

Rural hamlets are also getting a makeover



From £238,000: architects are busy turning abandoned Italian farming hamlets into small housing complexes with foreign buyers in mind. Rancale, in Umbria's Tiber valley, 30 minutes' from the regional capital of Perugia, was once a series of agricultural buildings, now reborn as eight tasteful homes.

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