

Escapes

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BREAKING GROUND

Portones Del Mar Yacht Club & Resort

WHAT Oceanfront residential resort.

WHERE Panama.

AMENITIES A marina and a beach club, among others.

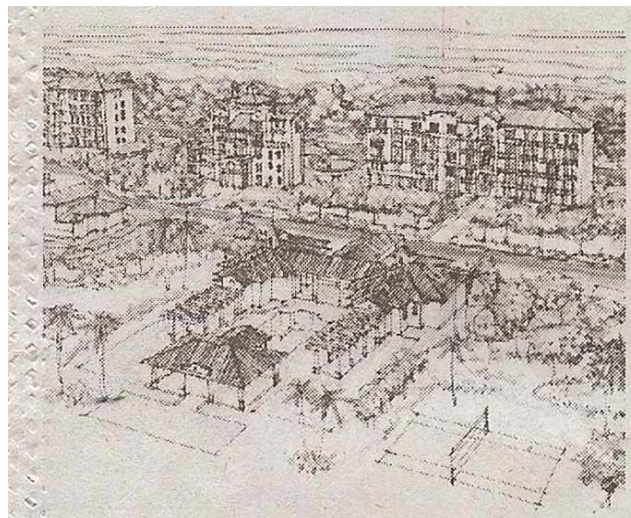
PRICES Condominiums range from \$250,000 to \$850,000. Houses, some beachfront, from \$550,000 to \$2 million.

STATUS Scheduled to begin opening in summer 2010.

DEVELOPERS Portones Del Mar S.A. and Cocige-Gates.

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DETAILS Punta Chame, a peninsula on Panama's Pacific Coast about an hour's drive southwest of Panama City, is far from well known. The sparsely populated spit of land ringed by white-sand beaches has become a somewhat popular spot for second homes, but large resorts are noticeably absent. That seems sure to change, though, as increasing interest from developers leads to projects like this 140-acre gated resort community. Plans call for 734 residences, ranging from condominiums to casitas to larger beachfront houses, a 200-slip marina and a boutique hotel. The 578 one- and two-bedroom condos will fill around 30 buildings, about half in a village at the marina. The 89 free-standing casitas,



with three and four bedrooms, will be linked by paths to the nearly one-mile-long beach. Some of the 67 four- and five-bedroom beachfront houses will be prebuilt, but buyers will also be able to choose lots and have houses built for them. A revenue-sharing rental program will be available. There will be a spa, a fitness center, restaurants and shops, as well as a private yacht club that will require a membership fee. Additional amenities include the beach club, with an infinity pool, and a tennis center by a company headed in part by the former pro Cliff Drysdale. A boardwalk will provide access to 42 acres of protected mangrove forests on the site. Tocumen International Airport, where flights arrive from New York and elsewhere, is about 50 miles away.