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South Africa from €27,500

Hibernian Towers is a fractional ownership scheme on The Strand, near Cape Town. It is a 22-storey development of 81 apartments, retail outlets, a swimming pool, gym and steam room. Fractional ownership allows buyers to buy in part ownership with others. A two-bed priced at €27,500 will give you four weeks shared with four other owners, while a three-bed, at €59,950, will give you six-and-a-half weeks shared with four. A three-bed priced at €139,950 will give you 13 weeks shared with four other owners.

Agent: Spectra Property, 1890 597 284, www.hiberniantowers.co.za

They say: You have the flexibility to rent or even sell the property at any stage.

We say: South Africa's market is hard to read given the rand's unpredictability.

Direct flights: South African Airlines, KLM and Air France fly from Dublin, Cork, and Shannon to Cape Town via Paris, London and Frankfurt

Location: 15km from Cape Town international airport, 35km from Cape Town



Italy from €358,000

The Buriano Estate in Tuscany is a group of buildings under restoration. It will include 55 private apartments in three phases. The Palazzo will include 33 one- and two-bed apartment suites with wine cellars and an enclosed courtyard. The Borgo apartments will consist of 11 units, ranging from studios to three-bedroom apartments. And the Gatehouse development, which will be the first to be completed, will include 11 apartments. Prices range from €358,000 to €1.25m.

Agent: N2 Buriano, 00 44 131 221 6575, www.buriano.co.uk

They say: The developer has put together a range of furnishing options for each individual to consider, which will include high-quality furniture and electrical hardware.

We say: The two "luxury traditional" packages are dependent on size of unit, and come at a price — an "Armani Casa" package starts from €10,000.

Direct flights: Ryanair flies direct from Dublin to Pisa

Location: 70km from Pisa

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