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# CULTURE *of* INFLUENCE

From colonial architecture to tropical design, Mexican style captivates through its rich and varied character.

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**W**hether represented by a historic hacienda on the west side of the Yucatan Peninsula, a colorful penthouse on the Pacific Coast, or a minimalist home in the country's bustling capital, Mexico's high style and creativity have charmed the world. Three properties prove it.



THIS MEXICO CITY HOME WAS INSPIRED BY A SEARCH TO PROVIDE SPACES FOR GATHERING AND INTERACTION, IN ADDITION TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.



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## INSIDE OUT

A striking brick edifice marks this monolithic home for a four-person family.

Mexico City, a huge and fertile ground for creative minds, is the megalopolis that seems to never stop moving. Contrasting with the nearby hustle and bustle, a 6,200-square-foot house for a family of four and designed by Esrawe Studio is a haven of peace in the middle of the city. Built with brick, oak, marble and aluminum, the home consists of two levels and a rooftop terrace. With its single material (brick), the façade enhances the monolithic character of the property, which features a series of horseshoe-shaped volumes. Inside, the feeling of continuous flow reveals “a search for promoting spaces of encounter and interaction, fostering an introspective relationship, isolated from the exterior,” explains Héctor Esrawe, founder of Esrawe Studio.

Visible from all the common areas and four bedrooms that surround it, the garden is the heart of the project, helping to link and integrate everything together, in a natural way. Surprisingly, the living room is located three steps below the ground level, providing even more privacy and



calm, while the dining area directly connects with the porch and the green yard. The master bedroom—with its bathroom area comprising a smaller-scale patio that connects to a private studio—occupies the upper floor. In the generously-sized family room filled with natural light, a large bookshelf merges with the staircase that leads to the terrace, surrounded by vegetation and protected by a pergola, encouraging the enjoyment of Mexico City’s year-round warm weather. With its pure lines, soft color palette, natural materials, and glass windows facing greenery, this contemporary house is an elegant urban refuge. [esrawe.com](http://esrawe.com)

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