

An aerial photograph of an outdoor cafe in Amsterdam. The cafe is set up on a dark, paved plaza with numerous wooden tables and bright yellow plastic chairs. People are seen sitting at the tables, some talking, some eating, and some looking towards the camera. The scene is captured from a high angle, showing the layout of the tables and the shadows cast by the people and furniture. The overall atmosphere is casual and social.

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Nagakin Capsule Tower, Tokyo

Der Nagakin Capsule Tower in Tokio wurde 1972 vom Architekten Kisho Kurokawa gebaut. Das Gebäude mit 140 austauschbaren Wohneinheiten verkörpert die damalige Vision der Zukunft urbanen Wohnens im Nachkriegs-Japan. Heute ist der Turm vor Abriss bedroht, um Platz für einen konventionellen Wohnkomplex zu schaffen. Mit seiner Aufnahme dokumentiert Fotograf Noritaka Minami den Zustand des Wohnturms, dessen möglicher Abriss hierog unstritten ist.

Tokyo's Nakagin Capsule Tower was built in 1972 by architect Kisho Kurokawa. As a building with 140 interchangeable and adaptable apartment units, it embodies the future of urban living as envisioned by Kurokawa at that point in post-war Japan. Today, the building faces the threat of demolition to make way for a conventional apartment complex. Noritaka Minami uses photography to document the state of the Nakagin Capsule Tower whose demolition is hotly disputed.

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