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What does it take to make a city both liveable and lively?

The results are in for our annual **QUALITY OF LIFE** survey. Who's up? Who's down? And who's out in our ranking of the world's 25 best cities to call home (there are a few surprises)

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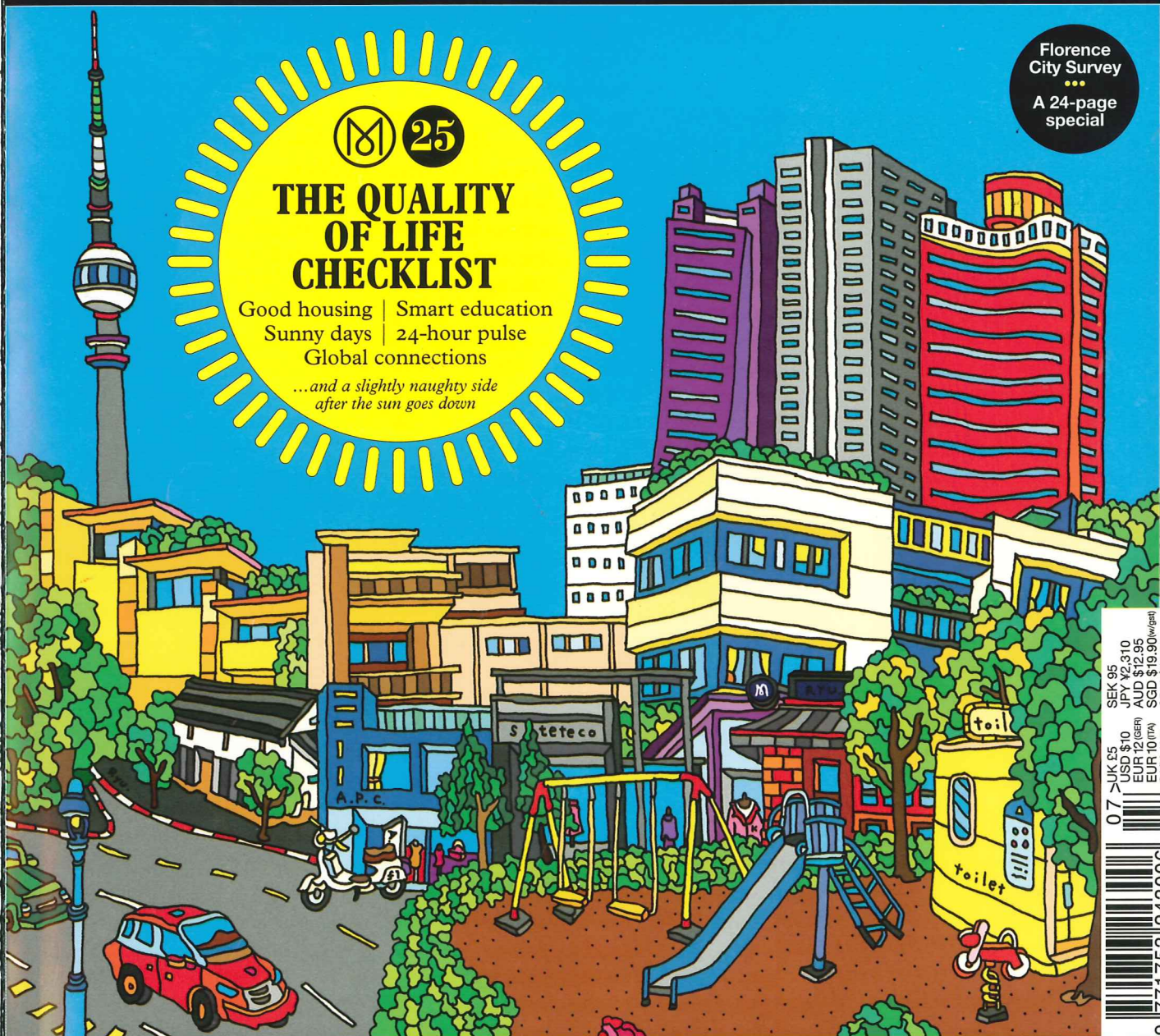
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to Melbourne on their favourite shops, cafés and markets

E EXPO Five cities made special with a dose of grit and edge

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A 24-page special

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THE QUALITY OF LIFE CHECKLIST
Good housing | Smart education
Sunny days | 24-hour pulse
Global connections
...and a slightly naughty side after the sun goes down



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50 Things to *Improve* Your life

Preface

You don't need to sample everything we've listed. But then again maybe you do — we're quite sure these deliver the goods.

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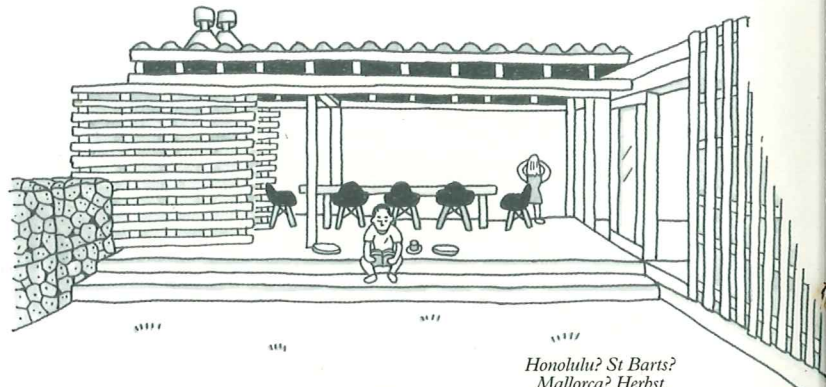
The perfect little street

The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker: while the latter may be hard to come by, the nursery rhyme has far more of a ring to it than the series of chain stores turning England's towns into clone zones. Our perfect street includes a grocer with cheery Astroturf shelving, an independent bookseller that foregoes blockbusters, a wine shop run by someone called Pierre with an enviable range of Fleurie, a newsagent that doesn't close on Sunday afternoons and devotes an entire wall to penny sweets and the other to magazines, a toy shop, a florist and a post office. Our traffic-free high street would have a history, clearly visible in the hotchpotch of architecture: Georgian, Edwardian, 1930s and the odd modernist experiment, overseen by a lovely Victorian clock tower. We'd like a small daily market, too, selling all manner of items – perhaps even a candlestick. Oh, and can it be within 90 minutes of London?

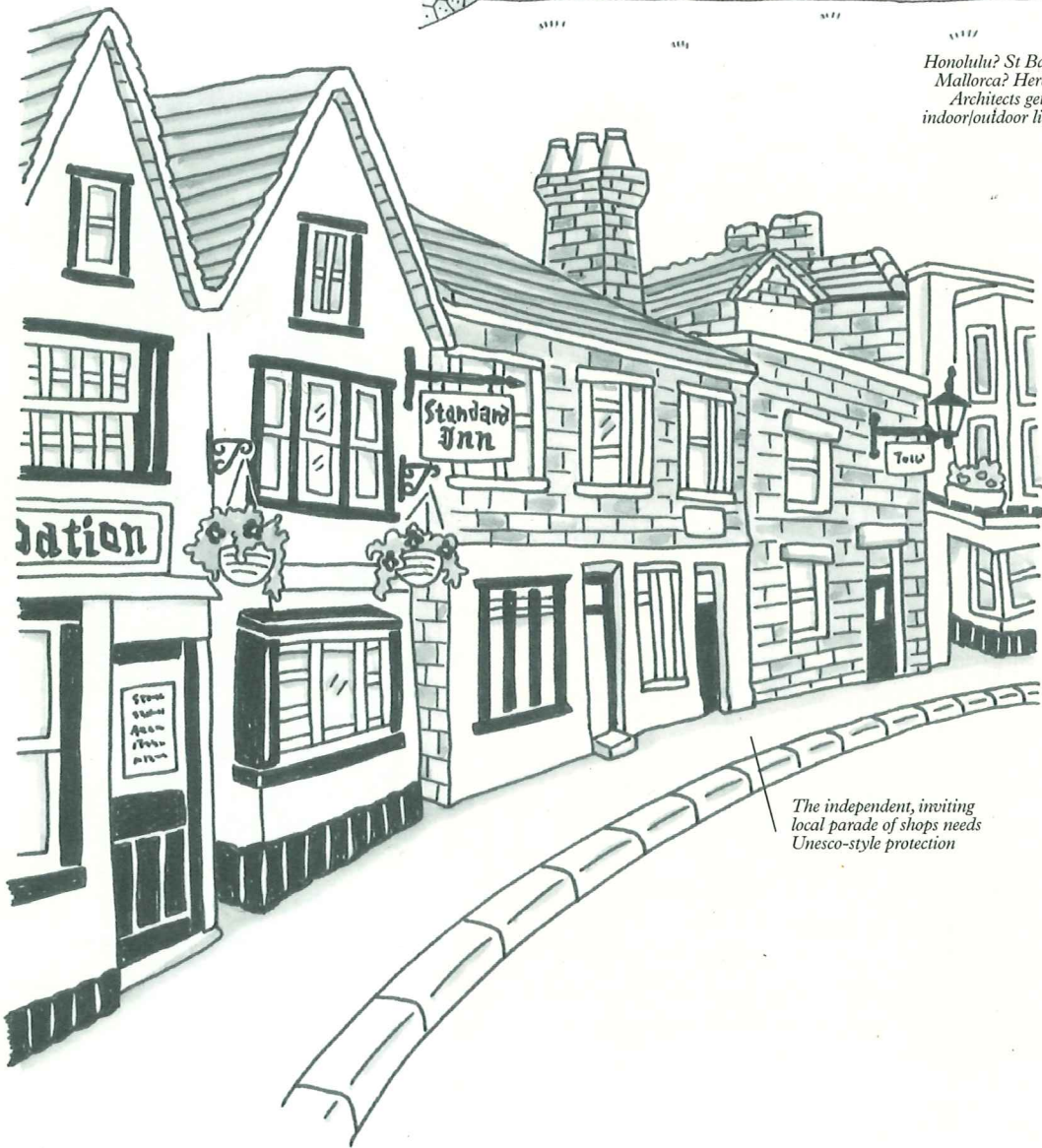
A beach house by Herbst Architects

Auckland-based husband-and-wife team Nicola and Lance Herbst have built around 15 houses since founding their practice in 2000 and we'd happily live in any of them. Favoured local stone and wood, they are masters at slipping their buildings seamlessly into the landscape while making the most of spectacular scenery with large windows and convertible indoor/outdoor spaces. We'd plump for a secluded seaside spot on Great Barrier Island and ask the Herbsts to dream up a traditional bach (beach house) for us to while away our weekends.

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Honolulu? St Barts? Mallorca? Herbst Architects get indoor/outdoor living



The independent, inviting local parade of shops needs Unesco-style protection

