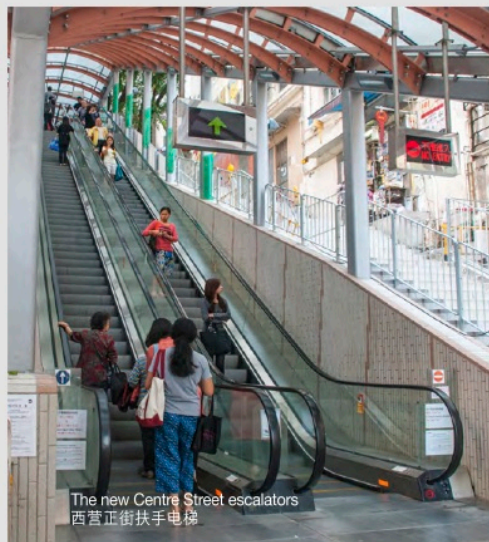


Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park
孙中山纪念公园The new Centre Street escalators
西营正街扶手电梯

Further west, a new scene is in its infancy. The new Centre Street escalators at Sai Ying Pun have paved the way for what SoHo must have been like 20 years ago when the Central Mid-Levels escalators began operation. Modern joints have begun to open up here in anticipation of the boom to come, especially with the soon-to-open MTR station connecting to Hong Kong University via the escalators.

"There's an authentic Hong Kong style neighbourhood spirit here," says Julie Vigneron from the newly-opened French restaurant Metropolitan on High Street. "Recently it's been getting a little western touch with more nice restaurants coming in. There's more life now, but it's not too crowded or busy like Wyndham or Lan Kwai Fong... and everybody wants to keep it that way."

Indeed most of the area retains its local feel with many home-grown restaurants keeping the older character of the place alive. However, things are changing fast, and these are our last days to see a pre-MTR Sai Ying Pun.

再往西一点，一处新转变正在发端。西营盘刚刚投入使用的正街扶手电梯为这一街区将来的转变铺下基石，正如二十年前中环半山扶梯开始运行后带动SoHo所经历的变化一样。现代化的商铺陆续沿西营盘扶梯一带出现，将来或将大批涌现，尤其是连接该处和港大的西港岛线地铁站竣工在即。

"这里你能感受到真正的香港街区精神。"在刚刚于高街开张的法国餐馆Metropolitan工作的Julie Vigneron说："最近，随着越来越多的高档餐厅进驻此地，这里多了一丝西式味道，同时也更有活力。但并不像咸云街或兰桂坊那么拥挤忙碌...这里每个人都想保持这种状态。"

这里的大部分地区的确实保留着当地味道，许多家庭经营的小餐馆使得这里的旧时风貌得以鲜活留存。但这里也在快速变化着，而现在正是还能一睹西营盘在地铁建成前面貌的最后时光。

● **People-watching 常见人群：**
Students, non-suit expats, freelancers
学生，法国人，非西装革履的外籍居港工作者，自由职业者

● **Landmarks 地标：**
Hong Kong University (University Museum and Art Gallery, Eliot Hall), Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (perfect for picnicking and sunbathing)
香港大学（香港大学艺术博物馆）、孙中山纪念公园（野餐和日光浴的绝妙之地）

● **Where in Sai Ying Pun? 确切位置？**
Centre Street, Second Street, Third Street, High Street, Bonham Road
西营盘正街、第二街、第三街、高街、般咸道

Hong Kong University
香港大学The Old Mental Hospital at High Street
香港大学