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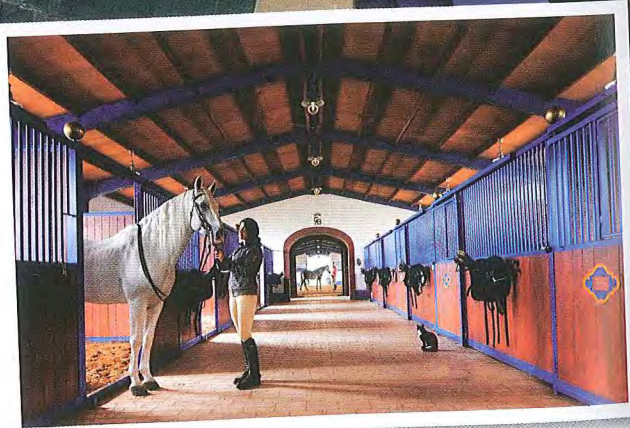
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ITALY

Head for the Hills

This painstakingly restored farmhouse on a sprawling private estate in the Umbria-Tuscany border is one of 50 being returned to its former glory. So far, 22 structures – many of them more than 500 years old – have been completed to an exceptionally high standard. Each is perched on its own hilltop with wraparound views of rural Umbria and all have access to high-end equestrian and sporting facilities. These rare and magnificent homes are on the market for **US\$10.6 MILLION**. Reschio Estate Castello Di Reschio, tel: +39 075 844 362, www.reschio.com



ENGLAND

Best in Show

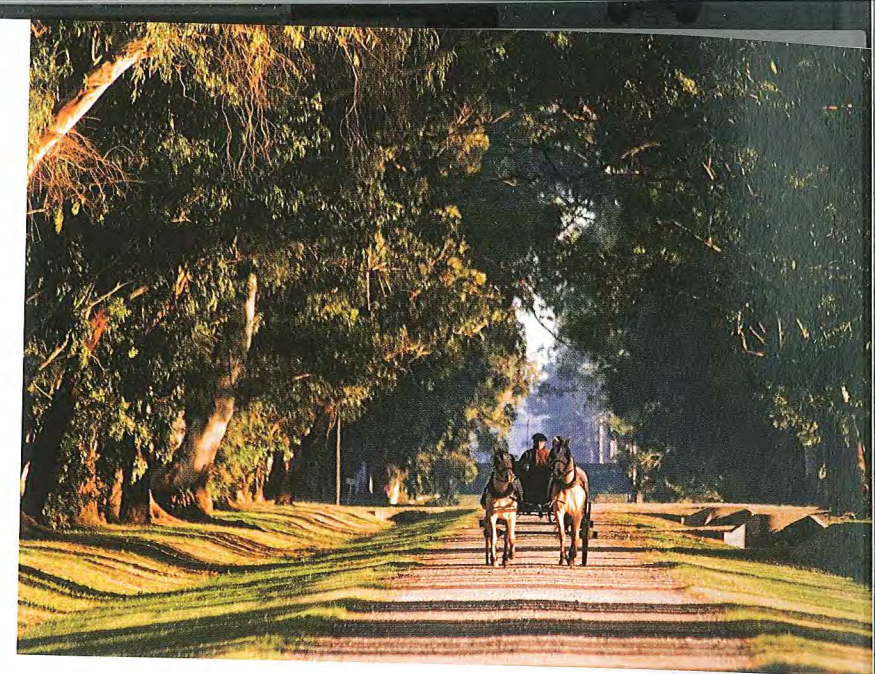
Built in 1988, Oldencraig Equestrian Centre is a premier equestrian property with capacity for 80-plus horses as well as separate paddocks, jumping and exercise arenas. The centre offers top-class facilities for competitors and horse owners, and it is the venue for various shows of all equestrian disciplines throughout the year. Regular training with leading professionals is available on site. There is also a cottage and a guest annex. The former has three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a breakfast room, dining room and an indoor pool, and the latter comes with an open-plan kitchen, living room, bedroom, sun terrace and garden. Conveniently located in south-east England close to travel links, it is priced at **US\$16M**. Hamptons International, tel: +44 (0)14 8357 2864, www.hamptons.co.uk



ARGENTINA

This Sporting Life

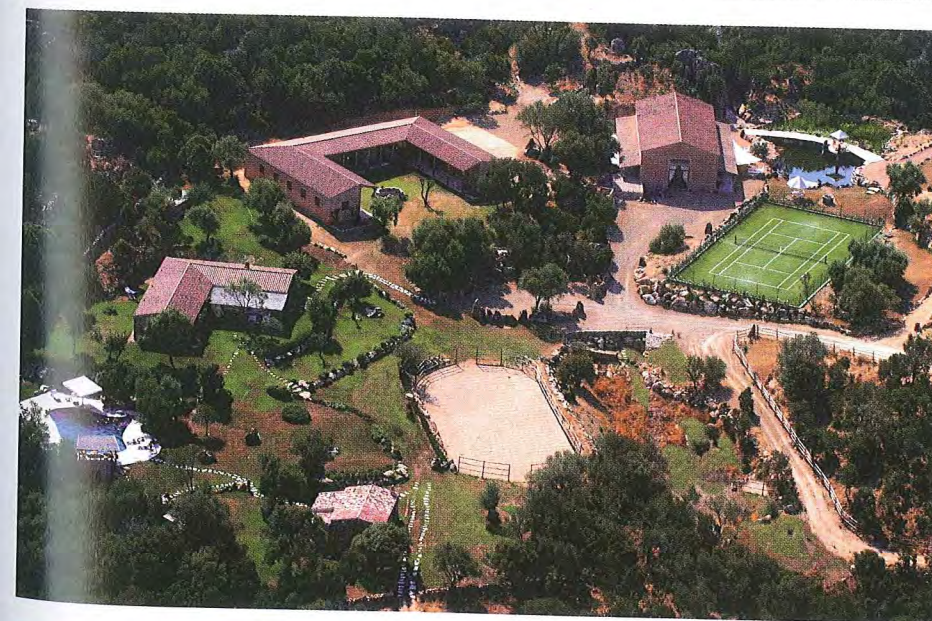
Estancia Villa Maria is a luxurious sporting estate specially designed for lovers of golf and equestrianism. The Polo Club alone includes four professional standard fields, an exercise track, a stable and a riding school run by professional polo player Nacho Figueras. The estate covers 625 hectares and the developer is seeking buyers who are willing to buy at least 21,500sqft of land on which to build their dream home. Located an hour's drive from Buenos Aires. *Quintessentially*, tel: +852 2540 8595, www.quintessentially.com



FRANCE

Ride on Time

An authentic farmhouse in the coveted Saint Tropez Hinterland, this five-bedroom home enjoys an enviable position with easy access to the charming town of Cogolin. It has been fully renovated with all modern conveniences, but retains its original design and layout. All rooms are generous proportions, including the spacious entrance hall and a farmhouse-style kitchen. The house is equipped with a wine cellar, swimming pool and an antique fireplace. The property also comes with a separate cottage and two self-contained flats. There are stables for eight horses, a tack room, feed room, hay barn, indoor arena and 16 paddocks. It is on sale for **US\$7.2M**. Knight Frank (London), tel: +44 (0)207 629 8171, www.knightfrank.com



ITALY

In the Lap of Luxury

Located less than 5km from the sea and 20km away from Porto Cero and Porto Rotondo, Su Cuccumiao comprises a beautifully furnished farmhouse, guesthouse and converted barn, which can accommodate up to 20 people. The property covers 7.2 hectares and is located within a 41-hectare estate, which includes a riding school, 10-horse stable, a tennis court and swimming pool. The estate is on the market for **US\$21M**. Christie's International Real Estate, tel: +44 (0)207 389 2855, www.christiesrealestate.com



COSTA RICA

Private Prancer

This hacienda sits on 4 hectares situated in a private section of the magnificent La Garita wilderness and is just 10 minutes from the local airport. The property comprises an 8,600sqft luxury villa, two separate guest houses, two lakes stocked with fish, beautifully landscaped gardens, a swimming pool, basketball court and large stables with practice ring. The four-bedroom villa enjoys fabulous river and forest views; the master suite has its own walk-in closet, balcony and a master bathroom with Jacuzzi. The hacienda is on the market for **US\$3.8M**. Signature Residences Worldwide, tel: +44 (0)20 7095 8701, www.signatureresidencesworldwide.com