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# Brexit boost for the Balearics

London.—Britain's decision to leave the European Union did undeniably affect the Spanish second homes market but it seems this was just a blip with Taylor Wimpey España recording enquiry levels returning to pre-Brexit vote levels.

December 2017 saw the sixth consecutive month of growth in sales to British buyers for Taylor Wimpey España with the majority being made at the upper price point of €450,000 and beyond, a trend never seen before.

"Whilst conscious of the potential implications of the wider macro-European economic environment, our latest figures confirm that Spain remains very much at the top of the list for British second home buyers.

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DEADLY ROUTE FROM LIBYA TO ITALY

## Fewer migrants for Europe

● Slightly fewer than half as many migrants reached Europe by sea in 2017 than 2016, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said yesterday, with curbs finally cutting traffic on the deadly route from Libya to Italy. Two years after more than a million people entered the EU, mostly fleeing war in the Middle East and poverty in Africa, the IOM recorded 171,635 arrivals by boat in 2017. The 2016 figure was 363,504.

The biggest influx of refugees and migrants in Europe since World War Two caused a political and humanitarian crisis two years ago. Since then, the main Eastern Mediterranean route between Turkey and Greece has largely been shut by a deal between the EU and Ankara. Reducing traffic has been slower on the other main route, across the central Mediterranean from North Africa to Italy.