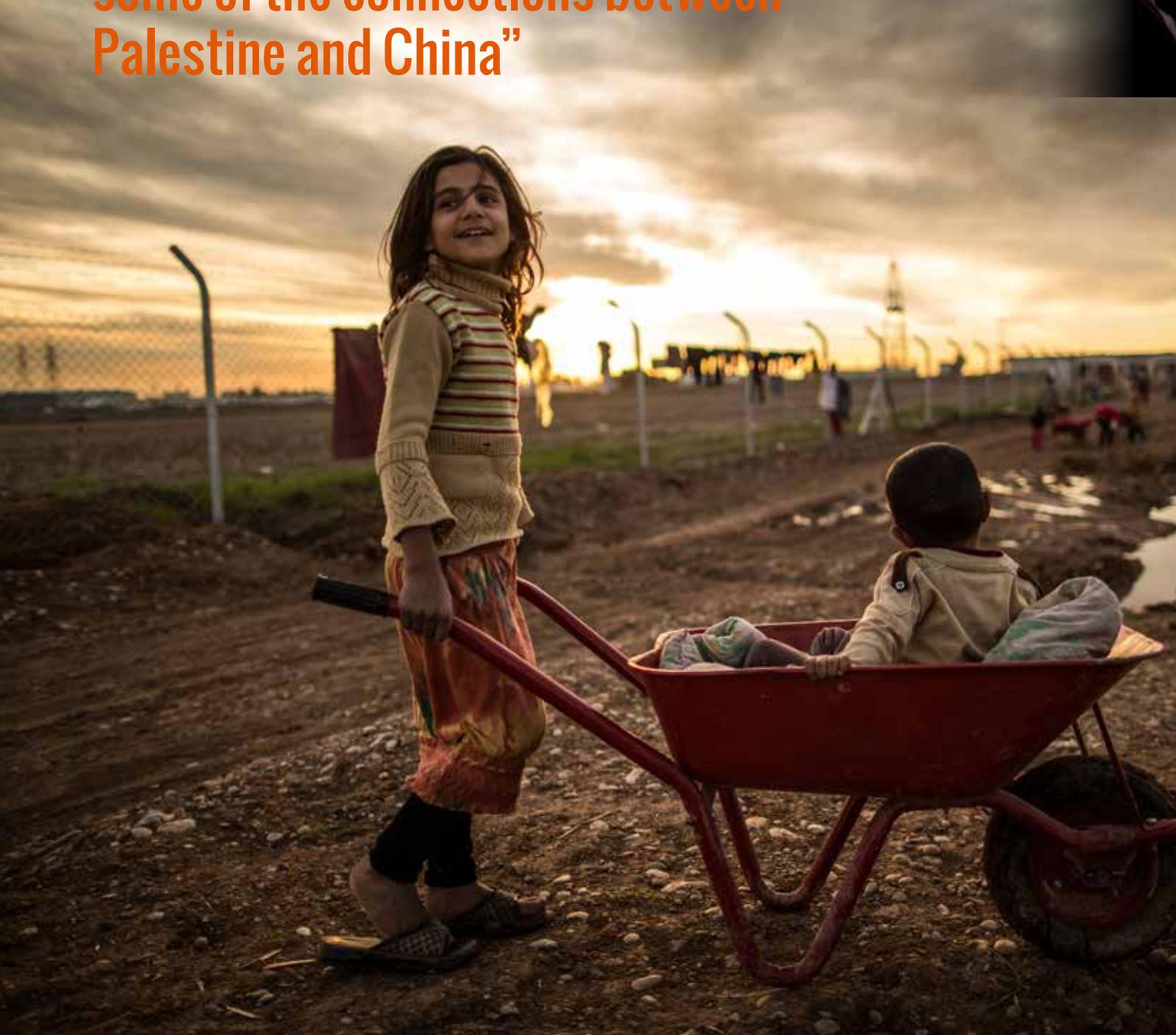
those who do are often hamstrung. A pair of Chinese journalists embedded with a US Airborne Division in Kandahar, Afghanistan, complained of greater restrictions than other media, saying that the military stopped providing assistance when their reports were deemed unflattering.

This is not the only difficulty faced by China's war correspondents. Many in the West have reservations about the objectivity of their reporting, a suspicion that can extend to fellow reporters. In 2011, a journalist from Al Jazeera's Beijing bureau, Ezzat Shahrour, wrote a widely circulated critique of Chinese reporters in Libya titled 'The Arab people have 100,000 questions for Chinese media.' He accused them of misrepresentation and double standards, for "emphasizing only the humanitarian disasters caused by Western air ▶

“I want to show Chinese people that there’s not only conflict here – these are good people with their own traditions. I want to find some of the connections between Palestine and China”

Right | A Kurdish fighter outside the Iraqi city of Kirkuk

Below | Two children playing in a refugee camp on the outskirts of Erbil, the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan (both photos by Chen Xu)





bombardments, and reporting sparingly if at all on the violent suppression and massacre of the people by Gaddafi.”

As one of the few academics studying Chinese war reporting, Shixin Ivy Zhang from The University of Nottingham is especially interested in issues of objectivity. She has carried out in-depth interviews with dozens of correspondents, recently publishing a book on her findings.

“No media can be absolutely 100-percent objective or impartial – they all have their own bias,” she argues. “So Chinese journalists also have their own bias, and their reports can be influenced by China’s foreign policy, as well as their [employers’] own editorial policies.”

Zhang’s research paints a nuanced picture of reporting from the front line, outlining something that she describes as “Chinese-style pragmatic objectivity.” And while the role of journalists in China – both their function and relationship to the state – is fundamentally different from in the West, her research suggests that war reporters have, to an extent, adopted “a Western model of objective reporting,” that shares an emphasis on facts, balance, detachment, neutrality and diversification of news sources.

When – or if – reports are edited to conform with a media organization’s policies or the perceived national interest, this happens in the newsroom, not on the ground, Zhang says.

“The journalists all tell me that they’re just reporters – they only cover what they see,” she explains. “They say: ‘It’s my job to write the story and send it out, and it’s the editor’s job to make sure that our published copy [is consistent] with foreign policy or the editorial lines. So they defend themselves by highlighting that their role is to report what they see.’”

In fact, many of the reporters Zhang spoke to said that Chinese neutrality in many of the world’s conflicts – in the Middle East especially – helps them to be *more* objective than their Western counterparts. The country’s non-interventionism may help them to provide what Zhang calls “an additional pair of eyes and ears” in places where the narrative has traditionally been dictated by the Western press.

Providing balance was of such importance to one of Chen’s Xinhua colleagues, Gao Lu, that she returned to the field after eight years away to see a new side of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Having been assigned to the agency’s Jerusalem bureau between 2004 and 2006, she took on her second Middle East role in the Palestinian territories in 2014.

“I really enjoyed my time in Jerusalem, and I made a lot of friends there,” she explains. “But I really wanted to know what happens on the other side of the war. I realized taking the job would be a good opportunity for me to understand the other side of the story.”

She is motivated, like many of the reporters in Zhang’s research, by a combination of intrigue and excitement. But most of all, her desire is to pursue truth and to tell people’s stories.

“To be a good journalist you have to be close to the scene,” she says. “You have to talk to people and not rely on second-hand information. You have to see through your own eyes and listen through your own ears. That’s what I do.”

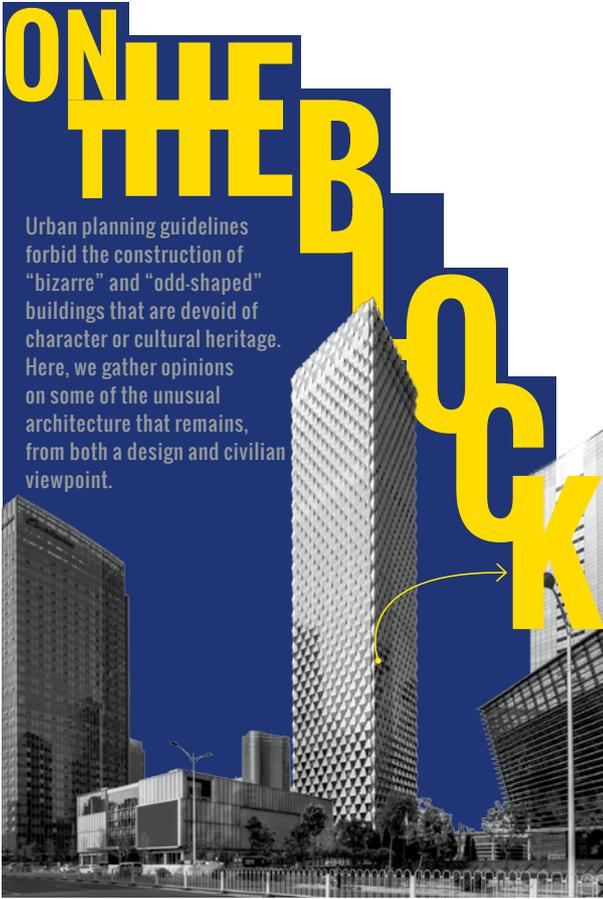
“I’m just trying my best to show how the Palestinians live,” she continues. “I want to show Chinese people that there’s not only conflict here – these are good people with their own traditions. I want to find some of the connections between Palestine and China.”

Even the harshest critics of China’s media, or those with the sternest definition of objectivity, should be able to find respect for the country’s war reporters. The risks taken by – and the emotional toll taken on – individual journalists is real, regardless of your politics.

Now aged 29, Chen has moved on to a safer post in Warsaw for the sake of his wife and 3-year-old daughter. He reflects on his time in conflict zones.

“It was too hard for me to tell the truth, because the truth is so cruel. And whether I was in Iraq or Palestine, people there all told me the same thing: ‘You correspondents come and go – you fill the gap in your newspaper or the time in your show, and nothing changes.’”

“After that, I felt that I should get out. Having seen so many children die in front of their parents, I thought that it was time to move on with my family and enjoy my life.” ■



Urban planning guidelines forbid the construction of “bizarre” and “odd-shaped” buildings that are devoid of character or cultural heritage. Here, we gather opinions on some of the unusual architecture that remains, from both a design and civilian viewpoint.

BEIJING GREENLAND CENTER, DAWANGJING

The Building

Wangjing may be ‘Koreatown’ but Dawangjing is ‘big Wangjing’ Or at least it has the biggest buildings this side of Wangjing (northeast to be exact). The latest addition to this burgeoning business district is Beijing Greenland Center, a 260-meter-tall tower completed in 2016. Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) the tower literally glitters over its neighboring buildings due to its light-deflecting glass surface. Each glass section is made up of two trapezoids – one angled upwards and the other downward (see page 6 for a close-up). The tower encompasses retail, offices and apartments over 173,000sqm. And, at 55 stories high, it also provides striking photo ops for the city’s rooftoppers (see our cover story, page 42). The glass facade not only looks good but also *is* good, with the panels’ self-shading effect helping the center save energy.

The Residents’ View

Local driver Wang is impressed by the tower, he says. “It looks great – the glass design is quite special. It looks like a nice watchstrap.” A passing motorcyclist, Dong, is also complimentary: “This building is really wonderful. Dawangjing is like the second CBD of Beijing.” Another passerby – there’s a lot of foot traffic here – praises the center as “very nice.”

The Architect’s View

Studio O architect Angelo Michele Pagano views the Greenland Center as “an American interpretation of the Chinese compound. It’s a more contemporary design of a traditional landscape, where water and greenery co-exist, thus recalling the typical Chinese park, but without the organic layout that characterizes Chinese design. The building instead uses the tri-dimensionality of the facade to catch as much light and sunshine as possible,” he says. “So the facade acts not only as an eye-catching image, but contributes to the overall [energy-saving] system. The prismatic motif reflects the surroundings and the sky, setting a new landmark for Beijing.” **DW**



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Nixi / nìxí / 逆袭 *n. a vengeful comeback; v. to defeat those who defeated you, to strike back*

A Why does that bureau official look so familiar?

He went to high school with us! **B**

A Oh my God, is he who I think he is? He was failing every class and almost didn't graduate.

Well he nixi-ed on us, and he's now in charge of trillions of yuan. **B**

Some people say that life isn't a competition. That's only because they are winning. At high school reunions you often realize that your old classmates make more money than you do, have better-looking spouses than you do, and are raising smarter kids than you are.

You feel defeated. You start to fantasize about appearing at the next reunion looking better than ever, successful enough to 'one-up' your former classmates and win back their respect.

Nixi is exactly such a scenario. It's when you turn defeat into victory, pity into respect. You regain all the face you've lost – and then some. It's when whoever doubted or looked down on you must concede that they were wrong. *Nixi* is the moment when the ugly duckling turns into a beautiful swan.

Nixi is, therefore, one of the sweetest feelings. It is little wonder that a whole genre of fiction has been dedicated to the phenomenon and its ability to make you feel vindicated. Disgruntled ex-employees love to fantasize about buying the company they used to work at and firing the boss. Ex-boyfriends love to read about coming back to – and then dumping – their ex-girlfriends.

Fantasy aside, the Internet is filled with advice on how to pull off a *nixi* – how to *nixi* your exes, your boss, your business rivals or even childhood friends. It usually involves having plastic surgery, doing Crossfit, taking over a company or winning the lottery. (Watching a lot of TED talks is somehow a good first step.)

Those who pull off *nixi* are worshipped, their legends spread far and wide. People love to talk about how Jack Ma *nixi*-ed on his school teachers who didn't believe in him, or how Angelababy's childhood friends thought that she wasn't pretty enough to become a pop star.

In truth, most attempts to *nixi* will fail, and we will continue being pathetic the way we are. But it serves as a source of hope – a beacon in the dark sea of self-improvement. Remember: When all else fails, we will always have TED talks. **Mia Li**

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TIFFANY PATTINSON

Fashion Designer and Tarot Card Reader



Aside from her distinguished career in eco-friendly fashion, Tiffany Pattinson is also a well-known tarot card reader. She tells us about the connection between her two seemingly unrelated talents.

Why tarot card reading?

I was bullied at school, and I picked up tarot cards in the hope that it would help me make new friends who were weird enough and bold enough to stand up to bullies. It worked so well that I became well-known in tarot card reading circles. Discovering that I am actually *good* at reading cards came as a surprise, and I enjoy practicing it, as it's quite therapeutic for both parties. Whether people choose to believe the readings and follow the advice or not, it's great to open up to someone. I have made countless friends over the years while reading cards.

Does reading tarot cards benefit your design work, or vice versa?

Reading tarot cards has taught me the importance of balance in creation, which influences my overall design concept. I love to hide little sigil details – magic signs that bring the wearer luck and protection – in my designs to send good wishes to the owners.

How would you describe your brand and design style?

I have two labels – Tiffany Pattinson and Bubblegum Factory – which are complete opposites in terms of style. Tiffany Pattinson is minimalistic, futuristic and elegant with some technological design elements, such as AR [augmented reality]. Bubblegum Factory is the wild twin sister that has all the vivid color combinations with dramatic prints, strange details and a vintage touch.

Where do you find your inspiration?

Nature, culture, traditional crafts, white magic, stories for children and random encounters of cyber glitches.

Wisteria flower is often used in your design. Why?

Wisteria is my birth flower and it symbolizes peace, wisdom and playfulness. I have adapted it to reflect the brand's focus on sustainability.

Why do you focus on eco-friendly, sustainable design?

I have learned a lot about the ugliness in the fashion industry, and I believe that it's up to

us to be more responsible. My ultimate goal is to build a sustainable lifestyle empire and invite like-minded talents from across the globe to help make a positive impact on the environment.

What can we expect from your showcase at the upcoming Shanghai Fashion Week?

It will be an intimate experience. Each show will only admit a small crowd so they can have a closer look at the details – handcrafted by the Buyi tribe from Guizhou – and play with the different elements on each garment. It is a show experience that I have been dreaming of and plotting to do for years, and I'm finally getting the chance to realize this dream.

www.tiffanypattinson.com,
www.bubblegum-factory.com

STYLE RADAR

Need for Beads



We love badass brooches and Li Zhao makes the ultimate ones. Colorful beaded designs reflect the former Modernsky artist's pop art sensibility (with a dash of Japanese manga thrown in for fun). Whimsical and cute, yet caustic with tongue firmly in cheek, Li's brooches are an ideal gift for that hard-to-buy-for-and-secretly-judges-you friend. Designs include a boy riding a yellow duck, Simpsons' characters, David Bowie, the Girl with the Pearl Earring, and for those who prefer to say it with words, slogans like 'heartbreaker,' 'psycho,' 'anti you,' and 'have you ever.' Rad.

Brooches (RMB80-350) at Farm to Neighbors, Beijing Flea Market and WeChat (ID: drunkandfool)



COVET



We try to save these pages for Chinese products, but we'll make an exception for American brand **Bioscarf**. Because although its scarves are made halfway around the world, they help combat an old Beijing foe – pollution. The manufacturer claims that its patented material can filter out smog, and the scarves' 'N95' rating means that, when fitted correctly, they are capable of blocking out 95 percent of particles larger than 0.3 microns (which includes PM2.5). We're not quite sure what "fitted correctly" means when wrapping a scarf around your face, but we like the idea. Shipping to China is available, though it doesn't come cheap (add RMB240).

RMB543, www.bioscarf.com

OVERHEARD

"I'm pretty sure I've seen the latest Balenciaga bags during chunyun! The models look like they're lining up outside a Chinese railway station"



... joked a netizen, implying that Balenciaga may have been inspired by the luggage bags used during Spring Festival (though its new collection features bags worth as much as RMB17,000). The French fashion house isn't the first brand to face such claims. In 2006 Louis Vuitton showcased red, white and blue bags allegedly inspired by plaid luggage commonly seen at China's railway stations.

Gucci x Rooster

New Year is always marked by luxury brands targeting Chinese consumers with special holiday-themed items. This year, Gucci took the lead by adding several poppy-colored rooster items to its Dionysus series. The additions include leather handbags with golden floral patterns, silk tassel scarfs, rooster-shaped keyrings and white leather sneakers embroidered with rooster patterns.

www.gucci.com/cn



SCENE&HEARD



RUI

Wudaoying Hutong may be a wasteland of boutiques selling cutesy, overpriced knick-knacks, but Rui's gotta be one of the best overpriced knickknack sellers on the whole street. In its minimalist renovated-courtyard space, the shop sells hand-sewn garments, clutches, satchels and scarves, many in gorgeous shades of indigo, as is traditional in the region of Guangdong where they are made. All in all, pretty things for a pretty penny.

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NIKE & JORDAN BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE STORE

Just months after suing a Chinese shoe company for using the Mandarin transliteration of his name on its kicks, Michael Jordan is back in Beijing. But this time he's getting back to what he knows best – making money. Sorry, we mean 'basketball.' The legend's Jordan brand has teamed up with long-time collaborator Nike to open a 608sqm store dedicated to hoop-shooting. The sprawling mall space features a customization studio and a 'Nike+ Basketball Trial Zone,' where shoppers take part in drills with store staff. Oh and sneakers. Lots and lots of sneakers.

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THE PRODUCT REPUBLIC

It's best to call ahead before visiting The Product Republic, as their opening hours are sparse – but their finely curated selection of sleek bags and clothing is worth the wait. By only featuring Mainland Chinese brands, the shop serves as a showcase of up-and-coming local designers, as well as the founders' own line of durable, yet chic, tote bags.

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FOR HIM



A WORK OF ARCHES

The New Art Auditorium Inspired by... Art

words by Dominique Wong
images by Xia Zhi

Apart from being one of the most prominent artists of the 20th century, Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali said many memorable – and surprisingly lucid – things, like the classic: “I don’t do drugs. I am drugs.” Or: “I am not strange. I am just not normal.”

In the case of the new art auditorium on Xidawang Lu, an up-and-coming cultural neighborhood of Beijing, his musings on artists ring particularly true: “A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others.”

Designed and completed in late 2016 by Penda Architecture and Design,

Hongkun Art Auditorium hosts lectures, readings and small exhibitions. It’s also a work of art in itself: A 270-sqm interior that includes a box made up of arches, mirrors and steps inserted into the middle of the room.

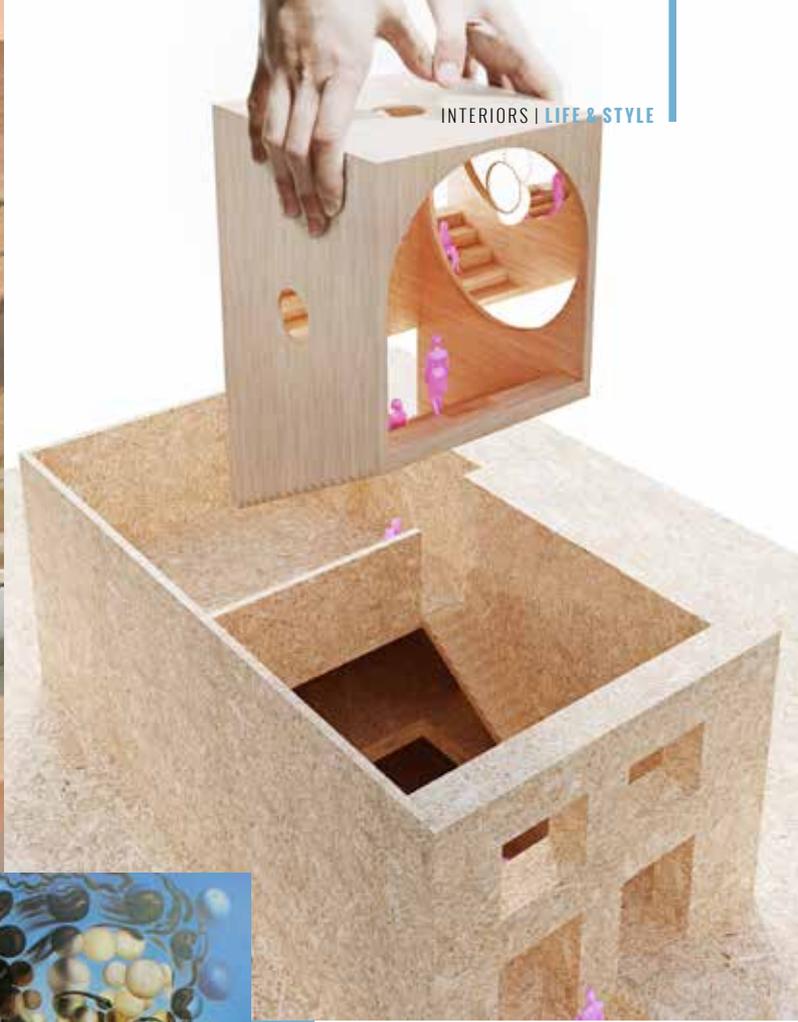
Penda drew inspiration from Dali and another 20th-century artist, M.C. Escher, to create a reflective and interactive space of multiple dimensions.

From the outside, visitors have a clear view of the box. Its steps lead down towards the meeting space, as well as toward themselves, due to a mirror inserted into the center of the box.

Once inside, visitors can either walk around the box to a small lounge to the left, or up the staircase to the right, which leads to an office space.

Anchoring the area is a central cube, which adds a warm sense of whimsy, its round cutouts forming circles that are reflected on the side and ceiling of the box’s interior.

The arches are reminiscent of Escher’s tessellating shapes as well as his lithograph prints, such as *Relativity*, while the overall interior landscape reflects shades of the distorted realities so favored by Dali.



Galatea of the Spheres,
Salvador Dalí
(1952)



Relativity, M.C.
Escher (1953)



The Persistence of Memory,
Salvador Dalí
(1931)

From the get-go, the auditorium is truly interactive and surreal to experience. According to Penda, there was a need to “connect the public to artists [and] create a direct link to art itself.”

Penda also designed the Hongkun Museum of Fine Arts, which is next door on Xidawang Lu. Although the museum’s aesthetic differs to the auditorium, the white space is also flush with arches and counter-arches, thus forming a pleasing symmetry with the latter.

But alas, one gem from Dalí no longer holds true: “The secret of my influence has always been that it remained secret.”

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URULU

Doesn't Like Our Questions That Much

by Oscar Holland



Combining his Californian roots with the sounds of his adopted home of Berlin, Taylor 'Urulu' Freels has won fans both sides of the pond and beyond. We caught up with the DJ and producer ahead of his show this month at Migas.

You released an EP called 'Greetings from Namek.' Is that a Dragon Ball Z reference?

Yep, sure is. I use to watch it heaps as a kid.

Nice. Let's stay with song names for a minute. You also have a track called 'Tochigi Descent.' What went down in Tochigi?

You think you're punny huh?

And your track 'Things I Didn't Mean'... can you tell us some of those things?

Nope.

Oh. OK, let's get serious. As well as the above, you have a lot of track names referencing place names - coasts, boulevards, train journeys. Do you get a lot of inspiration touring, or is there some other reason?

You know I don't think I've ever really thought about it that way. But now that you've pointed it out, it definitely seems like there's a correlation there. I absolutely enjoy traveling, and having a career that allows that on a full-time basis is more than humbling. Some titles are based off places I've been to, others that are on my bucket list, as well as fictional names and places of fantasy.

The year 2016 was a bad one for the world but great for Urulu. Discuss.

Let's see. The Voyage record [a mix for Voyage Recordings] was a big highlight. Bouncing around the states to tour was nice, especially in the little pockets around major

cities. Other mentionable moments would be discovering St. Marcelin cheese in Lyon, opening for Mr. Chandler in Brooklyn, as well as petting my dog frequently.

Your sound is regularly described as combining your Californian roots with the sounds of your adopted home of Berlin. Is this an overly simplistic way of looking at your influences?

I think it's relatively spot-on. Especially with the introduction of the latest side project [Kepler Sound District], both cities' influences are undoubtedly there.

Describe the difference between LA and Berlin in three words.

Thirteen-hour flight.

You describe your own label Amadeus as being devoted to the "imperfections of contemporary dance music." Can you elaborate?

I guess it's a sort of a backlash to cookie-cutter dance tracks.

If you could only take one Amadeus-released track to a desert island, which would it be?

None, as I doubt there's an outlet in this deserted island of yours.

One last question for you, Taylor Freels: Can you Freels it?

Stop.

Sat Mar 11, from 10pm; Price TBD; The Bar at Migas (see Listings for details)

COLLAGE

WHAT'S NEW



It's award season and QQ Video has scored the rights to this year's Grammy and Academy Awards. This year's Grammys featured exciting live collaborations like Metallica and Lady Gaga, as well as a controversial choice for 'Record of the Year' (as per usual). If you missed the Oscars on Feb 26, watch it anytime at v.qq.com.



Do Hits, Beijing's 'future music' electronic collective, continues a Spring Festival tradition with *Year of the Rooster*. Staying true to the boisterous spirit of the animal, energetic beats are supplied by label stalwarts like Howie Lee, Guzz, Jason Hou and ZHI-16. Acclaimed contemporaries in China's underground, like Beijing's Lofimaker and Shanghai's Damacha, also contribute. Available at dohits.bandcamp.com.



The follow-up to the hit 2014 film *The Lego Movie* takes viewers to Gotham. *Arrested Development's* Will Arnett voices Batman, who must go on a personal journey to learn the importance of teamwork so he can take down The Joker. Expect a light-hearted romp full of silly riffs for kids and adults. *The Lego Batman Movie* opens nationwide on March 3.

CAUSING A SCENE

A Flair for the Dramatic

More Chinese students are applying to performing arts schools than ever before. Last month, crowds gathered outside the Beijing Film Academy as its month-long admissions period began. Over 8,000 applicants took the academy's entrance exam. There are only 75 spots available. According to a report on China.org.cn, The Central Academy of Drama in Beijing also received a record number of applications: 36,000, meaning one out of every 250 hopefuls will be admitted. But why so much interest in acting? Some pin the interest to China's booming film and entertainment industry. Others estimate that increasing numbers of children born to wealthy families means that more students have the financial luxury to pursue non-technical arts degrees. No matter the reason, one thing's for sure: drama academies will be sending out plenty of rejection letters this spring.



Hao

After months of decline, China's box office rebounded in a big way last month, thanks to another record-breaking Chinese New Year holiday filled with domestic blockbusters that earned over USD490 million. Also pitching in were hit foreign films like Vin Diesel's *xx: Return of Xander Cage*, as well as a solid Valentine's Day opening for Oscars favorite *La La Land*.



Bu Hao

Stephen Chow's *Journey to the West: Demon Chapter* may have ruled the first day of Chinese New Year and grossed well over USD232 million, but it's still been viewed as a disappointment. Chow's first *Journey to the West* film set records at the box office, but its 2017 sequel has been overshadowed by Jackie Chan's hit China-India coproduction *Kung Fu Yoga*.

GIG POSTER OF THE MONTH

The latest solo project by the Australian DJ, producer and label owner Mic Newman, Fantastic Man has created a ton of eclectic remixes, known for their hypnotic rhythms and blissful melodies. As a DJ, Fantastic Man plays wide-ranging selection, from ambient trips to acid disco.

Sat Mar 4, 9pm; Price TBD; Dada (see Listings for details)



THE PLAYLIST

Our favorite tracks from artists playing in Beijing this month. For full nightlife and gig listings, visit www.thatsmags.com.

'Sinker' (2015)
Goth-Trad

With a sinister bassline cutting through sparse, metallic percussion, this sounds like it was produced in a sewer pipe – and we mean that in a good way.

'85 Again' (2016)
Robert Parker

A retro disco banger that could have been released at any time in the last 30 years and it'd still sound fresh.

'Without Excuse' (2014)
The fin

The J-pop band's Indie chill-wave is played to a T in this beautiful track featuring dreamy guitar and vocals that will make you feel like you're floating.

'Things I Didn't Mean' (2013)
Urulu & Steve Huerta

A smooth – almost sexy – house beat brought to earth by gritty, mechanical production and loitering sub-bass.

'City of Diamond' (2016)
Da Bang

Dirty synth-pop underneath simmering drums and too-cool vocals. So hip, so Beijing and so on-repeat.

'Traced in Constellations' (2014)
Sleepmakeswaves

A big and brilliant guitar-heavy track – classic stuff from the Australian post-rockers. The video is trippy AF too.

SO LONG, CHICAGO

Once a bridge between British and American dance music, Addison Groove is moving on. It's out with Chicago and in with Afrobeats, as he tells **Oscar Holland**.

The first time I heard Addison Groove's 'Footcrab,' I didn't really know what I was listening to. I just knew that I liked it.

"People actually say that to me quite often," the producer tells me over the phone from his studio. "That's really cool."

Consisting of a hypnotic kick drum loop, sorrowful chords and a flurry of short vocal stabs (the most prominent one repeatedly blaring the word 'footcrab'), the track was puzzlingly infectious. It was unlike anything being made – or even played – in the UK at that time.

The year was 2010 and electronic music was at a restless juncture. While dubstep was still a dominant sound in Britain's clubs, its star was fast waning. Ravers were growing tired of overblown drops and chainsaw synths. (Or to use Williams' more direct assessment: "dubstep turned to shit.") The time was ripe for something new.

This is precisely how 'Footcrab' – an otherwise improbable anthem – was able to sweep London's clubs. Williams (then known in the dubstep scene as Headhunter), created a new moniker and, with it, a new sound. Under the name Addison Groove, he became one of the first producers to fuse UK influences with urgent, energetic beats from Chicago, namely footwork, juke and ghetto house.

"A lot of people say to me: 'If it wasn't for 'Footcrab,' I wouldn't have discovered footwork," Williams continues. "But it was a dubstep tune. It was just a dubstep track with footwork sounds."

In retrospect, it was both and neither simultaneously. Using the record as a bridge between genres, Williams paved the way for a new breed of producers. Having long marched to the beat of its own drum, Britain's electronic underground was embracing American influences again.

Fittingly, when I speak to Williams, he's just returned from a tour of the US. And although America has welcomed Addison Groove's hybrid sound, he still gets asked to play old Headhunter songs ("Denver's a dubstep city, and the promoter there bluntly said, 'We just wanna hear the old shit,'" he laughs). But what do people think in Chicago?

"I've played in Chicago a couple of times," he recalls. "I knew a lot of footwork guys were coming out to my parties

there, but I wasn't gonna try and play footwork to them! They've got way more of it than I do; they can educate me more than I can educate them. So I came up with some crazy UK shit instead.

"I'm never gonna go to Chicago and play footwork. That would be a stupid thing to do!"

The issue may soon be redundant anyway. Having produced two albums inspired by the sounds of Chicago (2012's *Transistor Rhythm* and 2014's *Presents James Grieve*), Williams' approach is evolving. Among his new, more prominent influences, he lists once-obscure genres that are now making headway both sides of the Atlantic: South African gqom, Angolan kuduru and cumbia from South America.

"My new stuff is definitely less of a Chicago sound – I was doing that for so long," he explains. "It was one of my strongest influences, from the moment I discovered it. But you can't keep doing the same thing. I've got to keep myself interested."

"I really love Afrobeats and I listen to a lot of old African stuff, but I never really brought any of it into my music. I thought, 'I love this music and I love playing it out, so I might as well see if I can bastardize it in my own way.' So that's kind of what my new record is."

"I played a party recently where our music policy was strictly salsa, Afrobeats, cumbia and maybe a little bit of funk – but nothing too new and nothing too hard. I changed my name to DJ Tropical Discos for the night, and it was a really good vibe. I got to play all the music that I listen to in my car."

Williams is clearly no mindless crowd-pleaser. But he has no intention of alienating fans either. As well as avoiding footwork in Chicago, he's wise enough to leave some of his more esoteric records – and his DJ Tropical Discos alias – at home as he prepares to tour China.

"I don't think Dominican merengue from the 1940s will go down too well," he admits.

He's probably right. Just don't ask him to play any chainsaw dubstep.

Sat Apr 1, 10pm-late; Tickets TBD; Dada (see Listings for details)

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SLEEPMAKESWAVES

Thunder From Down Under

by Andrew Chin

Known for bringing post-rock stalwarts like Tortoise, Mono and Toe to China, Chengdu-based promoters New Noise have racked up a loyal following that routinely sells out its shows. It's allowed them to introduce lesser-known acts to China like Australia's Sleepmakeswaves, who return for their second China tour, stopping off at Yugong Yishan on March 11.

"Sleepmakeswaves are truly one of the most exciting bands to see live," says New Noise founder Jef Vryes. "It's a melodic tsunami that will overwhelm everybody."

The band's upcoming shows will be the first to celebrate their newest disc, *Made of Breath Only*.

"We haven't played any of the new songs live yet, so I think there's going to be a real energy that comes from us discovering what these songs are like on stage," says bassist Alex Wilson. "I'm happy that China is the place that we get to do that."

With a sound they dub 'crescendo-core' for its mix of disparate influences like metal,

progressive rock, indie and electronica, Wilson promises that tracks from *Made of Breath Only* will be "dark and brooding."

"*Made Of Breath Only* describes how so much of what we experience is fragile and fleeting," he explains. "We came to this idea because of personal experiences we had in the two years following [previous record] *Love of Cartography* and a bit of a preoccupation with water, ice and the cold."

Sunny Byron Bay, Australia, may seem like an unusual place to record songs about ice and cold, but that's exactly where the group convened with producer Nick DiDia (Pearl Jam, Bruce Springsteen). The result is a more complex sound.

"There are more ambient, drawn-out moments on this album than any before, but also moments that are denser, busier and more riff-focused than what we've attempted in the past," says Wilson. "It was a challenge to tie all these elements together into a whole that felt unified."

The final result begets the group's unlikely

journey. Sleepmakeswaves formed in 2006 after Wilson and guitarist Tom Binetter responded to a mySpace post made by guitarist Jonathan Khor looking for members to start a new post-rock project.

He admits there were "just a handful" of Australian post-rock bands when they started out, but the buzz they generated landed them opening spots for Mono and Boris.

"We rely on the chemistry and communication between the four of us on stage," Wilson says. "We don't jam and prefer to play tight, but I believe the songs take on a new kind of life from being performed in the moment."

While Binetter and Khor have since left the group, Wilson promises Sleepmakeswaves' passion remains the same.

"We're driven by a desire to keep writing songs and seeing the world by playing music with people we love," he says. "All of us, including our previous members, remain good friends."

Sat Mar 11, 9pm; RMB120-150; Yugong Yishan (see Listings for details or visit newnoise.taobao.com)

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WUTHERING HEIGHTS

A Victorian Romance to Die For

by Andrew Chin

Praised across Europe for its open-air adaptations of stage classics, Chapterhouse Theatre has been building a following across China after bringing *The Jungle Book* and *Sherlock Holmes and the Hounds of Baskervilles* on tours last year.

"As we organize these tours from our offices in Lincoln [UK], it feels quite surreal to think that the company has had some success in a country so far away," admits Artistic Director Richard Main.

"I have been quite surprised at how warmly we have been received, only because it's a new venture. As with any theater, you do something you love and you hope other people will love it too."

"Wuthering Heights is the bridge between women writing books about things they thought people wanted to read, and them writing as strong individuals"

The British group is looking to capitalize on the buzz with a tour of Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, which Main praises as a pioneering piece of literature.

"It is essentially the bridge between women writing books about things they thought people wanted to read, and them writing as strong individuals with passions and desires that had been locked away and denied to them," he says.

Published in 1847, *Wuthering Heights* continues to resonate with its stark depiction of 19th-century England and the doomed romance between the rough orphan Heathcliff and the daughter of the man that took him in. Often compared to *Romeo and Juliet* for its tragic love story, Main agrees that *Wuthering Heights* depicts "a real love."

"There is absolutely nothing superficial about it," he adds. "It's about a love that all of us aspire to, but very

few actually achieve. It's about the brutality of love."

While Brontë tells the multi-generational story through several narrators, Chapterhouse Theatre will "tell the story directly through live action."

"I really wanted to draw out the passionate relationship between Catherine and Heathcliff and tell the story through their eyes," Main explains. "Even though their story is only part of the overall plot, here it is always at the forefront of the drama – playing on the characters' minds and never allowing the audience to forget the dangerous dark passions that consume them."

Award-winning writer Laura Turner penned the stage adaptation, with Chapterhouse veterans Emily Hurdiss and Matt Christmas taking on the main roles. The real challenge for Main will be recreating the story's moor setting.

"I've been to Haworth where the Brontë sisters lived. If you stand near the church, which is beside the vicar ridge, you cannot help but feel a strange, impending, Victorian-esque doom. Death haunted society in those days, and more so at Haworth, where the land and water was riddled with illness," Main says, before expressing confidence that his production will be able to recreate the mood in China.

"The gothic atmosphere we create is an emotional one. What we take as being some form of Victorian horror is presented in the words people speak and the way they treat each other."

For Chapterhouse, the Victorian era remains a muse of sorts. Having recently completed a tour of *A Christmas Carol*, which included a performance at The British Museum, Main promises that the group will return later this year with tours of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*.

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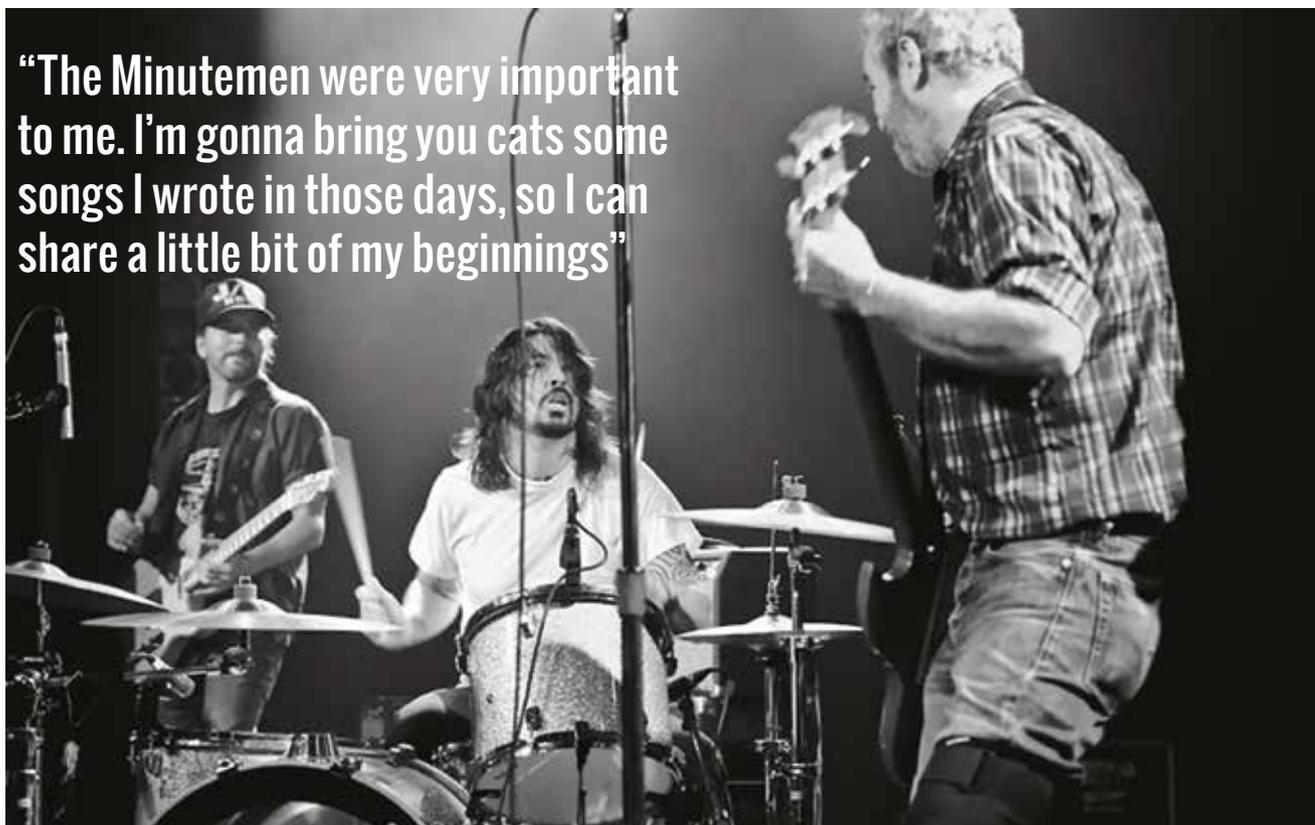
MAGIC MIKE

Punk Superstar Mike Watt On His Five-Decade Career

by Andrew Chin



“The Minutemen were very important to me. I’m gonna bring you cats some songs I wrote in those days, so I can share a little bit of my beginnings”



Over the course of his brilliant five-decade career, Mike Watt has broadened the musical vocabulary of 80s hardcore and inspired the 90s alternative nation.

Now, the American rock hero collaborates with underground artists stretching from Japan to Europe – and hopefully, soon, China.

Watt knows a thing or two about collaboration. Together with drummer George Hurley, he formed The Minutemen in 1980. While peers in the nascent hardcore scene, like Black Flag and Dead Kennedys, define punk rock’s militant sound, The Minutemen were just as influential. They incorporated disparate influences into the genre from country to funk, exemplified on their classic 1984 double album, *Double Nickels on the Dime*.

“We were very influenced by our peers, while at the same time having the respect to never copy or steal from them,” Watt explains. “I was proud of us developing a sound we could call ours.”

The band also gained accolades for its ‘econo’ approach – recording as inexpensively as possible by booking cheap late-night studio time, recording on used tape and using their albums to promote their tour dates, scheduled around their day jobs.

“Econo’ was a philosophy for us because it was pretty much the only way we could do it,” Watt says. “We came from working families and didn’t have the weight of the heavy coin. We were all living on our own, so we had to balance a lot.”

Watt admits that, at first, he only got into

music to hang out with childhood friend and guitarist D. Boon – but shortly after completing a 1985 tour with another emerging indie act, R.E.M., D. Boon was killed in a car crash. Watt would eventually overcome his depression – and desire to quit music – after Sonic Youth convinced him to start performing again.

“The Minutemen were very important to me – so important that I’m gonna bring you cats some songs I wrote in those days, so I can share a little bit of those ‘roots’ of my beginnings,” Watt says of his March 18 show at Dusk Dawn Club.

“I like that the idea that finding your own voice is a good thing that people see in The Minutemen. People see our story and might think, ‘hey, maybe me and my buddy could start our own band.’”

Watt’s ability to inspire collaboration was evident in his first ‘solo’ album, 1994’s *Ball Hog or Tugboat?*, which featured 48 guests including members of Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Beastie Boys, The Lemonheads, Wilco and Parliament-Funkadelic.

To support the album, Watt famously toured small clubs with a backing band featuring Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl and Pearl Jam singer Eddie Vedder (on guitar). Both were at the height of their fame.

“It was Dave’s idea,” Watt says. “He put out this idea of a tour for this album he had made with his new band, The Foo Fighters.

“It’s so trippy how none of that tour was

really planned. We just got together for a couple of days and did it.”

While they attempted to keep the details of the tour secret, with Grohl and Vedder performing in disguise, word quickly spread. Watt was introduced, briefly, to the mainstream.

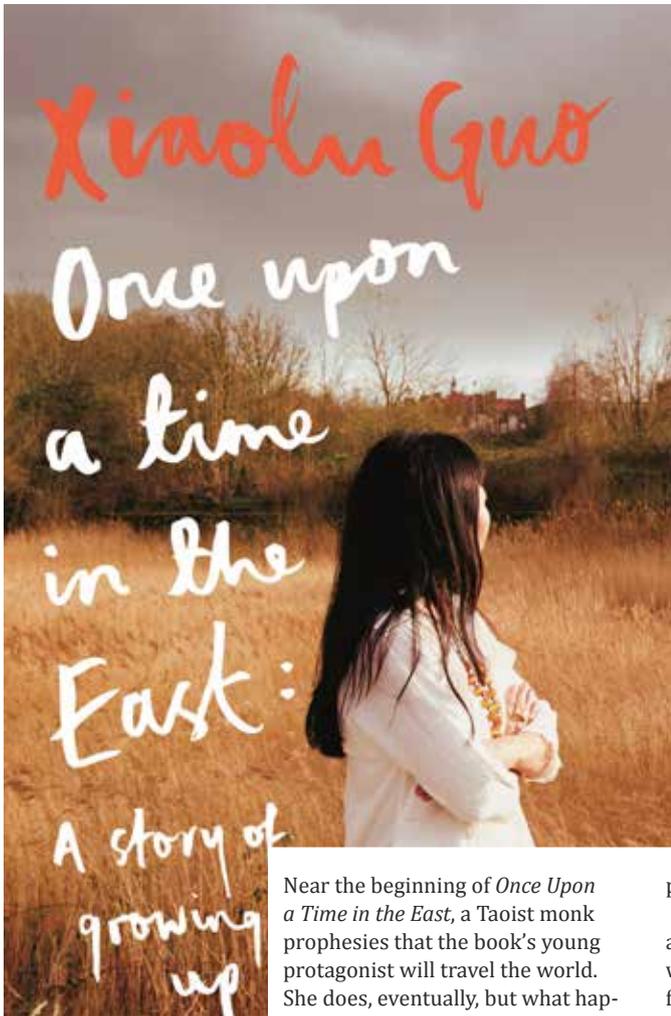
“I gotta say, it was pretty much a pants-shitter for me ‘cause I had never really been in that sitch before,” Watt admits. “But looking back on my ‘musical journey,’ it was a real sea change for me. I started trying things I’d never been brave enough to do before. Hell, I started writing operas.”

Over the past two decades, Watt’s influence has gone global, beginning with Japan’s indie music scene through collaborations with acts like Lite, Mr. Shimmy and Ms. Yuko. He hopes to do the same in China on his forthcoming tour, which is being organized by Shanghai-based freak-rock act Round Eye.

While admitting that his knowledge of Chinese music is limited to acts he’s discovered through the Internet, like P.K. 14, Watt is excited to share the stage with local stalwarts like Beijing opener Streets Kill Strange Animals.

“Nearly every place in the world has some kind of underground music that they can call their own, and I just can’t wait to find out about it,” he says. “I love people everywhere who are driven to experiment with different ways of expression.”

Sat Mar 18, 9pm-late; RMB80-100; Dusk Dawn Club (see Listings for details)



ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE EAST

A Memoir of Growing Up (and Out) of China

by Dominique Wong

Near the beginning of *Once Upon a Time in the East*, a Taoist monk prophesies that the book's young protagonist will travel the world. She does, eventually, but what happens in between is no fairytale.

Once Upon a Time in the East is, rather, a memoir by Chinese-British writer and filmmaker Xiaolu Guo. Although ostensibly a 'coming-of-age story,' it's more the story of a child flung into the cesspool of life and being forced to learn how to swim.

Abandoned as a baby, Guo experiences deep loneliness and loss, as well as physical and sexual abuse by the age of 12. She eventually escapes her small factory-town life for film school in Beijing, before finding success as a writer in London.

Aside from the opening chapter, which is set in the present day, the book follows a traditional linear structure. Each 'part' of Guo's life is comprised of mini-chapters, with a superfluous and disruptive allegory about a magical monkey threading between each part.

This straightforward method of storytelling, coupled with Guo's clear and poetic description makes the text both accessible and – mostly – a joy to read. Like the young artists she encounters on the beach as a girl, Guo paints a vivid

picture with her words.

Unsurprising, perhaps. Guo is an accomplished and celebrated writer, after all. But the sheer effortlessness of it is remarkable.

Scenes from the fishing village where Guo grew up until the age of seven are particularly memorable. When a young Guo thinks about the parents she's never met, she "didn't know what to feel. Outside, the familiar street market lay deserted under a fish-belly white sky. My mood was grey, like the typhoon-drenched walls of every house in this old village."

Scenes like this remain etched into memory long after reading. And those acquainted with the writer's past works will undoubtedly be reminded of familiar plot devices and characters. Like the narrator of her debut English novel *A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers*, Guo must learn how to speak English in a foreign country while navigating a cross-cultural romantic relationship.

But readers, both new and old, are taken on a unique journey in *Once Upon a Time*, as key moments of the author's life are juxtaposed alongside significant events in modern China.

Because as Guo grows up, so too does China. Through Guo's curious

eyes we experience remnants from the Cultural Revolution, propaganda and censorship, Beijing's rebellious 90's art scene and subsequent Olympics-era construction.

Throughout it all, Guo writes with a certain detachedness, which at times comes across as cold. But, as Guo reminds us repeatedly, this is simply the result of circumstances beyond her control: "A granite hardness had grown inside me since I was a child. I was not an unfeeling stone, but at some level, my psyche had formed a hard knot or core that couldn't be loosened."

Still, it is a little depressing to read about Guo's complicated relationship with her parents, and indifference towards her mother especially (and there is a bitter irony in her abandoning them as an adult, as they did to her in infancy).

As much as Guo tries to escape her past, it is ultimately these relationships with her family – at once regrettable and relatable – that are most heartbreaking. There are no grand reconciliations, no teary atonements. We are reminded, again, that life is not a fairytale. And without happy endings all we are left with are our own conclusions.

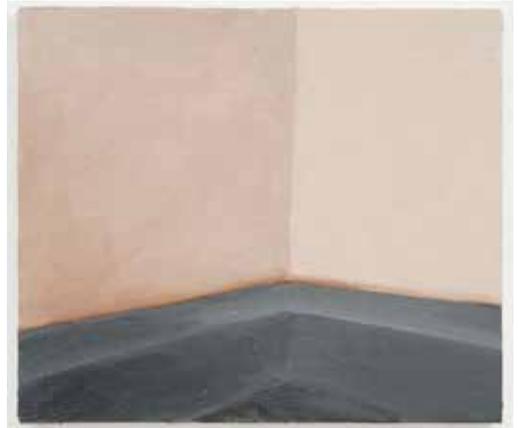
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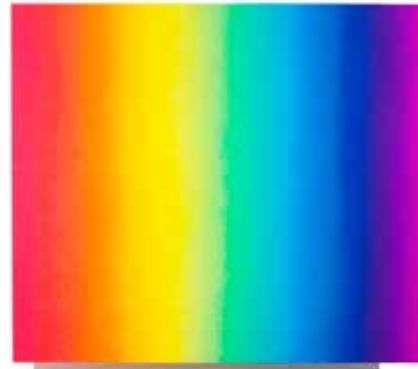
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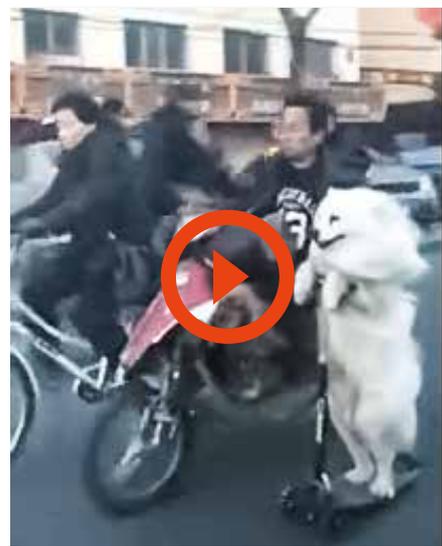
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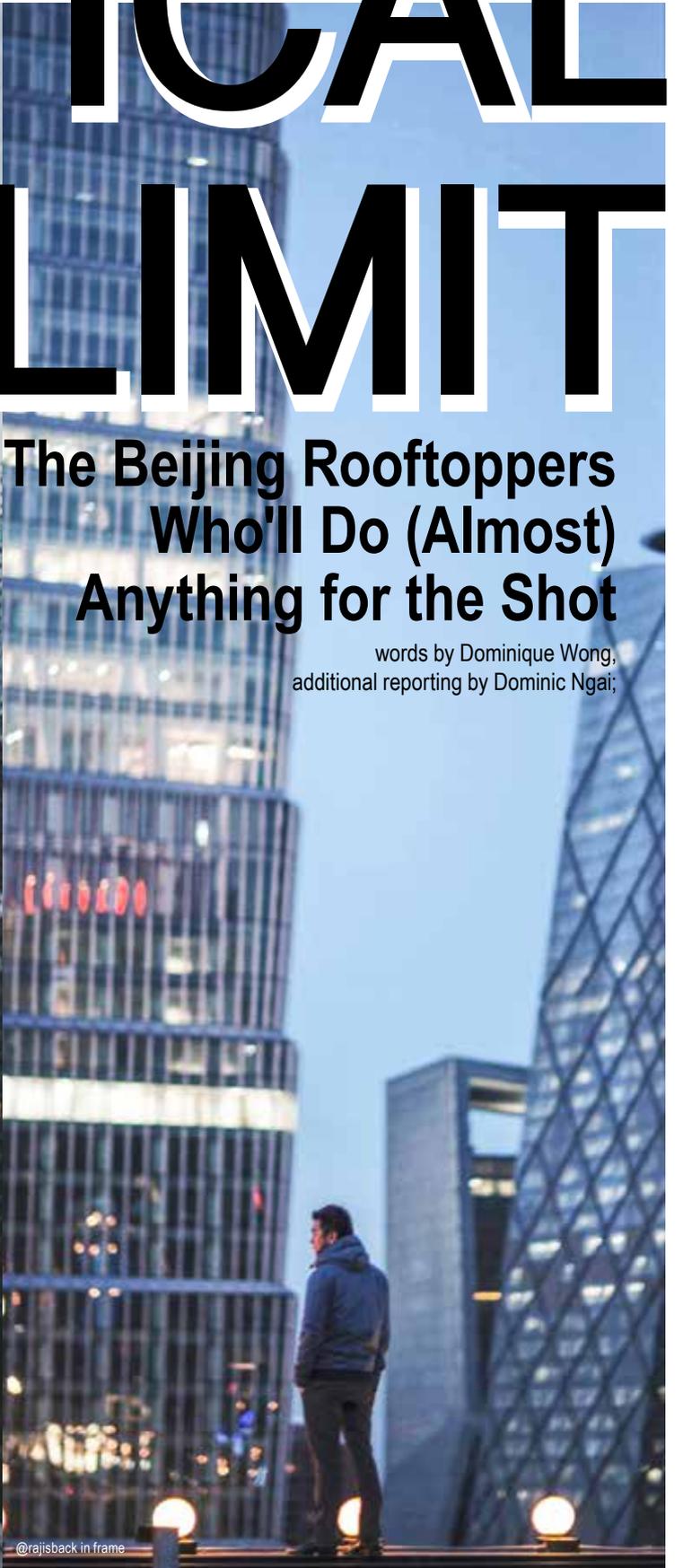


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VERTICAL LIMIT

The Beijing Rooftoppers
Who'll Do (Almost)
Anything for the Shot

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They hang off cranes hundreds of meters above the ground, balance on the edge of skyscrapers and do backflips against the CCTV cityscape. And they capture it all to post on Instagram afterwards.

For Beijing's urban wanderers, the city is their playground and urban exploration – the discovery of abandoned and inhabited man-made structures – gets them high. Literally. The 'money shot' of urban exploration photography is the rooftop shot – a photo captured from the top of buildings or other high vantage points of metropolises, an image inspiring awe, terror and, at times, criticism.

While rooftopping 'culture' began in China around the same time as in the West, there are far fewer actively doing it here – only 30 to 40 professionals and up to 2,000 amateurs, according to those in the scene. Most high-profile rooftoppers are based in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

In Beijing, a city that seems to be in a never-ending state of construction, the rooftopping community is inexplicably small. But this marks the handful of people who do partake as trailblazers on the scene. I meet a few of Beijing's most notable rooftop photographers to find out what drives them and how far they will go to get that perfect shot.

Local Beijingers Nathan Qi (@nathan_qi), 21, and Joseph Lulu, 20, have been rooftopping for half a year and over a year, respectively. Lulu tells me over coffee in Dongzhimen: "There are a lot of photographers who go to rooftops to take pictures but usually they're [just] getting landscape shots. I think we're the first kind of people [in Beijing]

who do crazy photos, like standing at the edge or climbing spires. That's what we call rooftopping."

The term first appeared in Canadian urban explorer Jeff Chapman's 2005 book *Access All Areas*, but it wasn't until the proliferation of social media that 'rooftopping' entered mainstream usage. The word's popularization can be traced back to Tom Ryaboi's photograph, titled 'I'll Make Ya Famous,' which became a viral sensation in 2011.

Lulu himself found minor Internet fame after a video of him and a friend climbing a notable Beijing tower was published by major global news outlets, including the *Huffington Post* and *Mashable*, in early 2016.

But the university student isn't after fame. "I used to focus on followers and reputation," he admits, "But gradually I found myself learning how to shoot [properly], and this sense of art gave me joy. *How do you create art? How do you create beauty?* That's the most important thing for me."

Lulu's friend Nathan Qi is less circumspect: "I want to get a lot of followers and likes, yeah. But actually, doesn't everyone?"

A freelance photographer, Qi is described by his peers as a "true explorer." After Qi posts a photo of a new spot on Instagram, by the next week everybody else in the rooftopping community will have done the same. Last year Qi quit his job to rooftop full-time, traveling around China's southern cities before returning to Beijing.

"I used to sit in my old office at Guomao and the sunset would be very, very beautiful but I'd have to stay in my chair," Qi explains. "It didn't feel good or cool, so I left and went to Guangzhou." ▶



"Before I was depressed living in Beijing. But rooftopping became addictive and I realized that it's a beautiful city"

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“We’re the first kind of people in Beijing to take crazy photos, like standing at the edge or climbing spires”







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Listening to Qi talk about rooftopping is like hearing someone talk about falling in love, or, drugs: “When I first started, I found out that I really enjoyed it, plus I had natural ability. Other people don’t. I like to take risks. Only the really crazy, dangerous stuff makes me feel high,” he says.

This isn’t so easy to achieve in Beijing, which may explain why there are so few rooftoppers in the capital. The two are related, Lulu explains.

“There are fewer tall buildings, and no one wants to try – people are afraid. Beijingers like to study and don’t have time to do this kind of crazy stuff. I was on a gap year last year so I had nothing else to do.

“It’s actually very hard. You have to go by yourself to check the buildings [beforehand] and, if it’s a really big one, it takes about a week to plan.” By ‘plan,’ Lulu means scoping out the least conspicuous way to get in and up. Rooftopping is not legal per se, and avoiding detection by security guards and cameras is a prerequisite.

All of the explorers I speak with tell me that Beijing’s rooftops contain more locked doors than any other city in China, likely due to its status as a political center.

“If it’s locked, some people break in, although we don’t,” Lulu says before adding: “But if it’s open we’d like to go and get the shot.”

On a chilly evening later that week, I join Lulu and Qi to experience rooftopping. The first rooftop door, on top of a 22-floor residential apartment near Jintai Lu, is locked, though dirty shoeprints lead up to a presumably fastened hatch.

“If it was just the two of us, and if we really wanted to, we would find a way,” Qi says vaguely, without elaborating *how* exactly.

We catch a bus towards the next destination, stopping at a KFC for Qi to buy an ice-cream cone because, as Lulu explains, “he hasn’t eaten yet today.” It is 7pm. ▶



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“I like to take risks.
Only the really
dangerous stuff
makes me feel high”

“Rooftopping is like therapy for me. I get inspiration and relief from work and stress”

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“People ask me,
‘don’t you think
you’re going to fall?
Aren’t you afraid?’
I don’t give myself
that mindset”

The second spot, in Shuangjing, is another 22-floor residential apartment. But this time, we have no issues getting to the top. Qi disappears, leaving Lulu and I to savor the sparkling CBD in front of us: Jianwai SOHO to the left, the CCTV tower to the right and, looming above every other building, the unfinished China Zun, soon to be Beijing’s tallest skyscraper. It’s freezing cold and I can’t feel my face, but the view is stunning.

“There was a period last year when a lot of people would come up to this rooftop,” Lulu tells me. “The security guards would check every five minutes. They’re worried about people destroying or disturbing the peace for people who live here.

“Other rooftops are harder to get up to,” he continues. “Sometimes I will get really angry [if the plans don’t work out] because it’s like failing a challenge you set for yourself. Like the last one we tried [in Jintai Lu] – I was really disappointed.”

Qi returns and we snap a few photos. Before climbing down, Qi and Lulu point out a handwritten sign at the top of the stairs: ‘This is an important area. Entry is prohibited. No photo shooting.’

“*Gongbao jiding* and tomato juice.”

A hotel waitperson recites Raj Eiamworakul’s dinner order before he has the chance to speak. Eiamworakul, an employee of the Guomao hotel, feigns embarrassment at his predictability. “I’m a very boring person,” he says.

The Thai marketing manager is part of Qi and Lulu’s rooftoping group, though he’s a relatively new member. Since starting a few months ago, Eiamworakul now rooftops several nights a week, usually still clad in his work suit and shoes.

“I was planning to leave Beijing. I’d already signed a contract to relocate when I [discovered] rooftoping. Can you imagine every day, coming to work, having dinner and then going straight home? For two years, I spent my weekends in Sanlitun or hotels. And that’s all.

“But now I really explore the city, from station to station. I know the shortcuts. It’s like therapy for me. I get inspiration and relief from work and stress.”

His sentiments echo those of his good friend Jimmy Lin, who tells me over WeChat: “Before I was very depressed living in Beijing. I had a poor sense of direction and only basic navigation. But [rooftopping] became addictive. I saw some buildings [literally] grow up, like China World Tower 3B and China Zun. I realized that Beijing is a beautiful city.”

Eiamworakul speaks highly of Lin and the entire group. “They’re younger than me and have such passion; they wake up at four in the morning just to wait for the sunrise. It reminds me that if you want something enough you just have to make it happen.”

Apart from, or perhaps because of, the age difference, Eiamworakul also differs from his friends by focusing less on social media (his Instagram account is even set to private) and more on safety.

“A photo is nice to have but it’s not a must have. [Rooftopping] is at your own risk. It’s not worth it if anything happens. We’re talking about life and death here,” he stresses between bites of *gongbao*.

The self-styled ‘uncle’ reveals that he prays every time his friends go out, and shares news about climbing accidents in his WeChat rooftoping groups. “Yeah, I’m like the bad guy who shares a link because you need to know. You can’t pretend. I feel a responsibility.”

Joseph Lulu’s partner in his viral tower-climbing video is university student Claire He. Like the rest of the rooftoping crew, she has an Instagram feed full of enviable shots. (Disclaimer: her shot from the top of the abandoned Guoson Mall inspired this story.) ▶



“Rooftopping, for me, is about being with the people you feel comfortable with and admire,” she shares. “Chatting with your best friends or people you love in amazing places. That’s really special.”

Regarding the video she shot with Lulu, the Beijing local says: “I was sad because some people were commenting that this is just [for] boys and foreigners, that Chinese people can’t do it. So after that, I wanted to prove that it’s not a big deal. You have to let go of all the stereotypes.”

Besides being one of the youngest rooftopers in Beijing, the 20-year-old is also one of the most experienced. It shows. “People ask me, ‘don’t you think you’re going to fall? Aren’t you afraid?’ I don’t give myself that mindset. If I wasn’t feeling good, I wouldn’t do dangerous things and if the weather is bad, I wouldn’t go out either. You have to know your limits.”

“I’ve never had any trouble with the police,” she adds. “I’m really careful with not being caught. I feel responsible for myself and also other people too. I mean…”

At this point, Claire shares tales of her friends’ run-ins with security and the consequences, like the time a guard was fired for not doing his job. “When you start to do this you think it’s really positive and fun, but you realize your adrenaline rush [affects] a lot of innocent people,” she says unsteadily.

There is another group of photographers who rooftop, Claire tells me: The parkour guys. “They’re more extreme than us. They jump around; it’s not recommended, because they might startle people downstairs.” I nod, remembering that I’m due to meet parkour photographer Dong Chen in a couple of days.

She concludes: “The ideal way would be to secretly go up, secretly take pictures and secretly come down. You are safe and still experience some good moments.”

On the top of an office block overlooking Galaxy SOHO, 15 stories high, there’s stillness in the air. At a glimpse, the InterContinental looks charming, almost, its honeycomb glow enveloped by a pink sky that slowly turns deep purple. It’s silent but for the groans of radiators and the occasional bang of lantern festival fireworks.

Liaoning photographer and parkour enthusiast Dong Chen takes a photo of his friend Cui Jian doing a backflip before motioning towards the corner of the rooftop. “Can you sit on the edge? Is that OK?” he asks.

I jump up onto the ledge and sit down, shuffling closer and closer to the boundary until my legs dangle over. Time stops for a moment. One of Dong Chen’s hands holds mine outstretched towards him while the other snaps a photo.

Afterwards he sends me an edited shot with the comment: “Rooftopper.” ■

@DONGCHENF

“Parkour is safe... as long as you don’t do it on the edge of rooftops”





EAT & DRINK



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GETTING MODERATELY DEEP WITH...

A Peking Duck Slicer

by Noelle Mateer and Chris Sadler



This month we find **Gao Guomin** surrounded by duck carcasses in the kitchen at Jingzun Duck Restaurant. Gao is really, really into his Peking duck – and Kobe Bryant, apparently.

How are you feeling today?

Great!

What is your idea of the perfect day?

Going to work with the right attitude and making everyone happy.

What's the first thing you thought when you woke up this morning?

A new day is a new beginning.

Who was your best customer?

Clearly, everyone who comes to our restaurant is our best customer.

Who was your worst customer?

Obviously, I have to say there are no worst customers.

Which living person do you most admire?

Kobe Bryant.

When and where were you happiest?

When I was younger, and I would hang out in restaurants with my friends and colleagues.

Which talent would you most like to have?

To make the best duck possible.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Learning how to make really authentic Beijing duck. The dish was invented in either the Ming or Qing dynasty. We have over 100 years experience, but making it the original way is my greatest achievement.

If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?

I would improve my quality of life.

What is your most treasured possession?

My family members.

What trait do you most value in a person?

Sincerity.

What is it that you most dislike?

Lots of things, some foods. In Beijing, getting around town.

What always makes you laugh?

The people I love, with their easy and patient manners.

What's the most surprising thing that's happened to you?

My partner came from quite far away to visit me in Beijing. I had no idea.

Which era of Beijing's history would you most like to have lived in?

The Qing dynasty.

Who is your hero?

Our head chef. He is very thoughtful and open-minded.

Try Gao's duck at Jingzun Duck Restaurant; Daily, 11am-10.30pm; 4 Chunxiu Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区春秀路4号 (6417 4075)

GRAPE VINE

SNACKS IN THE CITY

I used to stroke my ego a lot when I first came to China. I thought I was some amazing adventuress for having flown this far from home. I used to think of all the basic bitches who complained about culture shock when I studied abroad in – the nicest place ever – Southern France. I'd think about how they'd shrivel up and die in China, but how *I'm* not, because I am so *daring* and *brave*. Then I went to India.

Practically speaking, you can read my feature about Indo-Chinese food on page 56. Philosophically speaking, I've come to the realization that us China expats are a bunch of damn pansies. I've always suspected that the term 'China rage' was a load of crap, and Mumbai was proof – an entire teeming megacity, also of smog and of traffic, that was significantly harder to live in than Beijing.

Let me reiterate: We are lucky, and Beijing is livable, and nothing exemplifies this more than our bars and restaurants, our city's own purveyors of international-standard *joie de vivre*. Don't believe me? We have not one, but two vermouth bars. The negroni-making **Vesuvio**, of course, opened this fall; hutong favorite rummy Caju is now the vermouth-slinging **Gulu Bazz**. We have a ton of burgers, and Hatchery just added some more with its new concept, **Common Burger** (see details, p66).

Best yet, we not only have a tiki bar, but one that's doubled in size. Visit the **Tiki Bungalow's** new Iguana Room this March and order a coconut highball and a snack off the new menu to go along with it. There's hardly a better place to toast to the (Beijing) good life. **NM**



WeChat Spills the Beans

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Starbucks launched a new feature on WeChat that allows you to send drinks and gift cards to friends. Think of it like a *hongbao*, but for lattes. The new social gifting feature, which was first announced back in December, allows you to send a specific drink – say, a mocha – or a digital Starbucks gift card to any of your WeChat contacts.

To use the new service, simply head over to WeChat Wallet and scroll down to the Starbucks icon in the 'third party operator' section. Choose whether you'd like to send to a 'friend' or a 'loved one,' select a drink or cutesy gift card, and then add a personalized greeting. (You can even upload a photo to send along with it.) For a full tutorial on how to send and redeem Starbucks vouchers over WeChat, visit www.thatsmags.com. **BO & NM**

OFF THE BEATEN PLATE

Beaver tails are to Canada what TFBoys are to China – very popular within their home country, practically unknown outside of it. Besides a certain kind of highly marketable sweetness, that's where the similarities between the dessert and the boy band end. Beaver tails more closely resemble, well, beavers' tails – they're wide and flat. The donuts are sold across Canada with a variety of toppings – everything from M&Ms and peanut butter to maple cream – but Beijing's first beav is a plainer ordeal, all fried dough and sprinkled sugar. You can chase these tails at **Hatchery's** weekend brunch.

Hatchery, 88 Dongsi Jiutiao, Dongcheng 东城区东四九条88号 (6594 0188)



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We Tell You
if the Rice is
Worth the
Hassle



THERE WILL BE BREAD

This new carb shop on Xingfu Lu is refreshingly candid about its offerings: There Will Be Bread. So, help yourself to stacked trays of fresh pastries and other baked goods, but choose wisely or you'll be in for a mixed bag. The cinnamon rolls (RMB22) are underwhelming and overpriced, but thankfully the almond croissants (RMB28) pack more of a flavor punch.

Daily, 10am-9pm; 5-155 Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福村中路 5-155 (6460 7199)

TRIBE SOLANA

TRIBE is taking over. Its latest conquest: Solana, where the health-conscious brand has installed its third Beijing outpost. This space, the largest of them all, features a play area for the kiddies and a bar for the adults. And its Solana location means it's practically *made* for you to stop in after your Chaoyang Park run.

Daily, 10.30am-10pm; Unit L-BS-51A, Bldg 9, Solana, Chaoyang 朝阳区蓝色港湾9号楼L-BS-51a号 (5905 6256)



GEWA

Quick: Can you name the capital of Qinghai without Googling it? No matter, Gewa brings noodles from that capital (and no, we're not telling you its name) to the Chinese capital. And they are a delightful, if barebones, introduction to Qinghai cuisine. Wheaty and with a surprising amount of heat, these fat noodles are sure to keep you warm. If they work on the Tibetan plateau, they'll work here.

Daily, 11am-9pm; Building 1, Xingfuercun, Xindong Lu, Chaoyang 新东路幸福二村1号楼 (6409 4020)

BEYOND YAKITORI

We're still working our way through the new restaurants in Sanlitun's Topwin Center. If you are too, here's a life hack: Head to the third floor and hit up Beyond Yakitori. While traditional skewers are cooked with aplomb, it's the inventive signatures that have us excited. Marked 'beyond' on the menu, the restaurant's original creations include chicken skin with ponzu sauce and orange peel (RMB22), miso cream cheese (RMB22) and a gooey yakitori Scotch egg (RMB38). Extra points for great service and the unexpectedly sumptuous salted chicken neck (RMB16).

Daily, 6pm-10pm (Sun-Thu) 6pm-11pm (Fri-Sat); 3/F, Topwin Center, 1 Nan Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5780 9033) 朝阳区三里屯1号通盈中心 三层3-5



SICHUAN.

How India's Restaurants Make Chinese Food Their Own

by Noelle Mateer

It is 1pm in Bollywood, and it's time for our movie to start. Lights dim. A hush falls over the cinema. We all stand for the Indian national anthem. And then a commercial plays.

"AAAAAH!" yells the ad's main character, a man in a white chef's uniform bounding across the screen. The commercial, for zoho.com, features a Chinese restaurant owner frantically rattling off his dishes as they're shown on the screen. Almost all of them are in Hindi, but there's one English name I can understand. "Chicken 65!" he shouts, as a larger-than-life picture of saucy fried chicken fills the screen. I spend much of the film that follows the ad wondering, *What the hell is Chicken 65?*

When our three-and-a-half-hour epic comes to an end (Bollywood movies are serious business) – I spy a clue to the dish's origins outside the theater, where large photos are labeled "Chicken 65" at a mall food-court restaurant called Chinese House. A banner hanging above the shop reads: "RICE, NOODLES, SOUP, LOLLIPOP, 'MANCHURIAN!'"

"'Manchurian?'" I wonder aloud. "What's 'Manchurian?'"

"What, you don't have that in China?" replies my friend and de facto tour guide, Rishi.

This call-and-response becomes the refrain of my trip. I express shock at a so-called 'Chinese' dish; Rishi responds with equal shock that I live and China and have never heard of it. This happens again

with 'Gobi Manchurian' (me: 'what's this?'; friend: 'you've never had it?') and 'Chinese Bhel' (me: 'that's not Chinese'; friend: 'oh, weird').

And yet, I am more than willing to try. I can hardly think of two cuisines more appetizing than China's and India's, both of which are popular the world over. While the two countries are emerging world superpowers economically, they're already world superpowers gastronomically.

Their borders may only intersect along the sparsely populated Himalayas, but their culinary intersection is huge. And yet, Indo-Chinese food is unlike anything else. It's different from Chinese food and it's different from Westernized Chinese food. In fact, the cuisine it most resembles is Indian.

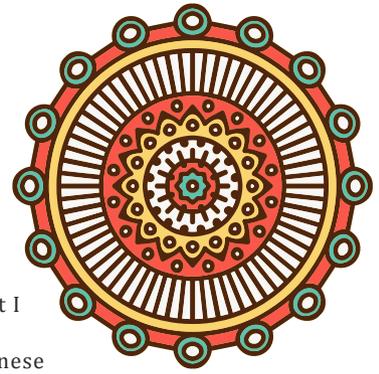
But most Indians don't know.

This may be because India's Chinese community is rather small, all populations considered. Chinese people first came to India in the fifth century, but it wasn't until the 1700s that any significant number of them settled in the subcontinent. Coming primarily from Fujian and Guangdong, they created India's only Chinatown in Kolkata (then Calcutta) which grew in size to tens of thousands in the first half of the 20th century. They number fewer today, partly due to the 1962 Sino-Indian War. ▶

PANEER?



"In Bombay we have some high-end Chinese restaurants that are authentic, but they're too bland for me"



For such a tiny community, its gastronomic influence is enormous – if somewhat distorted to please local palates. On the recommendation of Nita Agarwal, a Mumbai resident and, more importantly, Rishi's aunt, we head to a branch of India's most popular Chinese restaurant chain, 'Mainland China.' There, I'm greeted by several life-size terracotta warrior statues and rooster-adorned posters advertising Chinese New Year specials.

Ironically for a place called 'Mainland China,' many of the dishes are ones you'd find in Hong Kong. When we sit down, the dim sums (their pluralization, not mine) begin. I have chicken *siu mai*, which our server pronounces "soy may," a soggy green vegetarian *baozi* and bright-orange chicken legs called the Drums of Heaven, that neither look nor taste Chinese, but are instead coated in a fiery orange powder reminiscent of chicken tikka. All of this is accompanied by Chinese tea. When I ask our server what kind of tea it is, he responds simply: "Chinese."

Nonetheless, the food is uniformly delicious. I particularly enjoy the Hakka noodles – a nationwide favorite here, due to many of India's Chinese immigrants being natives of Hakka-speaking regions... sort of. In China, there's no such thing as 'Hakka noodles.' They were invented by Chinese immigrants with Indian consumers in mind. Today, it tastes like a spicy chow mein.

Much of the buffet at 'Mainland China' is essentially Indian food with Chinese characteristics – fried basmati rice, spicy chicken stir fry, even some fairly authentic shrimp *har gow*. But I struggle to find any such Chinese characteristics at the dessert table. Mumbaikars are notorious for having a sweet tooth; Chinese, meanwhile, are famous for snubbing sugary, creamy Western-style desserts. At 'Mainland China,' the most popular dessert is simply labeled 'Darsaan,' and consists of broad noodles lightly fried in honey, accompanied by vanilla ice cream.

"This *must* be Indian," I say to Nita. She says it isn't.

"You mean it's supposed to be Chinese?" I counter.

"Well, I don't know – I just know it's not Indian," she says, waving the manager over.

Manager Biswajit Gupta is eager to tell me all about 'Mainland China' and its sister restaurant chains. (They first opened in 1994; there are 120 outlets across India.) But when I ask if Darsaan is supposed to be Chinese, he pauses briefly before resuming his smiley self-promotional talk.

"Yes," he says. "You can find it all over China. It is a Chinese dessert."

Practically no one is qualified enough to say that a dish does not exist *anywhere* in China – there's probably some person somewhere who likes her noodles fried and dipped in honey – but I think it's fair to say that honeyed noodles and ice cream aren't "all over China." When I search online, every mention of Darsaan is on an Indian website, and almost all the bloggers who write about it say they first tried it at 'Mainland China' (I repeat: the

restaurant, not the place).

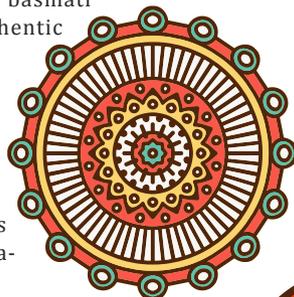
Darsaan is delicious, and genius in its three-ingredient simplicity. But I wonder if it'd be popular in China.

And I also wonder if authentic Chinese food would be popular here in Mumbai. Nita is apparently reading my mind.

"In Bombay we have some high-end Chinese restaurants that are the most authentic," she tells me. "But they're too bland for me."

In a country of curries, chili and bold flavors, simpler dishes like congee and pork *baozi* haven't made the cut. This is why Sichuanese food, arguably the boldest in flavor of all the Chinese provincial cuisines, does so well here. Nearly everywhere we go, we see 'Schezwan' curries and dosas on the menu.

At Samrat, an ultra-popular lunch spot whose curries *Lonely Planet* rather correctly calls a "cavalcade of taste and texture," mustachioed waiters in suits rush around the busy dining room refilling metal tins of dips and plates of *naan*. Samrat bills itself as a Gujarati restaurant, but we order their 'Schezwan Paneer' – square hunks of cheese amidst chunky tomato gravy topped with cilantro and heavy spices. It may not be authentically Sichuanese, but it is, admittedly, dope.



But most Indians are exposed to Indo-Chinese cuisine through street stalls and fast-food joints. At China House – which is definitely not a house, but rather a tiny storefront – I dig into my Chinese Bhel, a noodle version of *bhelpuri*, the puffed rice served at Mumbai street stalls. Mine has the color of a 99-cent instant mac'n'cheese. Nita says the dish is similar to 'American chop suey,' another Indo-Chinese dish that, despite the name, wouldn't be recognized in China or America.

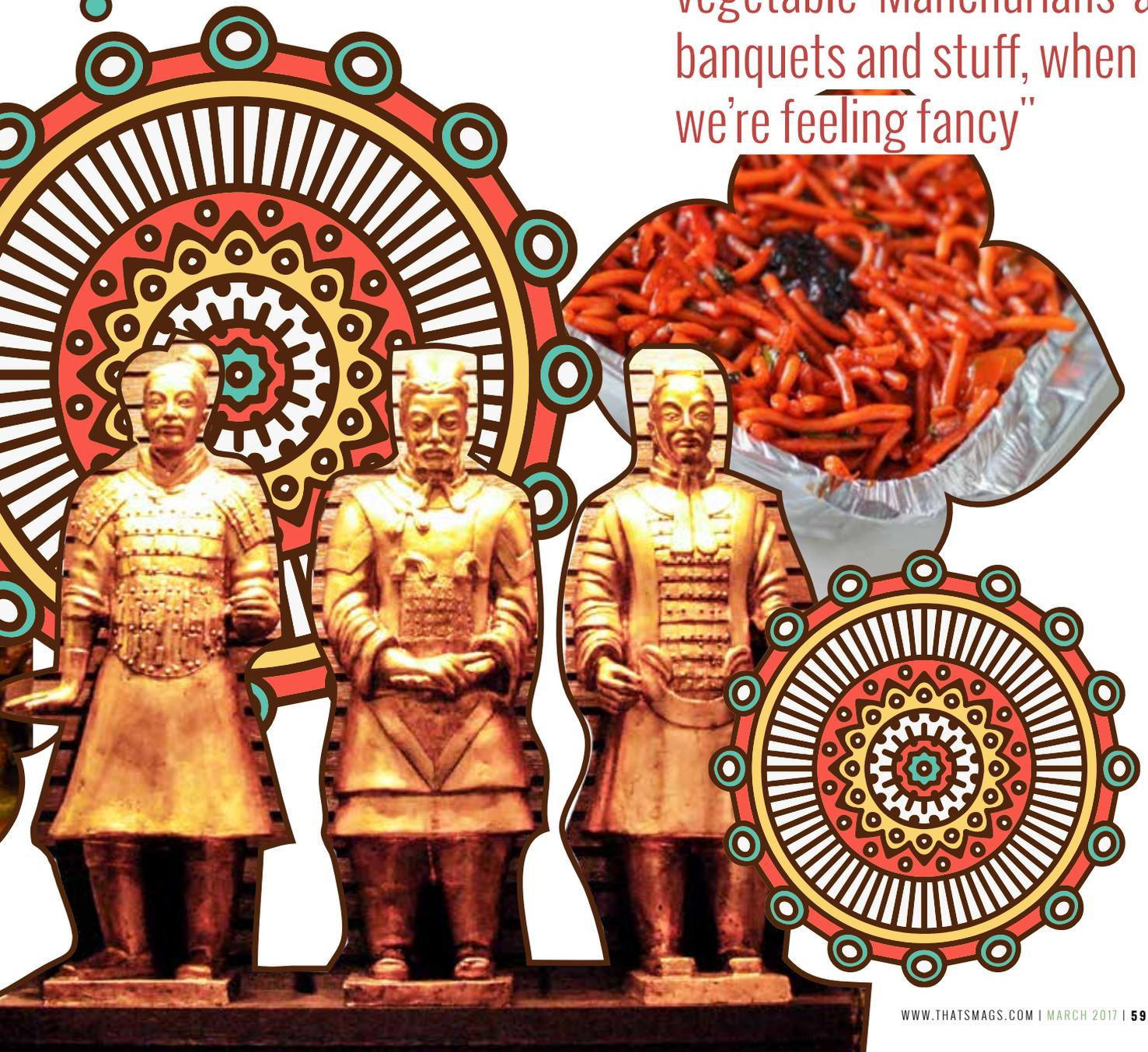
Nor would 'vegetarian Manchurian' be recognized in Dongbei. Its chickpea patties come drenched in a sweet-and-sour brown sauce – more Southern Chinese than anything, although nowhere in China would the meat in question actually be chickpeas.

"We always have 'Manchurians' at banquets and stuff," says Rishi. "When we're feeling fancy." (Ironic, given Dongbei food is largely known for its hearty, down-to-earth wheatiness, and is meant to power you through Siberian winters, not wedding parties.)

Chinese House – which, again, is more like a Chinese shack – also sells lollipops. But these are meat lollipops, chicken wings mangled so that all their meat sits in an orb at the end of a long, skinny bone. I realize that the Drums of Heaven found at 'Mainland China' were likely just a high-end take on this – spiffier name, same ball of poultry.

But at 'Mainland China,' there's one thing management gets absolutely right. And it's the most authentically Chinese thing of all: *Take Me Home, Country Roads* playing overhead. ■

"We always have vegetable 'Manchurians' at banquets and stuff, when we're feeling fancy"



CINKER PICTURES

The Prettiest Girl at the Sanlitun Party

by Noelle Mateer

It's tempting to say we fell for Cinker Pictures hook, line and sinker. But we really just fell for it hook, and maybe line.

Let us explain. Cinker is Sanlitun's most buzzworthy new spot. Over Spring Festival, our WeChat Moments exploded with photos of Beijing's wining-and-dining set sipping negronis and slurping oysters at this trendy Taikoo Li spot. Indeed, we can hardly think of a better way to show you're in-the-know than a trip to Cinker, whose marble tiles and leather couches scream good taste, and whose patrons' attire suggests they just finished shopping at Givenchy downstairs. The decor is swag, and sure to elicit an "oh wow, cool!" from whomever walks in.

Here's the real reason Cinker is cool: It doubles as a movie theater.

By the entrance, a vintage movie sign advertises the titles playing in classic stick-on letters. But this is no grubby neighborhood cinema. It's a sleek space screening critically acclaimed pictures in picture-perfect surrounds.



Indeed, Cinker Pictures is so pretty that it's become a bit like the head cheerleader in an American high school film – the one who's so aware of her own beauty that she refuses to speak with anyone uglier than herself. By this we mean: The service could be improved. The staff's coldness sees Cinker fall into that stereotype of fine-dining that sends hipsters across the globe into paroxysms of "I totally hate expensive restaurants, I just can't *chill* there!"

All dishes are tasty and hearty – but they lack the complexity you'd expect to accompany their price tag. We kick things off with eggs – in this case a fried one in a cute pan, topped with sprouts and too little bacon jam. For our mains, we order shareables, and the pork skin crackles and delights, while the beef and waffle comes with an egg on it. (Never thought we'd say this, but eggs are *in*). All in all, the dishes are good, but not quite worth their RMB500 price tag (*yet*, anyway – we visit during soft opening, and Cinker certainly stands chance to improve).

This is why we like the movie theater portion of this venture best. Sip on craft cocktails or order a bottle of wine, and you can booze your way through the film. And there's no plastic seating here – the leather couches are so comfy, they remind us of times we watched movies with friends at our parents' house growing up. Except instead of Mom busting in to yell at you for making out with your high school boyfriend, a waiter comes in with a drink. All in all, a welcome trade.

After all, flaws in food and service don't change the following: that Cinker is, without a doubt, the hottest place to catch a flick right now.

Daily, 3pm-1am; N4-40B Taikoo Li North,
Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里北
区N4-40B (6409 4577)



MOJO

Gastro Loungin'

words by Oscar Holland, images by Steve Maydwell

Beijing has long flirted with lounges without ever committing to them. We've had lobby lounges, cocktail lounges and club lounges. We've seen bar-like lounges, lounge-esque bars and lounge 'concepts.' We've visited D Lounges, V+ Lounges and Cicada Ultralounges.

None have truly captured the city's imagination. And we're still not sure what an 'ultralounge' is.

It's odd that we should possess such pathological antipathy towards something we all have in our homes. Maybe lounges are too suave or too exclusive. Maybe they're just a bit too... Shanghai. But then again, maybe we just haven't had our own gastro lounge yet.

Hoping that Beijingers' hearts can be reached through their stomachs is Mojo, an ambitious new Gongti venture serving high-end Italian food and aspirational living. Found at the stadium's south-west corner, the self-proclaimed gastro lounge shares its impressive premises with a number of upscale restaurants, including Jasmine Restaurant and Lounge (which – 'concept' alert – is more restaurant than lounge).

An illustrious setting, no doubt. But for those averse to ostentation we detect uncomfortable signs. Most glaring among them is the elevator that transports diners from the ground floor. It's gold. So very, very gold.

Yet, at its summit we are delivered into something surprisingly tasteful. This place is clearly shooting for well-heeled patrons, but it may be subtle enough to convince those who'd resist being counted among them.

Instead of wowing with its majesty, Mojo doesn't try too hard. And instead of sharp, unwelcoming edges, the decor knits together Zaha Hadid-esque curves which wind pleasingly from the oval bar to the

rounded sofas. In fact, most of the *tuhao* excesses are reserved for the private rooms, leaving the rest of us in peace. They'll be most appreciated there anyway. And while there's still a fair amount of gold here, it is muted and in keeping with the low lighting and hushed tones of back-to-back Bonobo albums (an unimaginative choice, but better than Buddha Bar compilations).

So, Mojo serves rather well as a lounge. And with promises of a 1,000-strong wine list curated by sought-after oenophile Krishna Hathaway, there should be something for most of us. But what of the gastro?

From first taste, we can report plenty of merit to be found here. The selection of pastas, meats and seafood is certainly more than passable, though it's not yet outstanding. The ravioli stuffed with slow-cooked duck and foie gras (RMB188) is as wonderfully indulgent as it sounds; the pizza (RMB118 for a Margherita; RMB128-288 for other varieties) is pretty well done.

But this very combination speaks volumes. This is a menu that overplays the truffle card, while simultaneously serving eat-with-your hands pizza. It is, therefore, uncertain of who it's for. (If you're uncertain of who *you* are, try the truffle pizza.)

Given Beijing's tempestuous relationship with lounges, such ambiguity is both understandable and forgivable. We suspect that Mojo will discover its market and refine its offerings accordingly. Whether we'll find our mojo here therefore remains to be seen.

Daily, 6pm-2am; Workers' Stadium East Gate Road (150m south of the East Gate), Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场东门辅路向南150米(小东门内)

OUT OF STEP

Local Brews Be Damned

by Noelle Mateer

Let's kick off this review with a fun little game, shall we? We'll say a word, and you tell us if it's the name of a living human woman, or of a beer hop varietal. Here we go: Ella. Galena. Perle. Topaz. Amarilla. Wakatu. German Magnum.

Foiled ya – they're all beer hops. (And probably women, too, with the exception of German Magnum... hopefully.) And these hops all have one thing in common: they're listed on Out of Step's beer menu, making it the most beer-nerd-friendly pub in town yet.

The capital has plenty of nerd-worthy brewpubs, but Out of Step is not a typical one. Rather than brewing its beer here in Beijing, the bar imports kegs of beer exclusively from Vancouver, where the Chinese-Canadian founder is from.

At first, this seems bizarrely specific. But then we taste the beers, and any qualms fade away. The Pacific Northwest produces some of the finest beers in the world, and Vancouver is its de facto brewing capital. Our hands-down favorite is the Black Kettle IPA, which has to be one of the best brews in Beijing, even if it's not brewed in Beijing. The Lychee Sour is truly sour – but smooth and surprising enough for it to work.

Out of Step opened quietly last month on Sanlitun Dongsanjie, a quiet street leading past Sanlitun DRC. And while the bar does have a nerdy side, it's an undeniably cool kid. We cannot speak highly enough of the atmosphere. The pub is decked out in wood and chic minimalist furniture like some hipster Canadian businessman's Vancouver apartment. We don't often say this, but: Do not leave here without taking a selfie in the bathroom.

It's all a delight – but it comes at a cost. Plenty of Beijing breweries sell RMB60 pints, but none of them list an RMB60 pint as the cheapest. Great Leap's beers, for example, go up to RMB80 – but they're served alongside a couple RMB25-35 options.

Pub grub here is simple and tasty – a few sandwiches, some chips, for the time being. In the future, co-owner Nick says that Out of Step will host restaurant pop-ups (hopefully one each month), starting with Thai food this spring.

Until then, Out of Step is minimal, and yet simply good. We need say little else besides we recommend. And perhaps, more importantly: O Canada.

Daily, 10am-1am; 4 Sanlitun Dongsanjie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯东三街4号 (8532 5266)



THE LIST

Vegetarian and Veg-Friendly Restaurants in Beijing

by *That's Beijing* Staff

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) recently announced a list of Beijing's best vegetarian restaurants. But they're based in Virginia, USA – what do they know about Beijing's meat-free dining scene?

Well, a few things, apparently – PETA recommended Veg Tiger, the Veggie Table, Juice by Melissa, Nutrient Vegetarian Health Tea Restaurant, Vegan Hut, Clouds Kitchen, Yebozhai, Yunweisushi, Belencre and Mo Li Su Lao. All good picks, for sure, but we can think of plenty of other spots they missed. While PETA's list stuck to all-veg restaurants, we've found plenty of standout vegan dishes in Beijing stalwarts that also serve meat. Below, some of our favorites.

Ramo



PHOTO BY HOLLY LI

Sure, Ramo slings pepperoni pizzas, but they've got a vegan chef in the kitchen who knows a thing or two about making delicious meat-free dishes. Go for the flat-breads; stay for the booze.

Jindingxuan (Jianwai SOHO)



Yes, you read that right – Jindingxuan. That 24-hour dim sum joint that you stumble into after a night drinking in the hutongs has branched out, quite literally, with another branch – this one serving vegetarian food. Don't knock it till you try it.

King's Joy



The granddaddy of Beijing vegetarian restaurants, King's Joy proves that vegetarian cuisine can be executed with just as much flavor and complexity as meat. It also proves that you don't need to order a filet to drop a ton of cash on a meal. You've been warned.

Moka Bros



Quinoa! Chia seeds! Avocado! Moka Bros serves power bowls, sandwiches and salads with only the sexiest protein-packed ingredients, and their music is so upbeat, you'll want to go for a run as soon as you finish your smoothie.

TRIBE



Beijing's healthy lifestyle gurus serve all-organic food and meal plans that cater specifically to vegetarians and vegans. Plus some bomb meat, for all their friends.

In And Out



One thing that's great about Yunnanese food is that it's surprisingly vegetarian friendly – and In And Out is one of our favorite joints in the city. Almost half of the menu is vegetarian. Make sure to try the goat cheese.

Obentos



An Obentos power bowl simply cannot be beat and shall not be beat. And with a range of protein-packed juices and smoothies, *you* will not be beat either (should you choose to race someone, run somewhere or, like, do anything athletic).

Lin's Dining Lounge



From Northern Chinese fare to Western classics (including an outstanding shepherd's pie), this new all-vegetarian restaurant produces a varied, yet incredibly consistent menu of meat-free cuisine.

Visit www.thatsmags.com/beijing/directory for opening hours, addresses and contact details



● Da Bang Gig

Since bursting out of the D-22 scene (the generation of bands associated with the now-defunct livehouse of the same name), Da Bang have become one of Beijing's most reliable indie acts. This month, they head to School Bar for a joint-headline show with Casino Demon. Support comes from The Hot Line.

Sat Mar 25; RMB100; School Bar (see Listings for details)

● Francois K DJ



French DJ, producer, label owner and bonafide boss Francois K started out at legendary New York clubs Paradise Garage and Studio 54. He has since become one of the most important names in house music. If you like house and you haven't heard of him, then do your research (and go to Dada). His show also marks the return of Eddie Lv, a former stalwart of Beijing nightlife. Fri Mar 17; Price TBD; Dada (see Listings for details)

● Goth-Trad / DJ



Fans of gothic rock and traditionalism shouldn't get their hopes up – Goth-Trad does neither. In fact, the DJ and producer (born Takeaki Maruyama) is best known as a figurehead of Japanese dubstep, especially since he made significant waves across the West with his hugely successful 2012 track 'Babylon Fall'. Over the course of five albums, Goth-Trad has managed to evolve and stay relevant, all while staying true to the dark, lurking sound that made his name. This is also a seventh anniversary party for the Street Kids crew, so grab some champers to go with that bass wobble.

Fri Mar 10; Tickets TBD; Dada (see Listings for details)

● Anetha / DJ



Having made her production debut in 2015, Anetha is a relative newcomer to the techno world. But don't let that fool you into thinking that she's not got the chops. As a DJ, Anetha has been ripping up France's underground electronic scene as a resident at Blocaus, one of Paris' most important new club nights. This month she brings the party to Lantern, home of techno in our fair city. As well as hypnotic but danceable rollers, the young DJ is known for featuring a bit of 90s throwback. (Although we mean '90s throwback' in a techno sense. No Ricky Martin, sorry.)

Sat Mar 4; RMB80, free before 11pm; Lantern (see Listings for details)

● Fausto Bahia and Mexican Jihad DJs



Forward-thinking Mexican collective NAAFI are responsible for some of the most interesting dance music in Latin America. And it's also responsible for some of the wildest parties in Mexico City. Two key members of the crew, Fausto Bahia and Mexican Jihad, join forces to bring the fun to Migas. We'd tell you what to expect, but frankly, we don't know. (For reasons why, see *The Fader's* recent article 'How N.A.A.F.I. Is Changing Party Culture By Ignoring All The Rules'.)

Sat Mar 25, from 10pm; Tickets TBD; The Bar at Migas (see Listings for details)

● Miaou Gig



Beijing seems to have a soft spot for experimental Japanese bands, and this month's pick-of-the-bunch is Miaou. Around for almost 20 years, the three-piece instrumental band merge guitars with samples, synths and other digital goodies. This is certainly still post-rock, but Miaou's flirtation with electronic music results in something altogether unique.

Fri Mar 17, 8.30pm; RMB180 (door), RMB130 (presale); Yugong Yishan (see Listings for details)



● Ping Pong Discoteque Parties

If you're looking for something to do this St. Patrick's Day other than drinking pints of Guinness and wearing green (you're not even Irish), check out Migas' Ping Pong Discoteque party. The PPD combines Migas' The Ping Pong Social Club from Wednesday nights with a weekend dance party. Be thankful there's one bar in Beijing that still has a pong table by playing a round while listening to the DJs do their thing. Green clothes optional. Fri Mar 17, 10pm-late; The Bar at Migas (see Listings for details)

● Women Who Code Networking



Part of the Women in Tech Series, Women Who Code is about bringing together female developers who would like to communicate ideas and network in a comfortable atmosphere. A great opportunity for women in the technology community looking to meet like-minded professionals and friends. Sponsored by Microsoft. Note: This event is in Chinese.

Sat Mar 11, 1-5pm; Microsoft Building 1, 5 Danleng Jie, Haidian 海淀区丹棱街5号微软大厦1号楼 (for more info visit huodongxing.com/event)

● WildWall Weekends / Hiking



Great Wall specialists WildWall are celebrating their 20th anniversary season. The organization offers 'WildWall Weekends at The Barracks' – a two-day trip to the abode of William Lindsay OBE and his wife Wu Qi near the Great Wall. Lindsay is an adventurer, scholar, author and conservationist who has been based in China for 26 years. As such, he has significant history with the Wall, having first trekked 2,470 km along its ruins in the 80s (events from which were retold in his first book). Visitors are guaranteed a comprehensive experience from a family that literally lives and breathes the Wall. Expect guided hikes in remote areas of the Wall and, at the end of the day, delicious home cooking in a clean and comfortable living environment. Every weekend in March; USD550pp; The Barracks, Great Wall, for more information contact william@wildwall.com (www.wildwall.com)

● An Art Show Vol. 8 / Market & Performance



Vol. 8 is a special edition of An Art Show (AAS) as it celebrates AAS's one-year anniversary plus International Women's Day. Starting at 2pm with 'her market,' a seven-hour extravaganza including story-telling, poetry and music, the event progresses to 'her show' at 9pm, a livelier affair featuring tribal belly-dancing and rock music.

The event aims to showcase female success by supporting female entrepreneurs and hosting performances by female artists living in Beijing.

Entrepreneurs at the market include BuDóu (textile fabric designer), Ruddy Metal studio (handmade jewelry designer) and Teibido Studio (Chinese cultural animal print) among others. Meanwhile live music will be provided by singer-songwriters Wangsheng Nan, Jordan Darling, Joy Stuhr and Ani. Bands include Djang San and Oldy Baby. In between the musical performances, enjoy luminous poetry by talented poets such as Jumi Bello and Christina Romero.

The purpose of the event is to "free her voice" via a range of creative mediums. This should be electric.

Sun Mar 5, 2-11.30pm; RMB50 (presale), RMB60 (door); DDC (see Listings for details)

● Maliandao Tea Tour Walk



We love tea – so many varieties – and if you don't, what are you even doing in China? If you do, join The Hutong's Maliandao Tea Tour. A trip to Beijing's famous tea market with plenty of tea tasting, the tour is both refreshing and informative. Plus, to celebrate its ten-year anniversary, The Hutong is giving away passes to different tours every month. If you want to grab free passes to the tea tour this March, check out any of The Hutong's classes, events or workshops, scan the special QR code (on site) and you'll be entered to win.

Every Tue and Sun, from 10am (Tue) and 10.30am (Sun); RMB300 (RMB260 members); Maliandao Tea Market 马连道 (www.thehutong.com/tenniversary)

● Spring Fever Ski Break Trip



If you like drinking and skiing, or even better, drinking while skiing, this is the event for you. Jing-A is supplying the kegs and Thaiwoo (a new resort built for the 2022 Olympics) is supplying the snow. Tickets include free flow on a selection of Jing-A beers, ski or snowboard rental for two days, weekend lift passes, a Jing-A beanie, dinner and party with free flow Jing-A beer on Sat, hotel accommodation and the round-trip bus fare. Limited spots, so get in quick.

Sat Mar 4-Sun Mar 5; RMB1,700; Thaiwoo Resort, Chongli 崇礼太舞滑雪场 (tickets via eventbank.cn/event/7518)



● New Chefs at Fiorentina Dining



Lido's favorite Italian spot Fiorentina has surprises in store for you this spring. The restaurant recently welcomed new Executive Chef Fabrizio Sartor and Pastry Chef Gabriel Sartres. We sampled their cuisine last month and can attest that the restaurant and its upcoming new menu are in very capable hands. Keep your eyes on Fiorentina. Fiorentina (see Listings for details)

● Dim Sum at Yao Chi Dining



There are a lot of great dim sum menus in town, but with the launch of its new RMB188 all-you-can-eat set at Yao Chi restaurant, Millenium Hotel Beijing is now a formidable contender. Stop by for lunch any day of the week and choose from over 70 varieties of dim sum by Hong Kong Master Chef Cheung Fai Man.

RMB188 plus 15-percent service charge; Yao Chi Chinese Restaurant, Grand Millenium Hotel Beijing, 7 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环中路7号 (8587 6888)

● Beijing International Craft Beer Festival Beer



Brewers from around the world – and their beer, of course – are coming to Beijing. The Beijing International Craft Beer Festival is setting up shop in TRB's beautiful event space, Copper, this month for a weekend of boozing and schmoozing with some of the world's most acclaimed brew masters. Join for a two-hour tasting session or, best of all, a one-of-a-kind dining event, the Brewer's Brunch, where each course will be paired with a different festival beer.

RMB350 for tasting session, RMB650 for Brewer's Brunch, RMB908 for weekend pass; see a Great Leap Brewing location for tickets and more information (see Listings for details)

● Cookie Monster Bake Off Contest



The Cookie Monster Bake Off is back and it's as delicious as ever. While it's too late to enter your own recipes into the contest, you can still go try them yourself at The Hutong on the day of judging. Your ticket gets you samples all of 20 cookies, plus a glass of warm milk. Sun Mar 19, 2-5pm; RMB150 (RMB100 for Hutong members); The Hutong (see Listings for details)

● Common Burger / Dining

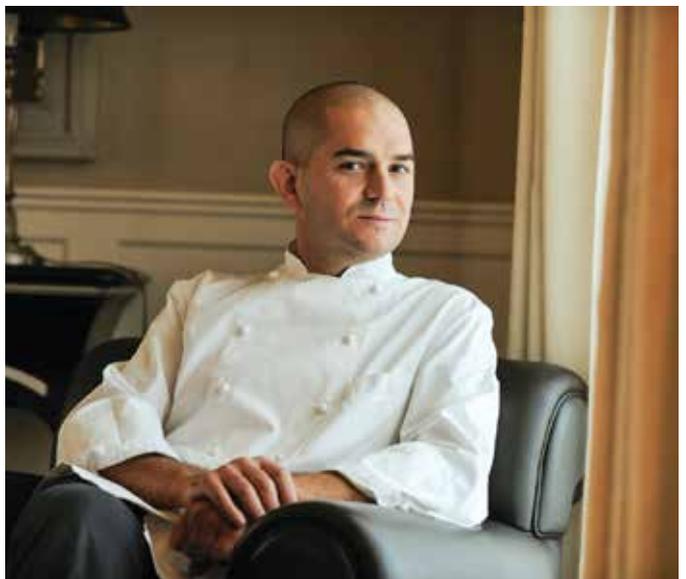


Burgers are indeed common in Beijing. We've got plenty of quality options in town – buns of beef, buns of chicken, buns of veggie. Now the Hatchery team is wading into this culinary battlefield with their own patties at their latest concept, Common Burger.

Bold. This could have easily spelled disaster. Everyone has an opinion on burgers, and burgers that are just OK don't make the cut. But fortunately for Hatch, there's something for everyone on the Common Burger menu – and it's all delicious. The Stout, Bacon & Cheese (accompanied by a syrup made from Jing-A beer, RMB75) is our favorite. But there's plenty more to try – the Yeah Nah, Bro (RMB75) features a lean patty of New Zealand venison topped with beetroot, and the Beached As (RMB60) comes with a battered fish patty. Missing Hatchery's last pop-up, Gail's Caribbean Cuisine? Order the Jamaican Me Jerk (RMB55), featuring a patty of Gail's jerk chicken.

Hatchery, 88 Dongsi Jiutiao, Dongcheng 东城区东四九条88号 (6594 0188)

● The Modern Traditionalist at TRB Bites / Dining



One Michelin-star Chef Damiano Nigro is taking over the kitchen at TRB Bites. The first Italian chef to take over the Beijing hot spot, Damiano hails from the acclaimed Villa d'Amelia restaurant and the Piedmont region of Northern Italy.

Damiano combines the strong gastronomic tradition of this region with that of his hometown in Southern Italy to create a beautifully complex symphony of Italian flavors, and the result is marked by a masterful balance between modern and traditional taste.

Mon-Fri, 11.30am-11.30pm, Sat-Sun, 10.30am-11.30pm; 95 Donghuamen Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东华门大街95号 (6401 6676)



● A Streetcar Named Desire Film

Everybody's favorite boutique-slash-wine-bar Pop-Up Beijing is putting the class in classic this month with all of its 'Classic Movie Tuesdays' featuring films written by the beloved American playwright Tennessee Williams. The first one is the 1951 banger *A Streetcar Named Desire* starring Vivien Leigh and Marlon Brando. Maybe you're a Brando stan, maybe your only reference to the film is *The Simpsons* episode 'A Streetcar Named Marge,' or maybe you just love wine. Either way, go and enjoy.

Tue Mar 7, 7:30pm; Pop-Up Beijing, Bldg 22, Courtyard 4, Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院22号楼 (6502 5725)

● Shang Yang Theater



Shang Yang is a historical drama about the famous figure for whom the play is named. Set during the Warring States period, the production follows the life story of a Chinese statesman and thinker of the State of Qin, whose policies helped Qin to conquer China. Yang was credited with the creation of two theories: "fixing the standards" and "treating the people as one."

Wed Mar 15-Sat Mar 18, 7:30pm; RMB180-500; Drama Theatre of NCPA, 2 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng 西城区西长安街2号 (tickets via sales@theatrebeijing.com)

● Xiang De Mei / Art



Platform China presents an exhibition featuring new works by artist Lou Shenyi. The Zhejiang painter's new artworks are titled with simple names such as, 'Passion,' 'Ordinary,' and 'Glory,' yet the images depicted are brimming with gorgeous colors and beauty. Shenyi chooses not to focus on excessive detail; rather he relies on the mood and feeling of the pictures. The overall result is abstract yet vivid paintings one doesn't need to think too much about to enjoy. Perfect for both art lovers and the casual observer. The bright and fun imagery is bound to please children as well (yes, really, an art exhibition kids will enjoy).

Materials used in *Xiang De Mei* include watercolor, acrylic, antique, glass and mixed medium works. Shenyi currently reside in artist Mecca Hangzhou and has exhibited around China, Japan and Hong Kong.

Through Mar 20; Platform China, 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路798艺术区 (5762 6068)



● Beijing Fayuan Play



A play based on the novel of the same name, *Beijing Fayuan* is about the men who proposed reform to Emperor Guangxu, leading up to the 'Hundred Days of Qing Dynasty Reform' period but whose plans were ultimately foiled by the Dowager Empress Cixi. The play depicts a pivotal part in China's history and while the ending may already be known, seeing how it all played out on stage should be something special.

Thu Mar 2-Sun Mar 12, 7:30pm; RMB180-680; National Theater Company of China 277

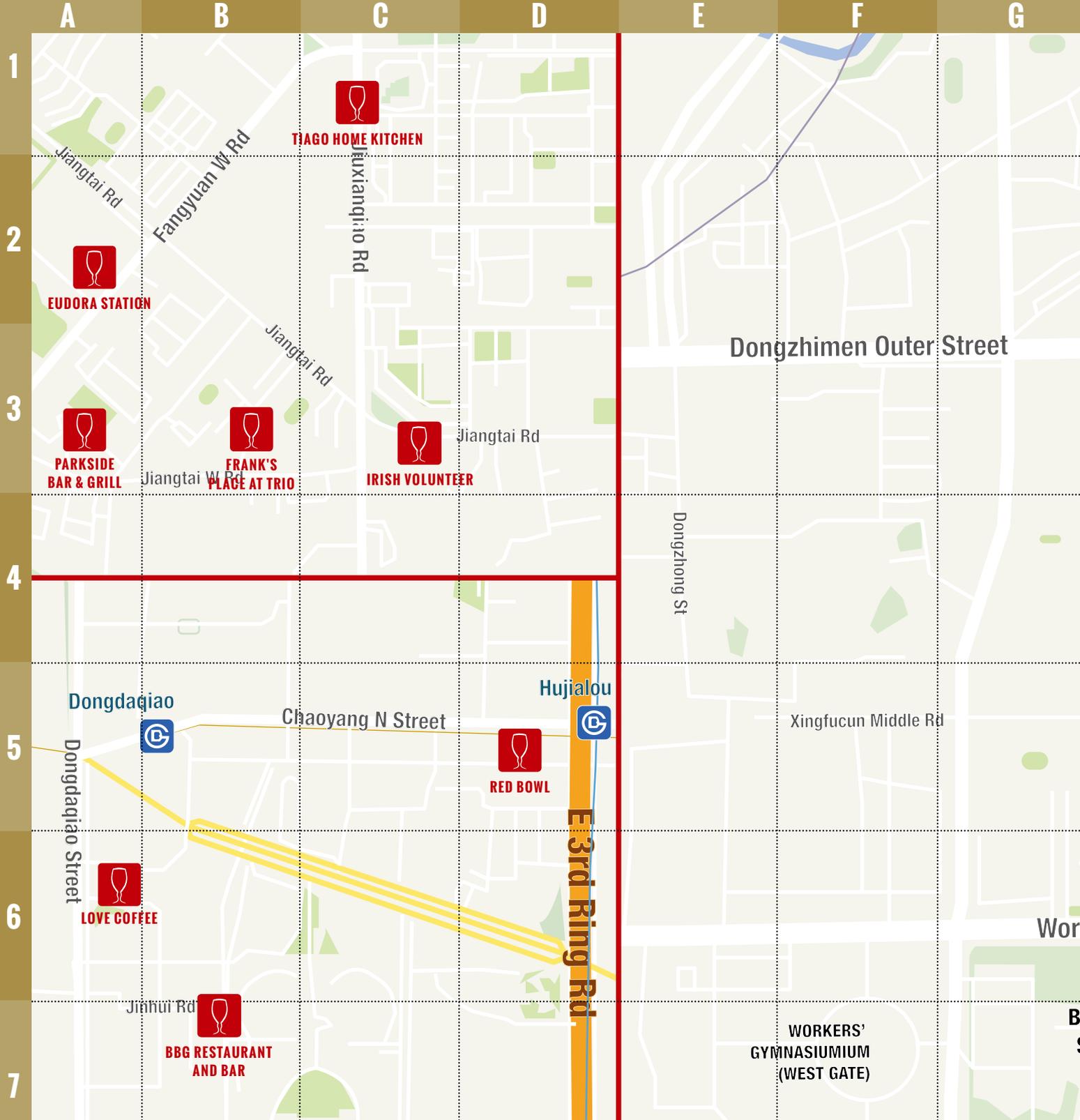
Guang'anmen Waidajie, Xicheng 西城区广安门外大街277号 (tickets via www.douban.com)

● March Forth Stand-Up Comedy



WeiLaugh Comedy Club presents March Forth, an evening of stand-up comedy featuring some of Beijing's funniest guys (literally, the line-up is all guys). But they *are* hilarious: Lincoln Van Der Westhuizen, Josh Tyas, Jonny Whinna, Gene George and host Stephen Smith. Plus, if you book tickets before Mar 1, you'll get two for RMB100. To book in advance contact WeChat ID: LaurenKDavid.

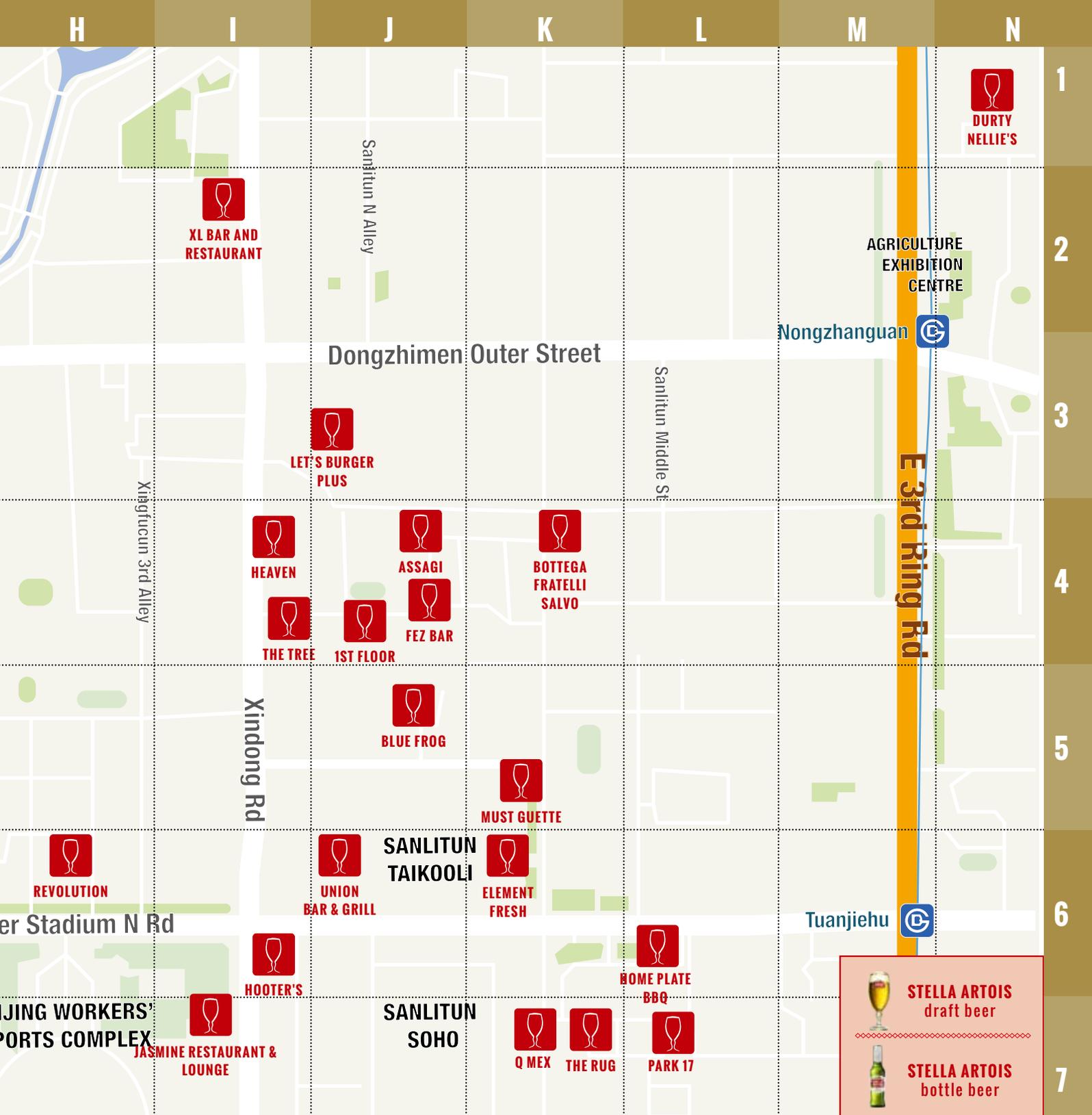
Sat Mar 4, 7pm; RMB60 (includes gin); North Capital Bar, 34 Xintaicang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区新太仓胡同34号 (8408 4795)



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|  <p>HOOTER'S I6
 Daily 11am-1am, Rm. 201, Bldg 1, China View Plaza, Chaoyang (6585 8787)</p> |  <p>BBG RESTAURANT AND BAR B7
 Daily 10am-2am, RE108, World City, 9 Jinhui Lu, Chaoyang (8590 6364)</p> |  <p>MUST GUETTE K5
 11am-midnight, S2-11, 3/F, Taikoo Li South, Chaoyang (6417 8202)</p> |
|  <p>HEAVEN I4
 Daily 11am-4am, 14 Xindong Lu, Chaoyang (6415 6513)</p> |  <p>EUDORA STATION A2
 9am-2pm, 6 Fangyuan Xilu, Chaoyang (6437 8813)</p> |  <p>IRISH VOLUNTEER C3
 Daily 9am-2am, 311 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang (6438 5581)</p> |
|  <p>FEZ BAR J4
 5pm-late, 6F Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang (5208 6138)</p> |  <p>PARKSIDE BAR & GRILL A3
 9am-late, 6-9 Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang (6444 6555)</p> |  <p>DURTY NELLIE'S N1
 Daily 10am-2am, 1/B Liangmaqiao Flower Market, Chaoyang (6415 8776)</p> |
|  <p>BOTTEGA FRATELLI SALVO K4
 6pm-midnight, 18 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang (6416 1752)</p> |  <p>THE TREE I4
 noon-2am, A4 Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang (6592 6290)</p> |  <p>FRANK'S PLACE AT TRIO B3
 Daily 24hrs, West of the Rosedale Hotel, Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang (6437 8399)</p> |
| |  <p>REVOLUTION H6
 Daily noon-1am, West side of Yashow, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang (6415 8776)</p> | |



ASSAGI | J4
11am-10pm, 1 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang (8454 4508)

RED BOWL | D5
5.30pm-midnight, Jing Guang Centre, Hujialou, Chaoyang (6597 8888)

THE RUG | K7
10.30am-10pm, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang (6507 2342)

JASMINE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE | I7
Daily, 11am-1am, Worker's Stadium Gate No. 9, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang (6553 8608)

UNION BAR & GRILL | J6
11am-10pm, 3/F, Taikoo Li South Bldg 5, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang (6415 9117)

PADDY O'SHEA'S | F3
Daily 10am-late, 28 Dongzhimen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang (6415 6389)

TIAGO HOME KITCHEN | C1
11am-10pm, L173, 1/F Indigo Mall, 18 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang (8558 3892)

HOME PLATE BBQ | L6
Daily, 10am-2am daily, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang (400 096 7670)

PARK 17 | B4
11.30am-11pm, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang (6586 1889)

1ST FLOOR | J4
Sun-Thu 11am-2am, Fri-Sat 11am-4am, 6F 1/F Tongli Studios, Sanlitun Houjie, Chaoyang (6413 0587)

ELEMENT FRESH (SLT) | K6
Mon-Fri 10am-11pm, Sat-Sun 7am-11pm, 833, Building 8, Taikoo Li South, Chaoyang (6417 1318)

Q MEX | K7
Daily, 11am-1am, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang (6585 3828)

XL BAR AND RESTAURANT | I2
Daily 10am-2am, 1-022 Shoukai Bojun Nanqu, Xindong Lu, Chaoyang (135 2128 5636, 137 1816 3522)

LET'S BURGER PLUS | J3
Mon-Thu 10am-11pm, Fri-Sun 11am-midnight, Basement floor, Taikoo Li North, Chaoyang (6415 2772)

LOVE COFFEE | A6
Daily, 10am-10pm, The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang

BLUE FROG | J5
Sun-Thu 10am-12am, Fri-Sat 10am-1am, S2-30, Level 3, S2 Tower, Taikoo Li, Sanlitun, Chaoyang (6415 4303, 6417 4030)

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MING COURT, LANGHAM PLACE

An Emperor's Feast

Ming Court of Langham Place, Beijing Capital Airport is the sister restaurant of Hong Kong's Michelin-starred Ming Court. This makes it the only place in Beijing where guests can enjoy Cantonese cuisine blessed by the (Michelin) star – through association, anyway (Head Chef Chen has trained at the Hong Kong sister restaurant). Savor classic Canto dishes, like dim sum and barbecue meat, or unique fare such as the gold foil truffle tofu. The fragrant jade-colored tofu is cut into impossibly delicate layers, a black truffle sauce spread between and finished with a gold foil decoration on top. The dish is memorable for both its symbolism – the gold represents wealth – and fresh flavor. Another must-try is the chicken broth soup, because real talk: the south knows their soups. Here, abalone, mushrooms and fresh bamboo shoots provide a subtle taste sensation, and makes us wish we were flying out of T3 more often.

> Ming Court, Langham Place, Beijing Capital Airport; Daily, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm; 2/F, 1 Er Jing Road, Terminal 3, Capital International Airport 中国北京首都国际机场三号航站楼二经路1号 (6450 4312)

RESTAURANTS

The Hot One Hundred

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CHINESE

Contemporary & Mixed Cuisine

8 Qi Nian 祈年8号 (Cantonese/Sichuan)
The New World Hotel's flagship restaurant has classic Chinese cuisine in abundance, as well as some vitality-restoring medicinal soups. (Their decent wine list is just as effective.)

> Mon-Fri 11.30am-2.15pm, 5.30-9.30pm, Sat/Sun 12-2:45pm, 5.30-9.30pm; 2/F, New World Hotel, 8 Qianian Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区祈年大街8号新世界酒店2层 (5960 8822)

Din Tai Fung 鼎泰丰 ¥ (Taiwanese)

This Taipei-based franchise impressed Ken Hom enough to call it one of the best 10 eateries in the world, back in 1993. Famous for its dependably delicious *xiaolongbao* or little steam buns. Book ahead, there's always a long wait.

> Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5-10pm, weekends 11.30am-10pm; 24 Middle Street, Xinyuanxili, Chaoyang 朝阳区新源西里中街24号 (近渔阳饭店) (6462 4502) > Additional branches in Shin Kong Place; Parkview Green; Grand Pacific Mall Xidan; Modern Plaza Zhongguancun; see www.dintaifung.com.cn for details

Jing Yaa Tang 京雅堂 (Chinese, Peking Duck)

Resembling something between a nightclub and a theater, the Opposite House's basement restaurant proves to be more than just style over substance with their range of expertly prepared classic dishes.

> Daily 12-10.30pm, 81/F, The Opposite House, Sanlitun Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路11号院1号楼瑜舍酒81楼 (6410 5230)

Wu Li Xiang 屋里香 (Cantonese, Sichuan) *

Impressive views don't detract from the exquisitely presented cuisine of Chef Kam, especially the dim sum. Swanky classics from all the main culinary regions of China, including, of course, "Monk Jump Over the Wall" – braised pork in oyster sauce.

> Daily 11am-2pm, 5pm-10pm; 2-3/F, Traders Upper East Hotel, Beijing, 2 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东四环北路2号北京上东盛贸酒店二三层 (5907 8406)

Peking Duck

The Horizon 海天阁 (Cantonese Beijing Duck) **

Kerry Hotel's Chinese restaurant has widened its predominantly Cantonese and Sichuan horizons to include dim sum, double-boiled soups and Peking duck – and the roast bird here really is fabulous.

> Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30pm-10pm 1/F, Beijing Kerry Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心1层 (8565 2188)

Honglu 红炉

> Daily 11am-9.30pm, 5/F Beijing Raffles City, 1 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门南大街1号北京来福士购物中心05层01号 (8409 8199 / 84094310); Daily 11am-10pm, 6 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯南6号楼南侧60米 (6595 9872 / 6593 8970)

Country Kitchen

The name 'Country Kitchen' may sound like a diner, but a diner this is not. Rosewood Beijing's resplendent Northern Chinese restaurant serves elegant Hebei fare unlike you've ever had. Excellent peking duck is on offer as well.

> Daily 11.30am-2.30pm and 5.30-10.30pm; 3F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Centre, Hujialou, Chaoyang 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店3层 (6597 8888)

Da Dong 大董

Among the city's most famous haunts, Da Dong guarantees slick cuts of Beijing-style roast duck and delectable wrap fillings. The

venue's a class act and the plum sauce is hard to follow.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 22 Dongsishitiao, Dongcheng 东城区东四十条甲22号 (5169 0328); see www.dadong-gdadong.com for more locations

Duck De Chine 全鸭季 ¥ *

Good duck is meant to show your guests how wonderful you are, as much as the food. Duck De Chine does that in spades, with fantastic presentation of its crispy, succulent duck (RMB188).

> Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm; Courtyard 4, 1949 The Hidden City, Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院 (6501 8881); 98 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng 东城区金宝街98号 (6521 2221)

Xihe Village Restaurant and Bar



> Mon-Fri Lunch: 11am-2.30pm; Dinner: 5-9pm; Sun: 11am-9pm, 5-9.30, 3/F, South Area of Sanlitun Taikooli, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯太古里南区三层59-33 (6417 6082)

Shanghai

Shanghai Min 小南国

Many swear this chain has the best Shanghai-style *hongshaorou* north of the Yangtze. The jury's out, but its popularity remains.

> 0505, 5/F Raffles City Mall, 1 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门南大街1号来福士购物中心5楼0505号铺 (400 820 9777) > Additional branches in Financial Street; Jinbao Jie; Oriental Plaza; Sanlitun Soho; Xinyuan Nan Lu (see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Wang Jia Sha 王家沙

Modern Shanghai cuisine – popular with Hong Kong celebrities – famed for its crab-meat dumplings. Try the spiced-salt ribs (RMB62) for a bit of Adam action.

> Daily, 51-30a Taikoo Li Sanlitun (on the third floor of it shop) 朝阳区三里屯路19号院太古里1号楼3层 51-30a号商辅 (6416 3469)

Sichuan/Hunan

Chuan Ban Li 川办 *

This bright, modestly decorated dining hall is frequently cited as Beijing's best Sichuan restaurant.

> Mon-Fri 7-9am, 10.50am-2pm, 4.50-9.30pm; Sat-Sun 7am-10pm; 5 Gongyuan Toutiao, Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区建国门内贡院头条5号 (6512 2277, ext. 6101)

Karaiya Spice House 辣屋 *

Bold and fiery Hunan cuisine in the most serene of restaurant interiors. Don't miss the dry roasted duck with a dozen spices and stir fried bullfrog with shiso leaves and ginger. Peanut milk is there to soothe the palate: you'll need it.

> Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm; 3/F, Sanlitun Taikoo Li South, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里19号院南区三层59-30 (6415 3535)

South Memory 望湘园

This restaurant chain is the Hunan staple in the capital. The trademark *shilixiang niurou* (fragrant beef), *duojiao shuangse yutou* (dual-colour spiced fish head) and meltingly tender frog dishes are among the favorites with locals.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 2/F, 230-232, Fenglian Plaza, 18 Chaoyangmen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街18号丰联广场2楼230-232号 (6588 1797); see www.southmemory.com for more locations

Yu Xin 渝信川菜

Open since 1993, Yu Xin's authentic Sichuan dishes have earned a loyal fanbase. Their *liangfen* – a jelly-like substance cut into

chunky strips and dressed in an addictive spicy sauce – hits the spot. The rustic, intimate setting of bamboo cubicles and swift, friendly service complete the experience.
> Daily 11am-10pm; 5A Xingfu Yicun Xili, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福一村西里甲5号 see www.yuxin1997.com for other locations.

Transit 渡金湖 ¥¥ **

Sichuan is known for its blazing spices and hot climate. While the latter isn't able to be replicated, the creative minds at Transit have made some fiery additions to the classical, chili-thumping canon, and they will charge you for that knowledge. But unlike many equally expensive joints, this is high-end Chinese dining at its best.

> Daily 12-2:30pm, 6-10:30pm; N4-36, Sanlitun Taikoo Li North, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯太古里北区N4-36号 (6417 9090)

Yunnan

Dali Courtyard 大里院子 *

If you like authentic Yunnanese food, you'll have to trust the staff: there's no menu, it all just arrives in an intimate courtyard setting. The price (RMB120/person) matches the rustic ingredients.

> Daily 12-2pm, 6-10:30pm; Gulou Dong Dajie, 67 Xiaojingchang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街小经厂胡同67号 (8404 1430)

Lost Haven 花马天堂 (Yunnan, SE Asian)

An emphasis on Yunnan characterizes this menu's fresh journey through the SE Asia passage, with a grandiose yet dark teak interior.

> Daily noon-2pm, 5pm-10:30 (bar open till 1am). Ch'en Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng 东城区前门东大街23号 (8516 2698)

Middle 8 Restaurant 中8楼 *



An oasis at the top of Taikoo Li, Middle 8 is the go-to destination for fresh authentic Yunnan cuisine. The restaurant, stylish yet understated, has plenty of flavorome well-priced dishes and a killer view to boot.

> Sanlitun: Daily 11am-10pm, Taikoo Li Sanlitun South South Area F4, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里南区4层(6415 8858); Indigo: Daily 11am-10pm, Jiuxianqiao Road No.20 Indigo F2, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路20号颐堤港2层(8420 0883); Zhongguancun: Daily 11am-10pm, Zhongguancun Plaza Pedestrian Street, No.17, Haidian海淀区中关村广场步行街R17号(5172 1728); Fenglan: Daily 11am-10pm, Xizhimen North Street No.32 Maples International Center Blok B, 1 Floor, Haidian海淀区西直门大街32号枫蓝国际中心B座1层(6223 5583)

Yun'er Small Town 云洱小镇

Folksy and affordable Yunnanese fare on Beiluoguxiang. Fragrant dishes including the jasmine bulbs with scrambled eggs, lemongrass shrimp and banana leaf wrapped bolete mushrooms will keep us crawling back.

> Daily 10am-11pm, 84 Beiluoguxiang, Dongcheng 东城区北锣鼓巷84号 (8404 2407)

Dumplings

Baoyuan Jiaoziwu 宝源饺子屋

Famous for their rainbow of dyed dumplings, Baoyuan have their *jiaozi* (six, under RMB10) wrapped in a larger *yuanbao* silver-tingot shape, with creative vegetarian options and authentic Sichuan food.

> Daily 11am-10pm; north of 6 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang 朝阳区麦子店街6号楼北侧 (6586 4967)

Mr Shi's Dumplings 老石饺子馆

Since receiving a *Lonely Planet* recommendation the prices have risen and the walls are covered in backpackers' scribbles, but the fantastic dumplings – boiled and fried – are still fantastic.

> 74 Baochao Hutong, Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街宝钞胡同74号 (8405 0399, 131 6100 3826)

Regional

Crescent Moon (Xinjiang) *

Roast mutton enthusiasts go over the moon at this reputable Xinjiang Muslim restaurant. Eastern European and Central

Asian influences are evident throughout, with peppery and cumin-spiced dishes livening up traditional Chinese favorites.

> Daily 10am-11:30pm; 16 Dongsi Liutiao, Dongcheng 东四六条16号 (6400 5281)

Da Gui (Guizhou)

Guizhou's famed hot-and-sour cuisine nestled into a charming traditional alleyway. Munch happily into pickled greens and don't miss the salty-sweet deep-fried black sesame balls. They're sensational.

> Daily 10am-2pm, 5-10pm; 69 Daxing Hutong, Jiadaokou, Dongcheng 东城区交道口大兴胡同69号 (6407 1800)

Jia Chinese Restaurant 禾家中餐厅

(Cantonese)

Featuring modern Ming elements with inspired paintings from Xu Wei, a painter, calligrapher and food and wine connoisseur, the quintessentially authentic house of agriculture produces, Jia Chinese restaurant serves exquisite traditional Cantonese specialties in their purest form with chefs hailing from Hong Kong. Using the freshest ingredients from NUO's very own green farms, NUO Hotel Beijing provides an alternative green gourmet option in town.

> Mon-Fri: 11:30am-2pm, 5:30-10pm; Sat-Sun: 11am-2:30pm, 5:30-10pm; 1/F, NUO Hotel Beijing, 2A Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区将台路甲2号北京诺金酒店一层 (5926 8281)

Makye Ame (Tibetan)

Determined to prove that Tibetan cuisine consists of more than just yak-butter tea, the Beijing branch of this nationwide chain serves up nomadic classics such as curried potatoes and roast lamb.

> Daily 10-midnight; 11A Xiushui Nanjiejie, Jianguomenwai, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外秀水南街甲11号 (6506 9616)

Xinjiang Red Rose (Xinjiang) *

One of Beijing's most famous Xinjiang restaurant, Red Rose serves some of the tenderest lamb skewers around, matched by enormous servings of classics like *dapanji* (a chicken, potato and pepper stew), *latiaozi* (noodles with a spicy tomato sauce) and *nang* (baked flatbread).

> Daily 10:30am-11pm; Inside 7 Xingfuyuan, opposite Workers' Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门对面幸福一村7巷内 (6415 5741)

WESTERN

Fine Dining

Barolo ¥¥ (Italian) *

Average Italian abounds in Beijing: not here, though. Quite the opposite, in fact, meaning Barolo is as well-regarded as the Piedmont wine it is named after.

> Mon-Sun 11:30am-2pm, 6pm-10pm. Ritz Carlton Hotel, China Central Place, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路甲83号华贸中心丽思卡尔顿酒店内 (5908 8151)

Brasserie Flo ¥¥ (French) *

Marble slabs, mosaic floors and brass fittings establish the Parisian bona fides; dishes like snails (RMB78), oysters (RMB48 each) and steak tartare (RMB158) confirm. The grandeur is matched only by the service, and the prices reflect the authenticity of the experience.

> Daily 11am-midnight; 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区霄云路18号 (6595 5135)

The Georg **

This hutong mansion has an elegant restaurant, leather-couched lounge area, sleek bar and sick location near Houhai. But most importantly, it has some of the most thoughtful, innovative cuisine in town. Go for a dinner you won't forget.

> 10:30am-midnight (dinner 6-10:30pm), closed Mondays; 45 Dongbuyajiao Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区东不压桥胡同45号 (8408 5300)

Capital M ¥ (Contemporary Western) **

The Art Deco interior, swish staff and breathtaking views over the archery towers from Qianmen ensures the pinnacle of al-fresco dining, with world-class modern European stylings and deliciously posh afternoon tea.

> Daily 11:30am-10:30pm. Floor 3, 2 Qianmen Buxingjie, Dongcheng 东城区前门步行街2号3层 (6702 2727)

Héritage ¥¥

A French country-style chateau in the heart of Beijing. A chef de cuisine with Michelin star restaurant experience and an extensive wine cellar make this Sofitel Hotel restaurant one of the best French dining experiences in town.

> 6F Sofitel Wanda Beijing, Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座索菲特酒店6层 (8599 6666)

OPEN DOOR



DU HSIAO YUEH

Beijing's Time-Honored Taiwanese

You, readers of *That's Beijing*, have impeccable taste in restaurants. So what better accolade for a restaurant than winning a Readers' Choice Award at last year's Golden Fork Restaurant Awards? Well, last year you did exactly that, voting Du Hsiao Yueh 'Best Taiwanese.' And it was a fine choice, to say the least.

To understand why, we must take you back to the restaurant's founding in 1895, when a fisherman called Hong Yutou started selling noodle soup on the streets of Zhangzhou, Fujian province. The Taiwan native needed income when heavy storms stopped him from fishing, so he began serving bowls of danzai noodles. ('Du Hsiao Yueh' literally translates as 'passing the slack season'.)

It seems fitting, therefore, to begin with a bowl of these famous noodles (RMB20). They would have originally been served from buckets on bamboo poles, though today we enjoy them in the intimate surrounds of the chain's Taikoo Li branch. The noodles are as sumptuous as we could have hoped for – full of flavor and topped with a juicy shrimp.

Why stop there? The menu is bursting with authentic Taiwanese dishes, from the excellent stewed pigs feet (RMB68) to the fermented cabbage, which offers a pleasant change from the more commonly found Korean version, kimchi. We'd also heartily recommend the warming chicken soup (RMB23) and tender pan-fried beef (RMB62).

A Taiwanese meal wouldn't be complete without something sweet. So finish up – or, to be traditional, begin – with *mashu* (often known as *moshi*), delightfully soft balls of glutinous rice and a filling of your choice (RMB16).

> Daily, 11am-11pm; LG21a-1, Taikoo Li South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号太古里南区LG21a-1 (6417 8078)

OPEN DOOR



HONG LU

For Duck's Sake

The top floor of Dongzhimen's Raffles City hosts a mixed bag of dining options, and we often venture there with trepidation accordingly. But there's one spot that always charms us, no matter the time of our visit: Hong Lu, Beijing's own fast-casual Peking duck spot.

Dressed up like a hutong, with brick walls and wooden beams overhead, but within the convenient confines of a shopping mall, Hong Lu has something for everyone. The popular place serves a host of Beijing and Dongbei classics alongside some pan-Chinese crowd pleasers. The star of the show, though, is the duck – carved in front of you as Peking duck should be, and available for a steal of a price (RMB158).

> Daily, 10am-10pm; 5/F Raffles City, 1 Dongzhimen Nei Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门南大街1号来福士购物中心5层



SINGAPORE SEAFOOD

Get Your Prawn On

If you've ever been to Singapore, you know that the food there is a big deal. A huge deal. A monumental deal. What's the best thing to eat in Singapore, you ask? Well that's a tough question, and the answer is hotly contested. We won't wade into this fight, but we will say that you absolutely cannot go wrong with some Singapore seafood.

Make that Seafood with a capital S, though, because Parkview Green's Singapore Seafood brings the bold taste of the nation to Beijing. Singapore Seafood specializes in mouth-watering renditions of Southeast Asian classics. Think juicy, flavorful chili crab. Spicy, authentic laksa. Light and healthy chicken rice. And don't leave the restaurant without trying its famous wasabi mayo prawns. When it comes to seafood, Singapore is the place to go.

> Daily, 11am-11.30pm; 1/F Parkview Green, 9 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东大桥路9号侨福芳草地购物中心1层 (8518 8811)

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Temple Restaurant Beijing (TRB) ¥¥ **

Setting is everything here, especially if it's fashioned inside a restored Buddhist temple. The bold contemporary European cuisine is fitting in majesty and the service alone is worthy of worship.

> Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10pm; 2/3 Songzhushi Temple, Shatan Beijing, Dongcheng 东城区沙滩北街嵩祝寺23号 (8400 2232)

Mio ¥¥

Glitzy Italian fare at the Four Seasons, with a mobile Bellini cart, wheeled straight to your table. The Chef crafts a superb squash tortellini by hand, and pampers diners with desserts like the deconstructed tiramisu.

> Daily lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm, dinner 5.30pm - 10.30pm, Four Seasons Hotel, 48 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang, 朝阳区亮马桥路48号北京四季酒店 (5695 8888)

Grange Grill **

Located in the Westin Beijing Chaoyang, Grange Grill serves up some of the city's best steak, seafood and grill offerings. The restaurant's welcoming decor provides a relaxing atmosphere to enjoy a cocktail or a glass of fine vintage from the extensive wine collection. Be sure to try the 'luxurious oyster feast,' where you can enjoy the delicacy raw, grilled or with cheese.

> Lunch: Mon-Fri 11.30am-2.30pm, Sat and Sun 11.30am-3pm; Dinner: Daily 5.30-10.30pm; The Westin Beijing Chaoyang 7 North East Third Ring Road, Chaoyang 东三环北路7号 (5922 8888)

Contemporary Western

Alfie's ¥ (British)

What's all this about, then? British gastro-pub classics, (like pukker fish and chips, RMB188), a swanky gentleman's club interior, and located in a chic modern art gallery-cum-mall. That's what, mate.

> Daily, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm, brunch served on weekends; Parkview Green, 9 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东大桥路9号芳草草地L1-22 (5662 8777)

Bistrot B

Rosewood Beijing's exquisite French restaurant is the sort of place chefs like to eat. Expect lavish luxury.

> Daily, 11.30am-2.30pm and 5.30-10.30pm; 1F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Centre, Huijialou, Chaoyang 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店3层 (6536 0066)

Caribeño (Latin)

Heavy Cuban influence, but there are dishes from all over the Latin continent here. The Ropa Vieja (shredded beef on potato) is excellent – as are the Mojitos.

> Daily 11:30am-9:30pm, 1/F, China Overseas Plaza, 8 Guanghua Dongli, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华东路8号中海广场北楼1层 (5977 2789)

Chi (Organic, Fusion)

Hutong set-menu dining par-excellence, with organic ingredients all locally sourced. From the owners of neighboring Saffron.

> Daily, opens 10:30am, last order 9:30pm, 67 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区五道营胡同67号 (6445 7076)

C Pearl (Oysters, Seafood) ¥ *

This slick oyster restaurant imports fresh shells from Canada, South Africa, France, USA and more – and they are well worth the price. The fries are the best we've had in Beijing, beer and wine selection also excellent.

> Tue-Sun 5.30pm-2am; 14-2, Bldg 14, Shunyuanli, Xinyuan Jie, Yansha Qiao, Chaoyang 朝阳区燕莎桥新源街顺源里14号楼14-2号 (5724 5886)

Feast (Food by East)

Bustling café with a philosophy of 'Simple things, done well'. International favorites, using freshest ingredients, cooked on the spot.

> Daily 6am-10.30pm, 2/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店2层 8414 9820

Grill 79 (Steak)

With views this good, Grill 79 would probably make it onto the list even if the food was terrible. It's something of a bonus then that the kitchen is superb, and supported by one of the most extensive wine lists in town.

> Daily 6.30-10.30am, noon-2pm, 6-10pm, 79/F, China World Trade Center Phase 3, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸大酒店79楼 (6505 2299 ext 6424)

JF Royal Teahouse

> Daily 10am-9.30pm; B215 China World Trade Center Tower 3, Jintong East Road, Chaoyang Beijing 北京市朝阳区国贸商城3楼地下二层B215 (8535 1625)

Miss K Cafe (Xing Fu Cafe)

Whether it's a rainy morning or a sunny af-

ternoon, relax with your favorite novel and a cup of freshly brewed coffee. Experience a quiet moment of serenity amid the hustle and bustle of Beijing.

> Daily, 8am-8.30pm; 1/F, Tower A, East Gate Plaza, Dongzhimen, Dongcheng 东城区东直门东环广场A座一层幸福咖啡馆 (6418 1096)

Mosto (European, South American) ¥ *

A perpetually busy lunch and evening spot, thanks to chef Daniel Urdaneta's skill for modernising South American-style dishes like ceviche and risotto in his open kitchen.

> Sun-Thu noon-2.30pm, 6-10pm; Fri-Sat noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm, 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层 (5208 6030)

Sizzler

Sizzler invented 'casual dining' in Australia when it introduced the first soup, salad, pasta and fresh fruit concept. Since those pioneering days, it has expanded its 'classic grill' to include, not only steak and seafood, but also delicious chicken dishes, BBQ ribs, combination meals and burgers.

'Variety' and 'freedom to choose' set Sizzler apart from other dining experiences. At Sizzler customers are free to control the volume, nutritional balance and variety of each meal by ordering from the grill and helping themselves to our famous soup, salad, pasta and fruits.

> All stores open daily, 10am-10pm; Wangfujing Oriental Plaza Store 王府井东方广场店 (8518 6315); Chongwenmen Glory Mall Store 崇文门国瑞购物中心店 (6714 0399); Wangjing Capital Mall 望京凯德购物中心店 (6471 3876); Wanliu BHG 万柳华联商场店 (8258 9405); Wan Shoulu Crystal Capital Mall 万寿路凯德晶品店 (6826 0861); Xizhimen Capital Mall 西直门凯德购物中心店 (5830 2199); Sanlitun Shimao Gongsan 三里屯世贸工三店 (8400 4014); Changying Paradise Walk 常营龙湖天街店 (8539 0438); Tianjin Joy City 天津大悦城店 (8728 1620)

The English Tearoom英国茶房

> Daily 10am-9.30pm; 101, Bldg 10, North area of Xiangyun Town, 9 Antai Dajie, Shunyi 顺义区安泰大街9号院中粮祥云小镇北区10号楼101 (8047 9661 / 8047 9661); Daily 10am-7pm Creativity Garden, 1 Shunhuang Lu, Sunhe xiang, Chaoyang 朝阳区孙河乡顺黄路甲1号创意园内 (8459 4407)

Tomacodo

Tomacodo is indeed a mash-up of 'tomato' and 'avocado' – and while you'll certainly find these ingredients on the menu, you can also expect pleasant drinks, light soups and heartier main courses from this charming cafe. Fowers are also available for sale.

> Daily 10am-10pm (Lunch start from 11am, Only afternoon tea served on Mon-Fri 2.30-5pm), No. 19/20, B1/F, Jia Ming Center, 27 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环北路27号嘉铭中心地下一层 19/20号 (6500 3354)

VIC

Not to be confused with the notorious nightclub of the same name, this VIC is the Sofitel Beijing's casual dining restaurant. All the major world cuisines are in attendance here – make sure you pay special attentions to the French-inspired breads and pastries – as is the customary Sunday champagne brunch.

> Sofitel Wanda Beijing, Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座索菲特酒店6层 (8599 6666)

Yi House (Contemporary Western)

Nestled in the confines of 798, Yi's great tasting brunch is bettered only by their wide range of cocktails. Sundays offer jazz brunches with lobster and champagne.

> Daily 11am-3pm, 6pm-12am, 2 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, 798 Yishu Qu, No.1 706 Houjie, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号 (6436 1818)

Wood

> Daily 10.30am-11pm, Lakeside Gourmet Street, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾南湖畔美食街 近南池地面停车场 5726 8255

Stuff'd (Contemporary Western)

The concept of Stuff'd is to simply stuff one kind of food in another. From sausage calzone pizzas (RMB68) to scotch eggs – it all works. On-site micro brewery a bonus.

> Wed-Mon, 11:30am-2.45pm, 6-10pm, 9 Jianchang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区箭厂胡同9号 (6407 6308)

Café/Deli/Sandwich

Café Zarah (Café) *

A smart new interior and menu for this longstanding cafe has propelled it from hipster hangout to Gulou institution. Large, airy and with a terrace for summer, the only downside is it's always packed.

> Daily 9.30am-midnight, 42 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街42号 (8403 9807)

Domain 城

A blend of café, business center and

lounge, it has a gentle buzz all of its own. For privacy, Domain also provides workstations equipped with computers and ipads. > Daily 7am-9pm, 2/F, EAST BEIJING, 22 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店2层 (8414 9830)

Café Flatwhite



Hailing from New Zealand, Café Flatwhite uses fresh and healthy ingredients in its tasty selection of sandwiches, pizzas, salads and brunch options, all served alongside some of the best coffee in Beijing.

> Open Daily, Mon-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat-Sun 9am-9pm; 798 Dashanzi Art District Store: D09-1, No.4, 798 Dashanzi Art District, Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号 798艺术区D09-1 (5978 9067 / 13051771436); Jianguomenwai DRC Store: Building 7-4-11, 1 Silk Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区秀水街1号建国门外外交公寓7-4-11 (8532 2633 / 18701092189); FFCStore: 107/B1/F, Fortune Financial Center, 5 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区东三环中路5号楼财富金融中心1层107 (6596 9108); China Central Mall Store: L315, China Central Mall, Chaoyang District 朝阳区华贸中心写字楼三层L315单元 (8588 7978) www.cafeatflatwhite.com, cafeatflatwhite@hotmail.com, WeChat username: Cafe-Flatwhite

awfullychocolate



This place is *anything* but awful. The cakes, ice creams and pastries are enough to satisfy any sweet tooth.

> Daily 9am-10.30pm, 1) Sanlitun: Opposite to BHG, B1/F, Southern area of Taikoo, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里地下一层华联超市对面 (8468 3802); 2) Indigo: B1/F, Indigo Mall, 18 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路18号颐堤港地下一层 (8426 0917); 3) Joy City Chaoyang: 5/F Joy City Chaoyang, Qingnian Lu, Chaoyang Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳北路青年路朝阳大悦城5楼悦界区 (8582 2677); 4) Raffles City: B1/F, Raffles City, Dongzhimen, Dongcheng 东城区东直门来福士地下一层 (8409 8038)

Element Fresh (Contemporary Western)
Chain of restaurants and one of the longest running with quality ingredients and good service. One of the mainstays in Beijing.

> Daily Mon-Fri 10am-11pm, Sat-Sun 7am-11pm. 833, Building 8, 19 Sanlitun Taikoo Li South, Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯太古里南区8号楼833 (6417 1318)

Maan Coffee漫咖啡文化体验馆

> Daily 9am-20:00pm; The south gate of Jianguo Park, Half tower road, Chaoyang 朝阳区半截塔路将府公园南门西侧 (5949 8336)

MOKA Bros (Contemporary Western) *
Power bowls, salads and wraps are the kind of fare on offer at this trendy Nali Patio space, which also has a great selection of cakes and pastries if you're feeling more indulgent.

> Sanlitun: Sun-Thu 11am-10:30pm, Fri/Sat 11am-11:30pm, B101b Nali Patio South, 81 Sanlitun Beilu Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号B101b南楼 (5208 6079); Solana: Solana Lakeside Dining Street, 6 Chaoyang Park Road, Chaoyang 朝阳区湖畔美食街朝阳公园路6号院蓝色港湾 (5905 6259)

Ricci

Named after a 17th century Italian Jesuit (duh), this creative café has a funky, kooky-meets-organic vibe and serves up some of the best casual western food in town, and a great brunch at the Wudaokou location (Chaoyang branch closed weekends).

> 1/F, Building D, Tsinghua Science Park, 1 Zhongguancun Donglu, Haidian 海淀区中关村东路1

号院清华科技园D座1楼 (8215 8826)

TRIBE *

Salads, wraps and sandwiches, and noodle and grain bowls are as tasty as they are holistic, and there are more superfoods in one single dish than we even knew existed. Come hungry, leave basking in the warm glow that comes from knowing that you are eating well. Kombucha is the icing on the (organic, locally-sourced) cake.

> Daily 8am-10.30pm, 1/F, Building 3, China View Plaza, 2A Gongti Dong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体东路甲2号中国红街大厦3号楼1层大厅入口南侧 (8587 1899)

The Rug (Contemporary Western, Organic) *

With ingredients supplied by local organic farms like Dahe and De Run Wu, and an emphasis on sustainability, this café's wide ranging menu has something for everyone, especially green types, bored foreign moms and freelance Macbook types.

> Mon-Fri 7.30am-10:30pm, Sat/Sun 9:30am-10:30pm; Bldg 4, Lishui Jiayuan, Chaoyang Gongyuan Nanlu (opposite Chaoyang Park South Gate), Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳公园南路丽水嘉园4号楼(朝阳公园南门对面) (8550 2722) > Additional location in Sanlitun Nan Jie (see online.thatsmags.com for details)

Wagas (Contemporary Western)

Quality eats with minimal pretension. This stylish, no-fuss Shanghai rival to Element Fresh offers some of the best and most affordable Western lunch options in town. The zesty carrot-and-zucchini cake is a crowd pleaser.

> Daily 8am-10pm; S8-33, 3/F, Bldg 8, Taikoo Li South, 19 South Sanlitun Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里南区三层 (6416 5829) > Additional locations in The Kerry Centre, Raffles Mall Dongzhimen (see www.thatsmags.com for details)

American/BBQ/Grill

Eudora Station 亿多瑞站

> (Near Lidu place) No 6, Fangyuanli Chaoyang 朝阳区 芳园西里6号(丽都广场对面) (6437 8331, 6437 8334)

Home Plate BBQ *

Scruffy looks and laid-back staff belie the popularity of this entry-level brick-smoker barbecue joint, that blossoms in the sunny months. Pulled-pork sandwiches are the favorites, followed by baby-back rib racks. Beer and bourbons are taken care of, too.

> Daily 11am-10pm, 35 Xiaoyun Lu courtyard (20m north of Xiaoyun Lu intersection, first right), Chaoyang District 朝阳区霄云路35号院过霄云路路口, 往北走20米, 到第一个路口右转(5128 5584) > Additional location in Sanlitun Nan Jie (see www.thatsmags.com for details)

NOLA

N'Orleans finds a dark-wood home in the leafy embassy area, with a jazz soundtrack, shrimp and grits, gumbo, fried chicken, jambalaya and decent-enough po'boys – yes'm. Excellent Cajun snacks, craft beers and cocktails also make NOLA a popular watering hole.

> Mon-Fri 8am-11pm, Sat-Sun 10.30am-11pm. 11A Xiushui Nanjie, Chaoyang 朝阳区秀水南街11号 (8563 6215)

The Big Smoke *

Taking the Home Plate BBQ concept and upscaling was a gourmet masterstroke. Full menu evenings only (also delivers rotisserie chicken via Uncle Otis).

> Daily Mon-Sat 11am-midnight, Sun 11am-10pm. First Floor, Lee World Building (opposite Frost Nails), 57 Xingfucun Zhong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福村中路 57号楼利世楼 (6416 5195, 6416 268, www.uncle-otis.com)

The Woods *

New York native-owned, Manhattan-style restaurant, tucked in amongst the skyscrapers of CBD: you can't get more Big Apple than that.

> Daily 12pm-10pm, Central Park Tower 1, Suite 101, No. 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际1号楼101 (6533 6380)

Mexican/Tex Mex

Cantina Agave (Tex-Mex)

Great selection of burritos, tacos and 80+ imported tequilas. Spice up dishes with the walk-up salsa bar and don't leave without a bite of the custardy flan.

> Sun-Thurs 11am to midnight, Fri-Sat 11am to 2am, S4-32 South Block, Sanlitun Taikoo Li, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯太古里南区 (6416 5212)

Taco Bar

Rising from the ashes of its deceased hutong location, the new Taco Bar is hip, popular and able to produce some of the most authentic Mexican fare in town. Only

OPEN DOOR



TIGER PANCAKE HOUSE

Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot (Cakes)

Pancakes are the ultimate brunch food and there's only one place in Beijing dedicated to serving them: Shuangjing's Tiger Pancake House. And they don't scrimp here, either, serving a range of delicious hotcake flavors and mouth-watering toppings. Indulge in a plate of decadent chocolate pancakes (RMB58) – chocolate-flavored pancakes, chocolate ice cream and sauce – or put a spring in your step with the Hawaii pancake, a comparably lighter choice which includes five different kinds of fresh fruit. We also enjoy the Western-style breakfast (RMB98): asparagus, potatoes, eggs, chicken, French toast and flapjacks.

> Tiger Pancake House; Daily, 9.30am-11.30pm; 24 Guanghua Beiji Jie, 105 Shuanghuayuan Nanli San Qu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华北一街双花园南里三区24号楼105 (6770 5882)



BLUE FROG

Always Something New to Try

We're always excited when blue frog rolls out a new burger. And this month, we're in luck – blue frog has added not one, but two new burgers to its menu, just in time for spring.

The Black Pepper Wagyu Burger (RMB108) will make you feel like you're grilling out in the springtime – just with a world-class burger chef. Featuring 200g of char-grilled Wagyu beef, this patty is then topped with brie cheese, arugula and black pepper – a simple, yet winning combination. But for a lighter take on blue frog's classic burgers, check out the Herbed Chicken Burger (RMB88), which features grilled, succulent chicken thigh topped with a special feta dip and soft, tasty eggplant.

Grab either of these burgers if you're looking for a new spin on your typical blue frog experience. Or, of course, grab one of their classic patties off the full menu. At blue frog, it's up to you.

> blue frog (see Listings for details)

LISTINGS

RMB45 for three and great cocktails to complement.

> Tue-Thu 5:30pm-1am, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-2:30am, Sun 11am-1am; 1/ Unit 10, Electrical Research Institute, Sanlitun Nan Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯南路机电研究院内10号(6501 6026)

Palms L.A. Kitchen and Bar * (Korean-Mexican fusion)

Tucked away near Gulou, this hip little hutong concept is truly one of a kind in Beijing. Quesadillas with kimchi and bibimbaps with melted cheese and hot sauce. Guess what? It works. Killer range of classic Cali' cocktails, too.

> Daily 11:30am-midnight (closed Mondays); 14 Zhangwang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区旧鼓楼大街张旺胡同14号 (6405 4352)

Q Mex Bar & Grill

> Sanlitun Courtyard (across from Salsa Caribe, nearby Bookworm), Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院机电研究院餐饮街内 6585 3828

Burgers

Blue Frog

Blue Frog is pleased to introduce a creative new Drinks Menu. As the new year begins, this new menu will wake up everyone's taste buds with a bevy of specialty and original cocktails, mocktails, shots, beer, wine and healthy drinks inspired by popular ingredients.

> All open Daily 10am-late; S2-30, Level 3, 52 Tower, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯太古里南区二楼S2-30 (6417 4030); No.167, 1/F, 18 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路18号1层167号 (8426 0017); No.125, 1/F, Bldg 1, Sanfeng(North), Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北里1号楼1层125号 (8561 2665); Unit 15-16, 1/F, Bldg AB, Ocean International Center, 10 Jintong Xilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区金桐西路10号远洋光华国际中心AB座一层15 16单元 (8590 3168)

Steak

Morton's of Chicago (American) ¥¥ *

Meat so tender the knife falls through it: ritzy Morton's deserves the worldwide praise. Expensive, but where else are you going to get steak this good? (Try the RMB550 set menu if you want to save cash) > Mon-Sat 5:30-11pm, Sun 5-10:30pm; 2/F, Regent Hotel, 99 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng 东城区金宝街99号丽晶酒店二层 (6523 7777)

Steak Exchange Restaurant+Bar (Contemporary Western) ¥¥ *

The bill is hopefully on the company kati at this opulent eatery, where charcoal-grilled cuts of 250-day, grain-fed Australian Angus start from around RMB428 and merrily spiral. But the meat is unquestionably succulent, and cooked exactly to order.

> Daily 11:30am-2pm, 5:30-10:30pm. InterContinental Beijing Financial Street, 11 Jinrong Jie, Xicheng 西城区金融街11号北京金融街洲际酒店 (5852 5921)

O'Steak

A well-cooked steak in Beijing isn't all that rare anymore, and here we have affordable but quality cuts. Don't be fooled by the Irish sounding name, it's an authentic French bistro – not a Guinness in sight.

> Daily midday-midnight, Xingfu: No.55-7 Jiefangnonglu, opposite of April courtmet, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福村中街55-7杰作大厦底商绿叶超市斜对面 (8448 8250); Central Park: No.0103 building 20, Central Park, No.6 Chaowai Avenue, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际20号楼103 (6533 6599); shunyi: No.11-102 Shine Hills, No.9 Antai Avenue, Shunyi 顺义区后沙峪安泰大街9号祥云小镇南门 11号楼102 (8048 5080)

29 Grill (Contemporary Western) *

Top-notch steak, along with just about every other cut of meat found in the barnyard in this well-priced meat-eaters' mecca. > Mon-Fri lunch: 11:30am-2:30pm; Mon-Sat dinner: 6-10:30pm (closed Sundays); Conrad Beijing, 2/F, 29 North Dongsanhuan, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环北路9号2层 (6584 6270)

Italian

Assaggi ¥ *

This fine Italian spot in the leafy embassy district has one of Beijing's best terraces for summer dining. The tagliata steak is worth a return visit.

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 6pm-11:30pm. 1 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街1号 (8454 4508)

Bene ¥ *

Chef Ricci will have you singing like a soprano with his pork ravioli and prize-winning tiramisu. Excellent set menus (RMB588) and extensive wine selection.

> Daily 11am-2:30pm, 5:30-10:30pm. Sheraton Beijing Dongcheng, 36 Northeast Third Ring Road, Dongcheng District 东城区北三环东路36号(5798 8995)

BOCCA DELLA VERITA ¥

Good-value homestyle Italian is the order of the day at this little-known spot in

Beixinqiao.

> Dinner: 5-10pm; Lunch: 10am-3pm; 3/F, 277 Dongzhimen Nei Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门内大街277号三楼 雍和宫大街和北新桥头条交叉处的四层商业楼三楼 (6455 3832, 1391 0969 240)

Cepe ¥

In a city inundated with Italian offerings, Cepe manages to stand out thanks to its attention to the smallest detail – everything from the vinaigrette to the Parma ham is import quality, and the wine is superb.

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 6-10:30pm. The Ritz-Carlton Financial Street, 1 Jinchengfang Dongjiejie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng 西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店大堂 (6601 6666)

Annie's ¥ *

Now a certified Beijing institution, Annie's serves up the city's most reliable Italian fare. Delivery is free anywhere between Line 5 and the the Fifth Ring Road (call for delivery prices outside this area), and can be ordered in English between 10:30am and 10:30pm from www.annies.com.cn. Alternatively, drop in to your local branch.

> All open Daily 10:30am-11pm; Beijing Riviera: opposite west gate of Lane Bridge Villa, Shunyi 朝阳区来广营东路5号长岛澜桥别墅西门对面向古城一号楼 (8470 4768); Lido: Jiangtai Lu, opposite United Family Hospital 朝阳区将台商业街4号楼2楼和睦家医院对面 (6436 3735); Wangjing: 2F, beside the Daimler Tower, LSH Plaza, 8 Wangjing Jie 朝阳区利星行广场A座戴勒姆大厦裙楼2层近望京商业中心 (8476 0398); Chaoyang Park: West Gate of Chaoyang Park 朝阳区朝阳公园老西门南侧 (6591 1931); Sanlitun: China View Building, opposite East Gate of Workers' Stadium 朝阳区工体东门对面中国红街一号楼 (8587 1469); Ritan Park: Ritan High Life, 3F, north of Ritan Park 朝阳区神路街39号日坛上街3-108号 (8569 3031); The Place: East of the Place, south of Central Park 朝阳区金桐西路10号远洋光华国际中心AB座1层 (8590 6428); Guomao: Ruisai Business Building (southeast of Guomao subway) 朝阳区东三环南路2号瑞赛大厦商务楼1层 (6568 5890); Sunshine 100: Guanghua Lu, opposite Sunshine 100 Building 朝阳区光华路阳光100公寓对面首经贸南门 (858 98366)

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Florentina 翡冷翠意大利餐厅



Florentina serves authentic Italian fare in low-key, yet elegant surroundings. Cuisine is high-end, the environment is relaxed. A beautiful outdoor terrace makes this place a godsend for Lido residents.

> Daily 11-late (Kitchen serves until 10pm), 1/F, Bldg 2, No. 6 Yard, Fanyuan Xilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区芳园西路6号院2号楼1层(8431 0027)

Mercante ¥ *

Old World family charm in an intimate hutong setting. Time (and, occasionally, service) slows with a rustic menu from Bologna offering an assortment of homemade pastas and seasonal mains.

> Tue-Sun 6-10:30pm. 4 Fangzhuanchang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区方砖厂胡同4号 (8402 5098)

Tiago Home Kitchen



Even the most exacting palates are delighted by TIAGO, whose team prepares globally sourced ingredients and sustainably grown produce. TIAGO's dining experience is distinctly Italian, but its menu also offers such classics as Australian steaks and Boston lobster – plus a wide selection of salads, pizza, pasta and desserts.

> Indigo: Daily 11:30am-10pm, Shop L173, Indigo Mall, 18 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路18号颐堤港购物中心L173商铺(6438 8772); Chaoyang

Joy City: Daily 11am-10pm, 5F50/6F, Chaoyang Joy City, 101 Chaoyang Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳北路101号朝阳大悦城5F50/6F(8558 3892)

Opera Bombana ¥

Head chef Umberto Bombana boasts three Michelin stars to his name, earned at his wildly successful Hong Kong restaurant Otto e Mezzo. He's the only Italian chef to do so outside of his native land, and certainly the only to have opened a restaurant in Beijing.

> Daily, 12pm-10:30pm; LG2-21 Parkview Green Fangcaodi, 9 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东大桥路9号侨福芳草地地下2层21号 (5690 7177)

German

Drei Kronen 1308 *

Authentic (truly – when they say 1308 they mean it) displays of armour and brewing kits draw regular evening crowds for the superb pork knuckle and heavy-duty helles (pale lager), wheat and dark beer (brewed out-site).

> Daily 11am-2am. 1/F, Bldg 5, China View, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体东路中国红街5号楼1层(6503 5555)

Hacker-Pschorr Brauhaus

If you're looking for authentic German

fare and, most importantly, German-style beer, then you can't go wrong with Hacker-Pschorr Brauhaus. Made from centuries-old recipes – and in accordance with the 1516 German Beer Purity Law – the brews here are some of the finest in Beijing. Prost!

> Room 3, Building 3, No. 12, Xindonglu Chaoyang 朝阳区 新东路12号院3号楼317(5323 3399)

Paulaner Brauhaus

The grand old man of Beijing brauhaus, Paulaner delivers the Teutonic goods in the hands of lederhosen-clad staff from the provinces. It can be pricey but is usually worthwhile, especially during Oktoberfest.

> Daily 11am-1am. Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基饭店 (6465 3388 ext. 5732)

Brozeit German Bier Bar & Restaurant

博察德国啤酒餐厅

Brozeit offers its customers a unique experience with authentic German cuisine and world famous German beers in a casual environment. Coupled with its contemporary setting and unique brand appeal, Brozeit is distinct from the traditional-style German restaurants still seen in Germany and other parts of the world.

> Daily 11am-late: F109, Grand Summit, bldg 5, 19 Dongfang Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东方东路19号楼(DRC外交办公大楼)一层F109 (8531 5166, www.brotzeit.co)

Pizza

La Pizza

Among the upper echelons of Beijing pizzerias is this Sanlitun goldfish bowl with a wood-fired oven and Neapolitan manners. Further branches in Solana and pasta/salad/mains-buffet restaurant in Sanlitun 3-3

> Sanlitun Branch: daily 10:30am-3pm, 6-11pm. 1/F, 3-3 Mall, 33 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路33号3-3服装大厦西北角底商(5136 5582); Solana Branch: SA-48, 1/F, Bldg 3, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Park Road, Chaoyang 朝阳公园西路6号蓝色港湾3号1层 SA-48 (5905 6106) > SOHU Shangu Shigu Branch: SH1112, SOHO Shangu, 8 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区东大桥路8号SOHO尚都 SH1112号(5900 3112); La Pizza Buffet: 4F, Sanlitun 3-3 Mall, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯3-3服装大厦4层 (5136 5990)

Tube Station

Nowhere does gigantic toppen-laden pizza quite like Beijing, and these guys claim to be the biggest in town.

> Sanlitun 3-3 Branch: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat/Sun 10am-11pm, delivery Mon-Thu 11:30am-10:30pm, Fri-Sun 11:30am-11pm 3/F, 3-3 Building, No. 33 Sanlitun Bejie, Chaoyang 三里屯北街33号3-3服装大厦3层3008号 (5136 5571, delivery 8989 177) > Additional branches in Gongti, Beitai, Beitai, Yayuncun, Solana and Weigongcun, see www.on-line.thatsmags.com for details)

Spanish

Agua ¥ *

Occupying the high end of Nali's Spanish invasion, Agua excels with reasonably priced classics like suckling pig, chorizo and jamon. Winner of the 2014 Golden Fork Editors' Pick for best restaurant.

> Daily Midday-2pm, 6pm-10pm. 4/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园 (5208 6188)

Casa Talia by Tiago

> Daily 11:30am-9pm, 01B, 4/F, Raffles City, 1 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门南大街1号来福士购物中心4层01B 8409 4009

Niajo ¥ *

With homely Mediterranean influences and a charming management, Niajo is prime Sanlitun smart-casual dining. Order the paella (their star dish) together with some tapas and be automatically transported to Spain (minus the constant sunshine).

> Daily noon-10:30pm. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层 (5208 6052)

Migas ¥ *

The boys at Migas have turned a concept bar into a thriving Mediterranean restaurant, bar and party venue, and one of summer's rooftop destinations.

> Daily 10am-3pm, 5pm-late. 6/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园6层 (5208 6061)

Asian

Indian

Raj

Tucked away in musty old building just underneath the drum tower, this curryhouse may look Chinese but everything on the menu is authentic Indian, especially the rather fine naan.

> Daily 11am-2pm, 5pm-11pm, 31 Gulou Xidajie Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼西大街31号 (6401 1675)

Ganges

Conveniently located above popular Irish sports bar Paddy O'Sheas, this solid Indian curry house provides the perfect post-match culinary accompaniment. Or put another way: it's what you'll be craving after eight pints of beer.

> Daily 11am to 10:30pm; Dongzhimen Branch: 2/F, 28 Dongzhimen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区东直门外大街28号2层 (6417-0900) > Additional branch in Sanlitun, see online.thatsmags.com for details.

Indian Kitchen

Weekdays Lunch Buffet
11:30am-2:30pm
RMB68/person
Tel: 010-64627255
Add: No.2 2nd Floor, Sanlitun Beixiao Jie, Liangmaqiao Nanlu, Chaoyang District, Beijing

The go to curry house among Beijing's homesick Indian community, this ever popular no-nonsense restaurant has built up a solid reputation thanks to its wide range of quality dishes and particularly friendly service. Looking good after a recent renovation and very available on JinShiSong online delivery. > Daily 11am-2:30pm, 5:30-11pm, 2/F 2 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街2号2楼 (6462 7255)

South-East Asian

4Corners (Vietnamese, Fusion)

The definitive hutong bar/restaurant? Chef Jun Trinh took a break from his celebrity TV work to host this part-Vietnamese venue, serving up steaming bowls of pho with zest, fresh rolls, as well as a great bar, with frequent live indie performances.

> Tue-Sun 11am-2am, 27 Dashibei Hutong (near west end of Yandai Xiejie), Xicheng 西城区大柵胡同27号烟袋斜街西口附近 (6401 7797)

Bhoomi Store Philippines Food Shop

Bhoomi store One stop destination where a wide range of Philippines food products are served.

> Mon-Sat 9:30am-9:30pm, Sunday 2-7pm. 266 Yaohong Lu by Hongsong Dong Lu, Minhang Shanghai, 上海闵行区姚虹路266号, 近红松东路 (021 2428 3400)

Cafe Sambal (Malaysian)

When it comes to Malay-style food in a hutong, nowhere does it better. Admittedly, it's something of a niche category, but then so is the food on offer. The spicy Kapitan-style chicken is pricey, but worth it.

> Daily 11am-midnight. 43 Doufuchi Hutong (just east of Jiugulou Dajie), Xicheng 西城区豆腐胡同43号 旧鼓楼斜街西口附近 (6400 4875)

Purple Haze (Thai)

Given Beijing's lack of white sand beaches and backpacker bars, Purple Haze has to make do for the best Thai experience in town. Has all the classics like veggie spring rolls (RMB40), papaya salad (RMB46) and

curries (RMB44-180) – but our pick's the seafood pad Thai (RMB45).

> Daily 11am-11pm, 55 Xingfu Yicun, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福一村55号 (6413 0899)

Greyhound Café (Modern Thai/Fusion)
Greyhound Café originated in Bangkok offering Thai food with a twist and served in a fashionable surrounds. Perfect for Taikoo Li Sanlitun then.

> Daily 11am-11pm, 51-30B, Building 1, Sanlitun Road 19, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号1号楼 51-30B (6416 3439) > Additional branch in Shin Kong Place (see online.thatsmags.com for details)

Nyonya Kitchen (Malaysian, Nyonya)
This chain specializes in Nyonya style cooking – ostensibly Malaysian but with a mix of Chinese, South-East Asian and European influences resulting in lots of bold flavors and bright colors.

> CBD: EB105, B1/F, China World Mall Phase 1, 1 Jianguomenwai Wai, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸商城一期地下一层EB105 (6505 0376); Taiyanggong: Unit 10-11, 4/F, CapitaMall Taiyanggong, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝德Mall太阳宫4层 10/11号 (8415 0863, www.nyonyakitchen.com)

Malacca Legend

Malaysian food with a view, this spacious and airy restaurant sits on the banks of Shunyi's Roma Lake and at a new unit in the heart of the city at The Place, making a great spot for their beef rendang or green curry prawns.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 6 Roma Lake: 6 Luodong Lu, Luogezhuang Village, Hoshayu Town, Shunyi 顺义区后沙峪镇罗各庄村罗马湖北三路6号C院 (8049 8902); Signature: Shop L203, 2/F, The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶2层L203 (6587 1393)

Susu (Vietnamese)

The first step is finding it. Follow that up with a dreamlike renovated courtyard, extensive wine list and a listing of top-notch Vietnamese curries, banh mi sandwiches, stews, soups and la Vong fish.

> Tue-Sun 11.30am-11pm; 10 Qianliang Hutong Xixiang, Dongcheng 东城区钱粮胡同西巷10号 (8400 2699)

Japanese

HAGAKI 叶书 *

Serves up a selection of signature makis rolls, as well as classics like tonkatsu, tempura and udon, Hagaki specializes in Californian-inspired Japanese cuisine and has a lively sushi bar.

> Daily 11am-2.30pm, 1/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店1层 8414 9815

Hatsune ¥ * (California Japanese)

As much a California roll joint as true Japanese, Hatsune is now an old favorite among the sake-swilling, sushi-swallowing set, though less so among sashimi purists.

> Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm; 2/F, Heqiao Bldg C, 8A Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路甲8号和芥大厦C座2层 (6581 3939) > Additional locations in Sanlitun Tai Koo Li South; Kerry Centre Mall (see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Inagiku *

This Beijing branch of one of Tokyo's oldest and most celebrated restaurants is as near to perfection as you're likely to find. Deceptively simple yet finely crafted, the handmade Imanai udon (RMB80) is not to be missed.

> Daily 11am-3pm, 6-10.30pm; Rm 315, 3/F, Park Life, Yintai Centre, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街2号银泰中心悦生活3层315室 (8517 2838)

Sake Manzo *

The barmen here are serious about their sake. Boasting one of the best stocked drinks cabinets in town with over 60 different sakes on offer, this super-cool little eatery is the perfect place to unwind after a hard day's toil. The sashimi is fresh to the cut, and the beer-marinated chicken is out of this world. One of the very best and least appreciated restaurants in town.

> Daily 6pm-midnight. 7A Tuanjihu Beisantiao, Chaoyang 朝阳区团结湖北三条甲7号 (6436 1608)

Yotsuba **

It doesn't come cheap (tasting menu RMB1,000), but what would you expect from some of the best sushi in town? Buttery and meaty fatty tuna sashimi is a cut above.

> Dongcheng: Tue-Sun 11.30am-11pm. Sanlitun branch: 2 Sanlitun Bei Xiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街2号 (6464 2365); Lido branch: 2F, No.9-3, Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区将台西路9-3号2层 (8420 0998)

Sui Ka

Is this what after-work hangouts are

like in Japan? We're not sure, but we hope so: This charming izakaya nails it when it comes to sake selection and fried delights to munch alongside it.

> Daily 5pm-1am, Ichibanqai First Avenue Food Court, Zaoying Nanli, Maizidian, East 3rd Ring Road, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环农展馆北路宾都苑东侧一层底商一番街内 (137 1692 7543)

Hyoki ¥ (Japanese)

Hidden away in the depths of the Sofitel Hotel, this labyrinthine Japanese restaurant of all private dining rooms has some stunning food, and is the only place to sample traditional Japanese paper hot pot in Beijing.

> 6F Sofitel Wanda Beijing 100022 93 Jianguo Road, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路93号索菲特万达北京酒店6层 (6581 0072)

Korean

Ai Jiang Shan

This upscale seafood restaurant proves that chargrill and composure can go together. Their RMB58 bibimbap lunch is an absolute bargain.

> Daily 11am-10pm, Sat and Sun until 9.30pm; 5/F, LG Twin Towers (East Tower), 12 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街乙12号双子座大厦东塔5层 (5109 6036/6037) see www.thatsmags.com for other locations

Saveurs de Coree

This upmarket Korean bistro has undergone several changes in recent years, not least its move away from the hipper-than-thou confines of Nanluoguxiang. Fortunately, the menu remains largely intact. The Shin Ramyun is among the best in Beijing, while the Wagyu barbecued beef is almost too good to be true.

> Daily noon-11pm; 128-1 Xiang'er Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区香饵胡同128-1号 (5741 5753)

Vegetarian

Tianchu Maoxiang (Asian)

Like many arrivals to Beijing, this place started out in Wudaokou and it's since made a successful migration to Chaoyang. Great range of veggie fare, reasonably priced and they offer cooking classes as well.

> Daily 10am-10pm; 19 Rm 0260, 2/F, Bldg D, Chaowai SOHO, 6B Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳门外大街乙6朝外SOHO座2层 0260 (5900 1288) (see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Veggie Table (Western, Asian) *

Proving that Beijing-style vegetarian cuisine is by no means the exclusive preserve of Buddhist monks and sappy Jack Johnson fans, this superbly honed eatery offers some of the very best sandwiches – vegetarian or otherwise – found anywhere in the city.

> Daily 10.30am-11.30pm (last order 10.30pm); 19 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区五道营胡同19号 (6446 2073)

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TOP 40 BARS AND CLUBS

About This guide represents our *editors'* top 40 picks, and includes some *that's Beijing* advertisers. Bars rated(*) have been personally reviewed by our experts, and scored according to the cuisine, experience and affordability.

Arrow Factory

The newest craft beer taproom on the block, Arrow Factory is a rustic hideaway brimming with good Anglo-Scandinavian vibes (courtesy of the brew-masters) and the brand's distinctive Chinese brewed ales. A winning combination

> 38 Jianchang Hutong, Dongcheng District 东城区箭厂胡同38号 (6407 6308)

8-Bit

Drinking alongside multiplayer retro gaming – why didn't anyone do this sooner? Megadrive, Super Nintendo, N64... some real gems make up an ever-growing collection. Draft Kirin goes for a reasonable RMB25 a glass.

> Daily 1pm-2am; 13 Beiliuguxiang, Dongcheng 东城区北锣鼓巷13号 (159 1025 6538)

BBC (Bottle, Boot & Cigar)

The branch of local spirits professional Douglas Williams, this bar provides the discerning Beijing drinker with a peerless selection of liquor for sale, cocktails and coming soon, shoe shines, cigars and straight-razor shaves.

> 1pm-late. 1 Taipingzhuang Nanli (At Xingfucun, between Frost: Coffee, Nails & Cocktails and Commix

Bar), Chaoyang 朝阳区太平庄南里1号 (1861 405 7407, www.bbcbjbeijing.com)

Capital Spirits

A team of non-China natives doing a bijuu bar? Brave and, luckily, brilliant. Lovely hutong setting, friendly owners and great bottle collection.

> Tue-Sun 8pm-late; 3 Da Ju Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区大菊胡同3号 (6409 3319; www.capitalspirits.com)

China Bar ¥¥

Top views from the 65th floor and flash drinks are the attractions on offer at this hip hotel bar.

> Sun-Thu 5pm-1am, Fri-Sat 5pm-2am. 65/F, Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街2号柏悦酒店65层 (8567 1838/40)

Daily Routine 日常生活

This cozy bar is a diamond in the rough. Owner Travis is a cocktail aficionado, and the drinks at this establishment change seasonally according to ingredient availability. Light cafe fare is available during the day.

> Daily 11am-11pm. 34 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区五道营胡同34号 (8400 1159)

El Nido *

The first hutong hang-out to patent the fridge-full-of-cheap-imports formula, El Nido inspires a loyal following, particularly in summer. The roast leg of mutton place next door is one of the best locally.

> Daily 6pm-late, 59 Fangjia Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区方家胡同50号 (158 1038 2089)

First Floor

First Floor is like that friend who's too popular to properly enjoy their company. At weekends, it gets aggressively full, with regulars and the passing tourist trade all baying at the bar. A good place to meet new friends, perhaps.

> Daily, 4pm-late, Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街 (6413 0587, first.floorbeijing.com)

Great Leap Brewing 大跃啤酒 ¥ *

The bar that began the whole Beijing microbrewing frenzy (yes, frenzy) specializes in idiosyncratic, local-style brews (RMB25-40) with intriguing flavors – their Sichuan peppercorn ale was memorably good. Reservations used to be recommended for their original hutong brewhouse, but the opening of a wildly popular new pub on Xinzhong Lu has shifted most drinkers there instead.

> Gulou: 5pm-late, Tue-Fri, 2pm-late Sat-Sun 2-10pm, 6 Doujiao Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区豆角胡同6号 (5717 1399); Sanlitun: Daily 11:30am-2pm; Sun-Thu 5pm-midnight, Fri / Sat 5pm-1am, B12 Xinzhong Street 新中街乙12号 (6416 6887, www.greatleap-brewing.com)

Heaven Supermarket

A purgatory of bottles, bongos and bedraggled English teachers, Heaven sells the cheapest alcoholic takeaways in town. You can also hang around and appreciate the afterlife (clientele) if you want. Caveat: the food is straight from Hell's own kitchen.

> Daily 11-4am. 14 Xindong Lu (next to The James Joyce), Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路14号 (6415 6513)

Hidden Lounge *

Although frustrating to find, Hidden Lounge rewards the intrepid with good art-work and comfortable seating, suggesting a Kasbah, plus well-made drinks at great prices (wine from RMB100 a bottle, mix drinks from RMB25). You'll probably have to call them to find it, though.

> Daily 6pm-1am. Room 101, Bldg 8, CBD Apartments, Shuanghuayuan Nanli Erqu, Chaoyang 朝阳区双花园南里二区CBD公寓8号楼101屋 (8772 1613)

Jane's & Hooch ¥ *

Acclaimed by some foreign press as one of the best bars in the world (cough), this not-so-plain Jane has been at the vanguard of the South Sanlitun gentrification. It serves RMB60-80 measures of your favorite Prohibition-era hooches in a fantastic speakeasy atmosphere, with attentive staff and unimpeachable cocktails.

> Daily 8pm-2am, Courtyard 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院 (6503 2757)

Jing-A Taproom **

In just a few years, these guys developed from shady guerrilla brewers to upstanding publicans with their own range of souvenir T-shirts. Their bar is a peach: a bricks-and-mortar taproom, which is large, warm and sociable, and has up to 16 different beers on tap.

> Building B, 1949 The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院

Mao Mao Chong **

The cocktails at Mao's – such as their sublime 'Malá' Mule, a Sichuan peppercorn-infused vodka drink that's a long way from

Moscow – are unique infusions using local ingredients and know-how. Grungey without being grimy, Mao's eschews flash while still keeping it real. And those pizzas. > 12 Banchang Hutong, Jiadaokou, Dongcheng 东城区交道口南大街板厂胡同12号 (6405 5718, www.maomaochongbeijing.com)

Mesh ¥

Whether it's an early evening cocktail or a late-night infusion, Mesh's moody interior and underground soundtrack draws the bright young things (and on LGBT Thursdays, quite a few old things, too).

> Daily 5pm-1am. Building 1, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路11号院1号楼 (6417 6688)

Maggie's ¥

A notorious sausage fest (we refer, of course, to the hot-dog stand outside), Maggie's has been providing its special comforts for so long, it's practically a time-honored Beijing brand – although it's also a bastion of Mongolian culture.

> Sun-Thur 8pm-4am, Fri-Sat 8pm-5am, Ritan Park South Gate, Chaoyang District 朝阳区日坛公园南门 (8562 8142)

Parlor

Learn a few quotes from *Gatsby* before heading to this 20s Shanghai-style speakeasy and you'll fit right in.

> Daily 6pm-2am, 39-8 Xingfucun, Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路幸福二村39-8 (8444 4135)

Mat Bar *

Understated hutong hideaway with a long list of some of the best cocktails in town.

> Daily 5pm-late, 40 Beiliuguxiang, Dongcheng 东城区北锣鼓巷40号 (6406 1871)

Revolution *

Sanlitun doesn't really do hipster bars but if it did, this cramped ode to Maamorabilia would be it. The East may be red but their cocktails (RMB45) are fit for a Chairman.

> Daily, 12pm-late, west of Yashow, Gongti Bei Lu, 朝阳区工体北路雅秀市场西侧 (6415 8776)

The Brick

A Cheers-style atmosphere ensures you'll find this neighbourhood drinking hole-in-the-brick-wall faux dive bar either cliquey or inclusive. The heavy-duty cocktails (including the devastatingly boozy RMB80 Terminator) are probably needed for the bizarre Wednesday pub quiz.

> Daily 4pm-late. Unit 2-11, Bldg 2, Tianzhi Jiaozhi, 31 Guangqu Lu (northeast corner of Shuangjing Qiao), Chaoyang 朝阳区双井桥东北角广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼底商2-11 (134 2616 6677)

The Irish Volunteer

Everything – from the red-faced owner to the grub – is authentically Irish: tinged with alcoholism, doggerel and drunken regret. A good place to down a pint and a pizza before heading into town, then.

> Daily 9pm-2am. 311 Jiangtai Lu (opposite Lido Hotel East Gate), Chaoyang 朝阳区将台路311号 (6438 5581)

The Tree

A cozy stalwart of the Beijing bar scene, you'll find wood-fired comfort pizza, beer aplenty and a hearty, mature atmosphere. Has two neighborhood offshoots: By the Tree (brickwork, pool, old man's pub) and Nearby the Tree (live music, two floors).

> Daily noon-2am. 100m west of Sanlitun Bar Street, Youyi Youth Hostel, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯酒吧街往西100米友友旅馆后面三里屯医院东面 (6415 1954)

Slow Boat Brewery Taproom **

This popular microbrewery has its own pub hidden away in Dongcheng's hutongs. Quality ales that change depending on the season, heated floors and a great little kitchen round out the deal.

> Mon Closed, Tues-Wed: 5pm-midnight, Thu 5pm-1am, Fri 5pm-late, Sat 2pm-late, Sun 2-10pm; 56 Dongsi Batiao, Dongcheng 东城区东四八条56号 (6538 5537)

10 Best Livehouses

School Bar 学校酒吧 *

Crap drinks and regular, unscheduled fights: no wonder the cool kids adore this alternative livehouse/ DJ bar, founded by Beijing and Shanghai rock n' rollers. > Daily 8pm-late. 53 Wudaoying Hutong, Chaoyang 朝阳区五道营胡同53号 (6402 8881, 6406 9947)

Jianghu 江湖酒吧

This former Qing Dynasty courtyard home is exactly where you'd take that friend from out of town to prove you're cool. Its cozy atmosphere is also its downfall – any show with under 40 people and you're stuck looking through the windows. Hip and casually familiar, the jazz and folk bookings keep things low-key enough for the get-

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home-for-the-babysitter crowd.

> 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiaodaokou Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区交道口南大街棉花胡同7号 (6401 5269, site.douban.com/jianghujubar, jincanzh@gmail.com)

Dusk Dawn Club (DDC) 黄昏黎明俱乐部

Great little livehouse near Meishuguan with a focus on jazz, folk and indie rock. Craft beer and whisky means you won't get bored of the drinks list quickly.

> Tue-Sun 1pm-2am; 14 Shanlao Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区美术馆后街山老胡同14号 (6407 8969)

Hot Cat Club 热力猫

A true stalwart of the Beijing scene, Hot Cat is the type of hard-working venue that helps cement a city's music scene.

> Daily 10am-late, 46 Fangjia Hutong (just south of Guozhijian Jie), Dongcheng 东城区方家胡同46号 (6400 7868)

The Post Mountain 后山

Built into a man-made hill in the center of the MOMA Complex, this new addition to Beijing's growing livehouse empire is The Hobbit meets Manhattan. With as much vibe as a sterile modern-art gallery, its imported sound system and ramped floor makes for decent sound and sightlines.

> Bldg T8, MOMA, 1 Xiangheyuan Lu, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng (next to MOMA Cinemateque) 东城区东直门外香河园路1号当代MOMA园区T8楼北百老汇电影中心北侧 (8400 4774)

Temple 坛 *

Probably the manliest venue in town, this dimly lit and unventilated space is owned by rockers (Gao Xu, Gao Jian and Clement Burger) and known for late sets of hard rock, punk and ska, with weekend gigs and DJ sets every fortnight. It offers a long drinks menu, with plenty of cheap pastis and shooters, but you'll probably stick to the RMB15 draught.

> Daily, 7pm-late, Bldg B, 206 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街206号B楼202 (131 6107 0713)

Yugong Yishan 愚公移山 *

We've lost more body weight than we'd care to remember in YY's mosh pit. Fortunately, almost all the acts — usually hip-hop DJs, emo rocks and obscure indie outfits from across the globe — were worth it. The upstairs bar area is a refuge from the sweat glands below.

> Daily 7pm-late, 3-2 Zhangzhizhong Lu (100m west of Zhangzhizhong Lu subway station), Dongcheng 东城区张自忠路3-2号 (6404 2711)

Sports Bars

The Local *

Formerly Brussels, this beery bar has come into its own, with large (yet strangely unobtrusive) screenings of sports and political events, a pub quiz, quality fare and a nice selection of draughts and cocktails. Try the Bourbon Street Ice Tea — you won't need another.

> Daily 11-2am, 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院 (6591 9525)

Paddy O'Shea's *

An entire Irish-themed pub, which could easily be transported, untouched, from a back alley in Limerick and gently deposited in central Beijing. With plenty going on, including pub quiz and sports.

> Dongzhimen: Daily 10am-late, 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区东直门外大街28号 (6592 6290); Sanlitun: 2/F, Tongli Studio, Sanlitun Club Street 三里屯北路43号同里二层 (6415 0299)

V Sports

Spacious, comfortable, huge screens and no rowdy drunken cretins, V Sports makes a claim for the champion of Beijing sports bars.

> Daily 5:30pm-6am, Gongti North Gate East side, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路内东侧 (5293 0333)

Nightclubs

The Bar at Migas *

A place to dance and prowl, perhaps, rather than a drinks destination, TBAM, as no one calls it, focuses on upscale club DJs to get the party started. Good-enough cocktails range from RMB5-70 but mostly it's about the music, man.

> Sunday to Wednesday 6pm-2am, Thursday to Friday 6pm-late, 6/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区三里屯路81号 (5208-6061)

Chocolate

It's impossible to discuss Chocolate without mentioning gold leaf, dwarves, cabaret dancing and oddly-friendly Russian women. Timed right, a visit can be raucous fun, with bottles of spirits from around RMB200, cocktails under RMB50 (including the absinthe-based Flaming Armageddon) and regular floor shows.

> Daily 7pm-6am, 19 Ritan Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区日

坛北路19号 (8561 3988)

Dada *

It hasn't been on the Beijing scene for too long, but already Dada is the hippest hangout in town. Their cosy Gulou confines under rock house Temple offer an intimate place to nod along to an eclectic range of all things electro from the best names on the underground scene.

> Daily 9pm-late, Rm 101, Bldg B, 206 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街206号B栋101室 (183 1108 0818)

Lantern *

Founded by now-defunct Acupuncture Records, Lantern is a beacon of light in the strip of truly ghastly nightclubs and bars known as 'Gongti'. Serious about its music, it also makes good drinks and attracts international electronic DJs.

> Thurs-Sat 9pm-6:30am, 100m north of Worker's Stadium West Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场西

MIX

A bit like a trip to the Forbidden City, Mix is one of those places in Beijing you have to experience before you leave. Not much is forbidden in this underground hip-hop disco palace and if you don't leave with hook-up in tow then you're doing something very wrong.

> Daily 8pm-6am, Inside Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门内 (5293 0333, 6530 2889, 150 1138 2219, mixclub@sohu.com)

Vics

Separated at birth from its identical twin brother, Mix, this is the definition of Gongti sweatbox meat-market chic at its very finest. The Chinese love it — as do moody Russians and jaihbait students — helping Vics to become one of the most infamous clubs in the capital.

> Daily 8:30pm late, Inside Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门内 (5293 0333)

Hotel Bars

Atmosphere ¥¥

Beijing's highest bar, on the 80th floor of the 1,082-ft China World Tower, offers 300+ swanky cocktails from RMB65 with 360-degree views of the 700AQI PM2.5.

> Mon-Fri noon-2am, Sat and Sun noon-4am, 80/F, China World Summit Wing, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号北京国贸大酒店80 (6505 2299 ext. 6433)

Centro ¥

Although it's no longer quite the go-to place for beautiful people it once was, Centro still draws a cute crowd with its nightly jazz performances, spacious and recently renovated lounge areas and classic drinks like the blue-cheese martini.

> Open 24 hours, 1/F, Kerry Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路1号北京嘉里大饭店1层 (6561 8833)

MEI

One of the liveliest hotel bars in town, MEI has a nightly band, serves creatively delicious cocktails and overlooks the CCTV 'trousers.' Don't leave without trying the frightfully delicious Panjiayuan Bramble.

Mon-Wed 6pm-2am, Thu-Sat 6pm-3am, Sun 5pm-midnight; 5F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Centre, Hualajiao, Chaoyang District 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店3层 (6536 0083)

O'Bar

With both a fantastic cocktail menu and one of the finest terraces in the city, NUO Hotel's O'Bar is a sure bet for classy evening drinks in the city.

> Sun-Thr: 6pm-1am; Fri-Sat: 6pm-2am; 2 Jiantai Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区将台路甲2号 (5926 8888)

Xian 仙

Bold multi — element bar Xian on the ground floor mixes a pub, whiskey bar, live music venue and games room into one vibrant entertainment hotspot.

> Daily 5pm-2am, 1/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店1层 (8414 9810)

BEAUTY & FITNESS

Black Golden Tanning Studio

古铜日晒中心

Beijing is hardly the best place to pick up a natural tan. When it finally reaches the warm summer, the sun's rays struggle to penetrate the smog. Thankfully, Black Golden Tanning Studio is on hand to give you that golden glow with its quick, safe and effective technology. With a membership card, enjoy a 50-minute session for RMB400 and come away with natural, healthy-looking color.

> Sanlitun: 11am-9pm, 2/F, Bldg 3, Sanlitun SOHO,

Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路三里屯Soho号楼2层217 (5785 3711, jusonghao@hotmail.com); Wangjing: 11am-9pm, Rm T5, 3/F, BOTAL International Building, 36 Guangshun Bei Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区望京广顺北大街36号博泰国际商业广场3层T-5 (8472 2855)

Alona Pilates Studio

Pairing up traditional Pilates with an innovative, full-body workout, Alona Pilates offers classes designed to tone and whip you into shape fast. It also provides a personalized experience for all its students, regardless of fitness, strength and flexibility levels.

> Daily, 7:30, late, 5/F at Heavenly Spa by Westin, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店五层 (139 1029 0260, www.alonapilates.com)

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One of a kind! A 600 m² brand-new concept of beauty salon — Narcisse, encompassed with professional brands on skincare, manicure and hair removal. Not only can we guarantee to give you the highest quality of products and treatments, but also an impressive one-stop beauty experience.

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10+10: Minimal-Design Nail
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Latest Technology, Safe&Permanent

Deep Facial Cleaning —— 880rmb/once
> 10:30am-10:30pm, Bldg. 1, No.6 West Fangyuan rd, Chaoyang (inside Narcisse Beauty Brands Encompassed) 朝阳区芳园西路6号院1号楼水仙美容品牌集合店内 (5365 9418)

Daisy's Beauty Salon

Since 2001, Daisy's beauty salon has catered to thousands of Beijing expats and locals and is renowned for its premium waxing services and imported wax that smells like hot chocolate. If waxing isn't your thing, the salon also specializes in an array of other treatments including IPL Facial Rejuvenation and lifting, a 90-minute treatment that uses a laser to stimulate collagen production and soften lines. Laser and IPL permanent hair removal treatment is also proving popular and effective.

> Daily, 10am-8:30pm, Rm301, Building B, Sunshine100 International Apartment, Guanghua Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华东路2号阳光100国际公寓B座301室 (5100 0556 / 0557, www.daisysbeautysalon.com)

Beijing Hikers

Want to experience the wild, unrestored Great Wall, away from the tourist masses? Or do you just want to get out of the city for some exercise? Beijing Hikers offers hikes in the countryside of Beijing every week all year round. Hikes for all fitness levels! Regular hikes are priced from RMB380, with discounts for members. Cost includes hiking guide, transportation, tickets, food and water. We've also got adventures all over China.

> For more information, visit www.beijinghikers.com

Shang Xia

> 1118 & 119, Li China World Mall, China World Trade Center 1, Jianguomen Waidajie, Chaoyang 朝

阳区建国门外大街1号中国国际贸易中心国贸商城1楼 L118 & 119 (6505 3446)

Lily Nails



A long-time favorite among locals and expats alike, Lily Nails is much more than a nail spa; they eyelash services, of pampering treatments and waxing too.

> 3.3 Flagship store: Daily 11am-11pm, Shop 5009, 5/F, 3.3 Fashion Plaza, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯3.3大厦5层5009号 (5136 5919); 3.3 Star store: Daily 11am-11pm, Shop 2049, 2/F, 3.3 Fashion Plaza, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯3.3大厦2层2049号 (5136 5829); Yashow shopping mall: Daily 10am-10pm, Shop 22, 4/F, Yashow shopping Mall, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯雅秀购物中心4层22号 (6416 6441); Shimao store: Daily 10am-10pm, Shop E301, 3/F, ShiMao shopping center, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯工体北路世茂购物中心3层E-301号 (8590 0569); Ginza store: Daily 10am-10pm, Shop B1-11H, Ginza Mall, Dongzhimen, Dongcheng 东城区东直门东大街銀座 Mall B1-11H号 (8447 7178); CapitaMall Crystal store: Daily 10am-10pm, Shop B1-09, CapitaMall Crystal, Haidian 海淀区复兴路51号凯德晶品购物中心 B1-09号 (8819 7078); CapitaMall Wangjing store: Daily 10am-10pm, Shop K01, 2/F, CapitaMall Wangjing store, Guangshun Beidajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区广顺北大街凯德望京购物中心2层02-K1 (5602 0736); Carrefour Siyuangqiao store: Daily 10am-10pm, Shop 08, 3/F, Carrefour Siyuangqiao store, Yiju Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区四元桥家乐福购物中心3层08号 (647 71889)

HAIR SALONS

Laurent Falcon



The salon is a cut above, thanks to skills of experienced French stylist Laurent Falcon. Guys/girls. Blow-dry, up-dos, highlights, coloring available. L'Oréal, Schwarzkopf, KeraStraight, Inoa. RMB165-980 women, RMB115-468 men.

> 209 2/F, 200n3 China World Trade Centre Shopping Mall, 国贸商城区域3楼209 (8535 1002, 131 4667 9913); 43 Sanlitun Beijie Nan, Chaoyang. 三里屯北街南43号楼 (6409 4243, 135 0137 2971)

Blow+Bar

This salon is equipped with more than shampoo — the team here provides haircuts, dye, updos, hair treatments and more. With prices for almost everything listed under RMB1,000, Blow+ is a haven of reasonably priced good taste in Sanlitun's 3.3 Mall. They have champagne and a well-stocked bar, so bring your friends and make a night of it.

> 3/F, 3.3 Mall, 33 Sanlitun Lu, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路33号3层3/F (for appointments, call

5136 5432 Catherine de France



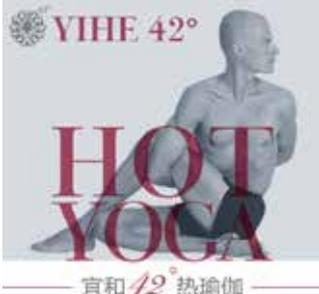
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> East Avenue BLD Ground Floor, No.10 Xindong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路10号逸盛尚品层(8442 5120, 135 2147 3492, eastavenue@catherinedefrance.com, Wechat: CDFSalon, www.catherinedefrance.com)

Sport

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> Daily 10am-8pm. 3/F, No. 2 South Building, Blue Castle, Dawang Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区大望路蓝堡国际中心南写字楼2座3层 (8599 7395/96, www.yih42.com); 3/F, Bldg. 14, Solana, No. 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳公园西路6号,蓝色港湾14号,三层 (5905 6065/67, www.yih42.com)

Broadwell International Tennis Academy
Located inside Chaoyang Park's Tennis Center, this indoor club boasts a complete state-of-the-art air-supported structure for all-weather year-round indoor tennis, with an advanced lighting system and controlled climate. Ideal for peeps looking to perfect their service and batting a few balls.

> Nongzhan Nanlu, Chaoyang 朝阳区农南路1号朝阳公园网球中心(400 6406 800/ 6595 8885, www.broadwell.cn)

California Fitness Beijing Club

California Fitness Beijing's Group X program is among the best in the region, and with membership you have access to over 150 weekly Group X classes and a team of professional personal trainers in Asia. Your membership also includes free towel usage and a fitness assessment.

> South Tower, L4, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang (4008 100-988, www.californiafitness.com)

Cycle China Inc. 北京非常之旅

Cycle China provides organized cycling and hiking tours in and around Beijing as well as longer tours throughout China. Some of their more popular tours take cyclists through the Olympic Green, Tian'anmen Square, and Beijing's traditional hutongs.

> 12 Jingshan East Street, Dongcheng 东城区景山东街12号 (6402 5653, 139 1188 6524)

Heyrobics

"Sweet like a Swede!" they say with annoyingly smug grin and toned abs. The only fitness craze worth following in Beijing, Heyrobics is all about a punishing full-body workout set to pumping beats - not forgetting the fluorescent spandex. Differing classes for all abilities, check online for the full schedule.

> www.heyrobics.com, info@heyrobics.com

HEALTH SERVICES

Amcare Women's & Children's Hospital
With a zero waiting-time policy, top-quality inpatient facilities, home visits, night services and transportation assistance, Amcare provides a trustworthy experience. English-speaking services include pediatrics, gynecology and obstetrics.

> 8 Fangyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区芳园西路9号 (6434 2399, 24hr hotline 800 610 6200, www.amcare.com.cn)

American-Sino OB/GYN/Pediatrics Services 北京美华妇儿医院

> 18 Anyuan Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 北京市朝阳区安苑路18号 (8443 9666, bj.americansinobgyn.com)

Beijing International Medical Center (IMC)

Established in 1993, the International Medical Center-Beijing counts on an expert team of foreign doctors, offering a wide range of medical services, including family medicine, psychological services, dental, ob/gyn, pediatrics and TCM. Drop-in services for travelers; x-rays and ultrasounds are also available. English, Farsi, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and Russian spoken.

> 24hours. Room 5106/111 Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmahe Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心写字楼1层5106 (6465 1561/2/3, 6465 1384/28, www.imclinics.com)

Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinics 北京和睦家医院

> Wi-Fi internet. Lido, Emergency Room is open 24/7/365. Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm; 2 Jiantai Road, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区将台路2号. (5927 7000 / 5927 7120 Emergency Hotline); United Family CBD Clinic and和睦家朝外诊所 Mon-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm, Suite 3017, Building AB, Vantone Center, 6 Chaowai Street, Chaoyang. 朝阳区朝阳门外大街6号万通中心A8座2层3017室(5907 1266); Jianguomen Health and Wellness Center and和睦家建国门保健中心, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Sun 8:30am-5pm, 21 Jianguomen Dajie, B1, The St. Regis Residence, St. Regis Hotel 朝阳区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部酒店 (8532 1221 / 8532 1678 Immigration Clinic); Shunyi Clinic and和睦家顺义诊所, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-5:30pm, Sat and Sun, 9:30am-4:30pm. Pinnacle Plaza, Unit 806, Tian Zhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District, 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场806号(8046 5432); Shunyi Dental Clinic 顺义牙科诊所, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Sat, 9:30am-7:30pm, Pinnacle Plaza, Unit 818, Tian Zhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场818号 (8046 1102); Liangma Clinic 亮马桥诊所, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm, 2nd Floor Grand Summit, 19 Dongfang East Road 朝阳区东方东路19号1号楼会所27号 外交人员公寓B区官舍16号 (5927 7005 www.uhf.com.cn, patientservices@uhf.com.cn)

Raffles Medical

International SOS and Raffles Medical Group have formed a joint venture to enhance and expand the services of its China Clinics. From March 30 the International SOS clinics in China will be branded and operated by Raffles Medical with expanded services to all patients and privileged access for International SOS members. Patients of the clinic will continue to have access to the same doctors, the same facilities and same level of high quality care.

Raffles Medical Group is a leading medical provider in Singapore and has been operating for 40 years with over 100 clinics and hospitals in Asia. The joint venture is committed to maintain the high standard of quality with a focus on innovative and expanded clinical services and excellent patient care.

> Suite 105, Wing 1, Kunsha Building, No.16 Xinyuanli, Chaoyang 朝阳区新源里16号堪莎中心1座105室(6462 9112/ 6462 9100, www.internationalosos.com)

OASIS International Hospital

OASIS International Hospital specializes in serving the expatriate community with the latest world-class technology and a broad range of services, all in a pristine facility designed to provide patients with the utmost comfort, care and privacy.

> Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:30pm; Sat-Sun, 8:30am-12:30pm; 24 Hour Emergency Bldg C1, 9 Jiuxianqiao Beilu Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥北路9号C1栋 (400 876 2747, 5985 0333, www.oasishealth.cn)

Beijing HarMoniCare Women and Children's Hospital 北京和美妇儿医院

> Wi-Fi available. Chaoyang; 2 Xiaoguan Beili, Beiyuan Lu 北苑路小关北里甲2号 (6499 0000, contact@hmcare.org, en.hmcare.net)

Hongkong International Medical Clinic, Beijing 北京港澳国际医疗诊所

> Dongshihitiao; 9/F, Office Tower, Hongkong Macau Center-Swiss Hotel, 2 Chaoyangmen Bei Dajie 朝阳门北大街2号 港澳中心瑞士酒店办公楼9层 (6553 9752, 6553 2288/2345/6/7; service@hkclinic.com; www.hkclinic.com)

DENTAL

Arrail Dental

Affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, Arrail Dental has access to top-class equipment. Its well-trained staff, multiple locations across town and excellent facilities make it one of the best dental providers in Beijing. English-speaking staff. Dental services including examinations, whitening, root-canal treatment, orthodontics and implants.

> Rm 201, the Exchange-Beijing, 118B Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路乙118号国贸桥东南角京汇大厦201室 (6567 5670); Rm 208, Tower A, CITIC Building, 19 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街19号国际大厦A座208室 (6500 6473); Rm 308, Tower A, Raycom Info Tech Park 2 Kexueyuan Nanlu, Haidian 海淀区中关村科学院南路2号融科资讯中心A座308室 (8286 1956); Rm 101, Bldg 16, China Central Place, 89 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路89号华贸中心公寓16号楼101室 (8588 8550/60/70); 1/F, Somerset Fortune Garden, 46 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路46号燕莎东侧盛捷福苑1层 (8440 1926)

PrettySmile Dental

If you are looking for professional and comfortable dental care, PrettySmile Dental is highly recommended by many patients. The clinic is standing out because of the professional team, all doctors are from the dental hospital of Peking University and most of them got professional training in USA. The strictest sterilization processes and high-end imported equipment and materials all help guarantee the highest quality of all dental services.

> Mon-Fri, 9:30am-6pm (closed Thu); 5-105-1, Building 5, Sanlitun SOHO Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯SOHO 5号商场1层5-105 (5785 3689/5785 3898, www.prettysmiledental.com, psd3898@163.com)

Joinway Dental

A reputable and trusted dental practice, Joinway Dental provides the perfect combination of cutting edge technology and comfortable treatment, while maintaining the strictest sanitary and sterilization processes. The clinic uses high-quality imported materials, and its professional, US-trained staff offers a personalized and private service.

> Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm; 11D, Building D, Oriental Keno Plaza (Ginza Mall), 48 Dongzhimen Wai Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门外大街48号东方银座D座11D (8447 6092/93, mobile:1326 181 6708, joinway@dentalcn.com, www.dentalcn.com)

United Family Shunyi Dental Clinic

The Beijing United Family Dental Clinic in Shunyi is a satellite of the main hospital in Lido (which has its own dental clinic onsite). A comprehensive range of services are at hand, including restorative dentistry and cosmetic dentistry. Call ahead for all appointments.

> 818 Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi 北京和睦家医院牙科诊所, 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场818 (8046 1102)

SDM Dental 固瑞齿科

The full spectrum of dentistry. Services include teeth cleaning, root-canal treatment, porcelain crowns, dental implants, orthodontics, cosmetic dentistry, fillings, pediatric dentistry, extraction, teeth-whitening and veneers. Credit cards accepted.

> Mon-Fri 9am-8pm. N8210, 2/F, CBD, Guomao, China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie 建外大街1号国贸商城地下2层 (6505 9439/31/93, www.sdmdental.com); Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Olympic Area, F-0186B, Sunshine Plaza, 68 Anli Lu (east of Sunshine Plaza) 亚运村安立路68号阳光广场东侧 (6497 2173, 6498 2173); Mon-Sun 10am-19pm, LB07-08, Euro Plaza, No.99 YuXiang Road, Shunyi 北京顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场LB07-08号 (8046 6084); Mon-Fri 9am-8pm. FC222, 21st Century Hotel, 40 Liang Maqiao Lu, Sanyuanqiao 亮马桥40号21世纪饭店2层 (6466 4814, 6461 2745); Mon-Fri 9am-8pm. 4076B, 4/F, New Yansha Mall, Yuanda Lu, Haidian 远大路金源燕莎购物中心Mall4层4076B (8859 6912/13); Mon-Sun, 10am-7pm, Rm 5, 3/F, North Tower, China Overseas Plaza, 6 Guanghua Dongli 北京朝阳区光华东路6号中海广场北楼3层05号 (5977 2488)

IDC Dental

> Daily: 9am-6pm, Room 209, Bldg 7, Richmond Park Clubhouse, Fangyuan Nanli, Chaoyang 朝阳区芳园南里丽都水榭会所209 (6538 8111, info@idcdentalbj.com)

EDUCATION

Mandarin Schools

Hutong School

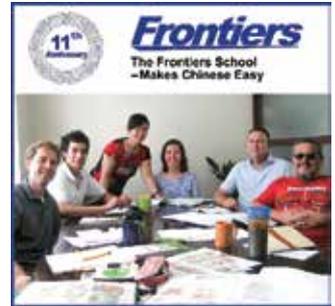
Learn Mandarin with Beijing's best Mandarin school, Hutong School. Our experienced teachers will customize your classes and help you learn in a fun environment.

> Room 1501, 15/F, Zhongyu Plaza, A6 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路甲6号中宇大厦1501室

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Focusing on teaching Chinese, making sure your improvements, organizing task-based, practical activities and providing 180-day student visa.

> R202 East Building, No.78 Maizidian Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区麦子店街78号一幢二层202室 (6500 8201, WeChat:1381 186 4656, www.gloriachinese.com)

The Frontiers School

Join the friendly and professional team at Frontiers, who've been teaching Mandarin for 11 years.

> 3/F, Bldg 30, Dongzhongjie, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng 东城区东直门外东中街30号3层 (6413 1547, www.frontiers.com.cn, frontiers@frontiers.com.cn)

The Bridge School**北京桥汉语学校**

> The Bridge School Head office, Room 503, 5/F, Guangming Hotel, 42 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路42号光明饭店5层503室 (153 2179 3321 Gretchin)

International Schools

Canadian International School of Beijing 北京加拿大国际学校

Located in the Third Embassy Quarter of downtown Beijing, the Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) opened its doors in September 2006. This world-class facility offers an internationally recognized Canadian & IB PYP, IB MYP and IB DP education. The Canadian International School of Beijing develops the whole child in an environmentally sensitive school within a kind, caring community to become a citizen of the world.

> 38 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路38号 (6465 7788, www.cisb.com.cn)

Springboard International Bilingual School 君诚国际双语学校

Springboard International Bilingual School is a place where children, staff and parents work in partnership to enable all their students to realize their full potential. They are offering a stimulating and full international curriculum as well as an exciting after school program, which will include Kung Fu, calligraphy, health and fitness and football.

> 15 Chucheng Duan, Huosha Lu, Houshayu Town, Shunyi 顺义区后沙峪镇火沙路古城段15号 (8049 2450; www.sibs.com.cn, office@sibs.com.cn)

The British School of Beijing 北京英国学校

The British School of Beijing, established in 2003, has campuses in Shunyi (primary & secondary) and Sanlitun (primary). BS of offers an enhanced English National Curriculum to 1,500 expatriate students, aged 1 to 18, beginning with Early Years Foundation Stage, Primary, Secondary, IGCSE exams in Year 10 and 11 and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme in Year 12 and 13. Admission & Fees: RMB102,993-246,057. Contact our Admissions team to arrange a school tour.

> Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, South Side, 9 An Hua Street, Shunyi 顺义区安华街9号南侧 (8047 3558, www.britishschool.org.cn, admissions@britishschool.org)

Western Academy of Beijing 京西国际学校

The Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) is a creative and innovative IB World School built upon a solid foundation of core values and our mission to Connect, Inspire, Challenge; Make a Difference. Our students exemplify these values through their awareness of the world around them, service to others, can-do spirit and commitment to excellence. WAB graduates are accepted into world-class colleges and universities across the globe.

> 10 Lai Guang Ying Dong Lu, Chao Yang 朝阳区来广营东路10号 (5986 5588)

3e International 北京3e国际学校

> 9-1 Jiantai Xilu Chaoyang 朝阳区将台西路9号(四德公园旁) (6437 3344, www.3eik.com)

CLASSIFIEDS

ACCOMMODATION

Ascott Beijing

> No.108B Jianguo Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 北京市朝阳区建国路乙108号 (6587 0888)

Ascott Raffles City Beijing

Located in Dongzhimen, one of the most vibrant areas, Ascott Raffles City is near the second embassy district, which is rich in cultural heritage and is only a 15 minute drive to The Forbidden City. Other nearby leisure attractions include Food Street (Gui Jie) and Sanlitun nightlife district.

> No.1-2 Dongzhimen South Street Dongcheng District Tel: 8405 3888

Ascott Raffles City Chengdu

> No. 3, Section 4, South Renmin Road, Wuhou District, Chengdu 610041, China Post code: 610041, Telephone: (86-28) 6268 2888, Facsimile: (86-28) 6268 2889, GD5 Code: AZ, Reservations Telephone: 400 820 1028 (China toll-free); (86-512) 6763 1021 Email: enquiry.china@the-ascott.com

Beijing Kerry Residence

Whether you're a single business executive or a busy family, Beijing Kerry's fully-furnished 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments will feel just like home. As well as enjoying all the comforts of modern living – including a well-equipped kitchen, entertainment systems, high-speed broadband and much more – residents are just moments away from the Kerry Centre's shopping mall and sports facilities. The rest of the CBD is on your doorstep too.

> 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路1号 (8535 6888, www.beijingkerryresidence.com)

Lusongyuan Hotel

A traditional compound of quadrangle composing of 5 courtyards which lies in the "hutong" area of Beijing. The hotel building is famous for its imperial living taste of the Qing Dynasty with a history of nearly 170 years. The original owner of this large private house was the Grand General Sengge Rinchen, who lived here while he carried out top official duties, such as defense minister.

> Tel: (86 10) 6404 0436, Fax: (86 10) 6403 0418, Address: No.22 Banchang Lane, Kuanjie, Dongcheng District 东城区宽街板厂胡同22号 www.the-silk-road.com, E-mail: webmaster@the-silk-road.com

Lee Garden Service Apartments

A newly renovated high-end premier living residence in a central location next to the shopping and cultural sites of Beijing's Wangfujing, suites range from studios to 4-bedroom apartments (60-610sqm in size) and are tastefully furnished with specially selected materials.

> 18 Jinyu Hutong, Wangfujing, Dongcheng (100m East of Sun Dong An Plaza) 东城区王府井金鱼胡同18号 (新东安东侧100米); 24hr front desk: 6525 8855, Fax: 6525 8080, general.manager@lgapartment.com, www.lgapartment.com

FraserResidence CBD East Beijing

Our location on the Fringe of the CBD with excellent connections to the subway line 1 (Sihui station), BRT Lines (Ciyunsi) and public bus system mean that wherever your intern needs to be in the city, getting there is relatively fuss free!

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Three bedroom Deluxe: RMB33,000 / month
Email: sales.frbeijing@frasershospitality.com
> Website: http://beijing-east.frasershospitality.com Tel: 010-58709188 / 400-881-6988

FraserSuite CBD Beijing

The ultimate luxury in apartment living, Fraser Suites CBD Beijing epitomizes style

and comfort, that surpasses the service level of many Beijing hotels. The 357 Gold-Standard Beijing apartment features contemporary concepts designed for luxury living.

> 12 Jintong Xilu Chaoyang District Beijing Tel: 5908 6000

GTC RESIDENCE BEIJING

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Unique sky garden with golf practice field and barbecue area is another symbol of GTC Residence.

> sales@gtrcresidence.com, website: www.gtrcresidence.com Tel: 56756666

Marriott Executive Apartments

Ideally located in the center of Wangfujing area where the prestigious business, commercial, entertainment, and shopping center of Beijing. The Imperial Mansion, Beijing – Marriott Executive Apartments reflects an exceptional level of luxury.

> Gate, No. 1 Xiagongfu Street, Dongcheng District Tel: 6564 9999

The Millennium Residences of the Beijing Fortune Plaza

The Millennium Residences of the Beijing Fortune Plaza is located in the heart of the Beijing CBD which bears the most momentously potential of development and value elevation. While 25 minutes away from the Beijing International Airport, the Millennium Residences is walking distance from nearly all Embassies.

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2.20-3.20

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Aries
3.21-4.20

Get your shit together this month. Do some Spring cleaning. You should either organize your desk or quit all the spam-riddled WeChat groups you're in. But misfortune will befall you if you quit any group chats with 13 people in them on the 13th.



Taurus
4.21-5.21

Sorry, Taurus - he or she is just not that into you. You may get rejected by a crush, but don't worry - you'll experience a surge in romantic interest after an exciting night out in Sanlitun. Talking to a stranger at a dumpling house may lead to good fortune.



Gemini
5.22-6.21

Trouble in your celestial house of communications means a misunderstanding will arise in the middle of the month. Seek help from the friendly stranger you will meet at Maan Coffee. Don't eat hot pot this month, or else.



Cancer
6.22-7.22

This month, you will open up emotionally to someone in your life. Make it your ayi? You've been meaning to practice your Chinese more, anyway. Eat hand-pulled noodles on the third of the month, and you'll find an item you'd previously thought was gone forever.



Leo
7.23-8.23

You will be pushed out of your comfort zone soon. Gird yourself for upcoming challenges with the teachings of Confucius, or inspirational quotes on Pinterest or something - we don't really know. Drink baijiu on the 18th.



Virgo
8.24-9.23

You've focused all your energy on pleasing others, so take some time for yourself! Go to that beer spa on Xindong Lu. Or not, it's your life. Beware of taxi drivers wearing red jackets.



Libra
9.24-10.23

Time to flirt! You are glowing this month, and suitors will go out of their way to speak with you. Do not, however, mistake men on Sanlitun Lu for suitors - they just want you to drink Qingdaos in their seedy bars.



Scorpio
10.24-11.22

It's time to look deep into yourself and figure out what you really want. Or you can pay one of those fortune tellers outside the Lama Temple to do it for you - your choice. Drinking Yanjing during the full moon will bring you good fortune.



Sagittarius
11.23-12.21

You want a raise? Then go ask for one! You deserve it, and your work achievements have been stellar lately. Just don't ask for one if the AQI is over 333. Walk backwards into your office for good luck.



Capricorn
12.22-1.20

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1.21-2.19

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