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THE SINGULAR SANTIAGO

Owned by a Chilean family with Swiss origins, the Singular [Santiago](#) was a new addition to the charming streets of Barrio Lastarria in October 2014. The hotel brings a sense of style to this traditionally bohemian neighborhood. Upon entering through the brass-handled doors, guests are greeted by an elegant concierge bearing a box of chocolates. The lobby leads to the Merced 294 bar, which is decorated with stylized French paintings and run by waiters in white jackets and black bow ties.

Built from scratch, the Singular Santiago took 22 months to construct. It now stands tall with wonderful roof-terrace views of both Cerro San Cristóbal and Cerro Santa Lucía. As well as the essential sundowner bar (open midday to midnight), the roof terrace also sports an outdoor swimming pool and sun loungers. A French feel runs through the hotel, although a handful of rooms have an Oriental theme. The Singular Santiago delivers a sense of formality and occasion—even in the way breakfast is served à la carte.