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Harlem's Restaurant Row Getting Jazzed Up With A Little Sugar Monk

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Art in a glass is being added to the menu on Harlem's Restaurant Row.

Mixologist Ektoras Binikos – who has created specialty drinks for a slew of high profile clients – and artist Simon Jutras will open their first-ever cocktail lounge called Sugar Monk at 2292 Frederick Douglass Boulevard in November.



Faith Hope Consolo and Arthur Maglio at Douglas Elliman represented the pair in negotiating a 12-year lease for a 600 s/f ground-floor space with a 175 s/f storage basement in the five-story building between West 123rd and 124th Streets.

Landlord, Sons of Abraham Building & Maintenance, was represented by Joseph Italiaander of ABS Partners Real Estate, who secured a rent of \$100 psf for the space previously occupied by Serengeti Teas & Spices, which relocated to 125th Street.

“An exciting mix of eatertainment spots are expanding to this active uptown scene,” said Consolo.

“Dining dominates on this major thoroughfare where the story continues to unfold and define Harlem culture; Sugar Monk is set to become a destination for locals and cocktail aficionados from around the world – the convivial and creative concept is sure to add flavor to every sip while generating new types of foot traffic for the area’s retail.”



Binikos and Jutras said they aim to provide “the ultimate sensory experience where art will meet mixology, eclectic live music and performances” in a space named after the jazz legend Thelonious Monk and the history of monks in distillation.



Frederick Douglass Boulevard is becoming a destination for visitors to New York looking to eat and drink well. Flavors from around the world can be found at places such as Angel of Harlem, a Caribbean bar and restaurant, Harlem Taco & Bowl Company, dinner spot Clay, Minto’s Jazz Club and Aloft Harlem.

“We have a vision of a forward-thinking and sophisticated place where neighborhood residents, cocktail aficionados, foreign visitors, and the arts community will all gather,” said the Sugar Monk partners of their new place.