

# Pedestrian street offers new taste of nightlife

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No beeping horns, only the clatter of feet. A narrow lane in downtown Jing'an District has been turned into a weekend pedestrian street starting from last weekend.

Shanghai Daily photographer joined the crowds who walked freely, and enjoyed nightlife on Maoming Road N. last Saturday.

The street between Nanjing Road W. and Weihai Road offers a subtle blend of trendy styles and nostalgic vibe with popular bars, cafes and stores housed in renovated *shikumen* (stone-gate) residential buildings.

Lying east of Maoming Road N., Zhang Yuan, or Zhang's Garden, used to be one of the most remarkable public gardens more than a hundred years ago during the Qing Dynasty (1644 to 1911).

Since late 1920s, with the construction of more than 170 *shikumen* buildings, the neighborhood gradually evolved into a vigorous community rich in cultural legacy.

It is now undergoing a major renovation to restore its past glory in both cultural and business and is set to partly open to the public soon.



Crowds of people walk on Maoming Road N., a new pedestrian street in Shanghai, last Saturday.  
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Nearby residents relax on chairs, considering the street to be their own backdoor garden — at least on the weekends.



Patrons have a good time at a bar on the new weekend pedestrian street.



Residents walk their dogs on the street.