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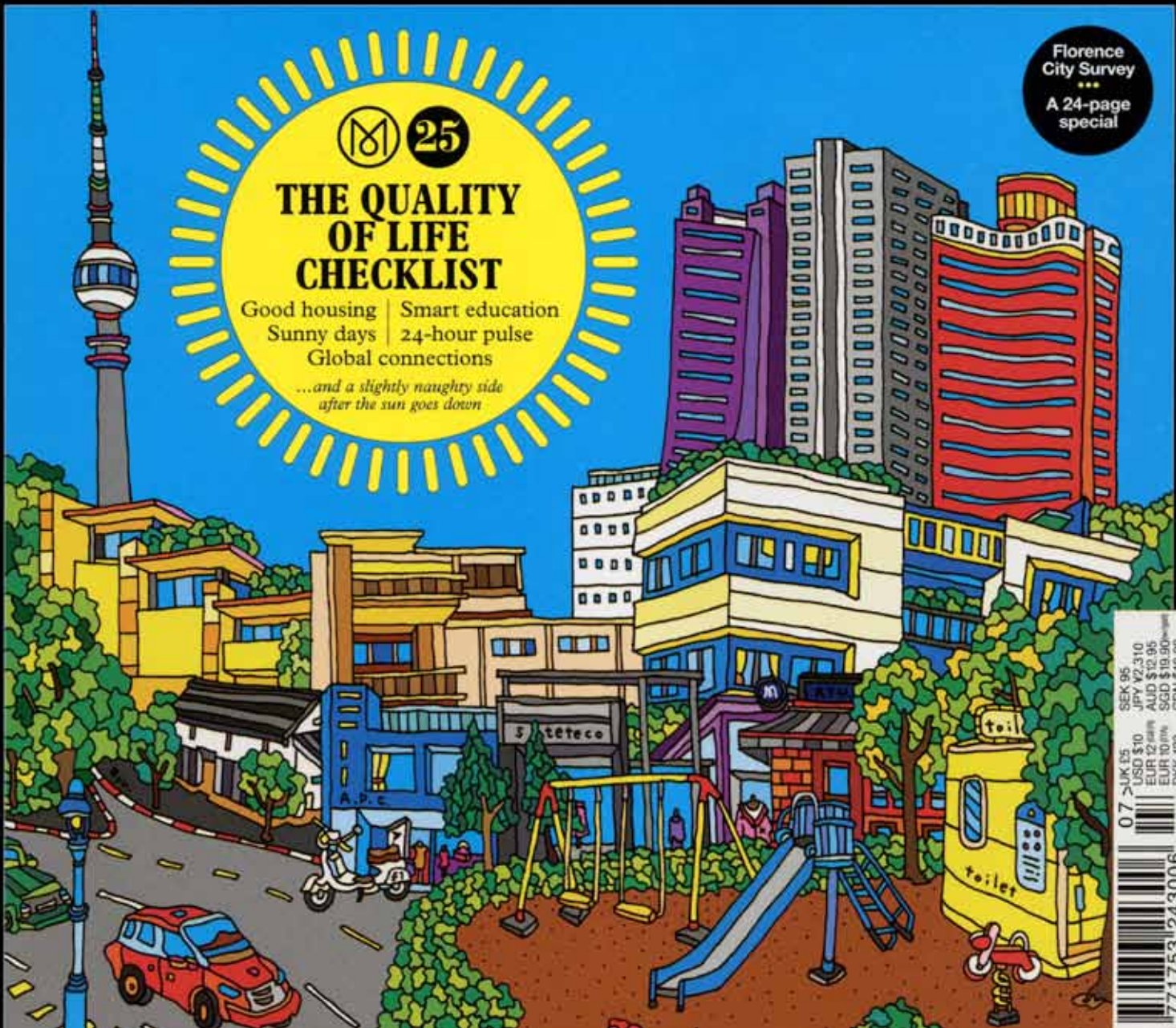
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Saskia Wittmer (*opposite*)
Hailing from Berlin, Saskia Wittmer has lived in Italy for 14 years after training with a veteran of John Lobb's London workshop. "The shape is a little Italian maybe, the techniques English and there's something about the functional sole that's German," she says. Having spent time in Bemer's studio, she went solo in 2000.

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