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## Architecture Design of Plaza Residences by Migdal Arquitectos

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The Plaza Residences building is flanked by two cultural landmarks that enroot it with the historic past of the area, the Monument to Columbus and the Monument to the Revolution. Designed by [Migdal Arquitectos](#), the shape of the building gives richness and movement to the urban context. In response to the Columbus traffic circle, the building, with its glass interior façade, is erected in the shape of a boomerang, creating a concave interior space that we give to the city by way of Reforma. This concave shape opens up and embraces the

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majestic traffic circle, integrating it into its concept. The existing urban belt continues thanks to the basement of the **building**, which is presented as a continuous element with a collection of perforations.



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The building is an abstract entity giving a sense of scalelessness; its principal façade present itself as a smooth-skinned glass curtain, permitting, at a glance, the loss of perception of the building's floors. The building's skin is accentuated with randomly placed aluminum mullions, which control the effect of the sun, while creating an interesting effect of light and shadow in the concave shape. The apartment tower is divided into two zones, both with independent access and lobbies. Each **apartment** is designed based on the position occupied thereby in the tower according to its orientation. The building has apartments and suites of between 60 and 170 square meters, 4 basement parking lots, common areas for the apartments and a commercial ground floor. Art is integrated into the Plaza Residences project by means of a raised mural plaza or "*pisal*", which, apart from being a common plaza, also serves as a transition towards the exterior, further favouring visual **contact** towards the great avenue. The apartments, of single or double height. Due to its circular shape and horizontal bands of its convex façade, the building becomes an abstract crown in contrast to the Cantera stone of the monument to the Revolution. The passage ways to access the suites that run the entire length of the building become viewpoints providing a unique view of Mexico City.



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*“Plaza Residences is a Sustainable Building which has a façade with alluminum mullions which control the effect of the sun. Also has water tank, a reserve for firefighting, hydrants, pressurized fire escapes and controlled accesses with quick-release fire doors. Common Pump Room for drinking water tank and rainwater tank. Ten water tanks in the Roof area. Anaerobic Treatment Plant. A 1, 281-Kw electrical substation, emergency plant, energy saving systems with sensor and timer-controlled electric lights in the parking lot basements, the passageways of the apartment tower and common areas. Five gas tanks, a carbon monoxide detection system in the parking lots, an air ventilation and air injection system in the parking lot basements, ventilation in the common area kitchen, ventilation in the swimming pool area, and ventilation in the kitchens, restrooms and utility rooms of the apartments.” - Migdal Arquitectos*



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