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The best way to ring in the lunar New Year? Savor authentic dishes at the city's best Chinese eateries.

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Chinese New Year is steeped in culinary tradition. Food takes on symbolic meaning—noodles for longevity, dumplings for wealth—as families gather around the dinner table. Here, four spots to taste traditional fare and welcome the Year of the Dog.

HAO NOODLE

From the chili-packed *dan dan* noodles to pillowy steamed pork buns, the food here sticks to authentic flavors. The chic dining room is flush with elegant touches—a towering ficus in one corner and an Arne Svenson print on the wall—but you might be too focused on your plate to notice. *401 Avenue of the Americas, 212.633.8900, haonoodle.com*

PINCH CHINESE

Pinch owner Sean Tang brings a personal touch to his New Year fare. Modeled after the menu at a Tang family celebration, you'll find traditional dishes like *dong po* pork belly and a slew of dumpling options. *177 Prince St., 212.328.7880, pinchchinese.com*

DADONG

Chef Dong Zhenxiang's crispy roast Peking duck is world-renowned, and the star of the show at this just-opened eatery adjacent to Bryant Park. The Michelin-starred chain also serves up noteworthy classics like sweet and sour pork ribs and cherry foie gras. The tri-level space is DaDong's first U.S. location, featuring a massive outdoor garden, terrace and private dining rooms. *3 Bryant Park, 212.355.9600, dadongny.com*