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## Hong Kong Riddles

In a recent newspaper column Legco President Jasper Tsang set Hongkongers an incredibly complex math riddle (see p.8), explaining that if you were able to solve it, you would be able to decipher the identity of Hong Kong's next Chief Executive. We've been inspired by his example to come up with our very own riddles...

1. Hong Kong and mainland authorities have agreed to notify each other within 14 days if they detain the other's residents for criminal investigation. If you are abducted at 2am on Wednesday, what is the latest that your family will discover that you have been taken from your home and smuggled across the border? **Assume normal working hours.**

2. It is the July 1 protest march. Organizers say that 110,000 people attended, while police say that 19,300 protested. On the same day, pro-Beijing group the Silent Majority for Hong Kong assembled over 5,000 people to take part in an attempt to beat the world record for "longest human chain in the world," while also singing patriotic slogans.

**Answer the following:**

- a) Assuming that both police and organizers are both incorrect, what is the likely real number?
- b) Given that every year the police and organizer numbers differ by a large degree, what is the state of the arithmetics education system in Hong Kong?
- c) Why would a lame human chain distract from the July 1 march?

3. Hong Kong property sales have fallen 40 percent in the past six months compared to the same period last year. If you make \$20,000 per month, calculate how much illegal activity you will have to engage in if you wish to afford a flat worth \$1.5 million by the time you turn 45. **Send a copy of your working to the ICAC.**

4. A ticket on the train from Hong Kong to Guangzhou costs \$210 and takes two hours. The new Express Rail Link (XRL) is costing \$84.42 billion to build but will cut the journey to 48 minutes when it opens in Q3 2018. **Calculate the following:**

- a) What is the actual cost of each minute you save by taking the XRL?
- b) How many regular train tickets could you buy for the \$84.42 billion budget of the XRL?
- c) With the additional time saved on the journey, is there actually anything worth doing in Guangzhou?

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# HOME



## Mr. Know-It-All's — Guide to Life —

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

### Why are the salads I buy from the supermarket always so close to spoiling? — Salad Daze

A few reasons. The main one is that Hong Kong imports more than 90 percent of its food. When our food supply chain is so built about flying food from all over the world, it's pretty tough to guarantee freshness. Add to that food which sits in humid Hong Kong waiting to be picked off the shelf, it's little wonder that your sell-by date is less of an advisory and more of a red line marking when your mesclun mix goes from crisp leaf to brown soup.

Then there's the fact that salads just aren't a very Chinese foodstuff. Sorry to all raw food adherents out there, but the traditional Chinese belief is that food just shouldn't be eaten uncooked. Wisdom holds that it's liable to cause stomach upsets and worse—a belief likely originating from an age of dirtier water and worse food preparation standards. And in many cases, cooking your veggies—as long as you don't badly overcook them—releases nutrients by making them more digestible.

In recent years the government's tried to encourage local organic farming, and while it accounts for a tiny proportion of our daily food consumption, there really are companies working to make good veggies a reality. The city's wet markets are, of course, a better source of fresh produce than anything you're likely to grab out of a bag at the supermarket. And these days, a rising number of stalls are selling organic grown-in-Hong-Kong produce that could happily grace any salad bowl.

Not that Hongkongers haven't been on board with salad for a while, in their own special way. Exhibit A: the Pizza Hut salad bar. When Pizza Hut first introduced its salad bar concept to the city—long before it went to China—Hongkongers embraced it with open arms, and bellies. The rules said that you could eat as much salad as you could fit into a bowl. And so we became experts at salad engineering, cantilevering lettuce leaves out of the bowl so as to provide a wider surface area for what came next. In this city of implausible skyscrapers, is it any wonder that we can construct towering edifices of tomato, of cucumber, of cauliflower—of the stuff of life itself?



Photo: SCMP

## My Perfect HK

### This week in My Perfect HK:

Hong Kong customs recently seized some **880kg of illegal hammerhead shark fins** which were entering the city. Despite moves such as major airlines banning the shipment of shark fin, the trade in fins is still alive and well. As many as 73 million sharks are harvested each year, and more than half of the global trade goes through Hong Kong. You can help by donating to the Hong Kong Shark Foundation at

[hksharkfoundation.org](http://hksharkfoundation.org)

## Letters

### "The hole is the emptiness that comes with demolishing heritage, no?"

#### Powers of Repulsion

Last week Mr. Know-It-All explained why the Repulse Bay development has a hole in it (to let the feng shui "dragon" through), but also discussed the Repulse Bay Hotel that had once stood in its place ("Why does that building in Repulse Bay have a hole in it?" July 1, issue 1152). Facebook readers chimed in, mostly snarkily ...

It's for the building (nearby buildings as well) safety purpose to redirect the wind from surroundings, there are many residence building design with the hole now...not really feng Sui related!

**Mani Yang**

To let the dragon have a view of the sea! It was built without a hole before, but not easy to sell. That's why there's a hole now!

**Alain Angeloz**

The hole is the emptiness that comes with demolishing heritage, no?

**Samer Nisr Shim**

So ufo's can easily pass without hitting the building

**Jonathan Tung**

#### #PrivateEyeHK



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#### Lezz It Go

A very male response to our review of Park Chan-wook's sensitive, beautifully shot lesbian drama "The Handmaiden" (July 1, issue 1152).

I watch this, as a man, uh... because... of the really good writing and acting...

**Delano Seagraves**

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# THE WEEK



Wednesday 7/13

## Spongebob Splashpants

For the first time ever, Spongebob Squarepants and his motley crew of sea-dwellers are coming to Ocean Park for **Summer Splash 2016**, and they're bringing with them a wave of water attractions and activities: Including the Super Splash Battle, where kids get an unlimited supply of water bombs. Parents, beware... Through Aug 28. Ocean Park, Wong Chuk Hang. oceanpark.com.hk. \$193 for children below 11; \$385 for adults.

Friday 7/8

## Rosé Tinted Glasses

See that splash of pink over the horizon? **Pick Your Pink** is back. This party at the top of the Park Lane Hotel includes a tapas buffet, two-for-one drinks, music from Cliché Records, and a huge selection of rosé wines from Vines and Terroirs. 6pm. The Park Lane Hotel, 310 Gloucester Rd., Causeway Bay. RSVP at 5690-2924.



Saturday 7/9

## Ready for Reggae

Get away from the chaos of Central and head to the **Reggae Summer Fest Pon Di Roof**, an afternoon-till-late party on Pier 7's beautiful rooftop. DJs and performers from all over the world get together to spin their reggae and dancehall beats, while Boom Boom Food provides the refreshments. 4pm-midnight. Pier 7 Cafe & Bar, Roof Viewing Deck, Central Pier 7, Central. \$160 includes one drink.

Sunday 7/10

## Junk on Life

Wanna taste **The Good Life**? New junk catering company All That Junk has teamed up with San Miguel to bring you a double junk boat trip to top all junk trips. With two "stages"—one playing folk and indie, and the other getting turnt with deep rap, house and worldbeats—plus a buffet and free-flow everything, this is one boat you won't want to miss. 10am-6pm. Pier 10, Central Piers, Central. \$600 including buffet and unlimited drinks from ticketflap.com/goodlifeonceuponajunk

Monday 7/11

## One Man's Treasure...

It's the last day to catch **Ubiquitous Trash** by Mexican art collective TRES. The artists have scavenged across the world for waste, from Mexico to London and Hong Kong—and what they've found is gleaming pieces of insight into public spaces, trash, and society. Through Jul 11. Connecting Space, G/F Wah Kin Mansion, 18-20 Fort St., North Point.

Tuesday 7/12

## Lettuce Eat

We all know it's grilling season. But when it's 35 degrees and rising, who wants to settle in for a night of heavy steak and potatoes? The chefs behind Linguini Fini, Beef & Liberty, Fresca and The Restaurant by the Kinnet, among others, are banding together to show that salads can be healthy, filling, and exciting by offering their own signature salads for a limited time. Get your **Salad Passport** when you order a salad from participating restaurants via Deliveroo, and get stamping. Through Jul 31 when ordering from deliveroo.hk. All salads \$120.

Thursday 7/14

## All Tarted Up

Celebrate **Bastille Day** with all things French: Tartine's got an exclusive four-course dinner (\$488) by chef Philippe Orrico, with wine pairing for an additional \$188. Meanwhile, its Tartine Thursday special returns: that's two-for-one bevvies from 6-8pm and endless tartines from 8-10pm, set to disco, house and funk courtesy of Fufu DJs. Tartine, 38-42 Lyndhurst Terrace, Central, 2808-0752.



Friday 7/15

## On Track To Summer

We're already into July, but if it doesn't feel quite like summer, it's probably just because **Lai Yuen** hasn't opened yet. Well, now it's finally here: The annual amusement park comes back to Hong Kong, this time at the AsiaWorld Expo. Bonus this year: a 650-metre go-kart racetrack. Through Aug 7.

AsiaWorld Expo, Chek Lap Kok. Mon-Thu \$140; Fri-Sun \$180, including 12 game tokens.



Saturday 7/16

## She Sells Seashells

Make your own gourmet cookie with the artistic mind behind Popsy Modern Kitchen, Jennifer Chung. As part of the weekly Saturday **Eat More Art** workshops, she'll teach you how to create a special sparkly seashell cookie. 3-5pm. Popsy Modern Kitchen, 5/F The Wellington, 198 Wellington St., Sheung Wan. \$350 including one drink, reserve at 2907-8188 or info@popsymodern.com

## Let's Groove Tonight

Rock and Roll Hall of Famers and recipients of nine Grammy Awards **Earth, Wind & Fire** are coming to Hong Kong to bring you a night of September you'll truly remember. The Chicago pop, R&B and funk group have successfully bridged over 50 years of music and emerged one of the best-selling groups in history—and after all that, they're still boogying down just like they did in the '70s.

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## Last Week In Reality



SAT 25

**Go-Carting** A photo uploaded to Facebook goes viral: A woman is pulling a cart.

Sitting in the cart is what appears to be a young boy with a sheet over his head and upper body. Some netizens wonder if the woman is on her way to Lo Wu, where she'll put the boy up for sale.

SUN 26

**Sloppy Robbery** At around 3am in Yau Ma Tei, two men get into a taxi and ask to go to

Sham Shui Po. When the taxi stops, they snatch a bag from the driver's seat containing \$1,500 and RMB1,200. The men flee, but they accidentally leave their mobile phones behind. One of them is caught at a nearby police roadblock, while the other is being tracked down through information on his mobile phone.

MON 27

**Extra Padding** A female passenger is photographed on the MTR with a large, transparent plastic bag at her feet. In the plastic bag are packs of sanitary pads that have been stacked up past her knees. The photograph is shared to Facebook and one concerned netizen hopes that she will seek medical attention for profuse bleeding.



TUE 28

**The Exorcist** A video is uploaded to Facebook: In a Sha Tin mall, a man and a woman stand over a woman on the ground, who appears to have been possessed. The man tries to determine the identity of the "spirit," as his companion plays a Buddhist singing bowl. The woman on the ground makes strange noises in response, and the man tells the spirit "You're in the wrong place." The pair both try to persuade the "spirit" inside the woman to leave.

WED 29

**Bad Influence** An 18-year-old girl appears in the Fanling Law Courts charged with prostituting her 13-year-old friend. The two had met when they ran away from home last year, and the older girl allegedly secretly filmed the younger girl performing sex acts in a karaoke club. The defense suggests that the prostitution was the 13-year-old's idea because the duo were short on cash, but she shifted the blame on the older girl as she was worried about getting into trouble with her mother. The trial continues.

Illustrations: Joyce Kwok

THU 30

**Poor Flier** A 60-year-old man is arrested at Hong Kong International Airport after he allegedly threw water at a flight attendant during a flight from Tokyo to Hong Kong. He apparently did so because he was upset with her attitude. The flight attendant notified her captain, who called the police.

FRI 1

**Quick Fix** A photograph of a van with a piece of cardboard in place of a sliding door is posted to Facebook. The "door" appears to have been secured to the vehicle with a length of rope. Netizens suggest that the makeshift door is a new design that ensures good ventilation.

## Quote of the Week

"Pheasants, wolves and nine-headed birds exist in a forest. Together, they have 100 heads and 100 feet. What's the population of each species?"

In an AM730 column, Legco President Jasper Tsang says the answer to a riddle will reveal the identity of the next Chief Executive. The above is just part one of the brainteaser.

## Talking Points

We read the news, so you don't have to.

### Boy Loses Toe at Ocean Park

A three-year-old child **had his toe amputated after getting his left foot trapped** between the steps and the side skirt of an escalator at Ocean Park. Two of his toes were also permanently disfigured. The boy's grandfather came forward to discuss the accident with the help of legislator James To, alleging that the amusement park had **offered the victim \$100,000 to keep quiet about the accident**, a settlement the boy's family rejected. The incident has drawn attention to existing legislation, which **does not require escalator operators to follow the latest safety guidelines**. Built in 1984, the escalator that caused the boy's injury was in compliance with guidelines set in 1983. Up-to-date safety standards recommend at least 75 motion sensors on each escalator to minimize accidents: This escalator had just two.

**Our take:** \$100,000? Come on, you can do better than that.

### California Fitness... Not So Fit

The California Fitness branch at the Wonderful Worlds of Whampoa in Hung Hom has **closed after just four months of operation**. The closure comes as the gym chain faces a winding-up petition from a creditor: California Fitness is currently looking for a buyer. Meanwhile, **cleaning services have been partially suspended at other California Fitness branches**, while air-conditioner operating hours have reportedly been cut by up to six hours at the Central and Causeway Bay branches. Earlier in April, the Consumer Council publicly criticized the chain for using intimidating and misleading sales practices. Some members are now concerned that they will not receive refunds for their prepaid membership fees.

**Our take:** Sometimes you really do get what you pay for.



Illustration: Elaine Tang



## Street Talk

Meet **Nicholas Wong**. The computer science student is a Hong Kong street workout champion, and he'll be representing Hong Kong at the Street Workout World Cup 2016 in Moscow later this month. He tells Jonathan Chan about going from nerd to sports star—and how to achieve it.

**HK Magazine:** How long have you been doing street workouts?

**Nicholas Wong:** It's been four years now. I got into them when a friend demonstrated a move which I thought looked fun and cool. I was never into sports: I just loved staying at home and playing computer games. But I decided to challenge myself to perform these difficult moves. I took it up for exercise at first, but later I began joining competitions. The most challenging thing about getting started was improving my physical fitness. Now, I train three to four times a week. I started from zero, but now I have no problem doing 100 push-ups in a row.

**HK:** Do you do it because it looks cool?

**NW:** I won't deny that it's a good way to show off: Street workouts are cool for sure.

**HK:** How do you train?

**NW:** At first, I taught myself. After joining a couple of championships, I met people from all over the world and began exchanging tips and ideas with them. I've gotten pretty confident in my moves. I particularly like doing the "human flag" [pictured, bottom right]—It took me about a week to learn how to do it.

**HK:** What do others think of what you do?

**NW:** My family is supportive. My mom used to say that it's a waste of time and ask me why I'd always go out to the park late at night. She wanted me to apply for a full-time job. But after she saw videos of me competing in Taiwan, she realized that it's not only a sport but also a career.

**HK:** Has it changed you?

**NW:** Yes. I've said goodbye to bad habits. I used to be a nerd who was addicted to computer games, but now I've given up the habit of gaming all day long. I've also gone from being an introvert to an outgoing person. After winning my first championship, I became more confident, and that encouraged me to enter in competitions overseas, put myself

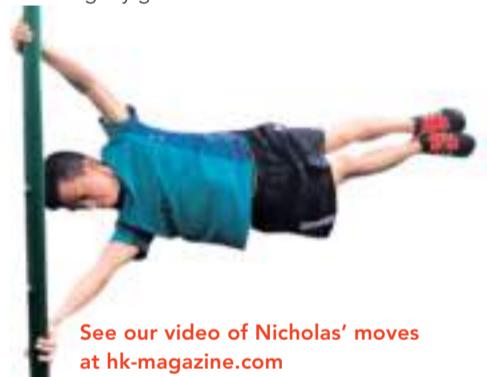
on stage, give interviews to the media and even become a coach. Sometimes I get lazy, and I still need to build up my courage to do more high-level stunts. But overall my passion for this sport just keeps growing every day.

**HK:** What can we do to be like you?

**NW:** Keep practising. There are no shortcuts! A lot of people fail because they give up easily. A street workout relies on muscular coordination and your own body weight. A single move may take a few months to perfect. Exercise 20 to 30 minutes a day, regardless of whether you're doing push-ups at home or running outside. The sport is suitable for everyone, regardless of sex, age, size or even the place—all you need is the space! In Hong Kong, you can easily find parks to work out in, especially at public housing estates. I particularly enjoy working out in Tsz Wan Shan, near my home.

**HK:** What's next for you?

**NW:** I'll become a full-time street workout coach. I can earn \$120 per person per hour, teaching a group of eight students. I'm also aiming to win more awards and championships. I'll be competing at the Street Workout World Cup 2016 late July in Moscow and my goal is to become one of the world's top 10 street workout athletes—I was 17th last year. To me, being famous is one of my life goals: It will prove to history that I existed. I think I'm one step closer to achieving my goal.



See our video of Nicholas' moves at [hk-magazine.com](http://hk-magazine.com)

## Blowing Water

吹水 (*chui sui*), v. Cantonese slang. To chat, bullshit.

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wong<sup>4</sup>

goek<sup>3</sup>

gai<sup>1</sup>

# 捉黃腳雞

"CATCH YELLOW-FOOT CHICKEN"

"Badger Game." Extortion scam in which married men are seduced and then blackmailed. Derives from the dark yellow feet of roosters: Farmers capture them by using hens as bait, who then attract the yellow-footed males.

## HongKabulary



"I've struck out on this junk. I'm going to make a boatie call on that one with all the girls on floaties."

### Boatie Call (bəʊtɪ: kɔ:l), n.

Swimming to another junk to try to hit on their passengers.

# Kitchen Confidential

What do you do when the heat of the kitchen gets too hot to handle? Spill all to HK Magazine, of course. We talk to a handful of the city's high-profile chefs to get their dirtiest kitchen secrets... and no, we're not going to tell you who they are. Plated by **Leslie Yeh**

"Asking for bread when we're a Thai restaurant and we don't keep any bread in the kitchen. And then asking for homemade bread."

*Which diner habits annoy you the most?*

"Flash photography in the dining room! Just because you have a phone doesn't make you a critic."

"Asking for birthday cakes, chocolate writing on plates and candles."

"Not knowing the difference between fresh truffles and truffle oil which is a CHEMICAL, man-made product that restaurants just dump on everything."



*"When the table confirms they will be there and then it's a no-show. As if we don't know people are booking at four different restaurants... Then when they get together they go to the one they all vote on, without even a phone call or the balls to answer the phone from a venue asking if they're still coming."*

## Strangest Diner Requests

*"Iced coffee, but no ice, yet very cold"*

*"Steak in between medium and medium-rare"*

*"The whole meal in a blender"*

*"Spaghetti bolognese with shrimp, chicken, bell peppers, zucchini and another vegetable of the 'chef's choice'"*

*"Well-done beef tartare"*

*"Risotto carbonara"*

*"If you say you have a [Michelin] star in the States or Europe it really means something. If you tell someone in the States that you got one here, they think to themselves 'yeah—but that was in Asia.'"*

**What do you think about critics and rating systems?**

*"It's really frustrating how someone who's just started a blog and is not that experienced can claim to be a food critic. It's also odd how they compare between restaurants because everyone has their own identity and style. It's better to just comment on a restaurant on its own."*



*"People do take [a Michelin star] to think your restaurant's really successful, especially landlords. If you're listed in the Michelin guide, they'll assume you're f\*\*\*ing millionaires so they'll triple your rent and then you have to move out."*



*What are the craziest things that happen in the kitchen?*

*"One time the Chef de Partie of the meat section was sharpening his knife. He was fairly tired and moved aside to let another chef pass. He tripped and unfortunately managed to stab himself in the aorta—the biggest artery in the body. I saw it and jumped in to press the wound. It was extremely stressful and, well, bloody. It only takes 10 minutes to lose all your blood through the aorta..."*



*"I pranked my cook once by splitting open one of her goldfish crackers and filling it with hot sauce. She was snacking on the box and when she got to the spiked goldfish, she ended up puking everywhere and had to go home."*



*"I've seen restaurants where they're smoking cigarettes while cooking with their shirts off."*

*"Guys getting in fights and hitting each other with hot pots and pans."*

*"Lots of drugs and substance abuse. I think chefs use the heat of the kitchen and the stress as an excuse a) to romanticize the job and b) for their substance abuse problem."*

*"Kitchen pranks! It's a common trick when someone's hung over to take their can of Coke and put a couple of tablespoons of fish sauce in it or a fistful of salt."*



"We share a back alley with half a dozen restaurants where I've seen people cut meat on the sidewalk, wash dishes in a bucket of putrid green water and then put them back in a stack to take back into the restaurant to do more lunch orders."

"You don't even want to know about Hong Kong kitchen hygiene—generally you can be like 99 percent sure that there are roaches in every restaurant you go to."

## 8 Tips for Ordering Smart

1. "Take a good look and ask yourself honestly, **'Do these guys have their act together?'** Dirty chef's jackets, lack of energy and pace all indicate a bad work ethic lacking pride, discipline and cleanliness."
2. "Ask the service staff what they recommend—**then ask them why.** If they are initially lost for words it's probably because they were told to upsell something by management."
3. "Watch out for **discoloration of raw seafood.** A lot of restaurants here use recycled water instead of fresh water running through [the tanks]."
4. "Be careful when ordering **the soup of the day**—it's usually a medley of over-ripe vegetables."
5. "Don't order oysters in summer—because of the temperature they are most likely to be contaminated by bacteria and more dangerous."
6. "Be careful with **big restaurant groups**—they source and order their produce with a centralized system."
7. "Avoid seafood or raw fish on Sundays and Mondays because the fish is less likely to be fresh."
8. "Don't walk into a restaurant five minutes to close and say 'Thank God we got here before you shut!' The hostess doesn't care about your food. The kitchen might, but not if they hate you for making them miss the bus to Yuen Long."

Thanks to everyone who spilled the beans!

## Find someone special through a professional matchmaker!

In search of a soulmate but have no time? Leave it to the professionals to help.



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"Most of our clients are amazing and really successful, but they are either too busy at work or are a bit too shy to meet people," says Rachael. "We have designed our services to specifically meet these needs."

For many busy high-powered professionals, personalized matchmaking services are the best choice to find a life partner. Compared with online dating, matchmaking services are more discreet, more precisely targeted, and they remove the often frustrating and time-wasting process of random dating.

In their signature premium one-to-one matching service, the professional team will handpick a number of potential dates from their vast and diverse database based on clients' preferences. To achieve optimal results, their tailor-made services also include expert advice on personal styling, profile editing and image presentation.

Want to know how it works? Take a look at two of their real and successful cases. Annie, a 33-year-old nurse who didn't have much romantic experience, sat down with Rachael for an in-depth consultation and matched with Laurence, a 40-year-old CFO. The two hit it off and after eight months of dating they're now engaged.

Rachael & Smith also offers a wide range of exclusive lifestyle events for clients to meet potential partners in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Samuel, a 34-year-old banker and April, a 33-year-old flight attendant were matched by the team and then met each other at a pre-screened premium matching dinner. They were a perfect match and announced a new chapter in their love life after just two weeks.

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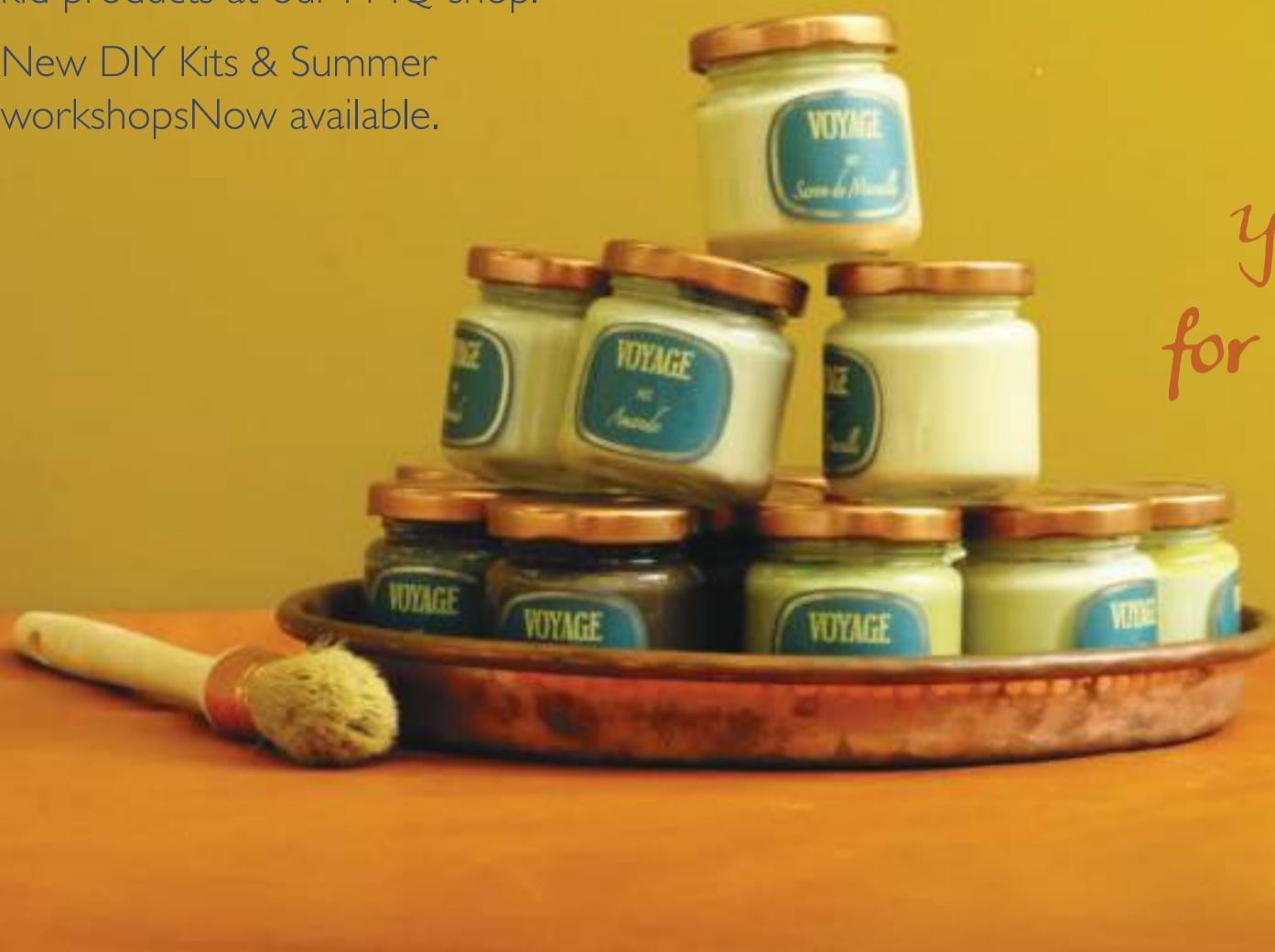
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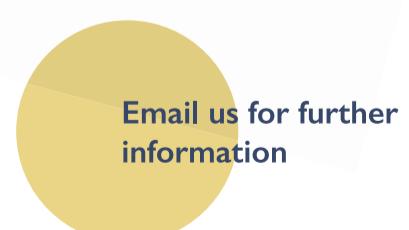
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### Cloud City

**Barbara Choi Tak-yeo** is a Hong Kong artist who, affected by changes in the city's urban streetscapes, creates art by taking the shops and urban scenes of her childhood and placing them within classical Chinese landscapes. In this piece titled "The Old Embroidery Shops in Shanghai Street," she hides old tong lau apartment buildings and hanging neon signs in the crags of looming mountains wrapped with the tendrils of classically drawn clouds. Her work is being exhibited as part of a group show, along with artists Chan Kwan-lok and Kevin Fung Lik-yan, at Grotto Fine Art Gallery.

Through Jul 16. Grotto Fine Art, 2/F, 31C-D Wyndham St., Central, [grottofineart.com](http://grottofineart.com)

# GADGETS

## TECH HEAD

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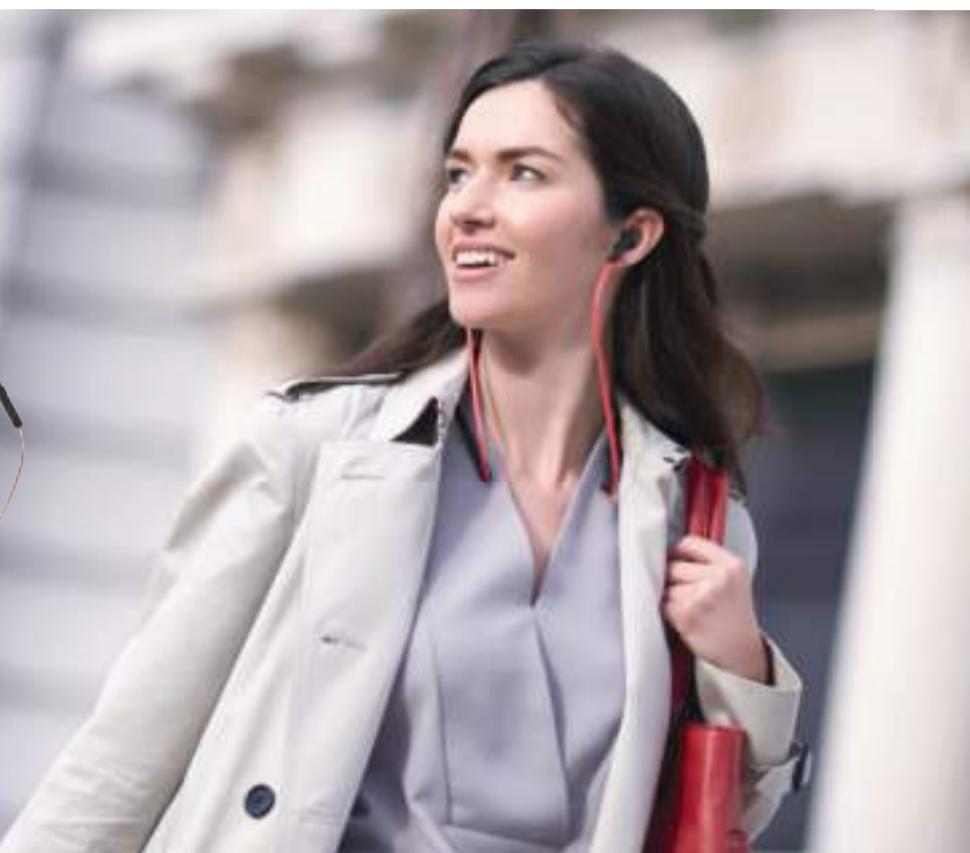
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### I Can See Your Halo

There's a new piece of kit out for those business-casual people who want to wander the streets of Central in their chinos yelling about mergers and acquisitions, but also don't want to look like total idiots while doing it. Enter the **Jabra Halo Smart**, Bluetooth earbuds that are designed to make you look more world-appropriate as you hands-free your way through life. The Halo Smarts come with a svelte neckband allowing them to hang out around your neck like they were born to be there, and magnetized earphones keep the buds out of the way when not in use. 17 hours of talk time and 15 hours of music makes them convenient for a hands-free day, no matter how much Important Business you want to conduct out in the open air.

\$699 from various outlets including Broadway, HMV and Fortress, [jabra.com](http://jabra.com)



### Hawt Coffee

I missed this when it first got out there in 2015, but it's never too late. Meet the Swiss Army knife of caffeine creators: the **Cafflano Klassic**, which bills itself as the world's first all-in-one portable coffee maker. This thermos-looking coffee maker has everything you need to go from bean all the way to cup, save a kettle. The Cafflano incorporates inside its stylish exterior a hand mill ceramic grinder, filter, pourer and tumbler: meaning you really can put beans in one end and get hot, fresh drip coffee out the other. It looks like a great solution if you're serious about your coffee and you travel a lot. For everyone else, I guess there's Nescafé sachets and non-dairy creamer. Don't care for drip coffee? The company's also working on a tiny French press, the Cafflano Kompact, which should be out soon.

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### Desperate Daters

Dating app **Coffee Meets Bagel** has just come out with a report claiming that of all the users who have downloaded the app, 66 percent of them log on every day—higher than anywhere else in the world. Some are ascribing this to the city's "desperate" nature. I'd be more inclined to suggest that we're all just addicted to our phones, which ain't quite the same thing. Keep an eye out for brand new cocktail/dessert bar **Jerry Maguire** (G/F, 23 Lan Fong Rd., Causeway Bay, 2881-5008) which says it'll soon be launching no-phone nights. Want to get to know someone? Well—putting your phone down is a start, isn't it?



Leave the phone behind at Jerry Maguire



Previous winning photos by (L-R): Yiu Ka-man, Li Wing-hei, Kenny Chan Kai-yiu

### Marathon Snappers

Think you're a pretty good photographer? Got more lenses than you have sense? Then check out the **Canon PhotoMarathon 2016**. The event is a full-day photography competition in which you show up, get given a theme or three, and it's up to you to nail the perfect shot in just a few hours. Judging by the quality of the previous years' entries, it's not going to be easy, either. The event itself isn't until September 25, but if you're a keen photographer then you'd better sign up sharpish: places are limited. There are two categories to enter: The signup period for the Challenge category is Jul 6-12 (\$250 donation to St. James' Settlement to enter), while the easier Open category is Jul 25-Aug 1 (\$180 donation).

[photomarathon.hkcanon.com](http://photomarathon.hkcanon.com)

### Bump and Grind

I always have a soft spot in my heart for the unnecessary novelty gadget. Hence my enthusiasm for the **Peugeot Design Lab Salt and Pepper Mill**. Peugeot, you say? Don't they make cars? Well, yes and no. The car manufacturer actually has its roots in a company which started making coffee mills back in the 1840s. One branch of the family went into the automotive industry—but grinder-makers live on, presumably increasingly irritated by everyone's assumption that it's just a car spin-off. This new mill, however, looks more like a car piston than a pepper mill: You hold it sideways over your food and the ground pepper is funneled straight where you want it. Sure, it might not be absolutely necessary. But as a combination of grinder design and futuristic car-like technology, why wouldn't you want one?

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## FIT AND FLY

# Sun's Out Guns Out

Need some ways to tone up this summer? Look no further than these diet and fitness programs.

### Yog-aquatics

Hong Kong's SUP Yoga classes are back, with a special Acroyoga event with guest teacher David Ho on August 6 (3:50pm). If you're already comfortable flying around in partner yoga exercises on land, the next challenge is giving it a try on the water for an added edge. New to the whole thing? You might want to check into a regular SUP Yoga class first...

Regular SUP Yoga dates: Jul 24, Aug 7, 14, 10-11:30am; Aug 20, 27, 2:30-4pm. \$500 includes board rental. Stanley Main Beach, Stanley, SUPyogahongkong@gmail.com



### A Healthy State of Eating

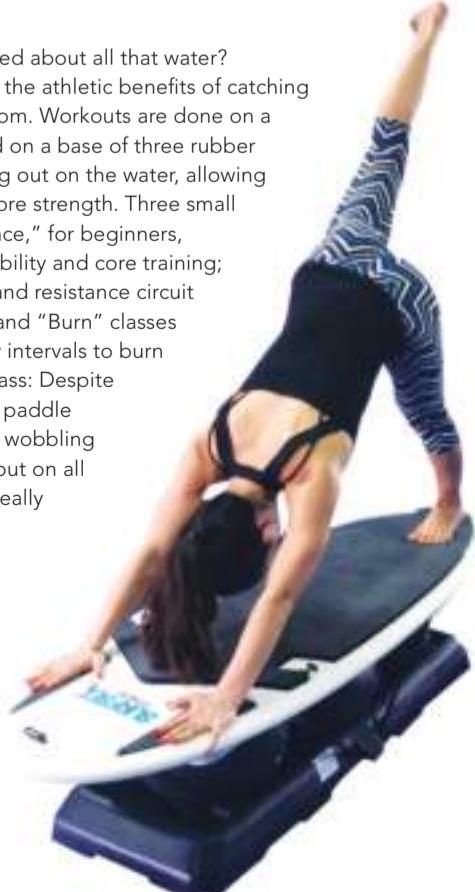
Eating clean can feel like even more of a chore when summer barbecues and junk parties are all in full swing. If you want to spring for a healthy but delicious meal plan this summer, Eatology is one of our favorite new options: Tailor-made, ready-to-eat meals that are packed full of flavor and won't have you craving a bag of M&Ms by 3pm. Opt for one of the meal plans that suits your budget and lifestyle, and you'll get a delivery every morning with conveniently packaged meals for breakfast, lunch, dinner and in-between snacks. All the meals we tried were dishes we'd happily order at a restaurant, from wholewheat ham and egg muffins for breakfast to mint barramundi with potato purée for lunch and turkey fried rice and salmon for dinner. Each day's meals come with a menu listing carbs, protein, fat and total calories—making it that much easier to track your intake and work your way to a summer six-pack.

Meal plans start at \$308 per day. Eatologyasia.com

### Surf's Up

Want to get a surfer's bod but worried about all that water? Surfset—a fitness routine based on the athletic benefits of catching waves—now has a home in Hung Hom. Workouts are done on a Surfset machine: a surfboard placed on a base of three rubber balls to give you the feeling of being out on the water, allowing you to work on balance and build core strength. Three small group workouts are on offer: "Balance," for beginners, focuses on yoga-like moves for flexibility and core training; "Build" classes are all bodyweight and resistance circuit training to help you get shredded; and "Burn" classes are a mix of both with high intensity intervals to burn fat. I recently got to try a Balance class: Despite knowing my way around a stand-up paddle board, I was focusing mostly on not wobbling for the first half, which meant I lost out on all the squats and jumps. That said, it really forces you to focus on form and to utilize every muscle. Once you get the hang of it, it's a sweaty and effective workout.

\$100 for first time trial, \$250 for single class. Unit A, 13/F, Kaiser Estate, Phase 1, 41 Man Yue St., Hung Hom, 2362-3665, surfset.hk



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## Health and Wealth

Organized by Elite Personal Training, this August sees the inaugural **Health Fest** in Central, bringing some of the top niche fitness centers and nutrition experts together so the public can sample the latest fitness trends. The festival kicks off at 8:30am on Aug 7 with a large-scale group training session for all ages, where the aim is to beat the Guinness World Record for the most bicycle kicks in a minute. Other activities include a functional training session by BikiniFit and a high intensity dance class by Elle Kealy. All proceeds from vendors will be donated to charities including Youth Diabetes Action, non-profit art space Things That Can Happen and the Ocean Recovery Alliance. Best of all, entry is free!

Aug 7, 8:30am-12:30pm, Central Harbourfront SummerFest (next to the Observation Wheel).

## You Ursus the World

Think your gym workout is a bit lacking? If you're looking for a real challenge, you may want to check out Sai Ying Pun gym **Ursus Fitness**. It isn't for the faint-hearted: "Ursus," derived from the Latin word for "bear," couldn't be more aptly named. It claims to be the first gym in Hong Kong to offer strongman training, tailored after the competition sport which features tough rounds like truck dragging or tire flipping. HK Mag reporter and resident powerlifter Stephanie Tsui recently went for a trial strongman class to check it out. It starts off with a general introduction to the conventional deadlift, before quickly progressing into an intensive 40-minute session of compound movements, including cleaning and pressing huge "log" weights, lifting Atlas Stone boulders, keg presses and bear crawl sled drags. There was absolutely no room to breathe, slow down, or to analyze technique, so it wasn't exactly a beginners' class—but it's definitely a good, all-round introduction to a strongman workout.

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## ESCAPE ROUTES

# Looking for *Buds*

Missed the sakura blossoms this year? Relax: There's still plenty of time to get your floral fix all through the year. Recharge your flower power at these beautiful destinations in Asia.

## ✿ July-August: Lavender in Japan

A mere two-hour drive from Tokyo is a region completely dedicated to fragrant, beautiful lavender—the **Tambara Lavender Park**. Nestled at 1,350 meters above ground level in the Kanto region, this park is home to over 50,000 lavender flowers.

Hop on the gondola lift at the entrance (\$61 for a round trip) and drink in the bird's eye view of flower carpets below. Climb up the Grand Observation Deck for an unobstructed view of Rainbow Field, where bright orange daylilies and golden sunflowers paint the field in stripes. On your way out, pick up a bunch of lavender goods such as fragrant soaps and fabric softeners—the anti-inflammatory and antiseptic properties of lavender oils make them the perfect natural beauty product. Don't miss the lavender soft-serve ice cream, available at kiosks around the park.

This year, the park's open from June 25 to September 4, but we suggest visiting during mid-July to mid-August when these purple spikes blossom in full bloom. And if you're lucky, you might even be able to make yourself a simple bouquet or hair wreath at the lavender picking experience, which is limited to 20 people per day.

**\$75 admission fee. Tambara Kogen, Numata City, Gunma Prefecture, (+81) 278-23-9311.**



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## ✿ November: Chrysanthemums in Taiwan

White chrysanthemums may be bad luck according to Chinese tradition, but that doesn't stop us from falling in love with these cute pom-pom petals found throughout Miaoli County in western Taiwan. Head to **Jiuhu Farm** in Tongluo township for your dose of chrysanthemum this winter. Cram your Instagram feed with these adorable white spheres, which from afar look just like thousands of fluffy bunny tails bobbing on the hillside. Not only will they look Insta-glamorous on your feed, this popular houseplant can also help remove toxins such as ammonia and benzene from the air. In Chinese medicine, they're even said to have therapeutic effects on sore throats and the flu.

Catch the **Chrysanthemum Morifolium Festival** around mid-November, where you can watch farmers harvest the flowers, or handpick some for yourself. Grab a bag of dried flowers to take home and tank up on chrysanthemum tea.

**15-1 Jiuhu Village, Tongluo Township, Miaoli County 366, Taiwan, (+886) 3-798-3711.**



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## ✿ December: Sunflowers in Thailand

If you've been to Bangkok so many times that temples, malls and street food sound like one big humdrum itinerary to you, stray from the Big Mango this winter and go on a flower stalking expedition in Thailand's sunflower fields in **Lopburi** province. A three-hour train ride north of Bangkok, Lopburi is littered with shrines that date back to prehistoric times, free-roaming monkeys, and a throng of sweeping sunflower fields.

Join the locals for a picnic next to a field of tall stalks and shop for locally grown products like sunflower oils and seeds at the farmers' stalls that have sprung up around the fringes of the fields. Greek mythology has it that a water nymph's unrequited love for the sun god Apollo turned her into a sunflower and morphed her golden locks into the yellow petals, explaining why the plant symbolizes adoration.

Plan your trip in December when the flowers come into a delicious honey yellow bloom and the weather cools down a bit. Around this time of year, Thailand State Railways (railway.co.th) offers a **Sunflower Train** (\$60) that makes a trip to the fields on weekends and public holidays, but you'll have to rise early as it departs from Bangkok at 6:40am. **Phatthana Nikom, Lopburi 15140, Thailand.**



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Drown in a sea of purple buds in Tambara Lavender Park



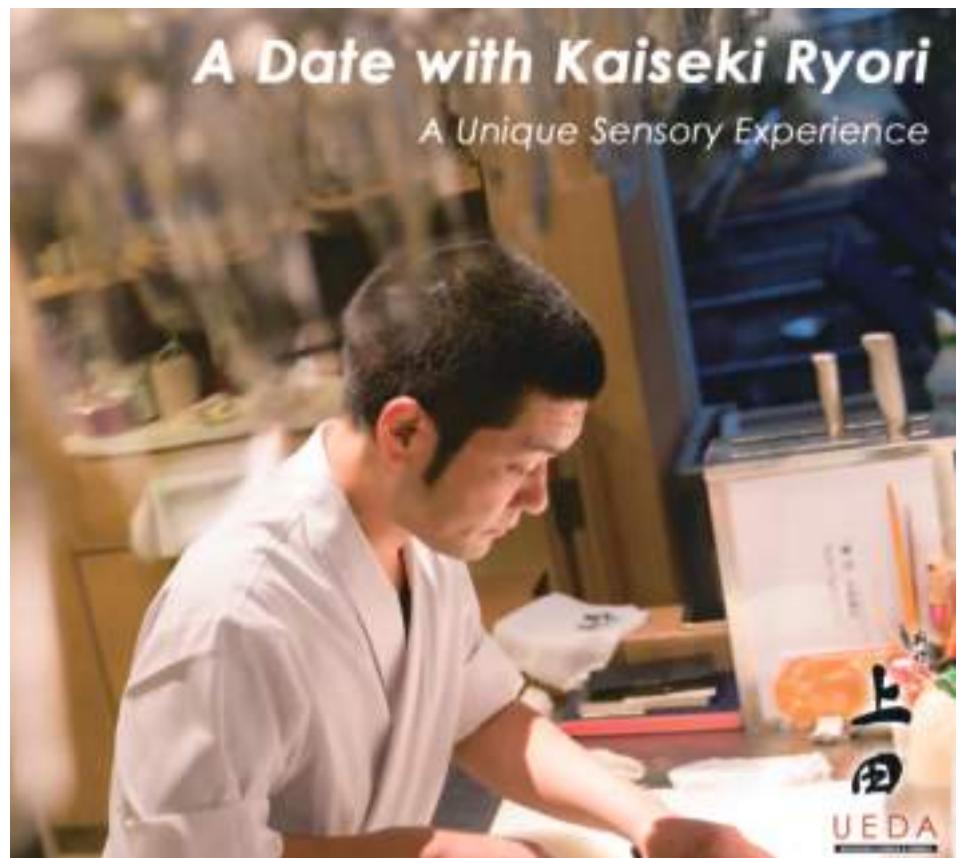
## 🍁 October-November: Fall Foliage in Korea

Not a flower person? Fulfil your fall foliage fantasies instead at Namiseom, better known as **Nami Island**, half an hour from Chuncheon City near Seoul.

Originally formed in 1944 by the rising waters of the North Han River, Nami Island rose to stardom after the filming of the drama "Winter Sonata" in 2002. While it takes about three hours to explore the whole island on foot, here are a few checkpoints for those seeking the autumn hue: Saunter along the popular Metasequoia Lane and relive the heartbreak love story between Bae Yong-joon and Choi Ji-woo beneath a crimson umbrage; or jump on a bike and ride off to White Birch Lane, where the pale towering trunks explode into fireworks of fiery red above your head.

Sign up for a day tour from mid-October to mid-November with travelfever.com (\$668), which takes you to Nami Island, the fairytale-like Petite France village and Gangchon Rail Park where you can pedal on a bright red four-seater cart along old train tracks following the North Han River.

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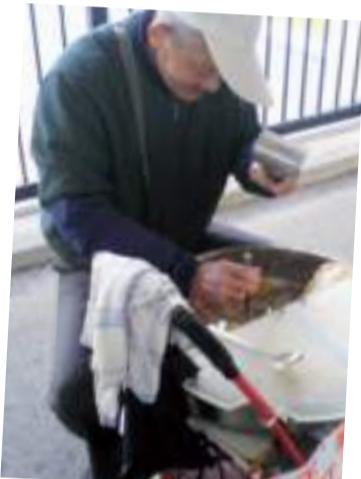



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# Street Secrets



## • Sang Cheung (生腸)

These orange curls in street stalls may look like intestines—but the bright little delicacies are actually pig's uterus! Brined in *lo shui* stock, these chewy treats are usually eaten with mustard and hoisin sauce.

**Where to find it:** Fei Ze Snacks in Mong Kok (Shop 4B, 55 Dundas St., Mong Kok) is probably the best place to get sang cheung in Hong Kong.



## • Ding ding tong (叮叮糖)

*Ding ding tong* gets its name from the “ding ding” sound when hawkers break this hard maltose candy into smaller pieces to be sold. Traditional flavors include sesame and ginger.

**Where to find it:** The candy is still available in some old snack shops, including the famous Yan Kee Ding Ding Tong (Room 5, 2/F, Wing Wah Building, 49-53 Fuk Wing St., Sham Shui Po) which has rejuvenated the snack with a number of new flavors including strawberry and chocolate.

## • Sweetheart cake (老婆餅)

Sweetheart cake (or *lo por beng*, meaning “wife cake” if translated literally) is a round cake with winter melon filling wrapped with a layer of puff pastry. There’s a love story behind this delicacy: Legend has it there was a wife who sold herself into servitude for money to buy medicine for her in-law. Her husband created this cake to earn money to buy her back.

**Where to find it:** Yuen Long is known for its sweetheart cakes. Check out the historical Hang Heung Cake Shop (G/F, 64 Castle Peak Rd., Yuen Long) for some traditional flavors.

## • Deep-fried pig's intestine (炸大腸)

Pig's intestine is actually a pretty common ingredient in Chinese cuisine. Crispy on the outside and soft and moist on the inside, they're well-cleaned before being deep-fried.

**Where to find it:** Available citywide, including at Dor Bo Snacks (Shop B, 98 Woosung St., Jordan) near Temple Street.



## • Black sesame roll (芝麻卷)

Perfect for the summer, this cool dessert is made of, you guessed it, black sesame. A thin layer of black sesame paste is partly dried and refrigerated. The sheet is then rolled up: They’re often known as “rolls of film” because of the resemblance.

**Where to find it:** This treat can be found in traditional Chinese vegetarian stores, or time-honored dim sum places like Fook Lam Moon (Shop 3, G/F, 35-45 Johnston Rd., Wan Chai).



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## • Bak tong gou (白糖糕)

Made with white sugar (*bak tong*) and rice flour, this traditional snack was created by accident back in the Ming Dynasty, when a street hawker tried to make sponge cake but accidentally made this clear, moist and fluffy cake instead.

**Where to find it:** Kwan Kee Store in Sham Shui Po (Shop 10, 115-117 Fuk Wah St., Sham Shui Po) specializes in Chinese puddings and still serves some pretty killer *bak tong gou*.



## • Put chai gou (砵仔糕)

This palm-sized pudding cake is Hong Kong's equivalent to the cupcake. Molded and served in a little porcelain bowl, this chewy and sticky steamed rice cake is made from either white or brown sugar, with plenty of red beans too.

**Where to find it:** Try Sai Ying Pun's Cheuk Yuet Bakery (183 Queen's Rd. West, Sai Ying Pun).

## • Tong chung beng (糖蔥餅)

Carried around by street hawkers in a transparent metal box, this sweet snack is served a-la-minute: by wrapping a candy wafer, shredded coconut and sesame inside thin crepe pancakes.

**Where to find it:** Tong chung beng are available on the street or at fairs like the CNY flower markets. If you're in the Kowloon Tong area, there's usually an old man selling the treat on the footbridge from Festival Walk to the MTR station.



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## British band The Tiger Lillies performs "Hamlet"

Shakespeare's original text has been cleverly condensed and transformed into macabre cabaret tunes about the darkest corners of the human soul and brilliant, extravagantly poetic images that eloquently convey the core of "Hamlet". The musical production shifts and transforms within the brilliantly crafted yet ominous castle set designed by Martin Tulinius as the Tiger Lillies drive the story seductively forward through 21 newly composed songs.

September 9 – 11, Auditorium,  
Kwai Tsing Theatre  
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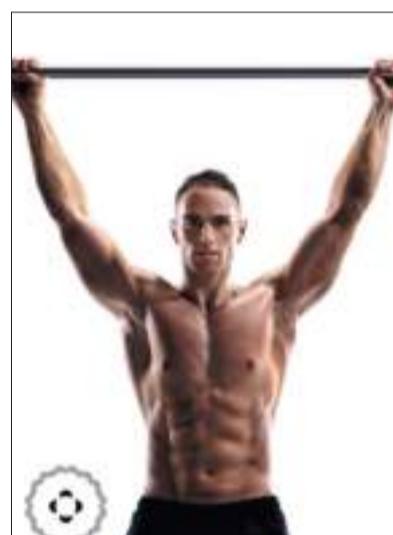


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## NEW AND NOTED

### Freehand Fare

After a two-year hiatus, **The Drawing Room** (7/F, Block B, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, 2156-0888)—Drawing Room Concepts' first Michelin-starred concept—is back, taking over the lofty PMQ space previously occupied by Vasco. The food has shifted from Basque-inspired to Italian, bringing back The Drawing Room's old hits such as red prawn linguine with fresh tomato and chili and grilled quail with foie gras mousse. Although we missed Vasco's signature fresh bread and five-butter tray, the rest of the tasting menu retains the essence of chef Gabriele

Milani's style of cooking, and he seems to be as confident with Italian ingredients as he was with Spanish ones, with two of our favorite dishes being the creamy risotto with sweet lobster and white asparagus folded through, and the Italian red prawn linguine with al dente pasta packed full of briny prawn flavor. The beef was a standout at Vasco, and luckily not much has changed at The Drawing Room—the roasted black angus tenderloin is cooked beautifully with just a smear of potato purée and a dab of mustard to bring out the flavors.



Perfectly rare roasted tenderloin at The Drawing Room



Tuck into Rhoda's free-range chicken

### Fresh Sprouts

With our minds on salads and smoothies in this sticky Hong Kong weather, we got down to **Tivo** (33 Praya, Kennedy Town, 2543-1238) to try out their new Superfoods menu, which champions ingredients such as Brussels sprouts, kale, beetroot and banana blossoms. Start off the nutrient-packed meal with the roasted cauliflower hummus (\$78), given a Middle Eastern bent with smoked paprika, turmeric and ginger, and fluffy pita on the side. The superfood starters include baby carrots roasted with cumin and garlic (\$78), and beetroot two ways (\$88)—baked to a soft consistency and freshly pickled on goat cheese. And a slow-cooked egg works its magic in Tivo's summer brussels sprout salad (\$78), with the raw lemony shaved sprouts coated luxuriously in a smooth and creamy yolk.

### Heavy Grilling

If you've been a fan of tapas bar 22 Ships, you'll want to follow chef Nate Green to JIA Group's latest venture **Rhoda** (G/F, The Upton, 345 Des Voeux Rd. West, Shek Tong Tsui, 2177-5050), which celebrates the chef's “waste-not, want-not” style of cooking. A charcoal grill acts as the centerpiece of the open kitchen and diners sit un-fussily around communal wooden tables. Hot off the grill is the slow-cooked octopus with mint and pickled shallots (\$138), clams with sweet corn, slow-cooked egg and katsuobushi (\$128), and salted king prawns with smoked eggplant (\$168). Larger plates include free-range chicken with spring onion and ginger dressing (\$498) and the pièce de résistance—12-hour slow-cooked Hawke's Bay lamb shoulder with seasonal vegetables (\$948, pre-order 48 hours in advance).

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## RESTAURANT REVIEWS

### Figaro ★★★★☆

French Wine Bar. 2 Shin Hing St., Central, 2757-1777.



Serving high-quality food in Hong Kong usually means charging astronomical prices, but Figaro toes the line with affordable dishes that outshine many a fine dining restaurant.

**HIT** Ex-Akrame chef Jon Irwin nails both flavor and value for money here: With dishes designed for sharing, you can whip through a good portion of the menu and still get out for less than \$500 per head—with wine. Pan-seared scallops (\$140) are blanketed with a frothy seaweed emulsion, while the carrot and

ginger purée brings the dish back to earth. A savory “millefeuille” with layers of nori and celeriac tops off this outstanding dish. The beetroot salad (\$115) was another winner with dark and glossy beetroot cubes bursting with freshness. Sweet and sour lamb (\$145) had juicy shredded lamb meat boasting sweet and herbaceous notes from apple and shiso. We enjoyed the slightly eccentric deconstructed tarte tatin (\$85) with a smear of black garlic that worked unexpectedly well.

**MISS** Small portion sizes mean you’re best splitting dishes between two or three at most.

**BOTTOM LINE** Figaro delivers on flavor, execution and value. We just hope they can keep their prices low and continue churning out creative, original plates.

Open daily 11am-2am. \$\$\$

### No. 5 Italian ★★★★☆

Italian. Shop P311, Podium 3, World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Rd., Causeway Bay, 2554-2228.



Once just a cozy neighborhood Italian joint in Tai Hang, this Michelin-recommended restaurant has opened a second location at World Trade Centre.

**HIT** Pastas and pizzas are made fresh in-house every day. The signature Johnny’s Style pizza (\$138 for an 8" appetizer size) was a simple combination of thinly sliced, melt-in-your-mouth Parma ham and fresh arugula on a crispy thin wood-fired crust. Sea urchin tagliatelle (\$198) had a sizable portion

of deep orange uni, and its sweet flavor complemented the mushroom and truffle flavors. The wagyu cheek pappardelle (\$198) had tender, fall-apart meat.

**MISS** Sadly, each dish we ordered had a glaring flaw. The buffalo mozzarella on the pizza turned out to be the bland melted kind. The uni pasta was swimming in too much sauce. The pappardelle noodles with the wagyu were clumped together, washed in an uninspiring, strangely nutty sauce. The kitchen seems to have an unhealthy fixation with truffle oil, because you’ll sniff it everywhere, even when it’s uncalled for in a dish.

**BOTTOM LINE** While some flavors are crowd-pleasers, uneven cooking means we’ll look elsewhere for our comfort food fix.

Open Mon-Sun 11:30am-11pm. \$\$

#### Ratings

\* Don't go ★★ Disappointing ★★★ We'll be back ★★★★ We'll be back—with friends ★★★★★ You MUST go

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## Stomp

After touring the world for 25 years and staging over 20,000 performances in more than 53 countries, **Stomp** is coming to Macau. The eight-piece performance group turns everyday items—bin lids, plastic bags, lighters; everything, including the literal kitchen sink—into an explosive percussive symphony. Combining dance and rhythm, this show is a can't-miss! Sep 23-Oct 9. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, [venetianmacao.com](http://venetianmacao.com). \$180-780, 20 percent off before Aug 10 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).

## Classical



### Arcadi Volodos Piano Recital

Russian piano virtuoso Arcadi Volodos returns to Hong Kong for a recital chock-full of German classics, such as Schumann's "Papillons," Brahms' "3 Intermezzi" and one of Schubert's final sonatas, "Piano Sonata No. 20 in A." Known for his interpretation of Romantic compositions, Volodos has recorded Schubert sonatas and Rachmaninov solo pieces, as well as a Gramophone Award-winning album devoted to Catalonian composer Federico Mompou. Jul 26, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$180-400 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).

### Sunwook Kim Plays Brahms

Since winning the Leeds International Piano Competition in 2006 at the age of 18, and becoming the competition's first Asian winner—and its youngest in 40 years—Korean pianist Sunwook Kim has played with the world's leading orchestras and graced internationally renowned stages such as the Wigmore Hall, Salle Pleyel and Beethoven-Haus in Bonn. He comes to Hong Kong to lead the Sinfonietta with German conductor Alexander Liebreich in Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 and Schumann's Symphony No. 3, "Rhenish." Jul 9, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$140-340 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).



## Comedy

### Jimmy Carr in Hong Kong

One of the biggest comedy names to come out of the UK, Jimmy Carr makes his Hong Kong debut in August. The host of TV panel show "8 Out of 10 Cats" and frequent guest on "QI," he's legendary for his brash, cheeky humor. Guaranteed in the show: offensive one-liners, rude anecdotes, and way too many jokes about his knob (but that's why you're going, isn't it?). Aug 24, 7pm, 9:15pm; Aug 25, 8pm. King George V School, 2 Tin Kwong Rd., Ho Man Tin. \$488-888 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).

### Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

The stand-out performers from the Melbourne International Comedy Fest are making their rounds through Asia. Catch a showcase of Australia's best funnypersons, including Mel Buttle, Bob Franklin, Ivan Aristeguieta, Sam Taunton and the UK's Phil Wang as they make their stop at the Fringe Club. Jul 18-24. Fringe Underground performances at 8pm, Jul 18-24. Fringe Upstairs performances at 7:30pm, Jul 22-23. Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$250-395 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).

### UpClose Encounters: Fazil Say on Say

In this intimate performance, audience members get to sit right on the stage as composer and pianist Fazil Say presents the Hong Kong and Asia premieres of four works, including his jazzy reimagining of Paganini's 24th Capriccio theme, "Paganini Jazz." The Turkish pianist, once described by Le Figaro as "one of the greatest artists of the 21st century," will share his musical insights during the concert. Jul 21, 7:30pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$300 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).



## Dance

### 2016 Asia International Dance Championships

800 of the best professional and amateur Latin and Ballroom dancers are gathering for the spectacular 2016 Asia International Dance Championships. In a daylong event that encompasses competitions for youth, pro, amateur and pro-am Latin and Ballroom, there'll be no shortage of dynamic performances and dazzling costumes for dance-lovers to take in. Jul 28, Daytime session 9am; Evening session 7:30pm. Convention Hall, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$190-1,800 from [asianinternational.net](http://asianinternational.net).



### The Royal New Zealand Ballet's "Midsummer Night's Dream"

There's a play within a play, enchanted woods, a fairy queen running game on a literal asshead, and two adolescent couples waking up naked in a field, all orchestrated by a shrewd and knavish sprite—there's a lot to love in Shakespeare's comedy, and even more to love in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's touring adaptation of it. Set to a score by Mendelssohn and performed by this world class assortment of dancers, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one you won't want to wake up from. Oct 7-8, 7:45pm; Oct 9, 3pm. Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin. \$160-420 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).

### Outshine by E-Side Dance Company

The latest contemporary dance series by the E-Side Dance Company takes audience members to a magical place, Idea-topia, where ordinary objects and daily tasks—waiting, light, darkness and inanimate objects—are imbued with creativity through the art of dance by dancers and choreographers Fan Luo, Yuh Egami, Noel Pong and Li Yongjing. Jul 8-9, 8pm. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, 11 Clear Water Bay Rd., Choi Hung. [esidehk.com](http://esidehk.com). \$120 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).

## Musicals

### Shrek The Musical

Less a jolly green giant than a reluctant hero with a noble heart, Shrek makes a journey to Macau, along with his posse of fairytale friends, to defeat the tyrannical Lord Farquaad, reclaim their rightful home, and save a princess in the process. This musical adaptation of the Dreamworks classic will be playing 21 performances at the Venetian—catch it before they ride back off into the sunset. Jul 22-Aug 7. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$180-780 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).



## Theater

### Buddhist Chants in Scent and Light

The Zuni Icosahedron season opener is an experimental performance based on a text that dates back 1,200 years to the Tang Dynasty, arranged by Master Kuan Pen in the 20th century in his book "Chamber of Scent and Light." Through a mix of contemporary theater and traditional Buddhist rituals, Zuni's performance explores the purification and calming aspects of chanting, as well as the heritage of the art of Buddhist vocal practices with the help of artistic directors the Venerable Sik Hin-hung of HKU's Center for Buddhism Studies and the Venerable Sik Tsang-chit, abbot of the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Buddhist nunnery. This performance is in Cantonese and Putonghua. Sep 22, 8:15pm; Sep 25, 3pm. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, [zuniseason.org.hk](http://zuniseason.org.hk). \$100-1,000 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).

### Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense

PG Wodehouse's lovable characters, Bertie Wooster and his valet Jeeves, come to life onstage in their new play—and play-within-a-play—"Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense." There's a mishandled matchmaking, a silver cow creamer gag, and other classic Woosterian hijinks. Sep 13-25. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$450-650 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).

### The Tiger Lillies Perform Hamlet

Hamlet gets a rock musical update as British cult band The Tiger Lillies team up with Danish contemporary theatre troupe Theatre Republique to retell the story of the young, tormented Danish king and the rain of blood which ensues as he comes to terms with who really killed his father. Balancing touches of cabaret, opera and gypsy music and the multimedia expertise of Theatre Republique, this stage adaptation is set to be an unforgettable experience—at least far more so than Mel Gibson's version. Sep 9-10, 8pm; Sep 11, 3pm. Kwai Tsing Theatre, 12 Hing Ning Rd., Kwai Fong. \$180-420 from [urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).

### The Hunting of the Snark

In Lewis Carroll's classic poem The Hunting of the Snark, a band of roving adventurers sets off to find the eponymous rare and near-mythical creature—but when they get to Snark Island, they're not prepared for all the fantastical beasts that lie in wait. Don't miss this rolling musical comedy as it makes its stop in Hong Kong. Sep 20-25. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$395-550 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).

## Markets

### Hong Kong Book Fair

Now in its 27th year, the HKTDC Hong Kong Book Fair draws together a high-profile group of international and Hong Kong-based novelists, historians and journalists, including Hong Kong-born award-winning poet Sarah Howe, and fiction writer and documentary filmmaker Hannah Rothschild. There will be more than 550 cultural events, including author sessions, cultural tours and book store activities. Jul 20-26. Hong Kong Convention Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$10 before noon, \$25 thereafter at the door.



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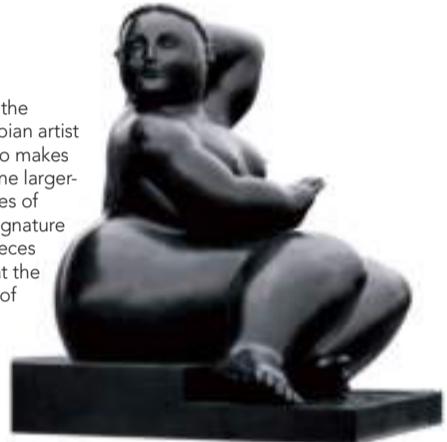
### Intimate Embraces

Inspired by the voluptuous bodies and pearl-white complexions of Tang Dynasty-era beauties, leading Chinese contemporary artist Pang Yongjie has created simple and elegant figures using a limited color palette. He shapes his forms by applying thick layers of paint to the canvas with a palette knife, and as a result the works seem minimalistic from a distance, but look almost three-dimensional up close. Through Sep 9. Fabrik Contemporary Art, 1102, Nam Wo Hong Building, 148 Wing Lok St., Sheung Wan. fabrik-gallery.com.



### First Smash 3

Eight young Hong Kong-based artists present their works for the first time. As part of the Art Experience Foundation's platform to support emerging local talent, "First Smash 3" sees these artists debut in a commercial gallery—don't miss your chance to say that you were there at the beginning of the next Ai Weiwei. Through Aug 20. Art Experience Gallery, Room 2009, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Rd., Tsuen Wan. artexperiencegallery.com.



### Botero In Hong Kong

Widely recognized as one of the greatest living artists, Colombian artist and sculptor Fernando Botero makes his Hong Kong debut with nine larger-than-life-size bronze sculptures of the human form, cast in his signature voluptuous fashion. These pieces will be available for viewing at the Central Harbourfront as part of the SummerFest@Central. Through Aug 14. Central Harbourfront, Central.

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## OPEN BAR WOLF MARKET

**The buzz:** New bar and restaurant group Noble Concepts brings the city a bar embodying this financial center's favorite pastime: the stock market. And what better location than right at the foot of Lan Kwai Fong, ready for the finance crowd to pop bottles right after the market closes?

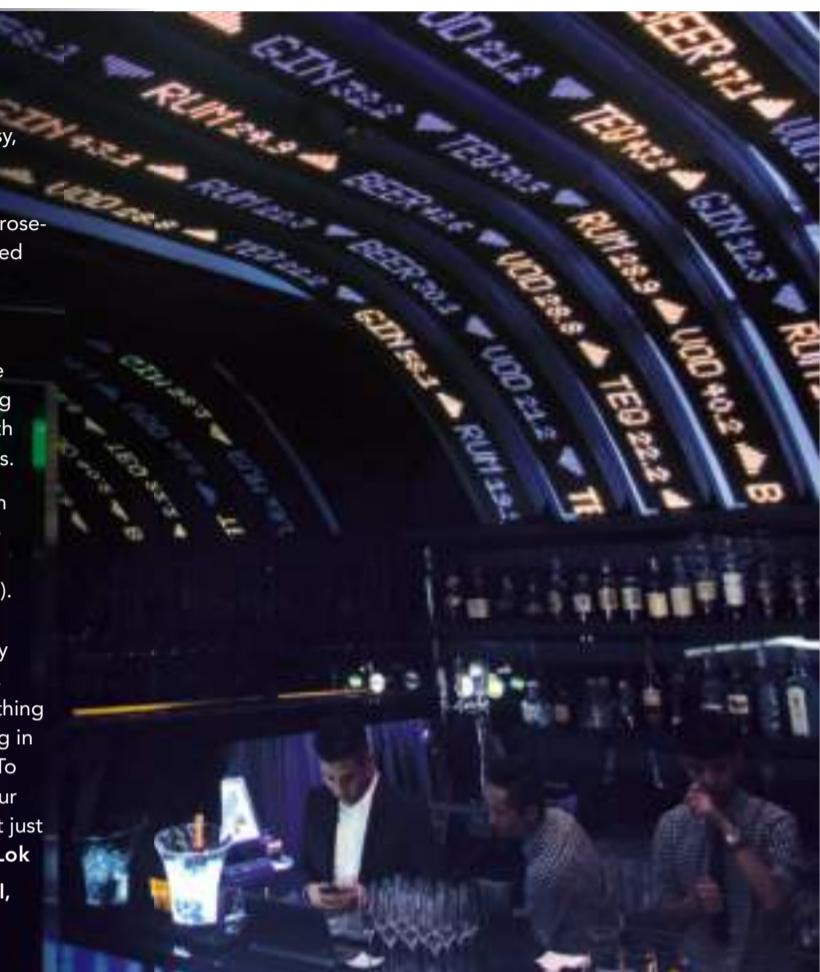
**The décor:** The two-story space inspired by an exchange floor. Sporting all-black walls with bright LED light features, the ceiling is wrapped in stock ticker signs, liquor prices reading "VOD" or "RUM." Upstairs, The Trader's Room—reached via a very narrow spiral staircase (or less glamorously, the communal lift)—is where you go to sip cocktails, snack on bar bites, and open bubbly.

**The drinks:** The main wall downstairs is dominated by the most standout feature of Wolf Market: the drinks menu, with prices that go up when demand is high, or fall when it's low. It's completely automated: After we ordered a G&T, we saw that the base price of Hendrick's (\$108) instantly rose by a few dollars. The bar tells us that prices downstairs can drop or rise by \$20 on an average night. Upstairs, the menu is static. The most popular cocktail on the Trader's Room menu is the Jazmin (\$118), which blends vodka

with Jasmine tea and apple to make for an easy, thirst-quenching summer drink. For something short and sweet, the Rosie Pink Sheet (\$118) muddles muscat grapes with rose syrup, adds rose-infused vodka and tops it off with extra chopped grapes. Something tougher float your boat? Try the Golden Cross (\$118) which uses Bulleit bourbon, Courvoisier V.S.O.P, maple syrup, and is served with a little cup of roasted coffee beans you can add in for extra aroma: rounding out the strong kick of bourbon and cognac with a second wave of savory smoke from the beans.

**Why you'll be back:** You can line your stomach with a range of bar snacks like a grilled rib-eye with chimichurri (\$158), and of course, the ubiquitous lobster roll (\$118 for two small rolls). You'll need it: the best draw here is the Penny Stock promotion, every Monday to Wednesday 5-7pm, during which select drinks are just \$10. Weeknight drinkers beware: If we learned anything from "The Wolf of Wall Street," it's that dealing in penny stocks often leads to a dramatic crash. To prevent a quaalude-scene re-enactment on your morning commute, you might want to cap it at just one... or three (and decline any pills). Evelyn Lok

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## Clubs



### Cashmere Cat at Volar

The legendary Norwegian DJ and turntablist is set to hit up Volar in August, so start blasting those remixes of Lana Del Rey ("National Anthem") and Jeremih, that Ariana Grande collab ("Adore"), and of course, his EP "Mirror Maru" to gear up for the big event. Aug 18, 10pm. Volar, B/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$250 from [ticketflap.com/cashmerecat](http://ticketflap.com/cashmerecat), entry before 12:30am with two drinks, thereafter with just one. \$300 at the door before 12:30am, \$350 thereafter; both with two drinks.

**Ozone Presents David Viale for Bastille Day**  
Bastille Day is around the corner, and French-based DJ talent David Viale, one half of sibling DJ duo La Griffe, will be powering up the decks to celebrate liberté, égalité, fraternité. Jul 14, 10pm. Ozone, 118/F, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, free entry.

## Gigs

### Against the Current: In Our Bones World Tour

Against the Current plays what's billed as "intelligent pop songs." The pop rock trio from Poughkeepsie, New York, made it big on YouTube before breaking into the gig scene. They're back in Hong Kong to tour their latest album, "In Our Bones." Sep 16, 8pm. MacPherson Stadium, 38 Nelson St., Mong Kok, \$450-750 (VIP with meet and greet) from [cityline.com](http://cityline.com).



### YourMum Presents: Yumi Zouma, Yukilovey and Merry Lamb Lamb

The Kiwi dreampop foursome Yumi Zouma: made up of Sam Perry, Christie Simpson, Josh Burgess and Charlie Ryder, heads to Hong Kong this September for a one-off gig in recently opened indie venue Café Hillywood. Having played with the likes of Lorde and Chet Faker, this is one gig Hong Kong hipsters won't want to miss. The band is supported by local acts Yukilovey and newcomers Merry Lamb Lamb. Sep 16, 8pm. Café Hillywood, LG/F, 152 Austin Rd., Jordan, \$280 from [ticketflap.com/yumizouma](http://ticketflap.com/yumizouma).

### Bobby Taylor Returns

Motown legend and Jackson 5 producer Bobby Taylor hits up Grappa's Cellar en route to the Kota Kinabalu Jazz Festival, performing classics as well as paying tribute to Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and The Temptations. Jul 16, 8pm. Grappa's Cellar, B/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, \$288 from Grappa's Cellar, includes one drink. A la carte dinner available from 6:30pm.

## Happy Hours

### Club Primo Thursday Ladies Night

Ladies can get in on a special cocktail free flow deal after 10:30pm every Thursday, where you can also bounce to old school hip hop and R'n'B jams by local DJ KitLi. Every Thursday, 10:30pm til late. Club Primo, 7/F, 18 On Lan St., Central. Free.

### #JinChick Happy Hour at Jinjuu

You can now feast on even more hot Korean chick(en)s at Jinjuu's #JinChick happy hour, featuring four Hite beers with a double portion of their signature fried chicken for just \$300. Mon-Fri, 4-7pm. Jinjuu, UG/F, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central.



### Champagne & Japanese Canapés Happy Hour at Dragon-i

D-i bites just got even fancier at their latest weekday Happy Hour offering, which includes a pairing of Japanese canapés with free flow Perrier Jouët Grand Brut for \$388. Wed-Fri, 5-9pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central.

### Summer Fridays at Motorino's

Every Friday this season from 3-6pm, you can grab free-flow Peronis and Neapolitan pizzas (yes, non-stop pizzas too!), for just \$228. You'll be able to choose from four popular styles, including marinara, margherita, brussels sprout and the spicy soppressata picante. Go on, leave work early. It's a Friday! Through Sep 30, Fridays. Motorino, 15 Ship St., Wan Chai; Motorino, 14 Shelley St., Central.

### Fireball and Ski Shots at Zerve & Zerve Plus

Every Wednesday and Thursday at beer pong hall Zerve Plus, for \$256 you and three buddies can share a round of Fireball ski shots (four shot glasses tacked on a single ski): Throw in \$20 extra and you get a whole pizza as well. Wed-Thu. Zerve & Zerve Plus, 8-9/F, Zing!, 38 Yiu Wa St., Causeway Bay.

### Viet Kitchen Live DJ Happy Hour

Cliché Records takes over Viet Kitchen on every last Friday of the month for happy hour drinks all night long: \$28 first drink, \$48 thereafter. TGIF indeed! Jul 29. Viet Kitchen, Shop G04&G06, Nexus Building, 41 Connaught Rd., Central.

### East vs West Wednesdays at Posto Pubblico

Italian-American hotspot Posto Pubblico will now be partying late into the night every Wednesday, with its new resident DJ Mic McGirk spinning old school hip hop, Detroit-based Motown, funk and blues. For \$158 per head, you'll be able to get in on some all-you-can-drink 40s and gin 'n' juice. Wednesdays, 10pm-late. Posto Pubblico, 28 Elgin St., Central, \$158 per head.



### Downtime at Gaucho

Gaucho may be known for their steaks, but now also for their generosity: Get a complimentary drink and bar platter on the house between 5-8pm on weekdays. There'll be a DJ spinning tunes every Thursday evening. Mon-Fri, 5-8pm. Gaucho, 5/F, LHT Tower, 31 Queen's Rd., Central.

### Free Flow Spritz at Pirata

Get in on some cool new cocktails at Wan Chai vermuteria Pirata, from the gin- and English breakfast tea-based Admiral Tea (\$90) to the tropical rum cocktail Pirata Tiki AllSpice (\$95). To make weekend happy hour vibes even happier, the bar offers free flow spritz cocktails for just \$180 between 5-7:30pm, Fri-Sun. Pirata, 29-30/F, 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai.



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## Music Festivals

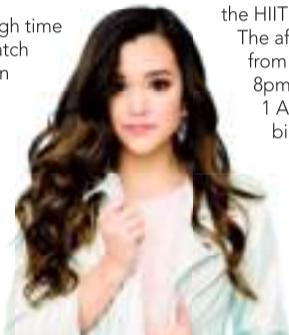


### The Underground Summer Festival

Rocking out at new music venue Attic, The Underground is putting together a summer rock festival of the best local talent: Expect a touch of melodic rock from Peri M, hair metal from Bamboo Star, old-school shoegaze from Ninetynine Floor, indie noise pop from David Boring, and pop punk vets Shotgun Politics. The headliner is being kept a surprise. If you want to win a set of Sennheiser headphones and other awesome prizes, don't miss the lucky draw. Jul 16, 6pm. Attic, 1/F, Grand Business Plaza, 153 Wai Yip St., Kwun Tong, 9486-4648. \$100 from undergroundhk.com, \$150 at the door; both include one drink.

### WTFest

As if you don't already spend enough time watching YouTube. Now you can catch all your favorite online singers live in Hong Kong, at brand new two-day music festival WTFest. It'll be more than six hours of non-stop music each day, featuring the likes of Andie Case, Kurt Hugo Schneider and Max Schneider, Sam Tsui and more. Jul 9-10, 3-9pm. Hall 3, AsiaWorld-Expo, Airport Expo Boulevard, Chek Lap Kok, wtfest.com. \$780-980 from cityline.com, \$880-1,180 at the door.



## Nightlife Events

### Whisky Blending Experience at The First Floor

Patrons of The First Floor who spend over \$800 at dinner will be able to attend a complimentary whisk(e)y blending workshop after their meal. After a brief whisky appreciation section, you'll work with a master blender to create your own personalized 50ml blend from five different whiskies. The First Floor by lifestyle Federation, 1/F, 13 Duddell St., Central. Promotion is valid for dine-in dinner between 6-10pm with \$800 spending or above, excluding 10 percent service charge. Additional whisky blending experience \$280 per person.

### W Hotel Summer Series Pool Party: Hot Streak

The W's summer pool parties are back, this year with a fitness edge: Ticketholders will be able to take part in a free warmup workout from 8-9pm before all the wet debauchery starts. If you really care about maintaining your beach bod, there'll also be a detox buffet during the party with healthy treats and drinks, as well as a silent disco workout booth for those who want to bring the HIIT into their wining and grinding. The after-party continues at Woobar, from 11pm 'til late. Jul 30, Aug 13, 27, 8pm. Wet Pool, 76/F, W Hong Kong, 1 Austin Rd. West, \$350 early bird tickets from ticketflap.com/wpoolparty, \$450 at the door; both include one standard drink. \$888 for "WIP" tickets with free flow champagne until midnight.

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### \$10 Happy Hour at Isono

Contending for the best drinks deal in Central, you can be both wine-happy and wallet-happy at Isono, which is offering sangria, beer, selected wines and soft drinks at just \$10 each for the next few weeks. Through Jul 17, 6-9pm. Extended hours on Saturday and Sunday from noon-9pm. Isono Eatery and Bar, H601-H608, 6/F, Block B, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central.

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# FILM

## Finding Dory ★★★

(USA) Animation. Voiced by Ellen Degeneres, Albert Brooks, Hayden Rolence, Ed O'Neill. Category I. 97 minutes. Opened Jul 14.

Pixar has a history of taking its sweet ass time with its movies, making sure to tell a story worth telling. It was 13 years ago when their smash hit "Finding Nemo" hit cinemas—a time when no one knew that a clownfish with a tiny left fin could tug on so many heartstrings. More than a decade later, "Finding Dory" avoids the usual churned-out sequel BS, delivering instead a heartfelt, enlightening film.

Memory plays a crucial part in this film, with the spotlight now on memory-impaired regal blue tang Dory. The nostalgia for all us adults in the cinema and the fond childhood memories sneaking up on Dory form the premise of the sequel. Taking place a year after the original story left off, Dory, Nemo and his dad Marlin are now living peacefully in their coral reef home. One day, Dory is hit by dreams of where she came from, and she decides to seek out her parents. All she has is a single memory: that they used to live in the "Jewel of Morro Bay."

Dory, Marlin and Nemo head to the opposite side of the ocean, to the coast of California. There, their adventure takes them to the Marine Life Institute—and Dory gets "rescued" by humans. This time around, it's Marlin and Nemo's turn to save the forgetful fish.

There's nothing quite as emotionally powerful as the notion of forgetting your home or your family. The movie piles the sentiment on strong from the start, when we see Dory navigating the open ocean all on her own as a baby fish. Perhaps it's a sort of an innate human instinct to want



to protect what we grew up with, or perhaps it resonates because everyone feels helpless at one point or another. Either way, it's a quick way to get the audience to tear up early on—and not for the last time, either.

There are plenty of throwback references to the first film throughout "Finding Dory," partly to jog the audience's memory about a film that's more than a decade old, and also to build on what made the first film so successful. Those who've seen "Finding Nemo" will recognize a few old tricks, and some of it feels formulaic: The token action sequence, a fearful gaze at the destructive power of children, and the parent learning to accept that his child's own choices are right. However, the

genuine heart in this movie will win you over, and what might stick as contrived in any other movie ends up as charming instead.

Despite being nostalgic for adults, "Finding Dory" is still fundamentally a kids' movie, with countless opportunities unmissed to educate young 'uns about respecting wildlife, treating others kindly, and bravely doing the right thing even when it's risky. But in doing so, it hits all the fundamental emotions.

"Finding Dory" is a genuinely kind and positive feel-good film. It may have taken Pixar 13 years to make, but it was worth the wait. **Evelyn Lok**

## Coming Soon

### Three

(Hong Kong/China) Action auteur Johnnie To's latest unfolds entirely in a hospital, where a criminal with a bullet lodged in his brain delays an operation in order to buy himself time and to mock the cop who brought him in (Louis Koo), while a doctor (Zhao Wei) confronts questions of her own professionalism. Opens Jul 14.



### Central Intelligence

(USA) In this cop buddy comedy, Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart play reunited high school best friends—Hart is a middling accountant unhappy at work and at home, and Johnson is a CIA agent who needs a numbers whiz to figure out an arms deal. Opens Jul 14.

### Finding Dory

(USA) See review, above. Opens Jul 14.

### Me Before You ▾

(UK/USA) This tearjerker of Nicholas Sparksian proportions brings together a spunky barista-turned caregiver and her client, a former high-rolling banker who loses everything—his job, his closest relationships, and his will to live—after a motorcycle accident leaves him completely paralyzed. Opens Jul 14.



## Opening

### Cold War 2

(Hong Kong) Following up 2012's smash hit of the same name, cop thriller Cold War 2 revisits Sean Lau (Aaron Kwok) and Waise Lee (Tony Leung) and their squad of big names as they continue to balance police protocol with another terrorist attack. Starring Chow Yun-fat as the main antagonist. Opened July 8.

### Fire At Sea

(Italy) This documentary by Italian filmmaker Gianfranco Rosi presents the lives of townspeople living in Lampedusa, a small fishing village off the coast of Italy, juxtaposed with the traumas of refugees passing through it as their main transit route to Europe. A gorgeously shot documentary which layers tragedy with moments of catharsis and childhood playfulness but falters from a weak narrative. Opened July 7. ★★★



### Man Up

(UK) Simon Pegg and Lake Bell are the leads of this rom-com which starts with the cutest of meet-cutes: a mistaken woman on a blind date, a perfect date, the heartfelt reveal, an unanticipated reaction, and in between, high-flying highs, desperate lows, and a drunken meltdown to boot. Opened July 7.

## Continuing

### Alice Through the Looking Glass

(USA) In this sequel to Tim Burton's 2010 hit *Alice in Wonderland*, Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska, Anne Hathaway and Helena Bonham Carter find themselves once again in Wonderland. It's another visual stunner and an enjoyable film, despite the drawn-out storyline and Disney cheesiness. ★★



### A Bigger Splash

(Italy/France) Rock star Marianne Lane (Tilda Swinton) and her photographer boyfriend (Matthias Schoenaerts) escape to a remote island on holiday. But when they're joined by her ex Harry (Ralph Fiennes) and his daughter, played by Dakota Johnson, things start to heat up. Despite moments of slightly iffy writing, this gorgeous movie holds up to the complexities of its source material. ★★★

### Fifty Shades of Black

(USA) Not an official sequel to "Fifty Shades of Grey"—you'll have to wait until 2017 before Mr. Grey will see you again—but a spoof starring Marlon Wayans ("White Chicks"), Kali Hawk ("Bridesmaids") and Fred Willard ("Anchorman"). Unfunny and offensive is right: Fifty shades of fucked up that we wouldn't recommend to anyone. ★★★★ (No Stars)

### The Handmaiden

(South Korea) From director Park Chan-wook ("Oldboy") comes a tale of a con man in 1930s Korea hoping to seduce an heiress for her money and the pickpocket he hires to be her handmaiden who ends up falling in love with her. A sensuously woven tale with nuanced characters by a master filmmaker. ★★★★

### Independence Day: Resurgence

(USA) The sequel to 1996's "Independence Day" brings former President Whitmore (Bill Pullman) and scientist David Levinson (Jeff Goldblum) back together, along with a new generation of unreasonably beautiful scientists and pilots including our very own Angelababy. What's different from the last one, you ask? Well, they killed off Will Smith's character because he's too expensive, plus the entire fight with the grotesque aliens is silly and corny. ★★

### The Jungle Book

(USA) The beloved 1967 Disney cartoon gets a CG/live-action makeover and they've packed the screen with star A-listers. Bill Murray voices Baloo, the lovable bear; the Bengal tiger baddie, Shere Khan, is played by Idris Elba. This remake won't replace the original, but with stunning jungle landscapes and heartwarming characters, it comes close. ★★★



### The Legend of Tarzan

(USA) Tarzan, played by Alexander Skarsgård (TV's "True Blood"), returns back to the Congolese jungle with his wife Jane Porter (Margot Robbie) after a life of aristocracy in London. While it was entertaining to watch a shirtless Skarsgård swinging through the jungle with amazing CG gorillas, the story depicts a tired and retrograde white colonialist fantasy where a hot white dude can save an entire jungle. ★★

### The Man Who Knew Infinity

(UK) Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons star in this biopic of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a mathematician who quickly rises from his poor Tamil Brahmin family in Madras to become one of the most brilliant innovators of formulas and theorems in pre-war Cambridge, with the help of an English professor (Irons). Stand-out performances and strong source material take this cookie-cutter biopic to the next level. ★★★★



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#### New York New York

(China) Set in Shanghai in the early 90s, "New York New York" follows two young lovers, one whose greatest ambition is to go to New York at any cost (Du Juan) and the other who just wants to protect her (Ethan Juan). This debut by director Dong Luo is a richly aestheticized Shanghai love story in the tradition of Wong Kar-wai's ill-fated romances.

#### The Nice Guys

(USA) Writer and director Shane Black ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang") is back with another winding tale of mystery in the neo-noir shadows of gritty porn-addicted, disco-driven 1977 Los Angeles. Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe play a mismatched pair of misfit PIs looking to uncover the truth behind the death of an adult film star and the disappearance of a young girl.

#### Now You See Me 2

(USA) Following up 2013's "Now You See Me," a band of professional magicians/bank robbers is goaded into their biggest heist yet by tech genius Walter Mabry (Daniel Radcliffe). Magic buffs will be dazzled by the tricks, but the rest of us will be more intrigued by the Macanese backdrop, plus a significant cameo by pop star Jay Chou. ★★★

#### The Secret Life of Pets

(USA) What happens to our favorite furballs when we leave the house every day? A beloved dog Max (Louis CK) is taken out of domesticated bliss to the sewers in New York after his owner adopts a new dog. The team behind "Despicable Me" brings us a modern and comedian-stuffed callback to Aristocats and An American Tail. The Secret Life of Pets is charming, funny and endlessly exciting. ★★★★

#### Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows

(USA) The Ninja Turtles are back, and this time they've got their work cut out for them: First they've got to defeat mutant nemeses Bebop and Rocksteady, and then join April O'Neil (Megan Fox) and Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett) to defeat an alien invasion led by supervillain Krang (Fred Armisen).



#### Triple 9

(USA) In this action-packed thriller, dirty cops work with the Russian mob (headed up by Kate Winslet!) for a heist that involves setting up the death of a rookie cop (Casey Affleck) in order to pull attention away from their dirty dealings. But when the rookie's uncle (Woody Harrelson) gets involved, their plan hits a snag. A riveting summer flick with strong performances by Winslet and Chiwetel Ejiofor. ★★★★

#### Warcraft: The Beginning

(USA) From lowly computer game to one of the biggest franchises on the planet, Warcraft has brought the high-fantasy world of Azeroth to the big screen. And lucky for you, gamers, you'll just need to shell out for the price of the ticket instead digging yourself further into debt with virtual armor, Cenarion hatchlings, Hoods of Hungering Darkness...



The Met in HD: Turandot

## Film Festival

#### M+ Screenings: This is Now

In collaboration with the British Film Institute National Archive, the M+ museum for visual culture at the West Kowloon Cultural District is screening a rarely seen program of 20 professionally restored Super 8 and 16mm films shot by British artists during the post-punk era, spread over six thematic programs which include "Home Taping," "Performing the Self," "Video Killed the Radio Star" and others. Through this traditionally lo-fi, DIY-inspired medium, art unfolds in vibrant kodachrome, set to the equally inventive sounds of Echo and the Bunnymen, The Human League and Adam Ant. Through Jul 10. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei. \$65-85 from cinema.com.hk.

## Special Screening

#### The Met in HD: Turandot

Those unfamiliar with opera may not know every bar of Puccini's "Turandot," but they will probably recognize the first strains of "Nessun Dorma," the grand, soaring aria that's as close to a pop hit as an aria can be, popularized in the 90s by the great Luciano Pavarotti. This production is directed by legendary filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli, and Princess Turandot is played by Nina Stemme, widely regarded as one of the finest living sopranos. The part of Calaf, the besotted prince who sings the aforementioned aria, is played by Italian tenor Marco Berti. Watch this pre-recorded performance in HD at the equally grand Neo-Gothic Béthanie building. Jul 16, 5:30pm. The Béthanie, 139 Pok Fu Lam Rd., Pok Fu Lam, www.themetinhongkong.info. \$210 from hkticketing.com

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**CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22):** As I gaze into my crystal ball and invoke a vision of your near future, I find you communing with elemental energies that are almost beyond your power to control. But I'm not worried, because I also see that the spirit of fun is keeping you safe and protected. Your playful strength is fully unfurled, ensuring that love always trumps chaos. This is a dream come true: You have a joyous confidence as you explore and experiment with the Great Unknown, trusting in your fluidic intuition to guide you.

**LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22):** "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest," says a Chinese proverb. "Then you are coming out the other side." You will soon reach that midpoint, Leo. You may not recognize how far you have already come, so it's a good thing I'm here to give you a heads-up. Keep the faith! Now here's another clue: As you have wandered through the dark forest, you've been learning practical lessons that will come in handy during the phase of your journey that will begin after your birthday.

**VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22):** My devoted contingent of private detectives, intelligence agents, and psychic sleuths is constantly wandering the globe gathering data for me to use in creating your horoscopes. In recent days, they have reported that many of you Virgos are seeking expansive visions and mulling long-term decisions. Your tribe seems unusually relaxed about the future, and is eager to be emancipated from shrunken possibilities. Crucial in this wonderful development has been an inclination to stop obsessing on small details and avoid being distracted by transitory concerns. Hallelujah! Keep up the good work. Think BIG! BIGGER! BIGGEST!

**LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22):** After years of painstaking research, the psychic surgeons at the Beauty and Truth Lab have finally perfected the art and science of Zodiac Makeovers. Using a patented technique known as Mythic Gene Engineering, they are able to transplant the planets of your horoscope into different signs and astrological houses from the ones you were born with. Let's say your natal Jupiter suffers from an uncongenial aspect with your Moon. The psychic surgeons cut and splice according to your specifications, enabling you to be re-coded with the destiny you desire. Unfortunately, the cost of this pioneering technology is still prohibitive for most people. But here's the good news, Libra: In the coming months, you will have an unprecedented power to reconfigure your life's path using other, less expensive, purely natural means.

**SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):** In high school I was a good athlete with a promising future as a baseball player. But my aspirations were aborted in sophomore year when the coach banished me from the team. My haircut and wardrobe were too weird, he said. I may have been a skillful shortstop, but my edgy politics made him nervous and mad. At the time I was devastated by his expulsion. Playing baseball was my passion. But in retrospect I was grateful. The coach effectively ended my career as a jock,

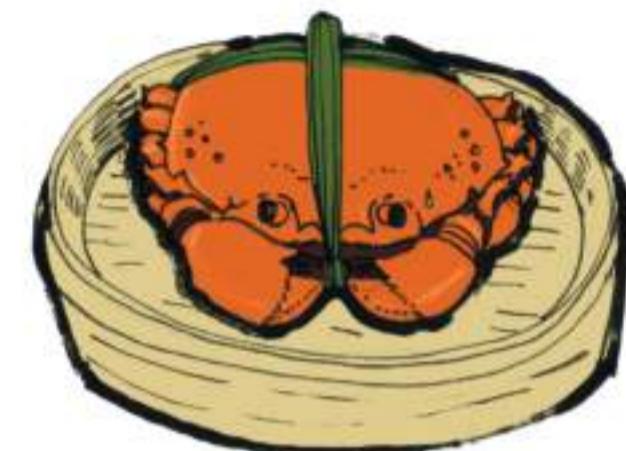
steering me toward my true callings: poetry and music and astrology. I invite you to identify a comparable twist in your own destiny, Scorpio. What unexpected blessings came your way through a seeming adversary? The time is ripe to lift those blessings to the next level.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21):** Do you remember that turning point when you came to a fork in the road of your destiny at a moment when your personal power wasn't strong? And do you recall how you couldn't muster the potency to make the most courageous choice, but instead headed in the direction that seemed easier? Well, here's some intriguing news: Your journey has delivered you, via a convoluted route, to a place not too far from that original fork in the road. It's possible you could return there and revisit the options—which are now more mature and meaningful—with greater authority. Trust your exuberance.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):** I love writing horoscopes for you. Your interest in my insights spurs my creativity and makes me smarter. As I search for the inspiration you need next, I have to continually reinvent my approach to finding the truth. The theories I had about your destiny last month may not be applicable this month. My devotion to following your ever-shifting story keeps me enjoyably off-balance, propelling me free of habit and predictability. I'm grateful for your influence on me! Now I suggest that you compose a few thank-you notes similar to the one I've written here. Address them to the people in your life who move you and feed you and transform you the best.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19):** After an Illinois man's wife whacked him in the neck with a hatchet, he didn't hold a grudge. Just the opposite. Speaking from a hospital room while recovering from his life-threatening wound, Thomas Deas testified that he still loved his attacker, and hoped they could reconcile. Is this admirable or pathetic? I'll go with pathetic. Forgiving one's allies and loved ones for their mistakes is wise, but allowing and enabling their maliciousness and abuse should be taboo. Keep that standard in mind during the coming weeks, Aquarius. People close to you may engage in behavior that lacks full integrity. Be compassionate but tough-minded in your response.

**PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20):** Can water run uphill? Not usually. But there's an eccentric magic circulating in your vicinity, and it could generate



phenomena that are comparable to water running uphill. I wouldn't be surprised, either, to see the equivalent of stars coming out in the daytime. Or a mountain moving out of your way. Or the trees whispering an oracle exactly when you need it. Be alert for anomalous blessings, Pisces. They may be so different from what you think is possible that they could be hard to recognize.

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19):** Events in the coming week may trick your mind and tweak your heart. They might mess with your messiah complex and wreak havoc on your habits. But I bet they will also energize your muses and add melodic magic to your mysteries. They will slow you down in such a way as to speed up your evolution, and spin you in circles with such lyrical grace that you may become delightfully clear-headed. Will you howl and moan? Probably, but more likely out of poignant joy, not from angst and anguish. Might you be knocked off course? Perhaps, but by a good influence, not a bad one.

**TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20):** In the book "A Survival Guide to the Stress of Organizational Change," the authors tell you how to raise your stress levels. Assume that others are responsible for lowering your stress levels, they say. Resolve not to change anything about yourself. Hold on to everything in your life that's expendable. Fear the future. Get embroiled in trivial battles. Try to win new games as you play by old rules. Luckily, the authors also offer suggestions on how to reduce your stress. Get good sleep, they advise. Exercise regularly. Don't drink too much caffeine. Feel lots of gratitude. Clearly define a few strong personal goals, and let go of lesser wishes. Practice forgiveness and optimism. Talk to yourself with kindness. Got all that, Taurus? It's an excellent place to start as you formulate your strategy for the second half of 2016.

**GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20):** Normally I'm skeptical about miraculous elixirs and sudden cures and stupendous breakthroughs. I avoid fantasizing about a "silver bullet" that can simply and rapidly repair an entrenched problem. But I'm setting aside my caution as I evaluate your prospects for the coming months. While I don't believe that a sweeping transformation is guaranteed, I suspect it's far more likely than usual. I suggest you open your mind to it.

**HOMEWORK:** Imagine that thanks to scientific breakthroughs and good luck, you're alive in 2096. What's your life like?  
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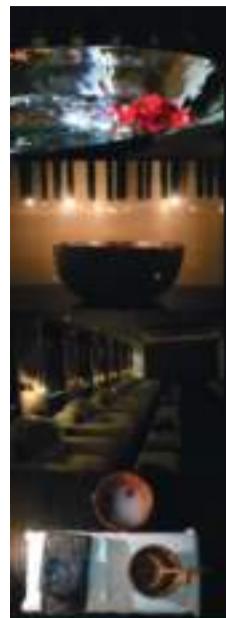
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### - Heartbroken And Devastated

I'm going to preface my response with what someone in my position is expected to say and what, given the circumstances, may even be true: Your marriage is over. The scale, duration, and psychological cruelty of your wife's betrayals may be too great for you to overcome.

But you didn't need me to tell you that, HAD. You knew that already. So I can only assume you wrote wanting to hear something else. You don't need me to outline the reasons you should leave, and you don't need my permission to go. You wrote because you're looking for a reason to stay.

I'll give it my best shot.

A long-term relationship is a myth two people create together. It's not chemistry, it's not math, it's not engineering. It's a story, HAD, a story we tell each other, a story we tell others, and a story we tell ourselves.

And sometimes it's a story we have to revise.

Right now, it feels like the story you've been telling yourself and others about your marriage is a lie: not partly, but wholly. You thought your marriage was a loving, committed, and "completely loyal" one, but it's not—it can't be, and it never was, because she was cheating on you from the beginning.

But loyalty isn't something we demonstrate with our genitals alone. Your wife wasn't loyal to you sexually, HAD, and that's painful. And the conventional "wisdom" is that people don't cheat on partners they love. But you were married to this woman, and you describe your marriage as good, loving, and wonderful. And it somehow managed to be all those things despite your wife's betrayals.

She must have been loyal to you in other ways or you would've divorced her long before you discovered her infidelities. Think back over the last 17 years: every kind and loving gesture, every considerate action, every intimacy, every moment you took care of each other—was it all a lie?

I'm not trying to exonerate your wife, and I'm not trying to minimize her betrayal or your pain. But if you want to stay together, HAD, you're going to have to tell yourself a new story, one that makes room for contradiction (loves you, cheated on you), betrayal (shitloads), apologies (shitloads from her), forgiveness (shitloads from you), and... some accommodations going forward. If I may paraphrase Maya Angelou: When someone finally shows you who they are—after you found the incriminating e-mails—you should believe them. Your wife has never been faithful to you or to anyone else, HAD, at least not sexually. Adjusting your expectations and making accommodations accordingly is more realistic than expecting your wife to become a different person.

Finally, HAD, a little bonus advice. I ran into Esther Perel, author of *Mating in Captivity: Unlocking Erotic Intelligence*, the day your letter arrived. Perel is a psychotherapist and couples counselor whose most recent TED Talk ("Rethinking Infidelity") is one you're going to want to watch. I shared your letter with Perel and asked her what she thought: Based on her vast experience working with couples confronting infidelity, did she think your marriage was doomed?

"No, I don't," said Perel.

Perel's response honestly surprised me. We spoke for 10 minutes, and I recorded the conversation. It won't fit in this space—so I'm going to post Perel's thoughts as the Savage Love Letter of the Day when this column comes out. So you're going to get a second opinion from an actual expert, HAD, and—spoiler alert—it's a hopeful one.

I'm a cis woman in my late 20s. About three months ago, I had my first one-night stand. I've noticed my thoughts have continued to gravitate toward this man ever since—despite having other sexual partners in the interim. I recently ran across his profile on Tinder—however, I'm fairly sure he hasn't logged on for a while as certain things weren't up to date. While I obviously swiped right, I'm curious as to whether it would be seen as inappropriate or possibly invasive if I were to reach out via the powers of social media. The night we had went well—it was all incredibly comfortable sexually, and I found him very interesting to talk to both before and after we hooked up. I should mention that I left rather swiftly that evening without grabbing his number in an attempt to "play it cool." I definitely don't want to cross social or personal boundaries, but I'd like to see him again.

— Creep

There's nothing creepy about letting someone you fucked know you wanna fuck 'em again or, hey, maybe even date 'em for a while. It gets creepy only if they don't respond, or if they politely decline, and you keep letting them know you would like to fuck/date them some more.

You liked him, you had a nice time, the sex was good—and you left, stupidly, without his number for fear of looking clingy or uncool. Social media has come with costs—trolls, bullying, Donald Trump's Twitter feed—but the ability to locate someone and ask for a do-over/screw-over is one of the benefits. So look him up on Facebook or Instagram and send him a note. If you don't hear back, consider yourself swiped left and move on.

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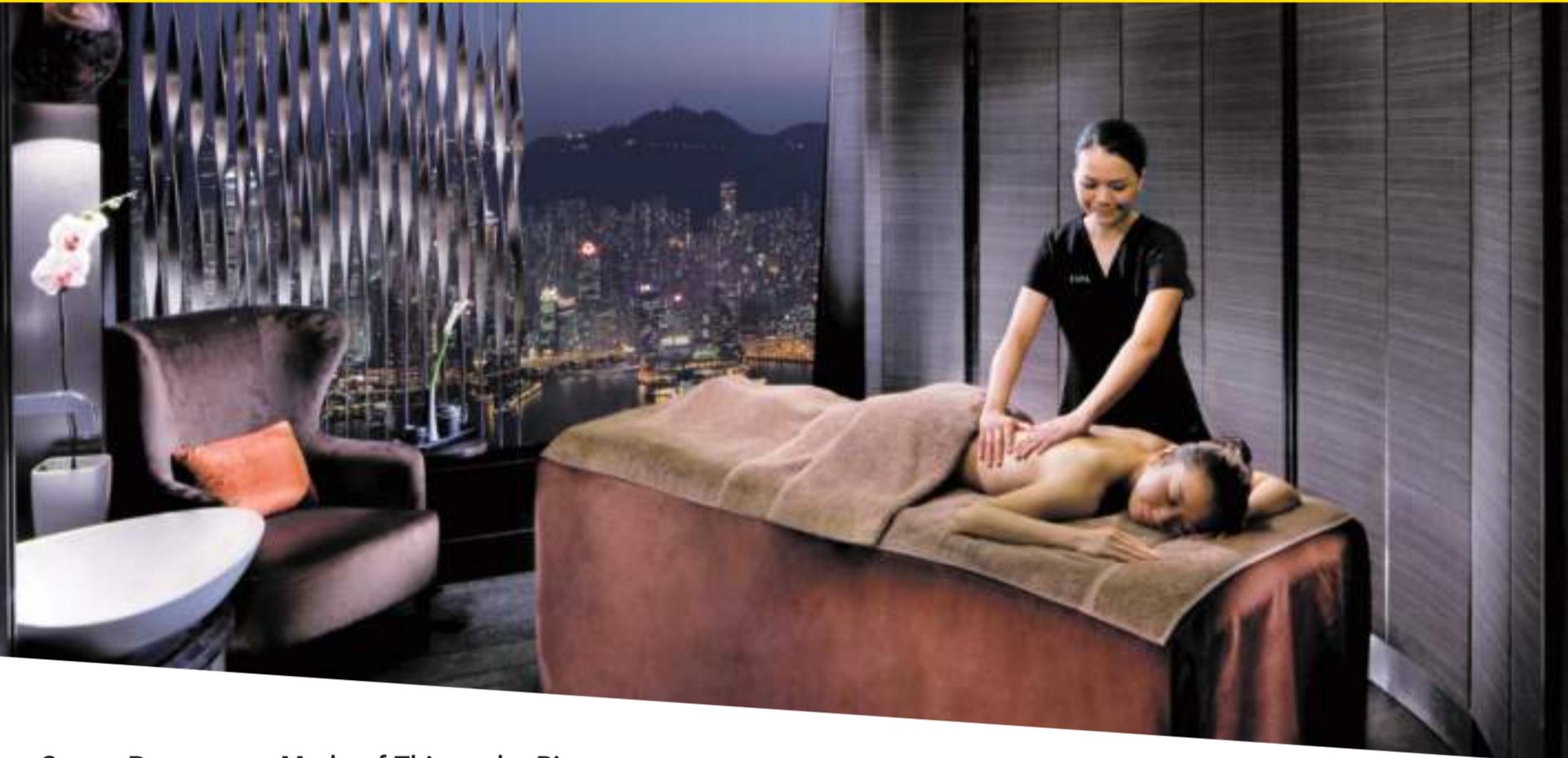
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# SPOTLIGHT

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## Sweet Dreams are Made of This at the Ritz

Once more, The Ritz-Carlton Spa is offering a new luxurious pampering package to the public: And this time around their aim is to help those chronic toss-and-turners to unwind and get some much needed shut-eye.

Enter the "Sweet Dream" treatment, a 120-minute long treatment which includes a hot bath, stretching and breathing exercises, the Ritz-Carlton's signature Lava Shell body massage and an eye and scalp massage (it's more relaxing than it sounds) that all helps to relieve tension within the nervous system and recalibrate your natural sleep patterns.

The first 30 minutes is a hot bath using ESPA skincare's aromatherapy bath oil and natural sea salts, which help to improve blood circulation and remove excess water from the body; while chamomile tea or Longan tea infused with red dates soothes you from the inside out.

Your spa therapist will then have a consultation with you to identify problem areas and decide on the best course of treatment for the remaining 90 minutes. Afterwards, you'll be

treated to a highly relaxing series of stretching and breathing exercises.

Then comes the Lava Shell Body Treatment, which uses heated lava shells to first soothe tired feet and then the rest of your body. Finally, the treatment ends with a 20-minute eye and scalp massage. By targeting specific pressure points around your orbicularis oculi, one of your eyelid muscles, the spa therapist can help relax the whole central nervous system. Specific pressure points in the scalp also help to relieve sleep problems and jet lag.

Even if you sleep like a log most nights, 120 minutes of pampering is always worth paying for.

The treatment is now available at The Ritz-Carlton Spa from Monday to Thursday, priced at \$2,800. Treatments booked on Friday-Sunday and public holidays are subject to an additional \$400. All prices are subject to 10 percent service charge.

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After working magic on your eyebrows, make your eye makeup pop even more with Benefit's Stay Don't Stray Power Primer (\$260). This dual-action primer makes sure that concealers and eyeshadows stay put.

The primer will keep everything looking fresh for hours to come—Concealers don't crease while eyeshadows stay bright. It also works its magic on your skin as it contains the hydrating sodium hyaluronate and Vitamins C & E, which help to fight signs of aging.

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# Ophelia

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Ophelia, a high-end restaurant-bar-lounge complex will open soon in Hong Kong

Ashley Sutton, the mastermind behind iconic international bars in Tokyo and Bangkok, introduces Ophelia to Hong Kong

Ashley's design concept tells many tales with fascinating themes rich and opulent, Ophelia will bring to Hong Kong a new elegance in dining and entertainment

Celebrity international mixologist Joseph Boroski will be the star behind the (drinks, bar, cocktails)

# HK GIVEAWAYS

It's week two of our July giveaways, which means our phenomenal prizes are still up for grabs! We've got an amazing staycation at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, make-up from Benefit Cosmetics and tickets to the hilarious "Shrek the Musical." Enter NOW!

WIN 2 NIGHTS  
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## Win a two-night staycation at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong!

Swelter season is here, so it's time to give yourself a much deserved staycation! The JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong in Admiralty is a capital choice thanks to its unbeatable accessibility, classic elegance and heart-warming hospitality.

Want to stay at this luxurious hotel? We've got a two-night weekend stay for two in a Deluxe Room, plus a breakfast buffet at JW Café and weekend brunch at Flint Grill & Bar up for grabs! After a tiring week of work, check into an awesome room with a 90-degree panoramic view of the city, and treat yourself with a sumptuous breakfast and brunch spread. The total value of this city break? \$10,390.

Here's how to win yourself this lavish weekend:

If you were reading last week, you should've already found an *italicized* word in the main Spotlight page article. Now you have to do the same with this and the next issue! Once you've got all three, include them in a paragraph of no more than 30 words about what you'd do with a staycation at JW Marriott. Go to [hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways](http://hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways) to submit your entry before 10am on July 18, 2016.

The winner will be announced on July 22. Good luck!

WIN MAKEUP  
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## Win an Eye Makeup Set from Benefit Cosmetics!

They say the eyes are the window to the soul. To make sure your soul shines throughout the night, Benefit Cosmetics is here to help with **eight sets of Gimme Brow Brow-Volumizing Fiber Gel and Stay Don't Stray Eyeshadow Primer** (each set valued at \$490) to give away.

Brush on fuller-looking brows that match your coloring with the Gimme Brow gel, then make your concealer and eyeshadows stay put with the Stay Don't Stray primer. Need some more makeup in your life? Tell us the funniest thing that's happened to you when you blinked!

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WIN TICKETS  
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## Win Tickets to see "Shrek the Musical" at The Venetian Macao!

Want to meet everyone's favorite green ogre in person? The Venetian Macao is bringing "Shrek the Musical" to our sister SAR, and we've got **three pairs of A reserve tickets plus round-trip Cotai Water Jet ferry tickets** up for grabs (each set valued at \$1,376)!

Want to win? Tell us about your favorite Shrek character at [hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways](http://hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways) before 10am on July 11, 2016. Winners will be announced on July 15.

# FIRST PERSON

After a few months on the down-low, chef **Harlan Goldstein** is back in a big way, with four restaurants set to open in a single building in Central in the next few months. He sits down with Xavier Ng to talk about his culinary journey, his big comeback and why he doesn't mind being called names. Photo by Kirk Kenny

I was born in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, New York, in 1961. I was raised by a single mother and a sister.

My uncle got me a job in Le Montreux Palace hotel in Switzerland when I graduated from high school—and I didn't know how to speak French!

The training and working environment was very tough back then: screaming, hitting, all that bullshit. It's changed now, because people wouldn't put up with it.

But when you're young, determined and you really want to get ahead, you put up with a lot of shit.

I was a gourmet chef in New Orleans at 22. I chose to go to Chicago and work for a three-star Michelin chef for nothing compared to what I was getting.

That was the strategy for me: to work with a lot of good people, and learn my craft as much as I could.

In 1990 I got the offer to go to Beijing to open the Shangri-La's China World Hotel. I thought: "Let's go to China, it'll be interesting."

I went thinking I'd be there for one or two years and I'd go back to the US. Well, I never went back.

At the Shangri-La they asked if I'd like to run the restaurant at the Aberdeen Marina Club. I turned it from a sleepy one to a very successful one. I showed myself I could do business.

I decided to leave a very stable job and take the risk of opening up a restaurant, because of Walter Kwok [of Sun Hung Kai Properties].

I was at a dinner party cooking for him and I asked, "Why don't you give me a place at IFC?" He said, "Come by tomorrow."

I went—and he gave me a place.

My one restaurant turned into seven within three and a half years. Hong Kong was on a roll.

Unfortunately after five and a half years of working together [with a business partner], we didn't see eye to eye. He trademarked my name, "Harlan."

Of course I went after him to get my name back, but after I saw the lawyer's bill, I called him: "Keep my name as a gift, because I'll come back as Harlan Goldstein."

I took a break, then opened several restaurants with a new partner. That lasted about six years and I sold the company to him. It was almost like a six-year marriage.

After eight months of travel around the world I've joined ZS Hospitality Group as a joint venture partner, and I've taken over the whole building at 8 Lyndhurst Terrace.

I've been known for all the high-end stuff in the past—Michelin-starred chefs, big price tickets—but now you can get the same quality as in the past, with a very affordable experience.

I'm not saying I'm going Cheap Charlie, but I'm sensitive to what the market is.

You can't rest on your laurels and say, "What I did six years ago is going to work." It doesn't. You've got to stay up with what's going on in the world.

I classify my restaurants as real food and real experiences. If you have trendy and gimmicky things, people try you once and never come back.

It takes a lot to build a successful restaurant group. It's not just that you've got the money. You've got to have the hardware, the software, the soul, the knowledge, the passion, and the talent—that's key.

Everyone has money in Hong Kong—there are so many rich people here, opening new restaurants. But they fail, because they don't understand the business.

Do you need to be like Gordon Ramsay, running around, screaming, yelling and using the F-word? No. I used to be like that 20 years ago. I changed.

What you need to do is give a direction. You need to have a plan to win the game.

Respect is not a thing you can go to the ATM and get. Respect is something you earn. My management style is a "line." I respect you, you respect me. You cross the line, I kick you.

Most of my business is done on my phone, on WhatsApp. Customers don't call booking lines. Customers like to reply to the boss. 96 percent of our customers are Chinese and they want face.

Why call a booking line when you can send me a message and I can organize it for you?

Most people come, they want to be recognized, they want to be pampered by me. I have a passion for what I do, and I love making people happy.

People say I'm arrogant, cocky, larger than life—I am! But I have a heart. I am what I am, and I'm not going to change. I have a passion in my stomach for what I do.

I'm not a puppy dog that rolls over and licks its tummy. I'm a fucking tiger that bites. I can deliver.

If I don't hear little birds whispering "Look at that guy, who the hell does he think he is," I consider that I haven't been successful.

If they're not talking about you, you're not important.

I can give away my secrets in an interview and I don't care, because others won't be able to deliver it. They're not Harlan Goldstein. I can put my recipes on the internet, but they can't cook them like I can.

I'm here to stay in Hong Kong. After 24 years, it's still a great city.

I'm confident, I'm an ABC. American Born Chinese? No, Always Be Confident.

## NEED TO KNOW...

Harlan Goldstein is opening four new restaurants—Eat Me Drink Me, My Tai Tai, Ee Da Le and Mamasita's Cantina, all at 8 Lyndhurst Terrace in Central. Italian restaurant Ee Da Le opens at the end of July.

"I'm not a puppy dog that rolls over and licks its tummy, I'm a fucking tiger that bites."



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