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The terrace at *Sevva* bar and restaurant, Hong Kong. *Right*, The Peninsula Hong Kong. *Below*, Pedder Street branch of Shanghai Tang



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HONG KONG TOM BRADBY, A FORMER ASIA CORRESPONDENT, RETURNS TO HIS OLD HAUNTS TO SEE WHAT'S CHANGED

Perhaps it is the way the glittering shoreline wraps itself around the bow like the screen in an IMAX cinema, or the fact it provides 10 minutes of peace amidst all the sound and fury of the night – the city's steady and true heartbeat – but as we dodged half a dozen cruise liners and container ships, the journey wove its old magic and we were transported

to the heart of bold, brassy, modern Hong Kong in the shape of the stunning terrace of a bar called *Sevva*. Here, amidst the gleaming towers of the finance district, old mates traded recession horror stories. But I couldn't help concluding that this city is re-floating itself faster than any other.