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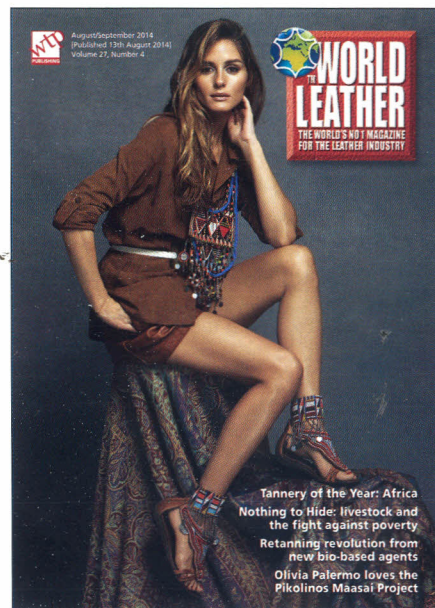
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Cover image: Image shows model and actress Olivia Palermo showing off part of the Pikolinos Maasai Collection.

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