Where Fashion Types Talk of Summer Travel

Open less than a year, the Lambs Club in the lobby of the Chatwal Hotel has become a go-to lunch spot for the fashion set and the news media that cover them. Nestled along 44th Street east of Broadway and not far from the Royalton, where the chef Geoffrey Zakarian fed a similar crowd back in the late 1980s, the stylish black-and-red Art Deco room is named for the theatrical club once housed in the building. It draws a chatty, buzzy scene of executives from labels as diverse as American Apparel and Nina Ricci along with a variety of editors and writers. On Wednesday, a designer and an editor discussed plans for a store opening, vacations and what to do on Fashion’s Night Out.

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In the Seats

Tory Burch, the designer behind the near-ubiquitous double-T logo ballet flats, wearing a graphic black-and-cream blouse from her collection; and Mark Holgate, the fashion news director of Vogue.

On the Plates

Chicken paillard with farro and walnut salad ($24), declared by both to be possibly the best they had ever had, and a Diet Coke ($4) for Ms. Burch. “No vodka martini,” she said, laughing.

Why They Came

Mr. Holgate visits the restaurant, which Ms. Burch had not tried before, every few weeks and thought it would be a good setting for their discussion. “There’s basically not a place in the world where she’s not opening a store right now, so I was interested to hear about the empire expansion,” he said.

What They Talked About

One of these stores, which is to be her “global flagship,” Ms. Burch said, and the third in New York City, set to open in August at Madison Avenue and 68th Street; plans for an event there on Sept. 8 for Fashion’s Night Out, a celebrity-studded shopping extravaganza organized by Vogue, the Council of Fashion Designers of America and NYC & Company, which is the city’s tourism arm; and summer plans, described with a touch of modesty. Mr. Holgate, who is putting together a European tour to London, Edinburgh — where he is from — and either Vienna or Stockholm, said Ms. Burch had the more interesting plans, to visit Venice for the Biennale and to go to Capri, Italy, with her family. Laughing, she said, “They’re not that interesting.”