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**C**ÓDIGO Z ARQUITECTOS, an accomplished team of architects based in Polanco, Mexico has been successful in winning an award with its project Rancho del Arbol. Strategically located to maximise views of its predominantly forested and mountainous surroundings near the foothills of Sierra de las Cruces and La Marquesa, its design is based on a box set of simple shapes. These generate aesthetical rotated volumes in such a way that enable full advantage to be made of the site's natural beauty. By creating functional spaces in this way, they serve as a frame to the landscapes each area offers.

The land area totals 11,000m<sup>2</sup> and comprises a recreation house, stables, horse-riding tracks, green areas and slopes. It features

one particular tree of importance in terms of size and shape and this became the inspiration for the property's name, Rancho del Arbol. The residence area is laid out in two stories with the ground floor as social space and the first floor as an entirely private zone.

The project's most important requirement is its façade as keeping a mountainous view and allowing natural light to illuminate spaces were of paramount importance to the client. The purpose was to create a dwelling for leisure use which could fuse harmoniously with the natural scenery without compromising the comfort provided by a good architectural distribution of spaces for living and entertaining. The result is a striking residence resembling sculptural artwork within its surrounding ranchland.



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