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## A NEW MODERN ERA

Location: Wellington, Florida

Architect: Annie Carruthers/In-Site Design Group

Builder: W Development

In 2019, Annie Carruthers's clients, Paul and Marie Studd, had the foresight to embark on a contemporary vision for their new equestrian estate. "We began with discussing basic objectives," Carruthers says. "The style needed to be impactful and warm. The spaces needed to be functional, open, and infused with organic materials." Carruthers created a linear open stable with horizontal roof lines emphasized by dark metal veneers, reminiscent of California coastal styles. The intersecting stone walls resonate in both the stables and the home and create a statement that is unapologetically modern. A serene lake embraces the site and echoes indoor and outdoor spaces. Framing the views of the lake and riding arena are walls of floor-to-ceiling glass. Wood ceilings, organic accents, and exterior veneers alongside the tropical landscape enhance the organic feel of the clean lines.

"Building the first tropical modern equestrian estate in Wellington, Florida, might have had some risks, but others will be forthcoming, adding to the city's diverse architectural styles," says Carruthers. "Several more contemporary projects are in the design stage and scheduled to begin construction in 2022, ushering in a modern era for Wellington."

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