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# Architecture update

## Watery outlook

This new-build by Studio Farris replaces a semi-detached house overlooking the canal in Humbeek, Belgium. The 135sqm brick home matches the roofline of its neighbour, but the first-floor living space is set back behind an outdoor terrace with two bedrooms beneath. Rainwater is recycled and solar photovoltaic (PV) panels produce 60 per cent of the house's electricity. The project cost £308,000. (studiofarris.com)



## Keeping cosy

Technique Architecture and Design, in collaboration with homeowners Seonaid and Paul Stallan of Stallan-Brand Architects, has won a 2022 award from The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) for The Den at Tighnabruaich, overlooking the Kyles of Bute. Two flats were combined to create a 90sqm, one-bedroom home/studio. An insulated external timber frame is clad in coated steel, while inside the original stonework was restored. See more of the project on P77. (technicstudio.com)



## Small build, big challenge

When a retired couple wanted to downsize to a small new-build house behind their terraced home on the seafront in Deal, Kent, architectural practice Mackenzie Wheeler had to resolve issues of light, privacy and party walls in the tight plot. Plus, the couple's original house is Grade II listed and in a conservation area. Partly hidden by a high front garden wall, the new 125sqm, two-bedroom home slots in between neighbouring courtyards and has a balcony providing sea views. With local red Kentish brick walls and exposed oak structural frames, it cost £500,000. (mackenziwheeler.co.uk)



## Location, location

The sparkle of sunlight or moonlight on the water is just one of the many pleasures of having a home on the shores of a lake, river or ocean. *Beautiful Houses by the Water – Living at the Water's Edge* (The Images Publishing Group, £40, 24 August) explores how 37 enviable waterfront homes from across the globe fit in with their surrounding natural environments. The evocative images will tempt any prospective self-builder, and engaging descriptions set out the challenges and benefits of deciding to build in one of these unique locations. (imagespublishing.com)