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THE first *hotel de charme* (slightly larger than a riad, so the tourist board has started a new category) in Marrakech has just opened in the Kasbah quarter of the Medina. The 18-room Les Borjs de la Kasbah, close to the Royal Palace, has been converted from six townhouses and a riad.

Fans of typical Moroccan architecture won't be disappointed — there's the requisite coloured tiled courtyards with orange blossom and ornamental fountains with swimming pool, hamman, massage rooms and pool bar to open in May. The hotel uses solar power and only employs local staff, as part of a responsible tourism move. Doubles from £65 B&B with transfers. www.lesborjsdelakasbah.com.

IF you are looking to invest here, consider a development of beachfront villas in Mirleft, a small fisherman's village south of Agadir, with an almost constant 20-25 degrees climate. Designed by architect Charles Boccara (the Opera House in Marrakech), the yellow-painted villas (around 200 are planned) will all have four bedrooms and four bathrooms with sea views. Just out of Marrakech, on the Route de

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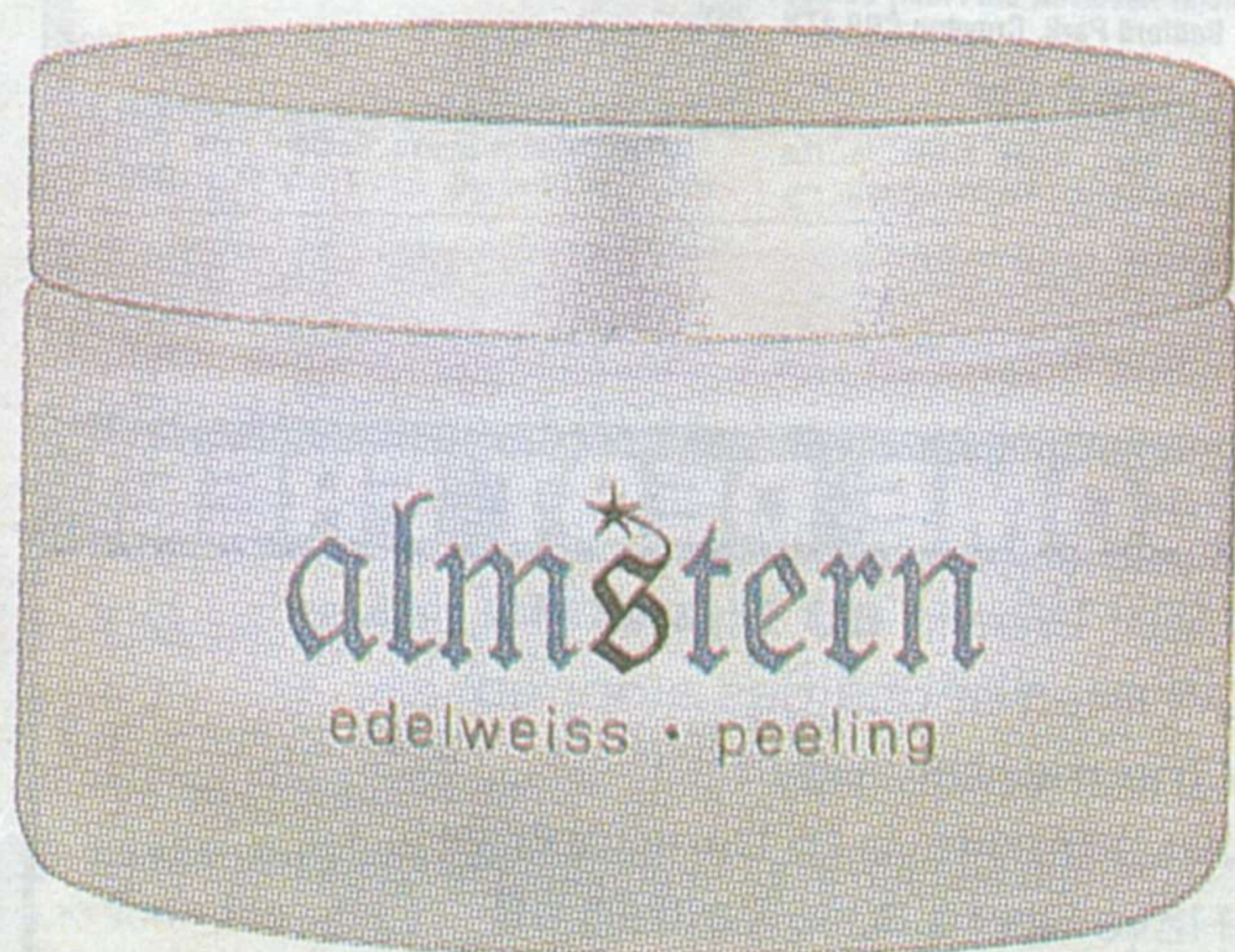
Ouarzazate, a smaller group of villas (47) will mix Berber and oriental-inspired decor with high domed ceilings, private swimming pools, a clubhouse with restaurant, spa and hamman and concierge. From €270,000 www.moroccanpropertiesltd.com.

in:spa has a new venue for its 2007 retreats at Ksar Massa, 45 minutes south of Agadir. Ksar Massa is set on an isolated beach at Sidi R'bat in the Soussa Massa National Park. The 17-room hotel has a large outside swimming pool, hamman, and a massage room. Yoga takes place on the terrace overlooking the sea or on the sandy beach.

in:spa hosts its firsts Ksar Massa retreat from 4-11 April (places are still available). Seven nights from £1,950pp including all meals, drinks, activities, nutritional consultation, personal training session, three yoga classes and three deep-tissue massages. Flights extra. www.inspa.co.uk.



Marrakech effect



Hospiz healing

LUXURIOUS Hospiz Hotels has launched its own skincare line, Almstern, using natural products such as edelweiss, arnica oil and honey, which will be used in its spas and, later, in rooms (lucky guests). The range includes edelweiss body peeling, milk cream bath and arnica massage cream. From €6.60 to €65. Available from www.almstern.at.

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● **The Cornish Collection** (0845 365 1394, www.cornishcollection.co.uk) has seven nights in a pretty cottage (sleeps four) in the Old Town conservation area of Looe for £345, available from 7 April.

£495pp (under-16s €70 per night) including Irish breakfast and two dinners. Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday.

● **Le Grimaldi**, in Nice, has two nights B&B for €580 including a day out in a

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