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BEST OF SHANGHAI AWARDS

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BEST BARTENDER



Aaron Feder

Over the past few years Aaron Feder has gained a loyal following at popular drinking haunts including El Ocho and Heyday. His huge passion for well-crafted drinks makes being a bar-fly in his establishments a lot of fun. Now, having

recently opened his own bar, Candor on Shaanxi Nan Lu, we're really going to see what Feder is capable of – watch out for his takes on old and new school cocktails, as well as his reinventions of cocktails he considers to be 'bullshit'.

Readers' Choice Yao Lu

A great bartender can transform a bar. Never has this rung truer than with Yao Lu at Union Trading Company. His style is embracing and welcoming and his drinks creative and delicious.

BEST CAFÉ



Café on Air

Combining chic design, great coffee and sweet treats, Café on Air is one of our favourite new spots to hang out. Walk down Lane 650 away from the busy Huaihai Lu, turn right and head towards the large, unmarked door. Within you'll find a haven

for caffeine addicts and laptop warriors, who congregate daily to enjoy this pleasant sanctuary. Quality coffees, delicious sweet treats (try the German apple pie and the cheesecake) and a relaxed atmosphere make it hard to leave.

Readers' Choice Sumerian

This laidback spot in Jingan, which made our editors' shortlist as well, has proved consistently popular since opening, thanks to their undefatigable passion for excellent coffees.

BEST BRUNCH



Mr & Mrs Bund

Shanghai sure does love a brunch, which makes picking this winner extra hard, but MMB's offering just edges out the rest of a crowded field in our book. The light and breezy makeover of the Bund-side dining room earlier this year was

followed by the introduction of weekend brunch. And what an introduction this was. Offering dishes such as eggs and caviar and chicken vol-au-vent plus items from their a la carte menu, it's the place to while away the weekend.

Readers' Choice Hakkasan

There were plenty of eyebrows raised when London-founded Cantonese chain Hakkasan entered Shanghai, but their Bund-side dim sum brunch has proved a huge hit with the dining public.

BEST HOTEL BRUNCH



Waldorf Astoria on The Bund

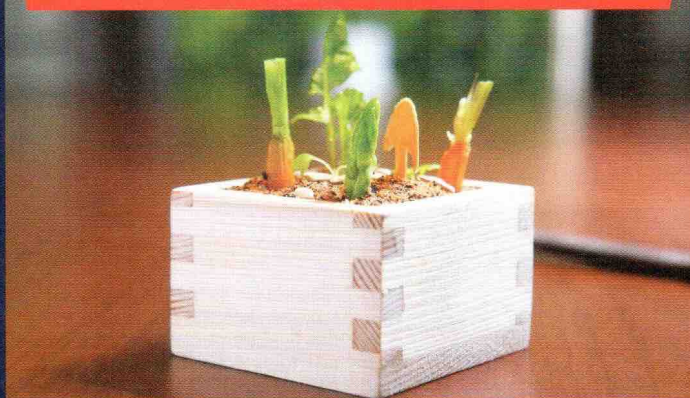
There are some fantastic luxurious hotel brunches in Shanghai, but no one does it better than the Waldorf Astoria on The Bund. The Waldorf Astoria's brunch is the perfect mix of class and indulgence. The glamorous tone is set in

the Long Bar as you start with freshly-shucked oysters and Champagne. The fun continues in the Grand Brasserie with a plentiful buffet of seafood, meats and desserts, in addition to dishes from the special a la carte brunch menu. Top class.

Readers' Choice VUE at Hyatt on the Bund

With its superb views perched high above a bend in the Huangpu and its dedicated cooking stations for every course (the only buffet here is the dessert one), VUE is a top destination brunch.

BEST CHINESE RESTAURANT



Fu He Hui

Don't be put off by the slightly staid, often too-quiet atmosphere at Fu He Hui, the food here is some of the most creative and tastiest in the city. Run by the same people behind legendary Shanghai eateries Fu1039, Fu1088 and

Fu1015, Fu He Hui's elegant vegetarian fine dining concept draws upon owner Fang Yuan's Buddhist background, but this is a significant class above the average temple-side veggie-friendly restaurant. The food here is simply masterful.

Readers' Choice Holy Cow

Since this brilliant Chaozhou-style hot pot joint opened serving never frozen beef and organic vegetables, imitators have popped up all over town. But there's no beating the original.

BEST ASIAN RESTAURANT



CHI-Q

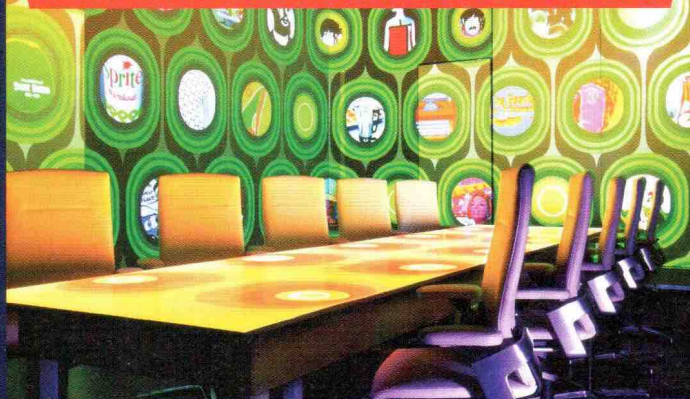
Trendy reboots of traditional Asian cuisines tend to attract plaudits and vitriol in equal measures, but CHI-Q delivers on all fronts. Conceived by Jean-Georges Vongerichten's Korean-born wife Marja, this excellent eatery marries the

traditional flavours of her birth country with a modern Korean restaurant, offering the same authenticity of flavour as Shanghai Korean staples such as Benjia, but packaged with the kind of ambience you expect beside The Bund.

Readers' Choice Five Star Hainanese Chicken Rice

If you're going to award yourself five stars and only focus on one dish in your restaurant's name, you better do it well. Fortunately, this small, great value Jingan spot is well up to the task.

BEST INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT



Ultraviolet

Beg, borrow, save – do what you can to get a seat at Paul Pairet's superlative 'hidden' multi-sensual restaurant. The visuals, soundtracks, smells and general ambience are incredible, but even if you strip away all of that and the playful

'secret location' narrative, Ultraviolet is still serving easily some of the most impressive food in the city. Yes it's exceptionally expensive, but a dinner at Ultraviolet isn't just a meal, it's truly an unforgettable experience.

Readers' Choice Mercato by Jean-Georges

Jean-Georges Vongerichten's creative takes on Italian classics have kept Mercato full ever since it opened, with good reason. One of our favourite spots in the city, is clearly one of yours too.

SHANGHAI HERO



Yang Peiming

Yang Peiming, the affable owner of Shanghai's Propaganda Poster Art Centre, has spent years drawing together a vast, fascinating collection of over 5,000 propaganda posters. Many were rescued from recycling centres and rubbish bins to form a compilation that spans from the early days of the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 to the end of the Cultural Revolution in the late 1970s and makes for one of our favourite

museums in the city. Located in the basement of a housing complex on Huashan Lu, the venue was operated without an official license for years before finally gaining approval from the authorities, which tells you plenty about the sensitivity of what's on show here. It's an incredible collection, and one which is largely unmatched in the country. Keeping the museum going has been quite a feat for Yang, but the city is a better place because of it.