



Ex-ambassador Hopton trades Tehran for Maremma

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VENTURINA, Tuscany — In an olive grove near the sea, a digger driver nicknamed Michelangelo lifts huge boulders into place like a sculptor. He works for [Nicholas Hopton](#), the former British ambassador to Yemen, Qatar, Iran, and Libya, whose book [Maremma Mia](#) is out now.

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