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Holiday Issue

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NEW WINTER DESTINATIONS

Where to go to escape the cold this season.

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Amman will open Almaka (rooms from $700; 004-427-9790; americas.hilton.com) this winter on the northern coast of the Dominican Republic, and the sitting list for reservations is a Who’s Who of sophisticated sun worshippers. What the hotel’s almost lining up may one of the 25 courses is: Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed golf course that has been called the Pebble Beach of the Caribbean for its ten oceanfront holes, or the mile-long beach, or perfect winds for kite surfing. All these attractions can all be enjoyed from neighboring resort: Playa Grande Beach Club (rooms from $800; Cartagena, Cali, Colombia; 872-734-513; playagrandebeachclub.com; the pre-project of New York-based interior designer Colleen Kembel, who delivers an old-fashioned tropical feel with gingerbread bungalows.

The resort: Casa Colonial (rooms from $620; Cartagena, Colombia; 872-734-513; playagrandebeachclub.com; the pre-project of New York-based interior designer Colleen Kembel, who delivers an old-fashioned tropical feel with gingerbread bungalows.

In other Caribbean news, the Caribbean Coastal Reserve (rooms from $620; Cartagena, Colombia; 872-734-513; playagrandebeachclub.com; the pre-project of New York-based interior designer Colleen Kembel, who delivers an old-fashioned tropical feel with gingerbread bungalows.

Just food festival on November 13 and 14 at the newly opened upscale global chef, St. Kin’s will soon be home to a beachfront Park Hyatt on Banana Bay, with suites with rooftop pools and access to a Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole golf course. And with Stone Brew chef Dan Barber cooking at nearby Belle Mont Farm (rooms from $620; Cartagena, Colombia; 872-734-513; playagrandebeachclub.com; the pre-project of New York-based interior designer Colleen Kembel, who delivers an old-fashioned tropical feel with gingerbread bungalows.

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Above, the sinks at the Park Hyatt on Banana Bay. Photos, A. Polonsky's supplied and images taken in November.