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It seems some of the work of the Perella and Barneys PR team is working. They have been pushing the line that problems are across the industry and not just us so why 8 articles in a row about Barneys. The fact that they are also PE backed with big debt load compares favorably to us.

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Hi David,

I'm not sure if you saw this article from the N.Y. Post today...however it was so nice to read B.S. about someone else for a change...perhaps we have fended them (the press) off for a while...although I doubt it!

Great article in WWD today as well...thanks!

Warm regards,

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Buyers' remorse
Two Bergdorf execs rip their new work rules

By JAMES COVERT

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A decades-old wall between Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman has crumbled -- and now management is beginning to show cracks, too.

Two key executives in particular were stretched thin following a move this summer that folded the fashion office at Bergdorf -- the Fifth Avenue luxury retail icon -- into Neiman, its Dallas-based corporate parent that operates more than 40 stores across the country, sources said.

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Tommy Fazio -- who had won praise as men's fashion director at Bergdorf before he was forced to shoulder additional responsibilities at Neiman in June -- has left the company, a Neiman spokeswoman confirmed.

Fast-talking Fazio -- known for his eye for detail and strong ties with designers like Tom Ford and Thom Browne -- "wasn't too happy" about the new workload, according to one person close to the executive, and has left to join an obscure men's clothing label called Spurr.

Neither Spurr nor Bergdorf returned calls for comment.

Meanwhile, sources said Roopal Patel -- a tastemaker for Bergdorf who was reportedly furious this summer when she was forced to supervise accessories at Neiman -- was making a public scene yesterday in the midst of New York Fashion Week.

Patel, who previously held a more glamorous post at Bergdorf, supervising women's ready-to-wear clothing, was "yelling and angrily stomping her feet" in a testy conversation with Bergdorf CEO Jim Gold on the street outside a fashion show by designer Catherine Malandrino, according to one person who witnessed the ruckus.

"She didn't seem to be mad at Jim [Gold]," the person added, but rather pleading and complaining about the mess at the company as word of Fazio's resignation spread.

A Neiman spokeswoman said "the reorganization recognized the talents of both Tommy and Roopal by giving them the opportunity to work on a much larger scale," taking on responsibility for 42 stores instead of just one.

But while both execs were loaded with more work, one source said they received "little, if any" corresponding boost in compensation as Neiman has kept a tight lid on expenses.

What's more, the role of fashion directors Fazio and Patel -- who traditionally have shaped the merchandise at stores without a direct eye on the bottom line -- has been questioned as the retailers' operations become increasingly numbers-driven.

Neiman President and CEO Karen Katz -- who engineered the recent consolidation of Fazio and Patel's roles -- "maybe doesn't totally get the fashion office," according to one person close to the company.

The dust-up is another headache for Neiman Chairman Burt Tansky, who is beset by rumors that he will retire -- even as the retailer scrambles to cut costs as sales continue to plunge.

Adding to the pressure is a mountain of debt the company took on four years ago in a \$5 billion buyout by the private-equity firms TPG and Warburg Pincus.



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