

MET HOTEL

Mariano Ugalde of Salar Art Gallery Curates Bolivian Art Collection at MET Hotel *La Paz welcomes new design centric property and first rooftop bar*



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La Paz, Bolivia (January 25, 2022): The Panorama Hospitality Group is pleased to announce the launch of the new contemporary art collection at [MET Hotel](#) in La Paz, Bolivia featuring works by local artists curated by Mariano Ugalde of Salar Art Gallery. Located in Calacoto, one of La Paz, Bolivia's trendiest neighborhoods at an elevation of 11,975 ft. above sea level, La Paz is known as the city that touches the clouds and is the gateway to the otherworldly Salar de Uyuni salt flats and the Bolivian wine country.

"The ongoing collection for the MET Hotel Art Collection focuses on emerging and mid-career Bolivian contemporary artists and comprises works in various mediums. The artists and works were selected to have a dialogue with the design and architecture of the hotel. The collection gives the visit a taste of contemporary Bolivia and new mediums and languages employed," shares Mariano Ugalde of Salar Art Gallery. He adds, "Viewers will discover highlights of contemporary Bolivian art through works that range from a piece in neon by Jose Ballivian, an emerging artist that represented Bolivia at the 2017 Venice Biennale to a site-specific installation that was done by Andres Pereira Paz, a rising figure in the international art circuit that lives and works in Berlin. On view is also a large format work by Bolivia's most promising figure in contemporary painting; Cristian Laime, an artist born on the shores of Lake Titicaca and who lives in the city of El Alto to name a few."

Full details on the art collection can be found [here](#).

MET Hotel is a design partnership between New York-based hospitality design firm Los Designers and Bolivian architect Ivan Valdez, who has worked with the late Zaha Hadid Architects in London. Overlooking the Andes Mountains, the hotel is centrally located to Mi Teleférico, an aerial cable car that offers epic views of the city. The property boasts 76 bedrooms comprising one penthouse suite and 75 rooms ranging from standard to deluxe and includes Dominga Restaurant, a spa with a 24-hour fitness center, indoor pool, sauna, hot tub, outdoor relaxation garden, and event space that can host up to 200 people. The premier suite, MET Penthouse, is a two room suite with panoramic views over La Paz and a robust art collection featuring local artists. With pale woods and muted colors throughout, the guest rooms at MET Hotel are bright and airy, providing a relaxed space to unwind after a day of exploring the city. Modern accent décor pieces such as the pillows celebrate the rich weavings from the Jalq'a culture in Southern Bolivia and the bedroom rug patterns take inspiration from local historic textiles from Tiwanaku, an ancient city and sacred site consisting of former pyramids and enclosures, gateways and monuments located in western Bolivia near the southeast shore of Lake Titicaca.

Utilizing modern design with an emphasis on Bolivian culture, the lobby draws inspiration from the local ruins of Pumapunku and Tiwanaku with its layered concrete walls shaped like perfectly cut geometric stones. While the design is largely modern, these historically significant patterns provide underlying textures that provide a sense of place. Conscious hospitality is part of MET's DNA. Acting responsibly, they recycle and avoid single use paper and plastic items, generate their own energy through solar panels and use rainwater and groundwater to every extent possible.

Reservations can be made online at www.metlapaz.com or by emailing reservations@metlapaz.com. Rates will start at \$160 per night for a superior room and \$423 for the MET Penthouse.

About MET Hotel:

[MET Hotel](#), a new 76 room boutique hotel in the Calacoto neighborhood of La Paz, Bolivia will open its doors in January 2022. Overlooking the Andes Mountains, MET is a partnership between New York-based hospitality design firm Los Designers and Bolivian architect Ivan Valdez, who has worked with the late Zaha Hadid. La Paz is a gastronomic city with a vibrant art scene and is the gateway to the Salar de Uyuni salt flats. The hotel is centrally located to Mi Teleférico, an aerial cable car that offers epic views of the city and boasts an art collection curated by Mariano Ugalde of Salar Art Gallery. MET is developed and operated by Panorama Hospitality Group, the founders of Bolivia's most awarded and first design hotel, Atix. Fernando Rodriguez and Carlos Rodriguez are the Co-Founders of Panorama Hospitality Group, a company that seeks to develop, operate, and curate unique properties in Bolivia and South America, with a focus on vibrant concepts that promote the discovery of exciting cities and places.

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