



HOT IN THE CITY
Below, art director Jessica Rose and owner Jeff Stober in the Drake Hotel, set in the heart of the city's Queen Street West design district



THE TRIP

ON THE UP
This page, Toronto's growing skyline peaks with the 553m CN Tower
Opposite, Santiago Calatrava's cathedral-like Galleria mall at BCE Place on Bay Street

So there are plenty of treats for grown-ups in Toronto right now, enhanced by a childish sense of anticipation because many of the show projects are yet to be completed. While you wait, you could take in a show at art spaces such as the waterfront Power Plant and the Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art (MOCCA) that has just relocated to Queen Street West. The latter now stands amid a swathe of smaller, commercial galleries, part of a neighbourhood enjoying an art and design renaissance aided in no small part by the Drake Hotel, which has its own curator and artist-in-residence.

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PLACES TO STAY

Drake Hotel
1150 Queen Street West
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The Drake is one of the coolest guesthouses in the world. Its rooms are full of character, while the other areas are a magnet for all manner of interesting scenes.

Toronto *turns it on*

With some of the most dynamic architecture on the planet and a vibrant ethnic mix that puts London and New York to shame, the city is leaving its 'boring' tag behind and showing what Canada can do
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