



JULY/AUGUST

Contents



AT THE FRONT

- 024 **Contributors** Some of the fine folks that made this issue.
- 027 – 028 **Ed's letter** A word from our editor in chief, Tyler Brülé.
- 028 – 029 **The opener** Our snapshot of global views and news.
- 031 **Observation** The globe's most polished operators step up for the first edition of the World Championships in Shoe Shining.
- 032 – 033 **Quality of Life map** There's more to life than slick transport systems. Be it red meat or cheap drinks, our map outlines the cities where hedonism equals happiness.
- 036 & 39 **Observations** We enter the gruff world of Switzerland's circus goats, whose big-top hoofing is helping to keep a struggling tradition alive and kicking. We also get high in Thyssenkrupp's 246-metre-tall lift-test tower.
- 040 – 041 **My Cabinet** Katsuhiko Sano's ground force keeps the green, green grass of Tokyo's parks and gardens in good condition.
- 042 **Cosy corner** Michelin-starred chef Massimo Bottura goes on record about his stress-busting musical hideaway.
- 046 – 069 **Quality of Life REPORT:** The top 25 cities in which to live, work and play, laid out in our 11th annual ranking.



AFFAIRS

- 075 – 078 **Los Angeles Q&A:** 'The City of Angels' clean-cut conductor talks Trump, transport and the Democrat bounce-back.
- 080 – 083 **Grand tour REPORT:** Join us on a high-quality jaunt through Europe's top cities to see what they're doing right.
- 085 – 091 **Urban heroes REPORT:** The municipal saviours fixing up our cities by restoring cinemas and housing endangered species.
- 093 **Europe BRIEFING:** Finland's public saunas, peace on the streets of Paris and a long-overdue opening in Rome.
- 096 **Americas BRIEFING:** Wasted water in Buenos Aires, green space in Medellin and pretty flood prevention in New Orleans.
- 101 **Asia Pacific BRIEFING:** Shibuya's new nursery, Shanghai's flight delays and recreational activities in Jakarta.
- 102 **Africa and Middle East BRIEFING:** Park revival in Kuwait, storytelling in Nigeria and the Dubai-Abu Dhabi Hyperloop.



BUSINESS

- 107 – 113 **Retreats REPORT:** The Finnish tradition that has corporate business hot under the collar.
- 115 – 117 **Thomas Woltz HOW I MANAGE:** The innovative landscape designer on weaving wilderness with the city.
- 118 – 121 **Newcastle REPORT:** From business links to outstanding natural beauty, here are all the reasons to set up shop in Newcastle, Australia.
- 124 – 125 **Luc Sabbatini 10 STEPS TO SUCCESS:** The owner of Montréal's Bixi bike-share system on what keeps his wheels greased.
- 128 – 131 **EDP Lisbon HQ AUDIT:** The Portuguese energy supplier promoting openness and transparency.
- 135 – 137 **Ledermann REPORT:** The property company that has revitalised a formerly neglected stretch of Zürich.
- 139 **Business BRIEFING:** Hunger strikes in Hong Kong, Finland's valuable leftovers and a nice cup of tea courtesy of Pentagram.



Los Angeles mayor — AFFAIRS, page 075.



Finnish retreats — BUSINESS, page 107.

ISSUE 105 COVER
ILLUSTRATOR:
Jun Takahashi

C

CULTURE

- 141 - 147 **Art REPORT:** The stunning landscapes of Cornwall in England's southwest ensure that learning to paint is an inspiring act.
- 149 - 153 **Tel Aviv REPORT:** The city of movers and shakers and boppers and rockers and whirlers and twirlers and bumpers and grinders.
- 154 - 155 **Saint Etienne Q&A:** The alt-dance band on growing up in the UK's Home Counties and returning for their latest album.
- 158 - 161 **VPRO REPORT:** The Dutch broadcaster and the key to its adventurous, surreal and optimistic content.

D

DESIGN

- 163 - 168 **Rooftops REPORT:** Milanese greenery and where to find it.
- 170 - 173 **City elements REPORT:** The urban touches that make us feel happy and at home - and how planners can achieve them.
- 174 - 175 **Architecture BRIEFING:** Heady heights and Swiss living, Japanese culture in São Paulo and the changing face of Bangkok.
- 176 - 181 **Athens RESIDENCE:** The laidback neighbourhood that offers a chic counterpoint to the city's hustle and bustle.
- 182 - 185 **Shopping MERCHANDISE:** For all your quality-of-life needs.

E

ENTERTAINING

- 187 - 191 **Valencia REPORT:** Sun, sand and a culinary coastline courtesy of Spain's third-largest city.
- 192 - 193 **Jonathan Meades Q&A:** The writer, broadcaster and all-round raconteur on restaurants, city-living and his new cookbook.
- 194 - 195 **Food and drink BRIEFING:** Poms in Australia, Zürich's Japanese chicken mascot and the UK wine industry.
- 196 - 197 **Squid RECIPE:** The much misunderstood Mediterranean mainstay served with salsa verde and shoestring fries.
- 198 - 201 **Mario Testino MY LAST MEAL:** The iconic fashion photographer on the cuisine of his native Peru.
- 203 - 218 **Frozen assets EXPO:** Nothing says summer quite like ice lollies and gelato. One scoop or two?

F

FASHION

- 221 - 225 **Barena REPORT:** The label's Venice-inspired clothing with a burgeoning international following.
- 226 - 229 **Sun & sea REPORT:** Meet the sun-kissed labels selling enticing summer vibes all year long.
- 230 - 231 **LA sunglasses REPORT:** The city's sunny disposition makes it the perfect place to launch a sunglasses brand.
- 232 - 233 **Fashion BRIEFING:** From Frescobol Carioca to Reinhard Plank.
- 235 - 249 **Men's and womenswear FASHION:** Hello to Berlin: a heady combination of fashion and books.

I

INVENTORY

- 251 - 253 **Bergen REPORT:** The independent hotelier bringing the best out of Norway's west-coast city, plus our weekend guide.
- 254 - 257 **Travel BRIEFING:** A lively addition to the Côte d'Azur and class acts in Japan, Austria, Finland and Laos.
- 258 - 259 **Quality-of-life improvers THE LIST:** From blenders to barbecues, the little things that make life a pleasure.
- 260 - 263 **Retail BRIEFING:** Music, books, homeware - here's the rundown.
- 264 - 265 **Munich BEST IN CLASS:** Get fully prepared for outdoors adventuring with Sporthaus Schuster.
- 265 - 266 **Stockists DIRECTORY:** Sleep, eat and shop in the world's top cities.



Tel Aviv — CULTURE, page 149.



Athens — DESIGN, page 176.



Barena — FASHION, page 221.



Bergen — INVENTORY, page 251.