

# The modern FARMHOUSE

A CONTEMPORARY TAKE ON CLASSIC FARM-STYLE BEAUTY



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**ABOVE:** Chris Sparks Architecture specialises in design and project management of high-end residential homes, cluster developments and bush lodges. For this home, the firm was not only responsible for the design but oversaw the entire project, working closely with the home owner on the detail design and coordination of all aspects of the home.

**BELOW:** This light-filled dining room forms the centre of this home. The focus is comfort, which has been achieved with oversized chairs that were designed to fit snugly. The custom 12-seater oak table is timeless and is complemented by solid oak floors. The detailed bulkhead was custom-designed and adds an interesting aesthetic to the room.

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Inspired by the traditional aesthetic of modern farmhouses in Stellenbosch, this family home is situated in one of Joburg's affluent suburbs.

While many home owners are looking to cluster homes and estate living, these home owners opted for a standalone property that's well secured. "We decided that for us it was better to manage who comes in and out than the security offered in a complex; estates and clusters come with very high levies too. We absolutely loved the location of this property and found it central to family and friends, and amenities, which was important," say the owners.

When it came to the architecture, the owners knew from the start that the Cape farmhouse was what they wanted for their new build. The owners

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elaborate on the brief to their architect: "It was very simple. We wanted a classical exterior with a contemporary yet sophisticated interior. All spaces to lead onto the patio downstairs. We wanted all rooms to have the option to close off as we like the cosy feel to that, but when entertaining also have an option of opening the whole house up for ease of movement."

In keeping, the exterior of the home has been kept light to further enhance the classical aesthetic, while the interior has been designed to be chic and dramatic, with solid oak flooring, intricate ceiling detailing and striking contemporary joinery.

Elaborating on the interiors of the home, the owner says: "This is a family home; it's very warm and homely. With this in mind, we've gone for neutral, earthy tones throughout paired with finishes that are true to themselves, such as a variety of solid woods, steel and a mixture of textures and fabrics. For the most part, we wanted very functional items that would suit our style of living. >





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Comfort is key, looking great is an extra bonus. We also knew we were starting a family soon so we made sure everything was child-friendly too.”

These home owners advise you plan well... down to every detail. “Plan your furniture with your architect too, so you can ensure the things you want in your home can fit. We wanted a six-seater table in the conservatory so we designed it and accommodated for it accordingly.” 🏡

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