

CASA MEZTITLA

El Tepozteco Retreat

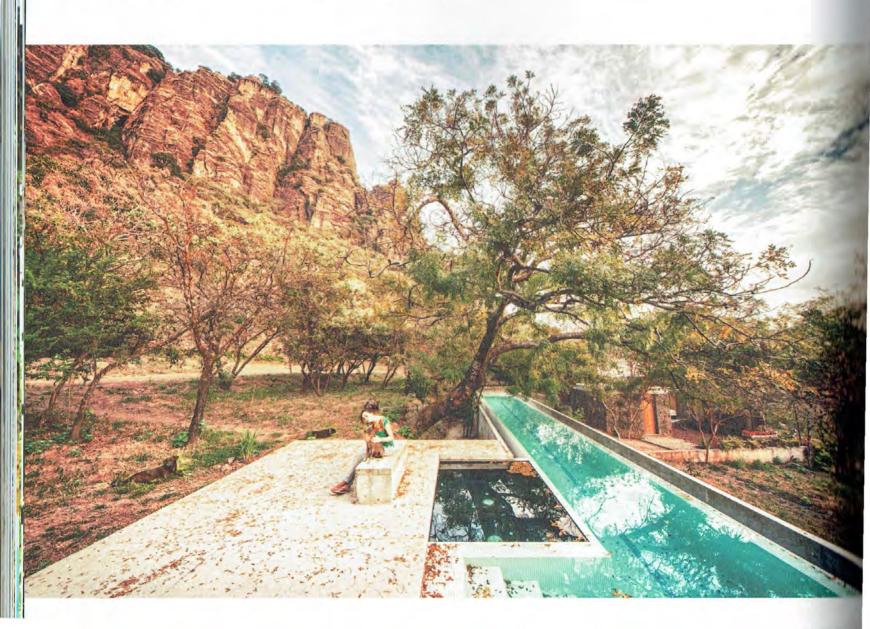
Settled at the base of a dramatic outcropping of prehistoric rock formations in an area called Meztitla (which means "place near the moon" in the Nahuatl language), this home lies on the outskirts of Tepoztlán and was created to showcase the extraordinary natural beauty of the site. It was designed by Mexico City-based firm EDAA, who devised an unusual structure that would open out to, as well as blend into, the landscape through an innovative approach to indoor-outdoor boundaries. Constructed of locally sourced lava stone, limestone and concrete, the low-slung profile

sits under the jungle canopy with a monolithic box form that juts through the tree tops.

Consisting of four distinct zones, the interiors are composed of a series of interrelated rooms connecting through outdoor areas perpetually open to nature. The L-shaped sunken living room, dining area and kitchen zone feature massive pivoting glass doors that blur the lines even further. The four en-suite bedrooms are located in the center of the house and each have glass walls that immerse you into nature as well as private patios. Upstairs, is an additional studio space with access to the large rooftop

terraces. Furnishings and decor are minimalist, with natural fabrics, wood and steel and tropical Mexican furniture such as hammocks.

There is a storm water catchment system devised to provide sustainable year round water for the entire property including the uniquely designed long pool. The property features landscaped terraces constructed over 500 years ago by native Tepoztecos, beneath the craggy El Tepozteco mountains and beautiful native gardens. A stunning accompaniment to the landscape, this house is entirely at one with its surroundings.





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Designed by Mexico City-based architects EDAA, the expressive modern style and earthy materials of this home create a luxuriously all-natural experience. The massive pivoting glass doors and interrelated spaces form a never-ending relationship with the extraordinary landscape.

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