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A monthly round-up of property news, at home and abroad

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EIVING LA DOLCE VITA Few cities are as beautiful as Florence – as the birthplace of the Renaissance, it is extraordinarily rich in culture and history, while the surrounding Tuscan countryside is famed for its unspoilt charm. Whether it's a frescoed villa steeped in history, or a rural farmhouse with its own vineyard, Casa & Country can help buyers find their perfect property in this glorious part of Italy. For more information, visit www.casaandcountry.com



Combining a traditional-style exterior with spacious contemporary interiors, the property developer Octagon has created an elegant terrace of nine brand-new townhouses in Fulham's Bishops Row. The largest of these is now available — a six-storey building with a large roof terrace that has panoramic views across the Thames. The five-bedroom house is fitted out to an impressive standard, and includes a gym, cinema room and lift. For more information, contact Strutt & Parker on 020 7731 7100, or visit www.octagon.co.uk

THE CREAM OF THE CAPITAL

For over 20 years, Mark Tunstall has specialised in premium rentals across central London, liaising with both tenants and landlords in the letting and management of some of the most desirable properties in the capital. Having recently relocated to new offices in the fashionable area of Brompton Cross, his company is well placed to oversee all aspects of the rental process, whether you're looking for a new home, or have an exceptional residence in need of new tenants.

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD TO RENT

Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts has long been a summer destination of the smart set — the island's regular visitors include film stars, famous writers and US presidents. Close to the north coast is Old Stone House, a holiday home that's a short stroll from Tisbury Town Beach. This distinctive, rustic lodge dates from 1900 and accommodates up to 12 people, making it perfect for get-togethers of family or friends. From \$2,500 (about £1,950) a week. For more information, visit www.homeonmarthasvineyard.com



