

# New Bars



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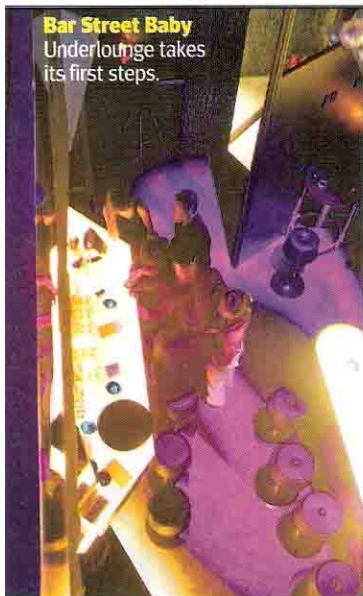
## Sofa Bar & Cafe Going Parisian?

What this bar lacks in size it makes up with character. There is a strong French theme with Gaelic crooners on the stereo and impressionist painters on the walls. Bright colors and hookah pipes add to the ambiance. Maybe more of a bar than a cafe, Sofa does serve decent coffee and enough food to make it a good stop for a quiet lunch. On occasional evenings there is live folk music performed by foreign

and Chinese performers, yet a visit at 9:30p.m. on a Saturday evening revealed an empty stage and lacklustre patronage. Classic and modern cocktails range from ¥30-38, with bottled beers at ¥30-35. With only a few bars in the Dingxi Lu area, Sofa is

**THE DETAILS**  
Perfect For: catching up with friends  
Add: 41 Xianghuaqiao Lu near Xinhua Lu 香花桥路41号(近淮海路)  
Tel: 6294-9477  
The Verdict: ●●●

not an unwelcome addition; rather it's a quiet bar without pretensions, but with potential.  
- Mark Andrews



**Bar Street Baby**  
Underlounge takes its first steps.

## Underlounge Black and White

New bars on Tongren Lu too often fail to inspire. But the bright white lights emanating from the street's newest member, Underlounge, formerly known as — well, we don't know — ignited our curiosity. Indeed, the first floor is decidedly un-Tongren, with an ivory-colored marble bar, a glitzy disco ball and walls covered in white, geometric lattice. Perched around one of the marble tables, you'll actually want to talk to your companion — who you can in fact see — rather than nod off into a booze induced-snooze. A peek upstairs transports you to a two-story industrial club space complete with shadowy sofas. Though it's still too early to tell, if Blue Frog's too crowded, you aren't up for La La and Manhattan just isn't New York, we'd hedge our bets on Underlounge. - Karen Cycz

**THE DETAILS**  
Perfect For: a late-night pick-me-upper  
Add: 60 Tongren Lu 铜仁路60号  
Tel: 6289-4538  
The Verdict: ●●●●

### M Zone 智韵

This bar-cum-cigar lounge is complete with leather smokers and businessmen puffing on cigars. Drinks are strong and ladies can enjoy freebies on a Tuesday night. 10am-2am. 88 Tongren Lu (near Yan'an Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 铜仁路88号(近延安路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6247-6595

### M-Box 音乐盒

A favourite among the young Shanghainese, M-Box showcases live, local bands every night of the week starting at 9pm. 9pm-2am. 3/F, 1325 Huaihai Zhong Lu (near Baoqing Lu, Metro Line 1 Changshu Lu Station). 淮海中路1325号百富勤广场3楼(近宝庆路) Tel: 6445-1777

### Manifesto

A stylish, intimate bar with a relaxed atmosphere. Manifesto synthesizes good drinks with good tunes that won't split your eardrums. Try the lychee martini with fresh lychee. 10am-late. 748 Julu Lu (near Fumin Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 巨鹿路748号(近富民路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6289-9108

### Maoming Manhattan Bar

Maoming Manhattan is a popular bar but with a similar formula to the rest of the street: flashing lights, Top 40s tunes and regular happy hours. 8pm-6am. 207 Maoming Nan Lu (near Yongjia Lu, Metro Line 1 Shaanxi Nan Lu Station). 茂名南路207号(近永嘉路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 135-0164-7257  
●●8pm-midnight. 68-72 Tongren Lu (near Nanjing Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 铜仁路68-72号(近南京路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6247-6656

### Mela

This laid-back sports bar with cheap drinks and friendly service attracts a small crowd of regulars. A quieter alternative in the Tongren area. 10am-late. 145 Nanyang Lu (near Xikang Lu). 南阳路145号(近西康路) Tel: 6258-1090

### Mezzanine Wine Bar 游廊阁

Indulge in a selection of international wines by the glass or a host of other refreshing cocktails, all complemented by an innovative offering of snacks and live jazz. 4pm-1am. 2/F, Crowne Plaza Fudan Shanghai, 199 Handan Lu (near Guoquan Lu). 邯郸路199号上海复旦皇冠假日酒店2楼(近国权路)

### Mint

Ambiance varies from chilled and relaxed to completely frenzied at this thumping bar that plays only house music. International guest DJs every weekend. Mon-Thur: 6pm-2am; Fri-Sat: 9pm-6am. 2/F, 333 Tongren Lu (near Beijing Xi Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 铜仁路333号2楼(近北京西路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6247-9666 www.mintclub.com.cn



### Monsoon

A beautiful, flirty space with fabulous outdoor decking and an interesting view of Suzhou Creek. Serving excellent cocktails, Monsoon has colorful lighting, plenty of seating and good music. 6pm-late. Serve the snacks every day till 12:30am. 130 Yichang Lu, Suzhou Creek (near Jiangning Lu). 宜昌路130号, 苏州河(近江宁路) Tel: 5155-8318 info@pierone.cn

### Moonsha Teppanyaki & Lounge

3/F, No. 5 on the Bund, Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu. 中山东一路5号3楼 Tel: 6321-3568

### Mural 摩顿

A total expat favorite. You feel like you're underground in this bar, which is modelled like a cave. All-you-can-drink special on Friday nights. Wi-Fi internet, 7pm-2am. 697 Yongjia Lu (near Hengshan Lu, Metro Line 1 Hengshan Lu Station). 永嘉路697号(近衡山路, 地铁1号线衡山路站) Tel: 6433-5023 postmaster@muralbar.com www.muralbar.com

### Nancy's Bar

One of the smaller venues on the Hongmei Pedestrian Street, Nancy's has created an intimate atmosphere complete with outdoor seating, pool, darts and foosball. No.12, Lane 3818 Hongmei Lu, on Hongmei Entertainment Street (near Yan'an Xi Lu). 虹梅路3818弄虹梅休闲街12号(近延安西路) Tel: 6446-3994

### Niche 丽心吧

Bar-cum-nightclub, perfect for evening soirees of cool cocktails, hot jazz and contemporary sounds. Sun-Thu: 5pm-1am, Fri-Sat: 5pm-1am. 88 Henan Zhong Lu (near Yanan Donglu). 河南中路88号威斯汀大酒店2楼(近延安东路) Tel: 6335-1888 ext. 7342

### Nu Entertainment

1-2/F, Inlong Tower, 1358 Yan'an Xi Lu (near Dingxi Lu). 延安西路1358号迎龙大厦1-2楼(近定西路) Tel: 133-1973-3337

### Number Five Cafe & Bar 外滩5号

A grittier, more affordable Bund experience. You'll be greeted by a long bar and a spacious seating area equipped with giant leather chairs. Wi-Fi internet, 11am-2am. B/F, 20 Guandong Lu, No. 5 The Bund (near Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu, Metro Line 2 Nanjing Nanjing Dong Lu). 外滩5号广东路20号B楼(近中山东一路, 地铁2号线南京东路站) Tel: 6329-4558

### O'Malley's Irish Pub 欧玛莉

With a pint of Guinness in hand, pick a place among the sea of benches and watch televised sporting events on the big screen that dominates the outdoor garden. Wi-Fi internet, 11am-2am. 42 Taojiang Lu (near Wulumuqi Lu, Metro Line 1 Changshu Lu Station). 桃江路42号(近乌鲁木齐路, 地铁1号线常熟路站) Tel: 6474-4533 omalleys-shanghai.com

### Old Manhattan 曼琪

The loud, inebriated clientele feel right at home at this welcoming pub with its casual atmosphere and laidback attitude. 5pm-5am. 231 Huashan Lu (across from the Hilton, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 华山路231号(希尔顿对面, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6248-2777

### On-On Kangaroo Bar 袋鼠酒吧

Sun-Thu: 6pm-2am; Fri-Sat: 6pm-3am. 33 Yongjia Lu (near Maoming Nan Lu, Metro Line 1 Shaanxi Nan Lu Station). 永嘉路33号(近茂名南路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 5466-6066

### One Dozen 壹打酒吧

No.33, Lane 3818 Hongmei Lu (near Yan'an Xi Lu). 虹梅路3818弄虹梅休闲街33号(近延安西路) Tel: 6465-8345

### Oscar's 奥斯卡

A pool table, darts boards, Guinness on tap, a 5-8pm happy hour and hearty pub grub make this British-style tavern a great place for a bite and a beer. Mon-Fri: 11am-1am, Sat-Sun: 10am-2am. 1377 Fuxing Lu (near Baoqing Lu, Metro Line 1 Changshu Lu Station). 复兴中路1377号(近宝庆路, 地铁1号线常熟路站) Tel: 6431-6528

### Pavilion Lounge 艺廊酒吧

A breezy lounge bar where you can enjoy a crossaint, a coffee or a cognac. 8am-12am. Ground Floor, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 595 Jiujiang Lu. 九江路595号 古象大酒店底楼大堂 Tel: 3313-4888 ext. 50038

### Penthouse Bar 吧三十九

Live performances nightly from 8:30pm to 1am except on Sunday. 6pm-2am. 39/F, Hilton Hotel, 250 Huashan Lu (near Yan'an Xi Lu). 华山路250号希尔顿酒店39楼(近延安西路) Tel: 6248-0000 ext. 1880

### Piano Bar

Piano Bar features plush Chinese-style suede couches, opium couches and an extensive cigar collection. Great for jazz cats and live music aficionados. Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Fri: 5pm-1am, Sat-Sun: 2pm-1am. 53/F, JinMao Tower 88 Shiji Da Dao (near Yincheng Zhong Lu). 世纪大道88号金茂君悦大酒店53楼(近银城中路) Tel: 5049-1234 ext. 8764

### Pilpil Pub

Y35 draught Tigers and a selection of two-for-one drinks help to maintain the merriment, while the pool table and darts board should keep sports fans happy. 7pm-late. 488 Dagu Lu (near Shimen Yi Lu). 大沽路488号(近石门一路) Tel: 6340-0971

### Plan B 猫吧

Cozy pub modeled after a Canadian ski lodge where you can listen to rock tracks while watching snowboarders go at it on the big screen. Relive the good times in your dorm room and test out the beer bong. 6pm-4am. 33 Yongjia Lu (near Maoming Nan Lu, Metro Line 1 Shaanxi Nan Lu Station). 永嘉路33号(近茂名南路, 地铁1号线陕西南路站) Tel: 6120-4123 www.planb-bar.cn

### Plaza Bar 来吧

Sun-Thu: 10am-1pm, Fri-Sat: 10pm-2am. 1/F, Crowne Plaza 1000 Yanggao Bei Lu (near Xiabi Lu, opposite New Customs Gate 5). 杨高北路1000号上海外高桥皇冠假日酒店1楼(近夏碧路, 新海关3号门对面) Tel: 5862-1000-3258 crownplaza.pudong@ihotelsgroup.com www.crowneplaza.com

### Red Station

The flashy venue aglow in red lighting stays true to its name. A DJ booth on the ground floor mixes things up with hip hop, house, and Latin beats. Daily 9:30am-2am. 4/F, 200 Taikang Lu (near Sinar Lu). 泰康路200号4楼(近思南路) Tel: 6418-8595

### Renaissance 1929

Bar-goers here are contented to camp out on the interior's scattered red sofas or amuse themselves with the tiny darts board hugging a corner wall. 7pm-5am. 304 Tongren Lu (near Beijing Lu, Metro Line 2 Jing'an Temple Station). 铜仁路304号(近北京西路, 地铁2号线静安寺站) Tel: 6279-3513

### Rendezvous 朗迪姆

One of the livelier bars at Xintiandi, Rendezvous is loud and crowded with mostly locals dancing along to the Filipino band onstage. 2B/1F, 22, North Block Xintiandi, 181 Xinyue Lu (next to La Maison, Metro Line 1 Huangpi Nan Lu Station). 兴业路181号新天地北里22号1楼2B(地铁1号线黄陂南路站) Tel: 6336-5383