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# CURRENTS: OFFICE AMBIENCE; Work Time Becomes Playtime With a Gym Near the Desk

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There's no place like . . . the office. Tom Silverman, the founder of Tommy Boy Records, a hip-hop label in Manhattan, said, "It was my idea to design an environment where people would want to come in at 9 on Monday and not want to leave Friday at 5."

He hired Wayne Turett, a Manhattan architect, to design the office, at 902 Broadway, and add amenities like a massage room, above, a weight room, an aerobics room, an isolation tank and showers. (Massages are most popular: 90 percent of the staff indulges, he said.) The design of the 40,000-square-foot office is urban. Floors are concrete, and walls are either Lumasite (a translucent acrylic material), galvanized sheet metal or Venetian plaster, seen just above the stairs in the lobby at top. Staff members and recording artists can also invite friends over to work out. What, no pool? ELAINE LOUIE

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