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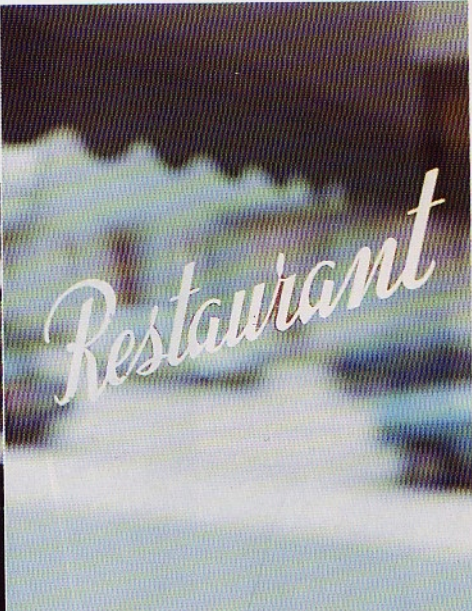
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## SOCIAL SERVICES

In his day, radical Swedish architect Sven Markelius struggled to realise his utopian socialism, but 65 years on people are clamouring to move into his revolutionary building. Wallpaper\* tracked down some of those lucky enough to live the Markelius dream



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**SET IN CONCRETE:** balcony scene. *Clockwise from above*, the exterior of the building. The on-site restaurant is equipped with dumb waiters for the less sociable diner who wants to eat alone. An original exterior light fitting. The ground floor lobby. *Opposite page*, looking down the staircase from the first floor to the lobby of the refurbished house on John Ericssonsgaten





**Nina Hammacher, 36, copywriter**

Six-footer Nina Hammacher came to the collective purely by chance when a friend offered her a sub-let several years ago. Back then Hammacher didn't know anything about Markelius or the history of the building; she just needed somewhere to stay. But all that has changed. She has her own apartment and is an active committee member. When Nina isn't working in her own company, she enjoys playing with her two cats or driving around in her 1962 Volvo PV



**BEAD THERE, DONE THAT:** single write female. *Clockwise from top left,* Hammacher leans out. Closet space and view into the bedroom. The bedroom and view of the balcony. Cactus and pot.