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- Mexico's architecture has experienced a strong renaissance in the early 21st century
- Contemporary housing designs by Mexican architects draw particular interest from all over the world
- The book features 22 outstanding housing projects in Mexico through images, plans, and concise descriptions
- Introduces a new generation of architects working in Mexico and highlights the quality of their designs
- Scholarly essays and conversations with architects, policy makers, and researchers offer background information

In the period following World War II, eminent Mexican architects such as Juan O'Gorman and Luis Barragán were pioneers in adapting a European-American narrative in housing design to their own cultural environment. Seven decades on, Mexico's architects are more than ready to export their own knowledge and matured idiosyncrasies and to contribute to a global discourse that is aware of local cultural, environmental, and economic concerns. In recent years, Mexican architecture, and in particular housing design, has experienced a renaissance and gained unparalleled international attention, owing to the ideas and ambitions of a new generation of architects.

Nueva Vivienda features 22 outstanding housing projects in Mexico from the last 10 years through images, floor plans, sections, and views, with scholarly essays providing the corresponding historical and theoretical background. Complemented with three conversations among architects, developers, and researchers, the book sheds light on the particular local context of these projects, highlighting their designers' new ideas and how they contribute to rethinking housing typologies in Mexico today. Moreover, it also investigates how these concepts have already made their way to Europe, the United States, and beyond.

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