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Swamped with good eats

Paya Lebar is now synonymous with the Singapore Post Centre and Geylang Serai district and hence a good starting point when exploring the annual Ramadhan Bazaar. But did you know the developed area means 'wide swamp' in Malay—which it was, over a century ago. In 2008, a 15-year masterplan was released; it outlined how Paya Lebar would be turned into a bustling commercial node after years of underdevelopment. New malls/buildings have sprung up near the MRT station: Paya Lebar Square, OneKM (taking over Latin City Hotel), the Lifelong Learning Institute and Aqueen Hotel. The **BESTS** team dives in.

By Meredith Woo. Photography: Lem Kay Li

ONEKM

[1] TANJONG KATONG RD]

This strip's where Latin City Hotel and the old Hollywood Theatre (now a fine delicatessen) sit at the foot of several units of shophouses for food, coffee, entertainment, learning, grocery shopping and a family hotel. It has a few restaurants, mostly modest and family-owned. A few more units include 111 (20m x 230m) metres (Jln Jelutong 28) and Paya Lebar Rd 77 (Jln Jelutong 25) involves. Above the road are plots that provide incentives for building.

PATAK THAI [HSG-25]

Across the entrance, enclosed with all pleases by thoughtfully creating walls while you eat for under \$10 each. This meaty, aromatic dish, thick with an individual portion of rice and toppings, is a must. Tel: 6345 8888 or online www.patakthai.com. Tel: 6345 8888 or online www.patakthai.com.

PAPPARICH [HSG-49/HSG-125]

Famous Chinese food! What better place to try it than here?

INDONESIAN STREET INGREDIENTS (OPPOSITE) See the Super Nasi Eceran (\$23.90) featuring fresh Indonesian produce, steamed basmati rice, sliced beef, chicken, and various toppings like fried egg, beansprouts, and peanuts. Contact: 6345 8888. Photo: Lem Kay Li

PENYU TOWN [HSG-45/HSG-201]

Cook, eat, drink, buy chicken and fish here. Basically other stuffs together with a purpose, namely chilli, meat, fish and seafood (\$2). You can also get piping hot soups with Indonesian dishes and various rice items. Tel: 6345 8888.

HAPPY MELLOV [HSG-41/HSG-201]

This Indian confectionery's whimsical, but oh-so-yummy. Bring home, where Double Soot (\$10) for ultimate play time, no necessary for adults. It's been around since 1985 and has won many awards and accolades across years of age-old tradition. Tel: 6345 8888. Photo: Lem Kay Li

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MASJID WAK TANJONG

[2] PAYA LEBAR RD]

At the intersection with Jln Jelutong, there's a cluster of shophouses for food, coffee, learning, and more. Tel: 6345 8888 or online www.masjidwaktanjong.com. Tel: 6345 8888 or online www.masjidwaktanjong.com.

GRAND LINK SQUARE [51] GUILLEMARD RD]

At the intersection with Jln Jelutong, there's a cluster of shophouses for food, coffee, learning, and more. Tel: 6345 8888 or online www.grandlinksquare.com. Tel: 6345 8888 or online www.grandlinksquare.com.

LITTLE VIETNAM RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ [HSG-25]

With a wide range of localised or acculturated offerings, this little place gets crowded on weekends, even in the middle of the week. Try the Jambalaya or the fried rice with chicken (both \$12), and coffee (\$3), that also goes from \$3.50 to \$6. Photo: Lem Kay Li

WITH LUV [HSG-33] [HSG-25]

Chocolate and cake shop, coffee with coffee beans, cakes, and more. Come for their chocolate cake (\$12.90) by大师烘焙 (Master Baking) and Kek Lapis (Kek Lapis). They also serve coffee, cakes, and more. Tel: 6345 8888. Photo: Lem Kay Li

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PAYA LEBAR SQUARE [50] PAYA LEBAR RD]

Home to the Oasia, the Paya Lebar Square (Kris Eatery) design by architect David Chipperfield.

COLA CAFE [HSG-105/HSG-106]

A reinvented Paya Lebar Square (Kris Eatery) is a convivial space for customers to pull out with specials—coffee, tea, juices, and coffee—they're collaborating with other independent names like Chukka and Simeon Coffee. There's also a retail and eating space with 100+ brands, including food producers (such as 1885, 2888, 555, 666, 777, 888, 999).

GREENBOUT [HSG-102/HSG-103]

The roof-top base of five plots that includes surfaced floor levels (plus an underground and a mezzanine) with restaurants to encourage outdoor dining. There's no packaging to eco-friendly. It has a colour riot, landscaping (from \$5,000), trees with decorative lights (\$20,000) or a green stadium seat (from \$20,000), plus also 500kg weight loss (from \$10,000). Call: 6345 8888 or online www.colacafe.com.

ONIA SARANG [HSG-20/HSG-21]

On the 10th floor, this area of a Paya Lebar tower, also known as the Paya Lebar Premium Tower, sits above the Novotel Novotel Singapore on Stevens. Onia Sarang is a great spot for a quiet meal, with a menu that includes dim sum, soups, and various bowls, soups, and rice. Tel: 6345 8888.

SUCKSHOP EXPRESS [HSG-43] [HSG-25]

More Vietnamese street food at the Paya Lebar outlet. This place is a must-try if you're in the area. It's great for a quick bite. Try the banh mi roll in the sandwich booth (\$5). You can add an egg (\$2), pickles (\$2), and dressing from \$8.00 to \$10.00. Try out their traditional Millet bun, bun lam, and bun bo, and bun bo gung.

HAIG ROAD FOOD CENTRE [14] HAIG RD]

Home of the famous country-style fried chicken (\$10 each).

TRADITIONAL HAIG ROAD PUTU Piring (HSG-25)

On Haig Road, an old section of British-style town houses that were built with square stones and feature white painted decorative panels. The famous stall's service demands a queue, but traffic can smoothly move along, which helps the bright daylight and makes the food day.

AFAND HAMM AND MONA MILE REBBUS (HSG-25)

Though there's more to eat than just their famous ham, ham sandwiches (\$2.50 each), and \$9.90 for the signature (\$25) bacon rolls, the premium gravy is divine, with a family secret of course. It's been run through the hands of three fathers since 1960, passing down the torch to their son, Afand Hamm.

SARAWAK LAKSA (HOLD ME) (HSG-25)

In the Chinese part, stand first with these two indie boys. Sarawak Laksa (HOLD ME) and Sarawak Laksa (HSG-25). The latter is for solo diners with between four (four Laksa) or 10 (one Laksa) and 12 (two Laksa). Both have 2.5kg Laksa (\$20-\$30).

HERITAGE TREES [12] GUILLEMARD RD]

The original tree-lined walkway that connects the Paya Lebar Road to the Geylang Road. Look out for the American-style buildings (including the former Post Office) and the British-style buildings (including the former Post Office).

CITY PLAZA [510] GEYLONG RD]

Opposite, lots of it, so here's the latest expresso menu for teens and coffee snobs and coffee fanatics. It's a coffeehouse model with a local focus (not the fluffy soft-serve stuff) and the best coffee in town. Tel: 6345 8888.

ARNOLD'S FRIED CHICKEN (HSG-25/HSG-25)

One of the famous Haig Road's popular haunts, Tel: 6345 8888, serving wings for over \$20 per piece. A few pieces (each \$6.60) comes with crispy skin and toppings, but serves pieces (each \$6.60) per piece (each \$6.60), get a three-piece chicken meal (\$22.80). Or, and if you get a chicken meal, please add an ice cream (with one scoop) and a soft drink (from \$8.00 to \$10.00). Tel: 6345 8888.

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It's Friday night and we're heading to Milagro Spanish Restaurant (#08-06/07 Orchard Central) with our mates to get our fix of paella Valenciana (\$47, chicken) that's made-to-order and best shared with friends. Don't forget to leave tummy room for other dishes steeped in Catalonia heritage. Mmm, patatas bravas (\$8, spicy fried potatoes), tiger prawns al ajillo (\$16) and Sangria—we're coming for you!

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