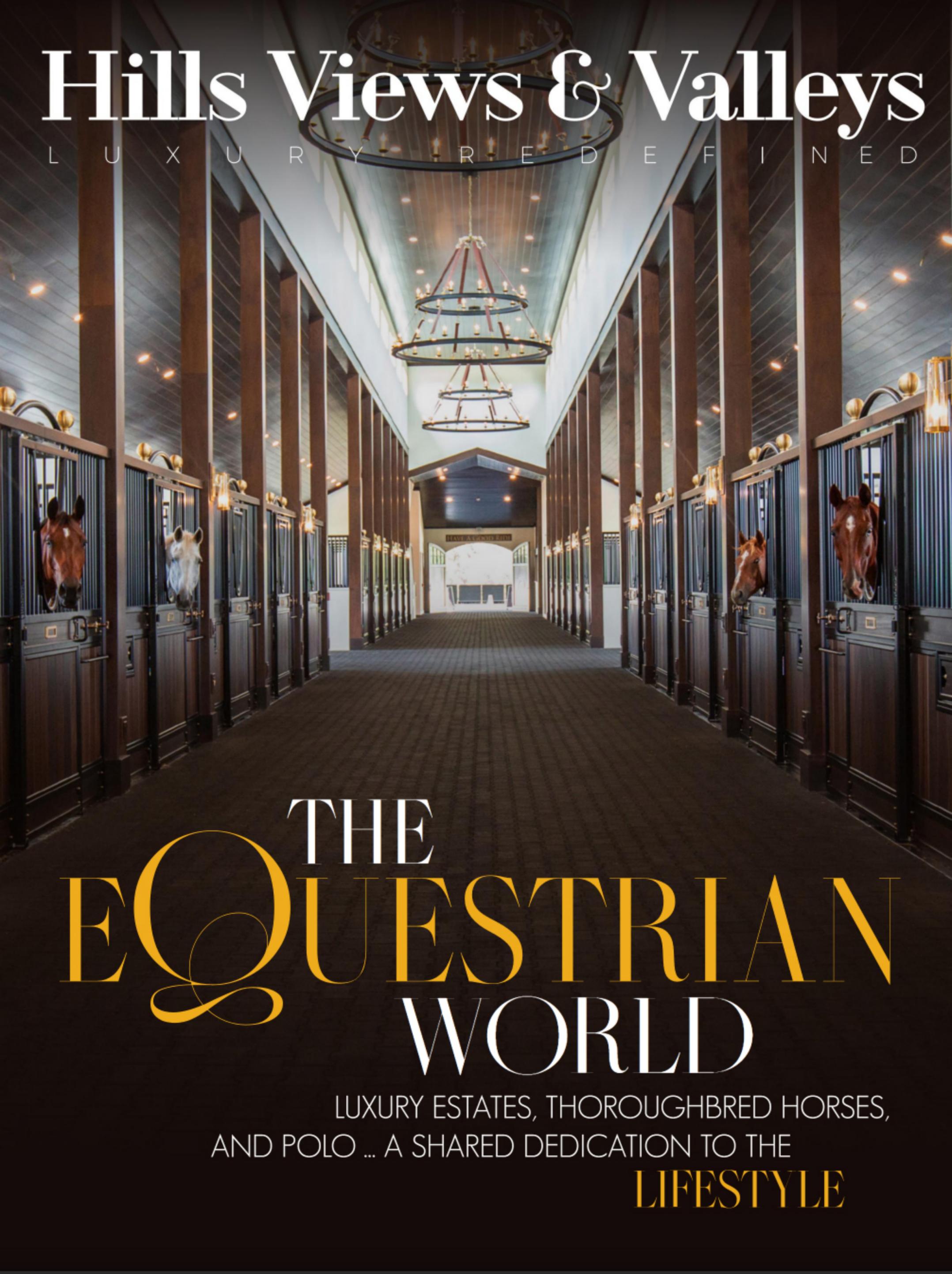


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ANNIE CARRUTHERS AT IN-SITE DESIGN

Creating Equestrian Properties with
Simple and Elegant Focus

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Architect Annie Carruthers has spent much of her professional career listening to what her clients want and giving them beyond what they expect.

It's a simple philosophy that has helped Carruthers establish and lead one of the most renowned architectural firms in Florida, In-Site Design Group. It has also enabled the company to navigate changing market demands, ongoing innovations in design technology, and the particular intricacies of equestrian properties.

Carruthers' team includes her husband, Jack, and a collection of dedicated architects that have, over

the last twenty years, created stunning residential properties in Florida. They have also expanded their horizons both geographically and conceptually beyond the Sunshine State.

Equestrian facilities are now In-site Design's most prominent focus as a company. From developments that span the southeasternmost state to equally stunning projects further afield, In-Site Design Group is undaunted in its quest to firmly establish its presence in the equestrian world in the southeastern United States.

For Annie, central to her success is her own boundless energy and creativity, laser-focused to meet the needs of clients who generally know what they want

but may not be able to express that in the language of the design exactly.

"Every equestrian property, like every residential development, is unique. I'm fortunate to spend time with our clients and find out what their specific needs are, both practically and aesthetically. That's the starting point, and it must inform all other areas of the work we do."

In her own life, Annie enjoyed riding horses throughout her childhood. When an accident prevented her from developing this passion further, her continued involvement developed her keen understanding of the needs of a busy stable and the business of running large multi-use areas. Combining functionality and

practicality with design execution is often easier said than done, particularly when you factor in the list of statutory requirements that developers often conform to when building a project.

For Annie and her team, these are everyday challenges, but that, nonetheless, require a level of expertise and familiarity that others may not have. One of these areas is the precise nature of Florida's unique climate which, while ideal, also presents a range of challenges when it comes to building projects.

"Florida has very specific building requirements due to its extremes of weather. With frequent high temperatures and high numbers of tropical storms, an important factor is keeping the horses relatively cool



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and dry. This obviously influences material and design choices, as well as the fact that developments need to exist in harmony with either pre-developed buildings or residential spaces that we will also design.”

Comparing these realities with designs in the desert wilderness of Abu Dhabi, where there is a constant forbidding heat and perpetual lack of water, creates a very different set of design challenges. Even so, understanding what the client wants is central to the design process. Meshing the external environment with this internal urge is the process of design and architecture in many ways and one that Carruthers understands on a spiritual level.

“Clients know their horses and their own day-to-day needs better than anyone. We have the benefit now of creating 3D architectural designs and documentation,

which means we can ideate and present a vision of the concept to our clients wherever in the world they may be.”

The results clearly speak for themselves with many developments showcasing their own subtle iteration of Annie and In-Site Design’s ideals, including expansiveness, visual appeal, and practicality. Each development understands its central purpose but also anticipates unspoken needs and hidden desires that residents might have, such as access to conveniences or a comprehensive residential system.

The TerraNova Equestrian Center in Myakka City, situated in the green midwestern part of the state, is a development in tune with the area’s natural simplicity, while also impressing with its idealized motifs and sense of permanence.



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Stable and riding areas that are notable for their charm but meet the needs of the sport. TerraNova Equestrian prides itself on helping owners realize their dreams of having a customized estate or winter farm. Part retreat, part homestead, the TerraNova experience is unlike any other Florida. Situated in Manatee County's choicest real estate, TerraNova Equestrian Center prides itself on offering accommodations for all levels of equestrian competition.

Located only thirty minutes from Sarasota's beaches and amenities, including Bradenton International Airport for easy access to the area, residents need not sacrifice the conveniences of civilization while enjoying the bucolic lifestyle. Engineered for families, the TerraNova Equestrian Center offers a range of amenities outside of its six arenas and cross-country course.

Heralding a new age of tropical equestrian estates, located in the beautiful Wellington Preserve is another one of Carruthers' magnificent projects. Combining the finest amenities and estate living, this Wellington Preserve luxury equine property caters to the modern equestrian that seeks to have it all while escaping from

the everyday commotion of life. With a lake hugging the site and natural scenery as well as sleek architecture providing ample opportunities for indoor and outdoor entertaining and living, Wellington Preserve is the pinnacle of genteel living with no compromises and a keen eye for what separates the modern approach from those of the past.

Inimitable and timeless, the In-Site Design Group is transforming dreamscapes into reality with developments in Florida and beyond that capture the essence of equestrian life in a lacquer of Americana and modern living that is second to none.

The fashionable development of 5121 Lasso Way in Wellington FL. mirrors the low-rise elegance of many of In-Site Design's waterfront residential projects and is currently on the market for 9.8MM

To say design comes easy to Annie and the In-Site Design team may create the wrong impression, but the simplicity of the approach and lack of overwrought complexity in the grand execution are truly marvels to behold, and to ride, work, and live in.