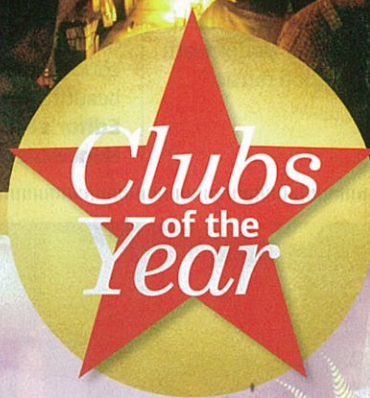


MINT

Ah, MINT. Last year's winner in the Best Club category maintains its title as Shanghai's most glamorous and upscale spot. This year though, it shares the award with plucky newcomer MYST, which received exactly the same number of write-in votes. MINT has a winning combination of a Bund view, lavish décor, exclusive door policy and general air of thrilling debauchery. The music is loud, everybody is dressed to impress and the shark tanks are incredible in their sheer extravagance. The club's recent brush with authorities has only increased its allure.

Editor's Pick: Lola

Honorable Mention: M2



MYST

MYST is less than a year old, but it almost immediately established itself as a nightlife hotspot. The first floor features a cocktail lounge and latin dance music, while the upstairs is a breathtaking party scene every Friday and Saturday night. Nearly 2,000 people dance and wave jumbo-sized blue glowsticks (given out for free by the venue), while beams of light shine down on bottles of Jack Daniels, go-go dancers twerk on raised platforms and trippy visuals play on a movie-theater-sized LCD screen. MYST books international DJ talent several times a month, but any given evening there is a wild one.

