

# THE PENINSULA

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## THE DISCO ERA REVISITED – FROM THE SCENE TO SALON DE NING

Always the trendsetter, disco at The Peninsula comes full circle with the new Disco Fever at Salon de Ning, paying tribute to The Scene, Hong Kong's very first discotheque, which opened at the hotel in mid-1960s. The idea of a discotheque was introduced to Hong Kong by The Honourable Sir Michael Kadoorie, then the youngest member of the board and now Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, who was inspired by his visit to a disco in London and wanted to open one at the hotel, much to the disapproval of the other directors!

Cited from The Peninsula's history book *Portrait of a Grand Old Lady*, Sir Michael recalls, "Half the directors didn't know what a discotheque meant and the other half didn't wish to know. One director looked me in the eye and said, 'every young director is allowed one mistake'." The Scene turned out to be a roaring success and the most popular rendezvous for young people at the time. It was housed on the East side of the basement, opposite where Salon de Ning is located today.

Salon de Ning brings disco fever back with the lounge's resident band, Soulmates, playing groovy music and a DJ spinning top chart beats. This is a delightful chance for guests to gather with friends and spice up dance moves under the sparkling lights and glamorous Art Deco features of Salon de Ning.

On the last Thursday of every month from now until March 2010 (except 31 December 2009), from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, guests dressed in their favourite glittery outfits will be able to party all night, as well as to enjoy specially created colourful cocktails to cool off away from the dance floor.

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### **CHEERS TO NING'S HOUR!**

From now, guests can enjoy “Ning’s Hour” and start the evening with a delightful cocktail with friends and the second drink will be with our compliments. “Ning’s Hour” is available from Monday to Saturday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

### **MORE ABOUT SALON DE NING**

Opened in December 2008, Salon de Ning is a clubby lounge venue that reveals the story of “Madame Ning”, a Shanghai socialite of the 1930’s. Her extravagant and extensive journeys around the world are documented in this lounge, through a combination of Shanghai Art Deco décor plus Madame Ning’s collection of travel mementos.

Alluring sets of vibrantly beaded chandeliers are suspended over the main lounge, and feature self-portraits of Madame Ning, while faux tiger skin, Moroccan lanterns and antiques populate the sitting area.

Encircling the main lounge area are four themed semi-private rooms. The “L’Afrique Room” and the “Ski Room” highlight the journeys of Madame Ning to Africa and Switzerland, respectively, while the “Bailar Room” and the “Boudoir Room” reflect her passion for dancing and her personal style. The entrances to each themed room are bordered by enormous picture frames, thus creating a snapshot of Madame Ning’s life with each entryway.

Salon de Ning is open Mondays to Saturdays from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am.

For reservations, please call Salon de Ning on (852) 2315 3355 or e-mail: [salondening@peninsula.com](mailto:salondening@peninsula.com).

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