

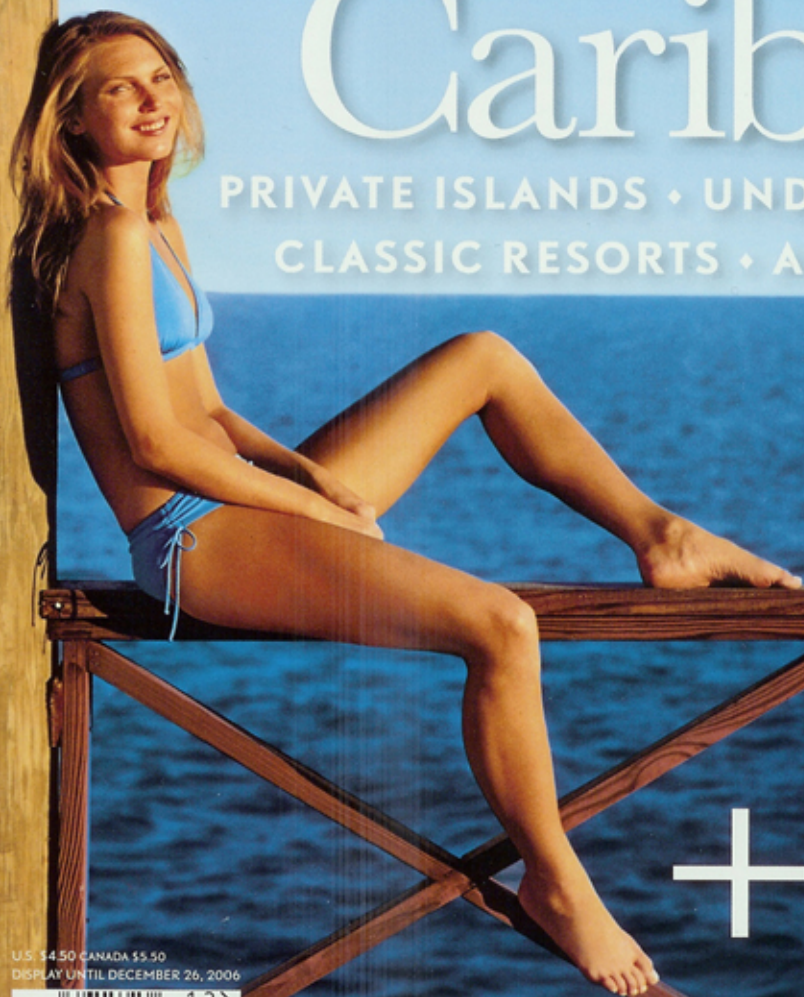
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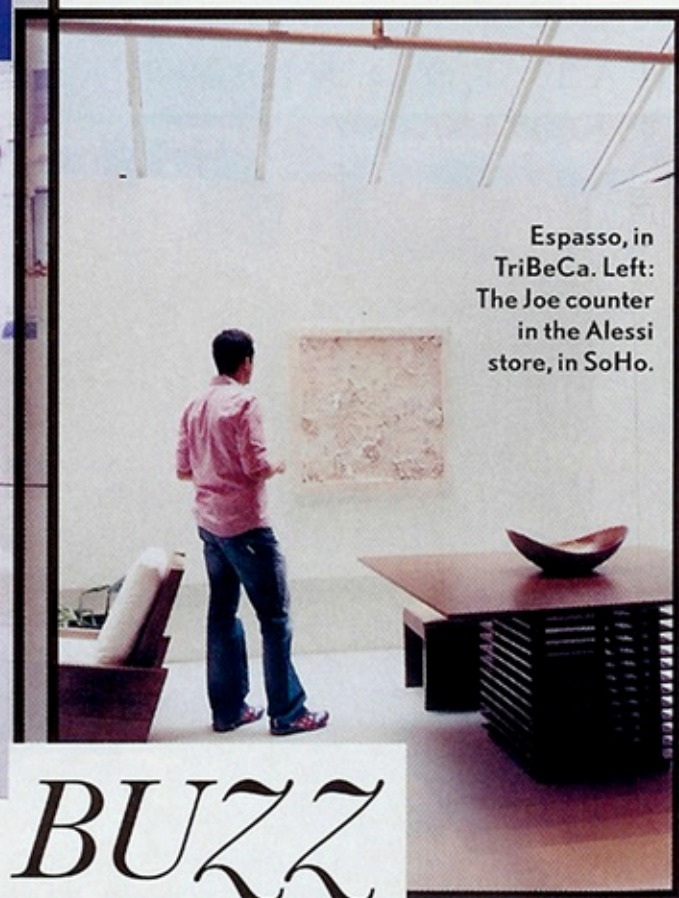
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Espresso, in TriBeCa. Left: The Joe counter in the Alessi store, in SoHo.

NYC's Design *BUZZ*

TREND Now you can get your pick-me-up in the design meccas of SoHo and TriBeCa without deviating from your shopping agenda. At the **Alessi** flagship (130 Greene St.; 212/941-7300), order a cappuccino at Joe, the cult-status coffee bar in the undulating, pale-green store—then buy a set of Jean Nouvel–designed cups to take home. There's no actual café at **Espresso** (38 N. Moore St.; 212/219-0017), a dazzling showroom of Brazilian furniture, but magnanimous owner Carlos Junqueira will prepare an espresso for any customer who fancies one; take a seat on a must-have Ricardo Fasanella stool while you savor yours. If, at day's end, a glass of wine is more your thing, hit design-guru Murray Moss's **Centovini** (25 W. Houston St.; 212/219-2113), the *enoteca* adjacent to his Greene Street emporium, and sip Tenuta del Portale Aglianico (or any of the more than 100 other wines on the list) from a Schott Zwiesel glass. —Aric Chen

THE SEXY SKIES

FLIGHT PLAN

Burlesque sensation, newly-anointed MAC spokeswoman, and million-mile-member Dita Von Teese reflects on how to put a little flirt back into flying.

What's your typical in-flight read?

"I love movie-star biographies. There are several out right now on Mae West—she was extraordinary."

How have you been dealing with the recent carry-on restrictions?

"I fly first-class, and they give you amenities. But the in-flight duty-free must have been making a mint—I mean, who can live without moisturizer?"

Any insider tips for looking good at 30,000 feet?

"Yes: sleep. I always have my velvet Tempur-Pedic eye mask. And I wear a James Perse dress made from the softest cotton. When I land, I just throw on a beautiful coat and good shoes and I'm ready to go."

So...ever worn a corset on the plane?

"No, I haven't! Stilettos, yes; garter belts, yes; but not a real, proper corset. I do wish people still dressed up to fly, though. It's just not that way anymore."

What do you carry on that no one else does?

"My Louis Vuitton hatbox." —Sarah Kantrowitz



Dita Von Teese, ready for takeoff.

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