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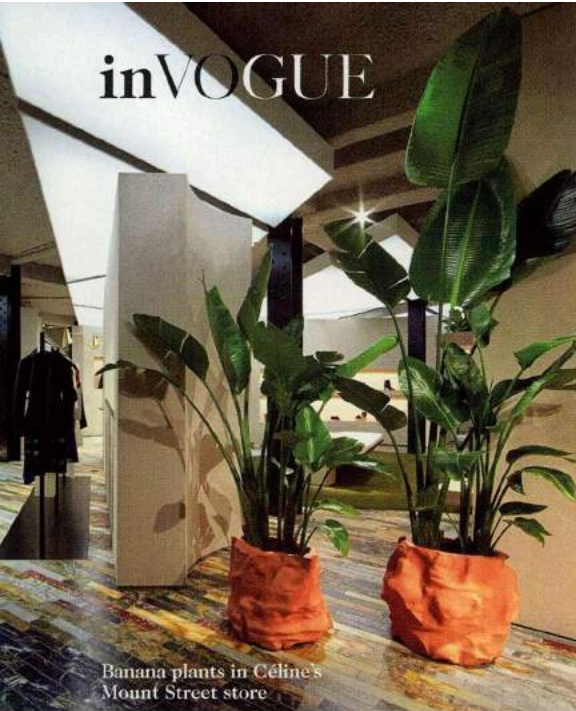


Concrete JUNGLE

"I've always wanted to live in a house like the Eameses did in the Sixties," says Sophie Hulme of her indoor "jungle". The handbag designer is not alone. Decorating with giant banana plants and palms is garnering a high-fashion following. Be inspired by Erdem's and Céline's Mayfair boutiques and go green with low maintenance, large-scale tropical flora. For designer Serafina Sama of Isa Arfen, it's all about the Kentia palms, an essential part of the "decadent throwback" decoration of her Bayswater home. Start your collection now.



Peace lilies in the studio of Isa Arfen designer Serafina Sama



Banana plants in Céline's Mount Street store

The regeneration game



Clapton, Forest Gate... Piccadilly? The regeneration game is now being played in central London's tourist corridor. "It's going to be progressive," says Anthea Harries, of the Crown Estate. Dover Street Market relocates to Burberry's former HQ in Haymarket this March. Expect the top-floor Rose Bakery to become the centre of gossip-trading for London's fashion scene. The jewel in the crown of the Estate's 10-year renewal plan, however, is St James's Market - a collection of independent dining spots launching this month.

Vogue creative director Jaime Perlman favours fig trees and palms



A lush alocasia at the Erdem boutique on South Audley Street



THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING
Cowboy boots are back, minus the boho tagline. The new, slick offerings look best with Céline's lingerie evening dress. This isn't a vintage moment - buy box-fresh and keep them in mint condition.