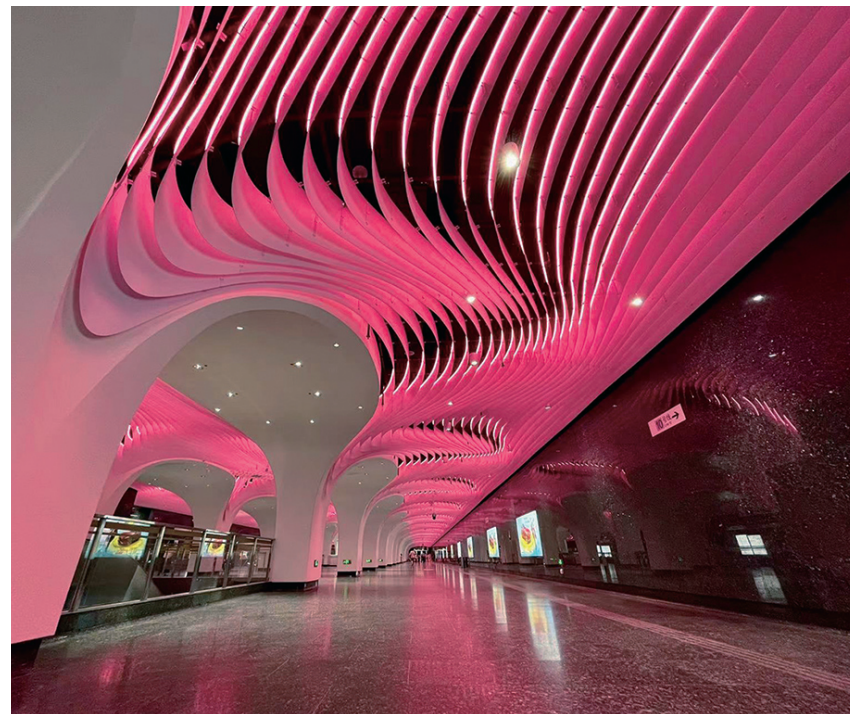


The Danyang Road Station platform on Line 18 is split evenly into two halves: one black, one white.



The new Line 14 area in Yuyuan Garden Station is covered in an undulating wave design across the ceiling, with color-changing lights (below).

Yuyuan Garden 豫园

Located right downtown near the Huangpu River, Yuyuan Garden, the classic Shanghai landmark that dates back to the 16th century, is accessible by its eponymous Metro station at the confluence of Lines 10 and 14.

The new Line 14 area, both down on the train platform and in the upstairs atrium, is covered in an undulating wave design across the ceiling.

Color-changing lights dance and pulsate around the station, slowly morphing through cool blues and greens, then suddenly brightening and shifting to flickering oranges and yellows. It definitely captures the attention and spices up a normal rush hour routine.

Wuzhong Road 吴中路

While Yuyuan Garden is a city hotspot, the Wuzhong Road Station on Line 15 is in a relatively unassuming location, in the corner of Minhang District bordering the districts of Changning and Xuhui.

The train platform area is significantly dimmer than other stations with the main lights low, but the ceiling is traced with lines running the length of the waiting area. Blue and purple streaks race across

the platform ceiling, giving it a feel similar to a waiting area for a futuristic roller coaster.

The atrium upstairs, though, is what makes this station pop. Equally dimly lit, the main illuminating source is the three-dimensional mural of the city skyline on either side of the Huangpu River spanning both walls from end to end, giving the station a blue-hued glow.

Perhaps this station was chosen for this special design because it is the nearest stop to the Metro's operating headquarters. In any case, it certainly stands out.

Shanghai South Railway Station 上海南站

The Metro stop at Shanghai South Railway Station in Xuhui District is one of the oldest in the city, as it lies on Lines 1 and 3 and was one of the original Line 1 stations opened when the Metro itself did in May 1993.

With the completion of Line 15 last year, though, a new wing was added, giving the old station an injection of new design and flair. When connecting from one of the older lines to Line 15, commuters walk through a tunnel covered on two sides by wooden

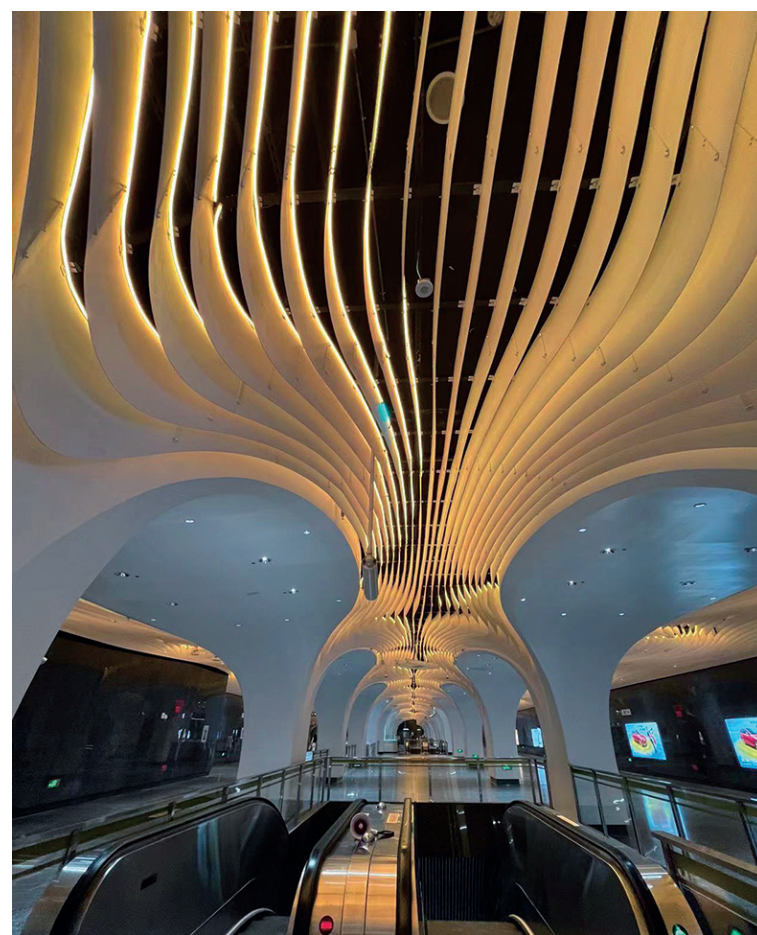
planks with lighting patterns that curve and twist from floor to ceiling.

The main atrium's arched ceiling in the Line 15 wing features a huge diamond lattice design traced with bright, white lights. The glossy floors reflect the bending lattice pattern as well, almost making the station feel like an illuminated centrifuge. A very eye-catching design.

Danyang Road 丹阳路

This stop, on Line 18 on the North Bund in Yangpu District, is located in the heart of Shanghai's original industrial and manufacturing area dating back over 100 years. Many of Shanghai's factories and other production facilities were located here in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In homage to the area's history, the station platform is split evenly into two halves; one black, one white. A golden dividing line runs down the center, and it also serves as a time line, demarcating the establishment of several important enterprises and facilities during the city's early industrialization. The station hall upstairs also has an interactive screen with more historical information about



the region. So not only does the black-and-white design stand out, the station also provides a bit of a history lesson regarding Shanghai's early development.

Other Shanghai Metro stations have their own special characteristics, of course,

especially along the newly opened lines. These new stations have been designed and constructed with aesthetics in mind as opposed to simple practicality, giving us commuters a little something extra to look at and appreciate during our busy days.