

## Mexico City's Hottest Hotels

With a new Ritz-Carlton opening, the city's hotel offerings have never felt buzzier or more vibrant

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Considering that Mexico City ranks as one of the largest metropolises in the world—it's the biggest in North America to start—high-end hotels in town have historically been in short supply.

“Mexico City used to have mostly a lot of dreary three- and four-star properties that catered to business travelers, but there was nothing exciting for luxury travelers,” says Zachary Rabinor, the founder of [Journey Mexico](#), a travel company that plans upscale Mexico trips.

That's changed in the last decade, says Rabinor, as the city is increasingly recognized as a vibrant destination with flourishing arts, food, design, and culture scenes. “The choices today for the discerning set include properties from both international large brands and boutique locally owned names,” he says.



Also set to open in Polanco but further down the line in February, [Casa Polanco](#) is a 19-room property in a historic mansion that's been restored to have a contemporary aesthetic and emulate the feel of visiting a close friend's home. The property will have a small spa, library, and spacious terrace meant for relaxing and alfresco dining.