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SUMMER BY DESIGN

Debbie Cavit, owner of design store Cavit&Co, shares her philosophy on creating beautiful spaces to languish in over the warm months and showcases the timeless appeal of some of her favourite long-time suppliers, including McGuire.

WORDS BY DEBBIE CAVIT

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CHILL TIME

Whether lounging by the pool or sitting in a light spot drinking something cool, McGuire has something for all occasions. *Opposite:* Harbour

Curved Back Chaise designed by Barbara Barry for McGuire.

This page: Barrel Lounge Chair, Desert Side Table & Totem Spot Table designed by Laura Kirar for McGuire.



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LOUNGETIME

Neutral colours and mixed materials create a stylish area to relax in. Solange Sectional Sofa; Baton Cocktail Table and Side

Table designed by Bill Sofield. Starfruit Crystal Lamp designed by Robert Kuo for McGuire on a Concrete Stool by McGuire.





THE MCGUIRES

John McGuire, in a lifelong collaboration with his wife, Elinor, brought imagination, skill and a refined sense of style to define luxurious comfort.

Beginning in 1948, the McGuires had a dream of great design coupled with the finest natural materials and expert craftsmanship. They bent, wove and formed rattan poles into new forms: they invented the patented process of using rawhide to bind rattan and they brought new life to rattan through colour.

McGuire design has found its way into many of the world's finest residences including the White House. It has added grace, elegance and form to resorts, hotels and clubs. It has also been included in the Smithsonian collection at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York City.

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In selecting the ranges that Cavit&Co represent in New Zealand it has always been important to me, as owner, to work with companies that have the same ethos established at our design stores. That is, to have a strong passion for design, a deep appreciation of handcrafted detailing and finishes, and to work with the finest designers and materials. Each of our suppliers specialises in creating timeless design that will make a long-lasting contribution to a home. One such supplier is McGuire, a business that's been operating for more than 60 years on these same values. It was a perfect match for Cavit&Co, which launched the brand here in 2001.

I first fell in love with McGuire when I saw it displayed in a showroom of American furniture company Baker, in Paris in 1996. I loved the clean uncluttered lines, the attention to detail and the simplicity of the refined rattan core pins with joints, wrapped and protected by rawhide to give superior strength. It really is fine furniture made of rattan – well above the standard of any other I have seen available anywhere else in the world. A single piece of McGuire can add a very special touch to any room. McGuire changed my idea of what rattan furniture was and how it could be used.

New Zealand has a similar lifestyle to California, where McGuire is based. While catching the essence of casual luxury, McGuire is unpretentious, optimistic, relaxed, warm and engaging. Its collection covers the range from indoor to outdoor, living, dining and bedroom furniture, enabling Cavit&Co to include McGuire beautifully into clients' homes in New Zealand.

The founders of the company, John and Elinor McGuire, worked with top designers in America when they first launched in San Francisco more than 60 years ago. They fully understood the value of good design in creating a brand and have continued this liaison with leaders in the field – they now work with an enviable list of the world's finest designers, including Barbara Barry, Bill Sofield, Thomas Pheasant and Jacques Garcia. This results in a fabulous meld of the finest manufacturing techniques and best design, creating pieces that will stand the test of time to become classics in their own right.

There is simply no other company like McGuire in the field of rattan and outdoor furnishings; Cavit&Co endeavour to only deal with the leaders in the market for any collection represented.

We are proud to share these quality collections and are privileged to be working with clients who understand the intrinsic value of creating a beautiful interior, who understand the value of good design and the joy it can bring to an individual or family to live in a well-designed, well-appointed home with a beautifully curated selection of pieces. Cavit&Co can truly offer clients the best in the world and we are very excited to do so.



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MY STYLE MUST-HAVES

When it comes to picking her favourite furnishings, Debbie Cavit is spoilt for choice with a store full of the best quality homewares from around the world. Here, she selects a few items that epitomise her passion for stylish, timeless design. *Clockwise, from top left:* Blossom Mirror designed by Thomas Pheasant for Baker; Origami Chest designed by Christian Lyon for Matsuo; Petal Lounge Chair by McGuire; St James Tufted Sofa designed by Jacques Garcia for Baker; and Courlis Vase by Lalique.





DEBBIE CAVIT INTERIOR DESIGN

For the last 23 years Cavit&Co has been importing furniture and home



accessories from some of the world's finest manufacturers – including Baker, McGuire, Ralph Lauren Home, Lalique, Frette – but has largely been regarded merely as a retailer. Over these 23 years, Debbie Cavit (pictured above) has clocked up thousands of miles attending trade fairs around the world where she has collected an extensive portfolio of products, covering everything from very contemporary to traditional furnishings, lighting and accessories.

Cavit&Co has offered an interior design service for the last several years, but will be stepping this up in early 2015 with the launch of Debbie Cavit Interior Design.

This initiative will specialise in creating world-class interiors for clients throughout New Zealand and abroad. It will not only use Cavit&Co's core brands, but will also pull widely from manufacturers

Debbie has admired and personally selected from around the world and the finest of New Zealand's craftsmen. With this broad international view, Debbie and her in-house design team will work closely with each client to achieve the perfect style and finish where all the design elements, the furniture, the art and the objects are interlinked, creating the ideal home.

NATURALLY INSPIRED

Above: Hourglass Dining Table designed by Thomas Pheasant for McGuire. Kiraku Dining Arm Chair by McGuire.

right: Guernica Chair designed by Laura Kirar for McGuire. Square Dining Table; Dining Arm Chair; and Side Chair designed by Thomas Pheasant for McGuire.



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