

# MONOCLE

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- Finding Mr Right (wing)
- Qatar's collapsible stadium
- Self-driven vans in Sweden
- India's homemade warship

## 2 Global views

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- Quito's cresting ambitions
- The Debate: Why work?
- Naples cashes in on culture

## 3 Inventory

- Time to recharge in Oslo?
- Hakone's hospitality revamp
- Aman anew in Manhattan
- Berlin's homage to the 1920s

## New energy, bright ideas and powerful design

PLUS: *A Venetian master's unseen residence in Zürich*

### DESIGN TOP

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Grab a seat to meet...



The wizard of Oz

Dapper brands



Our well-turned-out survey is brimming with positivity. Expect furniture finds, peeks through the keyhole at *inspiring interiors* and *insights* on the office of the future. We discuss getting the lighting right and sit down for *interviews* with five key industry leaders.



Drawers with draw



Knockout architects

We're ready to rumble

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3 INVENTORY: Travel



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1 Hotel Special

Sommerro  
Oslo

"People in the area have an emotional connection to the building," says Dominic Gorham, a guest-relations manager at the new Sommerro hotel in Oslo. In a previous life, the art deco building was the HQ of a Norwegian energy company,

as well as communal baths. "Guests still come here to get energised," says Siri Løining, head of brand, who helped to create this 231-room hotel.

Oslo-based architects LPO and interior design firm Grecodeco were tasked with sprucing up the interiors without erasing the past. "It's quite difficult to do this in a place with protected status," says Løining. "There are three words on the façade here: light, power and heat," she says, pointing to an etching that has been here since the 1930s. "Those words still mean a lot."

From its large windows and brightly hued carpets to chef Jonathan Howell's brasserie Ekspedisjonshallen, the building still has spark. "I felt like Oslo was missing a casual dining spot that didn't feel too fussy," says Howell, who recommends the crab bucatini. Other diversions include screenings at the private cinema and a rooftop pool.

Despite changing the building's use, there is a reassuring solidity here. "If you build a hotel based on trends, you'll have to renew everything in five years," says Løining. "Here, it doesn't matter if things get scratched or change with time." — CAG [sommerrohouse.com](http://sommerrohouse.com)

1. Sommerro's large windows let in plenty of natural light
2. Always at your service
3. One-off pieces decorate the bedrooms
4. The doors are open to tourists and locals alike
5. Interiors designed by Grecodeco
6. Balcony facing an indoor patio
7. Original art deco staircase
8. Fresh pastries and coffee at the lobby café



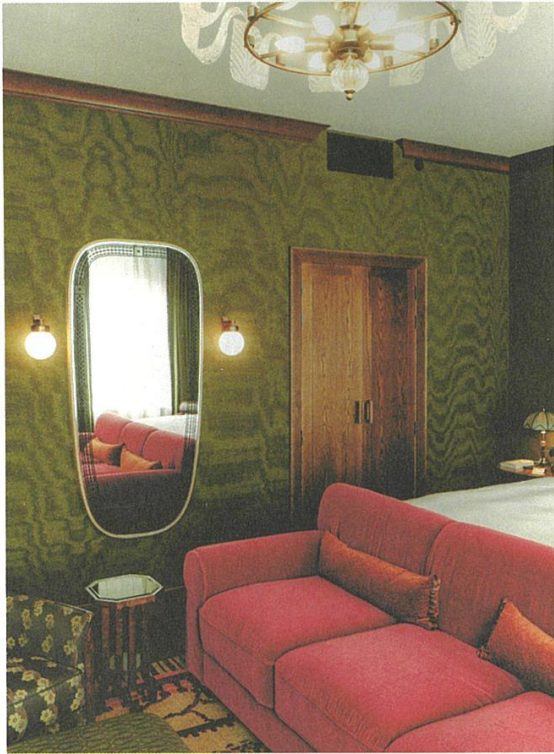
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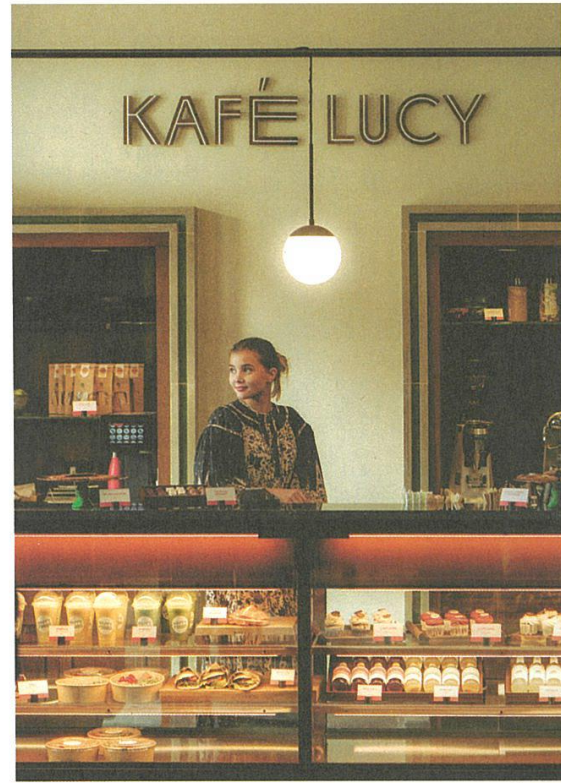
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