# Insider's Guide for Expats in Singapore

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### You Better Work

All the latest studies about expats - in Singapore and elsewhere around the globe - show that we work hard for our money ("so ha-aard for it, honey"). Dual-career couples are becoming more common (now more than 10 percent); more women are relocating for international assignments (25 percent) and "expatpreneurs" are officially a thing. In fact, I interviewed the Singapore-based professor who coined the term (see page 13). Read about the amazingly motivated business mavens



# DO THE HUSTLE!

Doo, doo, doo, doo-doo, doo doo doo.

and veterans honoured in The Finder's first-ever Expatpreneur Awards (page 12).

### Office Space

One of my favourite lines from cult comedy hit Office Space is when the main character, Peter, responds to one of two HR consultants (both named Bob) who's just commented, "Looks like you've been missing a lot of work lately." Peter says: "I wouldn't say I've been missing it, Bob." If there are days when you can relate to this, you'll want to check out "Quick Pick-Me-Ups" (page 38), "Awesome After-Work Bars" (page 36) and "Know Before

> 44). On the other hand, if you're a trailing partner who's craving purpose or productivity, "From Passion to Paycheck" (page 30) is for you.

### Don't Miss Our Next Egg-cellent Event

Calling all fun-loving families! The Finder Kids is hosting a free Hoppy Holidays Easter Egg Hunt at Cluny Court Friday, April 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. For more details, visit www.thefinder.com.sg or email us at thefinder@ sph.com.sq.



### Money, Money, Money!

We know it can be tough to get ahead in Singapore (a.k.a., the 2016 World's Most Expensive City). It's why we compiled three pages of #sgmoneyhacks (page 33) just for this issue. You're welcome.

1 For me, comfy earbuds and music make commuting less of a drag. See "Fashion Fixes for Working Folks" (page 40) for another chic idea. 2 Before I started this job, I edited a book like this. I could have used Step #3 from page 30! 3 We've got plenty of helpful classes for helpers (and expats) on pages 14, 24 and 48, 4 Bynd Artisan, whose leather book jacket stars on this issue's cover, is graciously donating personalised items to each of our 2017 Expatpreneur Awardees. Thank you, Winnie! Who's Winnie? See page 66. 5 Grounded by CMCR (page 12) was the lovely setting for our cover shoot. 6 Advertising Manager Jasmine is The Finder's in-house feng sui advisor. She already does all the tips on page 50.

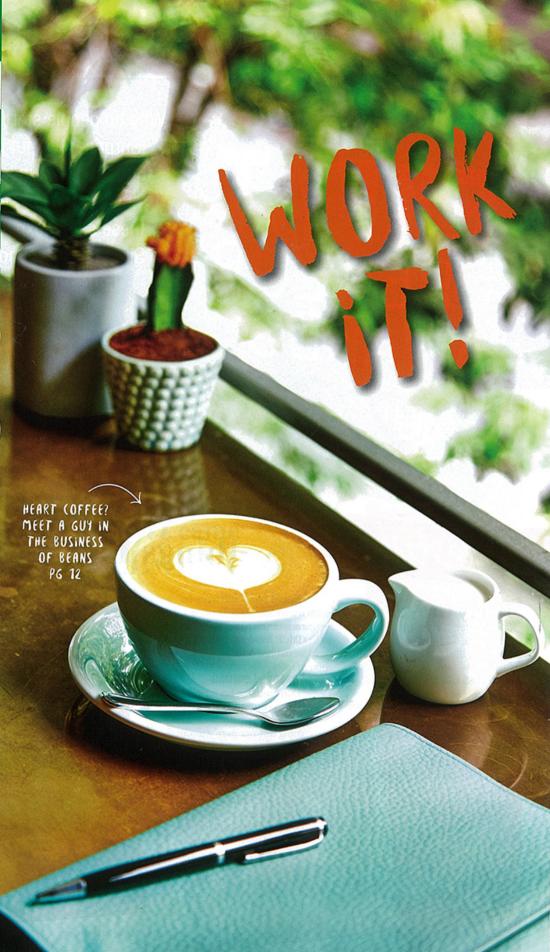


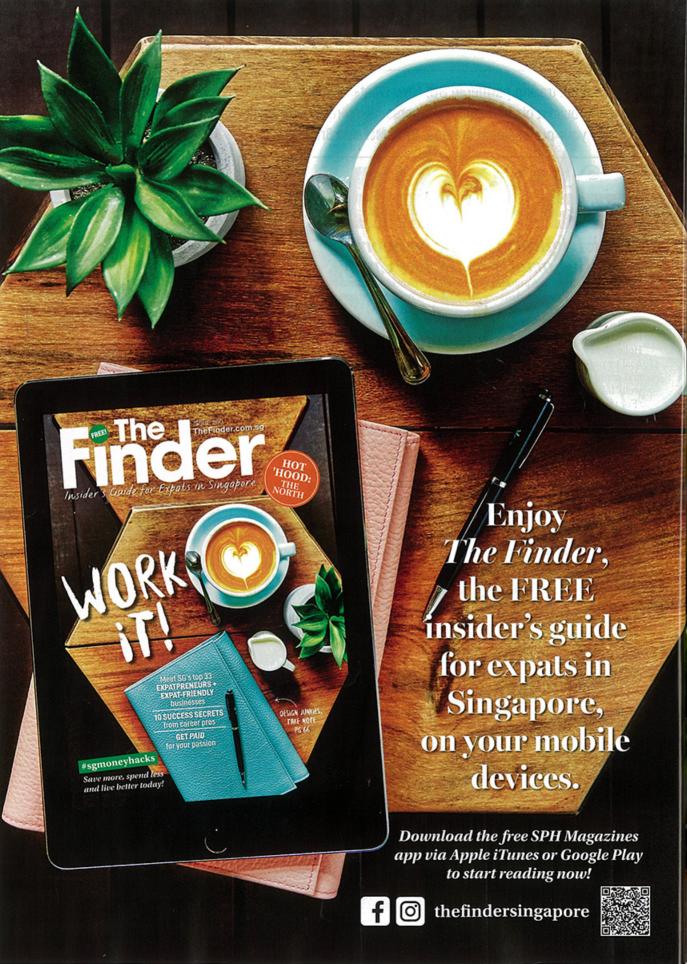
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P.S. Our latest The Finder Kids is all you need to read to navigate the Singapore school scene.



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### **Collecting Cool**

Winnie describes Carrie K.'s jewellery as "glamourous-looking with an edgy feel." She owns several of the designer's nut-and-bolt pieces in rose gold as well as Razor rings in gold, silver and gun metal. For home design, Winnie and James like Foundry for its "treasure trove of beautiful things," including their recent purchase: a one-off prototype lounge chair. (from US\$200, www.carriekrocks.com: www.foundry.com.sa)

## MY FAVOURITE FINOS

Winnie Chan and her husband, James Quan, founded **Bynd Artisan** (www. byndartisan.com) two years ago. Now, the stylish Singaporeans, who are parents to two grown-up kids – aged 20 and 17 – are nurturing their brand, which offers personalised paper and leather goods, crafting

WHO

WHAT

workshops and more (see one

of their chic book covers on

this issue's cover).

Bynd Artisan was recently awarded one of Singapore's prestigious President's Design Awards for Designs of the Year, and Winnie was named amongst *The Finder*'s sister publication *The Singapore Women*'s Weekly's 2016 Great Women of Our Time.

### WHERE

Bynd Artisan's flagship store in Chip Bee Gardens has actual artisans in residence. You can also browse the capsule collections and other artist collaborations at its shops-in-shop at Tangs Orchard and Pedder on Scotts Square.

Sweet Spot

"I love the soft serve and waffles at **Sunday Folks**, which is conveniently located next to Bynd Artisan's atelier," says Winnie, who's also a fan of the cafe's Lemon Lavender cake "served warm." (44 Jln Merah Saga, #01-52, 278116, 6479 9166, www.sundayfolks.com)

The Dark Arts

Not those dark arts. Winnie recommends
Art after Dark at Gillman Barracks,
a late-night open house held every few months.
"It gives visitors a sense of Singapore's creative
energy that did not exist five years ago," she says.

(9 Lock Rd, 108937, www.qillmanbarracks.com)

### **Design Thinking**

"Singapore has a lot of talented designers worth discovering," contends Winnie. "A trip to **K+** at Scotts Square or

Supermama at Beach Road is a must." (www.kplus. sg; www. super mama.sa)



### Collagen Essence

### Super Serum

Winnie claims to goes through three to five bottles of **Dr GL**'s Skin Repair serum each month. "I swear by it," she says of the multivitamin product said to have skinwhitening properties.

(www.drgl.com for locations)

More personal faves each week www.thefinder.com.sg/sg-secrets

