



A new take on tradition

The Manor House on the picturesque Keerweer Farm outside Stellenbosch boasts a fresh interpretation of the architecture of a traditional farm outbuilding. The original, red-roofed structure was mindfully renovated by architect Simon McCullagh to maintain a heritage feel.

Original features such as clay bricks and wooden beams were retained and combined with modern materials. Tall glass doors open out onto a lovely courtyard, which is tucked between the bedroom wing, a mudroom and the living areas. The bedroom wing (*opposite*) is clad in corrugated sheeting.

Cast in stone

The mudroom (this picture) links the private spaces, such as the two bedrooms, to the communal living areas. The choice to extend the natural stone floor from the courtyard into the mudroom brings the outdoors in and creates a relaxed charm. This textured floor is also practical as it is non-slip! The combination of the stone floor and large-profile glass door and picture window further connects the spaces, while also being easy on the eye. >>







At one with nature

A beautiful weeping willow (above right) shades the braai deck next to the Blouklip River; it's the perfect spot in which to enjoy nature and gather around a cosy fire pit. A double layer of decking with a certified fire rating, laid in the opposite direction to the main surface, demarcates the area under the fire pit and protects the main deck from scorching and stray coals. If you sit still for long enough, you might spot wildlife such as buck, river mongoose, porcupines and even the odd honey badger. You can also enjoy views of the lush vegetable and herb gardens and the farm's giant old oaks. **1**

I believe that buildings are about 'connecting', and I'm happiest when people come together to enjoy the spaces I have created.

- Simon McCullagh

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Farm stay at Keerweer available on AirBnB

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What's new

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Two-pack wall art R199.99, pepstores.com

Unbox your style

PnP Home (pnphome.co.za) has some exciting finds, which include DAY flatpack and patio furniture designed in Denmark but sold at homegrown prices. PnP Home is dedicated to homeware and kitchenware, as well as large and small appliances – you'll find a wide variety of items and premium ranges, including exclusive online products and promotions.



The neutral Cohan Chair (71cm H x 82.5cm W x 70cm D; R12 999, bash.com) with its trendy rounded shape is designed for both comfort and style.

We love the curvy backrest of the new Charlie dining chair (pictured in Chocolate, 850mm H x 480mm D x 480mm W; R7 750, houthakker.store).



Armchair travel

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Haus Republik Selene Portable and Rechargeable Lamp (*pictured* in Clay Pink; 20cm L x 20cm W x 34.5cm H) R999, yuppiechef.com



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