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Patrizio Fradiani

Chicago interior designer Patrizio Fradiani bought a decrepit Tuscan farmhouse five years ago as a way to reconnect with his native Italy. A top-to-bottom renovation transformed the five-bedroom hilltop retreat near the village of San Casciano dei Bagni into a stylish country escape with minimalist, Donald Judd-like installations (a wall decorated with individual hardware drawers, for example) and traditional post-and-beam ceilings, stone walls, and clay tiles. The lush gardens are filled with olive trees and herbs, and a heated infinity pool overlooks the countryside. 773/425-5730; poderepalazzo.com; from \$3,950 per week. **INSIDER TIP** "Spend an afternoon at the private gardens of the sprawling La Foce estate (61 Strada della Vittoria, Chianciano Terme; 39-57/869-101; lafoce.com), with magnificent views of the Val d'Orcia." —PATRIZIO FRADIANI