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n New York City, investors and residents always seems to be on a quest to find the next "new" draws for new residents. For many Manhattan residents priced out of their neighborhoods, East

For residents, this is largely about affordability, and can result in something of a neighborhood pinball game, with New Yorkers bouncing from neighborhood to neighborhood and borough to borough to find the best deal that allows them to retain the neighborhood amenities to which they have grown accustomed.

For investors, the quest is more about filling the gap, i.e. linking neighborhood attractions to underserved areas by adding housing that makes people feel at home for a slightly lesser price.

This is the dynamic that's playing out in East Harlem today: The neighborhood has become a refuge of sorts for those priced out of other areas of Manhattan, while at the same time beginning to emerge as a hotbed for development, as investors begin the process of transforming the housing market and prices steadily rise.

East Harlem, also known as El Barrio or Spanish Harlem, is a culturally diverse section of Manhattan that runs from East 96th Street to East 140th Street, between 5th Avenue and the Harlem River. With a population of approximately 130,000, the culturally diverse neighborhood has historically been made up mostly of residents of Puerto Rican, Dominican and Mexican descent. Culturally eclectic, East Harlem is home to the El Museo del Barrio at 1230 Fifth Avenue, New York City's only museum dedicated to Puerto Rican, Caribbean and Latin American art. The neighborhood also features the Graffiti Hall of Fame at East 106th Street and Park Avenue. The walls of the Jackie Robinson Playground are emblazoned with constantly changing murals painted by the best of the best street artists from NYC and beyond.

With a culture so firmly enmeshed in the neighborhood, Spanish Harlem is currently more famous for the taco trucks on Second Avenue than the new high-rises going up around the neighborhood, and that impression can't be expected to change overnight. While the area is in a transitional phase, its character is strong, and we can expect the deep-rooted culture to continue to shine through for the foreseeable future.

East Harlem's easygoing pace is one of the major draws for new residents. For many Manhattan residents priced out of their neighborhoods, East Harlem became an attractive option. With prices for property and developable land rising rapidly throughout the city, areas recently pegged as highly affordable are being sought out by new residents, as well as developers and investors looking to capitalize on the city's continued growth.

Understandably, longtime East Harlem residents are frequently concerned when the term "affordability" is tossed around. While they may appreciate new neighbors moving in and fresh retail options sprouting up, they are also cognizant of rising prices, and are uneasy about the amount of new housing going up to service the growing population. As the City maps out a rezoning plan for a significant portion of East Harlem, the allure for investment grows stronger, and the existing community understandably feels that it should be involved with those plans.







REZONING &

In the fall of 2016, the Department of City Planning (DCP) unveiled its plans to reshape the neighborhood at a community board meeting for District 11. The area in question runs roughly from East 104th Street to East 132nd Street, bounded by Park and 2nd Avenues; and between East 126th and 132nd Streets between Madison and 5th Avenues. The new zoning plan comprises two phases. The first phase analyzes the amount of residential space that could be developed on the 69 development sites included in the subject area, while the second phase addresses the number of new apartments that could be constructed if the city opts to move forward with plans to build on a City-owned, vacant piece of land between Park and Madison

As expected, the DCP's plans were met with community opposition and a general resistance Avenues from East 111th to East 112th Streets.

The rezoning plan projects thousands of new apartments and almost 10,000 new residents for the area, with future developments bringing more than 100,000 square feet of retail space and 100,000+ square feet of office space. Of note, investment in the community accompany real new developments being built are subject to the estate development. However, reshaping plans of mayor's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program (MIH). Through MIH, builders are required to set through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure aside 25 to 30 percent of apartments as below (ULURP) before they reach the Community Board market rate housing.



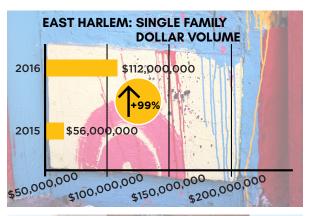
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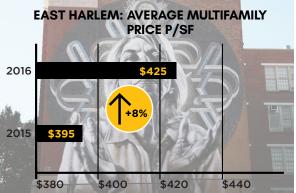
from current neighborhood residents. City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, along with Manhattan Community Board 11 and Community Voices Heard, have worked together to reshape the DCP's rezoning plan. The result is the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan, which requires that this caliber takes time, and the plans need to go for final approval. The process is expected to begin in April 2017.

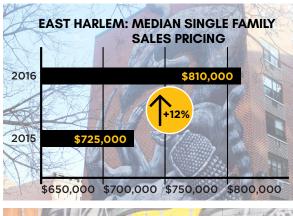


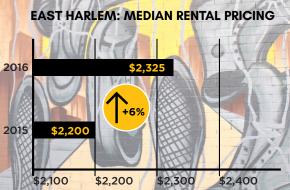


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Investor interest in what some would call an underserved market has been buoved by the confluence of factors such as the new subway station at Second Avenue and 96th Street, the MTA's plan for a future extension northward, and the East Harlem Rezoning Plan's inevitable approval. Meanwhile, the growing population, notable shift in demographics and waves of new construction and restaurants are all playing a part in driving the neighborhood's resurgence.

Currently, newly constructed and rehabbed buildings in East Harlem are producing a median residential rent of approximately \$2,325, which is a 5% jump from \$2,200 in 2015. And while the residential market may be softening across the city, median rents in East Harlem continue to rise; last month the median rent climbed to \$2,399. Currently, a large number of market-rate buildings are approaching completion and are set to launch with pricing higher than the neighborhood has ever seen, so it's clear things are just getting started.

East Harlem's 2016 median single-family sales pricing was on the rise as well, finishing 2016 at \$810,000. That figure, which represents a significant year-over-year (YOY) increase of 12%, is one we expect to continue to climb in 2017, as new market-rate condos begin closing. Additionally, in 2016, the neighborhood had one of the city's largest increases in total single-family dollar volume, with \$112 million—a whopping 99% YOY increase from \$56 million in 2015. Taking into account all of the factors previously cited, this number is also likely to climb in 2017.

Developers and investors recognizing the opportunity that East Harlem presents as an underserved market, have been bullish with land, repositioning and multifamily acquisitions. Multifamily buildings rose to an average price-per-square-foot of \$425 in 2016; an 8% YOY increase, while development sites are now trading at over \$200 per-buildable-square-foot, a 25% increase from the price-per-buildable in 2015. As new construction in the neighborhood continues to heat up, we see this figure rising as well.









NEW DEVELOPMENT

The numbers clearly show that East Harlem is on the rise, both literally and figuratively. Developers that came into the market because of the availability of cheap land are moving forward with projects, filing plans, breaking ground and opening doors on a number of market-rate, mixed-income and affordable housing developments.

MARKET RATE

When it comes to developers honing in on in East Harlem, HAP Investment Developers is particularly noteworthy. In 2014, the firm commenced its first market-rate, boutique rental project—"HAP ONE" which is located on East 117th Street, and has since moved forward with plans for four more market-rate rental buildings in the neighborhood: "HAP TWO," a nine-story, 30-unit rental building directly across the street from Wagner Playground; "HAP FIVE," an eight-story, 20-unit building on Pleasant Avenue; "HAP NINE," an 11-story, 32 unit structure at 247-249 East 117th Street; and the largest, HAP 10, a 12-story, 108-unit luxury rental building at 3211 3rd Avenue, which will have a supermarket filling the massive ground floor retail space.

Beyond HAP's properties, Greystone Development has a 12-story, 75-unit, market-rate rental project in the works called "Harlem 125", which is expected to start marketing this spring. Additionally, located at 303 E. 102nd Street Bojur Capital will be constructing a 12-story, 120,000 square-foot building that has an expected completion date of early 2019.

Capital is now being controlled by the Durst Organization. Durst has filed amended plans for a 24-story, 670-unit project that will include a retail component and community facility space.

Finally, Blumenfeld Development Group and

At 146 E. 126th Street, Blumenfeld Development Group is constructing an 11-story luxury tower that will house 233 apartments. Called "Gotham East 126th Residential," a portion of the market-rate project will rest atop the company's existing Gotham Plaza retail space on E. 125th Street.

Construction is underway at 2183 3rd Avenue for a 12-story, 64,000-suare-foot, market-rate apartment building developed by Sharon Kahen and Haim Levi, which will also include ground-floor retail as well as a medical facility. Several blocks away at 109 East 115th Street, ACNY Developers is in the midst of constructing an eight-story building with 32 apartments and a non-profit, ground-floor community facility.

On East 118th Street between First and Pleasant Avenues, Northeast Equity has plans to fill another vacant lot in East Harlem with an eight-story, 35-unit building. The 25,359-square-foot structure will be comprised of marketrate studios and one-bedroom apartments. Then there's developer Salih Marc, who's planning a 25,000-square

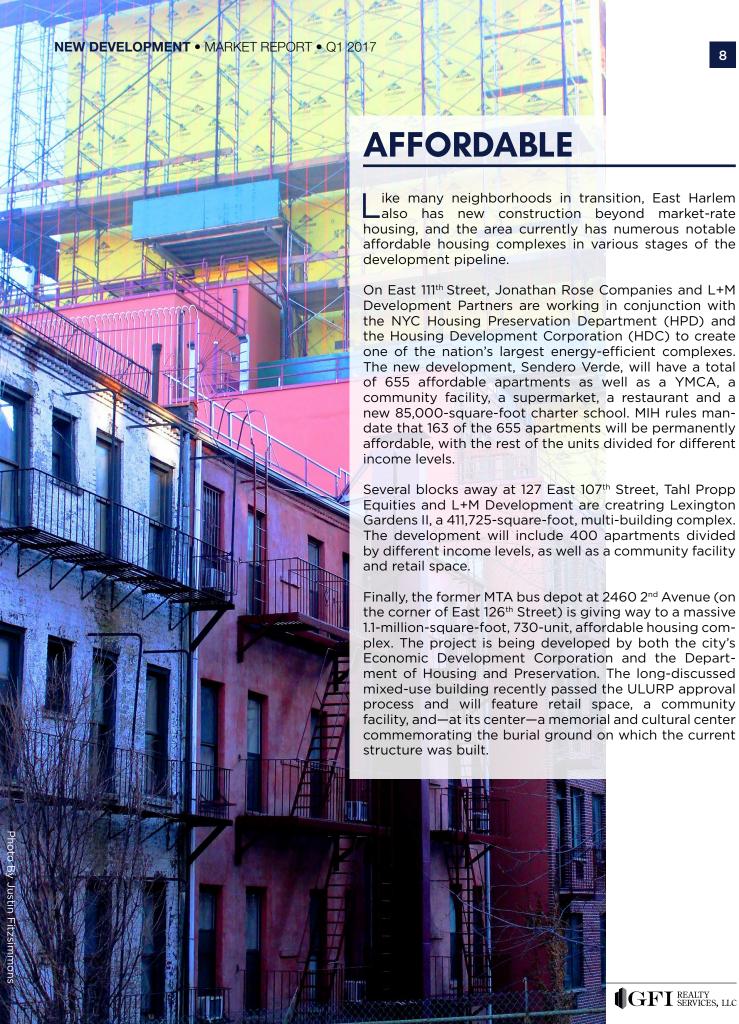
-foot building at 308 East 106th Street. The 8-story, 22-unit structure will also include ground floor retail space.

Avalon Bay Communities is planning one of the area's largest projects at Second Avenue and East 96th Street. The 68-story tower will house 1,100 units, 30 percent of which will permanently rent at below market rates. The 1.3-million-square-foot complex will also include 270,000 square feet of space reserved for academic facilities. Another large scale project in the works is located at 1800 Park Avenue. The 36,281-square-foot site that was formerly owned by Continuum Capital is now being controlled by the Durst Organization. Durst has filed amended plans for a 24-story, 670-unit project that will include a retail component and community facility space.

Finally, Blumenfeld Development Group and Forest City Ratner Companies are constructing a three-building project atop the East River Plaza mall. The 30-story towers will include 1,100 total units, 25 percent of which will be affordable.

While East Harlem has seen guite a flurry of apartment development, the pipeline for market rate-condos is not as flush. One noteworthy project, however, is Fane Organization's two-building, 31-unit condo complex on East 131st and 132nd Streets. Dubbed "The Style," the market-rate building has begun sales, and looks to be on track to begin closings this summer. Also of note is Heritage Real Estate Partners' 23-story, 72-unit building at 1399 Park Avenue, a market-rate condo building which is expected to open its doors in early 2018. Sales recently launched at the building, and despite the average asking price of \$1.5 million, a good portion of the building is already under contract.







OFFICE

pipeline, and with its vast inventory of build- follow suit. ings prime for redevelopment, the neighborthe city's office market.

embraces the factors mentioned above, is the Corn Exchange Building at 81 East 125th Street. The 134-year old, landmarked building has undergone the redevelopment process has 5-stories of office space that sit atop the now outfitted for retail tenants.

We believe this is great example of how East Harlem, like many revitalized areas in Brooklyn, is perfectly positioned to cater to the growing TAMI and co-working sectors of the office building market; further complementing the rapidly evolving residential and retail markets of the neighborhood.

RETAIL

The most significant components of the retail scene I in East Harlem are the large-scale, suburban-style developments that are drawing shoppers from across the city. East River Plaza Mall, for example, sits just off the FDR Drive between 116th and 119th Streets. Owned by Blumenfeld Development Group and Forest City Ratner, the 500,000-square-foot project houses prominent retailers including Old Navy, Marshalls, Costco and Target. However, despite the presence of many major retailers throughout East Harlem, El Barrio is also home to many small mom-and-pop and specialty shops that can been easily found on and off the major retail corridors of the neighborhood.

East Harlem is not currently known for, Although the neighborhood has not yet seen an upswing or predicted to be, a strong force in the in high-end retailers, being an evolving area, there is a Manhattan office-building-market. However, strong likelihood that those shops will soon line the as we've noted in past reports, with the streets of East Harlem. With rezoning on the horizon, help of TAMI tenants, buildings ripe for re- a large amount of retail space in the pipeline and new positioning and competitive pricing, the office transportation options making the area more accessible, market in specific sub-sections of Brooklyn we believe that the entrance of high-end boutiques, has begun blossoming. East Harlem already trendy shops and specialty fitness centers is not far off, has a significant amount of office space in the and as East Harlem's allure grows, retail rents are sure to

hood is poised to become a notable player in Just outside of East Harlem at 100 W. 125th Street, on the ground floor of a large retail center, Whole Foods is moving in. We agree with the general opinion that this One project worthy of mention, and one that is a sure sign of incoming gentrification but we also see this as a neighborhood game-changer. In other emerging markets we've seen a direct correlation between Whole Foods opening its doors and a spike in surrounding housing costs. Additionally, when it comes to shakingcourtesy of Artimus Construction. The new up-the-market, Starbucks plays a role as well. Seeing that 31.000-square-foot, LEED-certified structure, the Seattle based coffee chain has already opened up inside the East River Plaza mall; it's only a matter of time original 2-floors of the building which are before we see one pop up on or around East 116th and Lexington.



EAST HARLEM PIPELINE

Avalon Bay Communities 1 321 East 96th Street

Sendero Verde 2 1691 Madison Avenue

Lexington Gardens II 3 127 East 107th Street

East River Plaza 4 116th & the FDR

Harlem 125 5 69 East 125th Street

Gotham East 126th Residential 6 146 East 126th Street

Chris Tao 2150 2nd Avenue

NYCEDC 8 2460 2nd Avenue

HAP TWO 9 2338 2nd Avenue

HAP FIVE 10 329 Pleasant Avenue

HAP NINE 11 247-249 East 117th Street

HAP TEN 12 2211 3rd Avenue

Sharon Kahen & Haim Levi 13 2183 3rd Avenue

1516 Park Avenue 14 1516-1520 Park Avenue

Northeast Equity 15 400A East 118th Street

Durst Organization 16 1800 Park Avenue

ACNY Developers, Inc. 17 109 East 115th Street

Bonjur Capital 18 303 East 102nd Street

Salih Marc 19 308 East 106th Street

Farhadian Mansour 20 152 East 106th Street

Vangaurd Investors 21 228 East 118th Street

Heritage Real Estate Partners 22

1399 Park Avenue

The Style 23 51 East 131st Street & 48 East 132nd Street

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Corn Exchange Building 81 East 125th Street

El Paso Restaurante Mexicano 1643 Lexington

Sandy Restaurant 2261 2nd Avenue

La Fonda Boricua 169 East 106th Street

Patsy's Pizza 28 2287 1st Avenue

East Harlem Bottling Co. 1711 Lexington Avenue

Earl's Beer & Cheese 30 1259 Park Avenue

Mountain Bird 251 East 110th Street

1504 Lexington Avenue

Love Cafe 33 283 Pleasant Avenue

Perk Kafe 1867 2nd Avenue

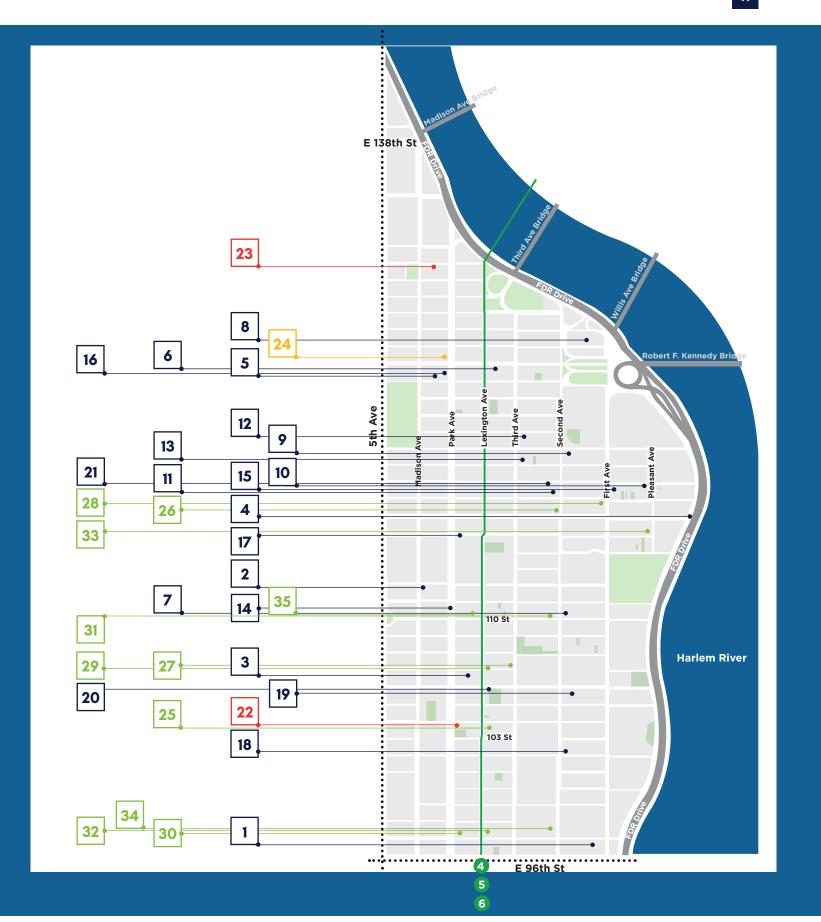
Uptown Roaster 135 East 110th Street

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RESTAURANTS









ast Harlem is a diverse neighborhood that has always offered a host of dining options, including traditional Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican and Italian restaurants. Over the last few years, however, we have seen the emergence of some new types of dining establishments, layering the rich, existing cultural cuisine with new-age gastro pubs, wine bars and bistros that reflect the area's resurgence.

One of the most notable among the restaurants that speak to the neighborhood's cultural history is El Paso Restaurante Mexicano at 1643 Lexington Avenue, which is extremely popular among area residents, both old and new. The strong Dominican culture is represented by Sandy Restaurant at 2261 2nd Avenue, while an authentic taste of Puerto Rico can be seen in La Fonda Boricua at 169 East 106th Street. Residents looking for a slice of New York pizza are known to frequent Patsy's Pizza at 2287 1st Avenue, a neighborhood mainstay since 1933.

In addition to these restaurants, East Harlem features numerous dining and nightlife establishments that are largely geared towards the area's new residents, particularly the large contingent of young professionals that moved in in recent years. At 1711 Lexington Avenue, the East Harlem Bottling Company—a bustling bar & grille—that offers a creative take on traditional dishes, over 20 craft beers on tap and fills with a crowd of residents on a regular basis. Earl's Beer & Cheese, located at 1259 Park Avenue, is a cozy gastropub that has become a hotspot for the neighborhood's younger element.

The area also includes a range of high-end eateries. Most notable is Mountain Bird at 251 East 110th Street, a poultry focused French Bistro where diners are treated to excellent dishes served in a non-traditional fashion. Finally, wine bar ABV at 1504 Lexington Avenue treats its diners to Nouveau-American cuisine, craft beer and, of course, a large selection of wines.

As could be expected for a neighborhood in transition, East Harlem has a number of hip coffee shops. For many residents, the neighborhood favorite is Love Café at 283 Pleasant Avenue, which features an extensive drink menu. Perk Kafe at 1867 2nd Avenue is famed for its legendary Dough Donuts, which are made in Brooklyn. Finally, Uptown Roaster on East 110th Street creates a cozy coffee environment, and is known for roasting locally sourced beans and featuring the work of local artists.

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Last Harlem has not been plagued by a lack of transportation options, as much of the neighborhood is within a short walk of the 4, 5 and 6 trains. Still, the introduction of the new Second Avenue Subway station on East 96th Street is sure to help push the area to the next level. The new station in the southeastern section of Spanish Harlem serves as a relief for current residents who previously had to deal with a 15-20-minute walk to Lexington Avenue to reach an already overcrowded train. The new, artistically designed station also serves as an incentive to incoming residents who have been hesitant to make the move due to the area's transportation constraints.

However, the yet-to-be funded second phase of the new subway line will be a real game changer. Phase II of the Second Avenue Subway will add three additional stations, extending the line up to 125th Street. This neighborhood amenity is surely silencing the doubts some may have had regarding the area's future prosperity. While transportation has never been a major issue holding back development in East Harlem, the new station—and the potential for three more—still gives investors greater confidence in the area's growth.

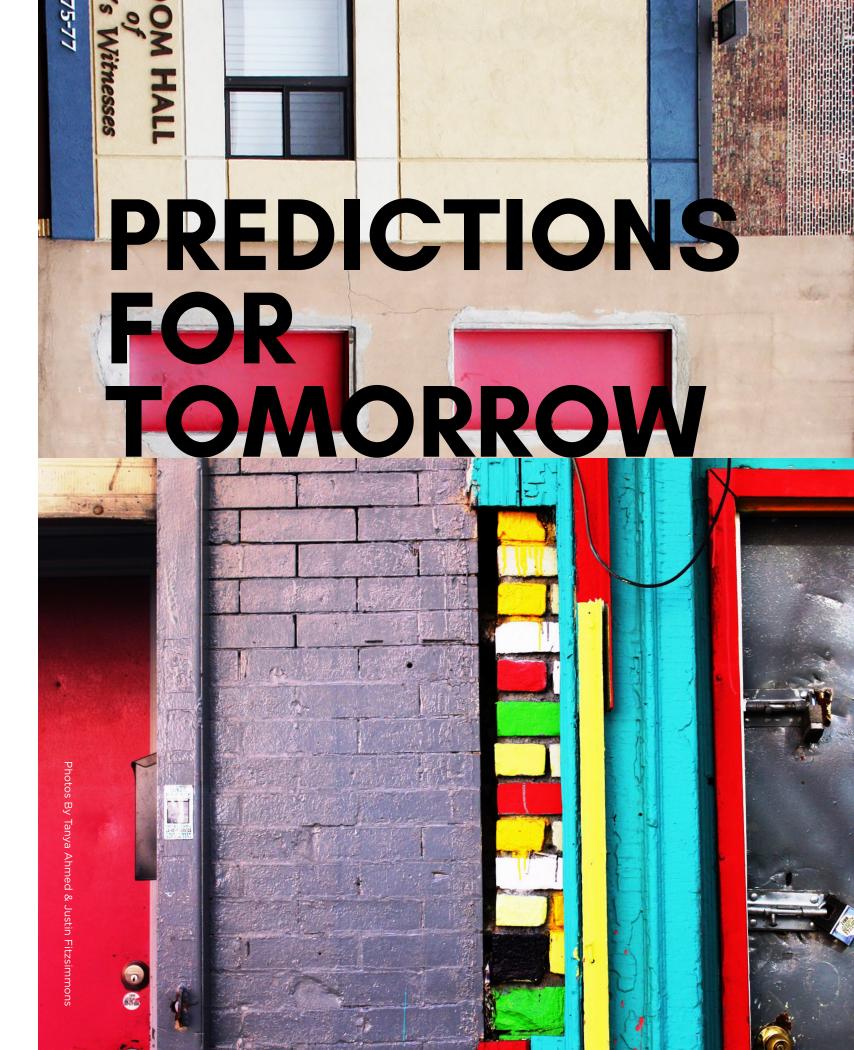












PREDICTIONS FOR TOMORROW

ast Harlem appears to have a bright future. With rezoning proposals in the midst of the approval process, developers are moving quickly to help fill the housing void for a growing population. Additionally, with one new subway station already in place and plans for more in the works, confidence is growing in the neighborhood's housing and retail markets. Of course, alongside new development and rezoning comes some resistance from community members wary of change, but the revised rezoning proposal is going a long way toward assuaging the fears of some residents. Notably, while market-rate housing prices will continue to rise, the robust affordable housing pipeline will ensure there continues to be a growing number of affordable units for residents of all income levels.

Spanish Harlem is a neighborhood in transition, so with every new investor coming in, a multitude of new residents are not far behind. It's hard to say where the rising prices we see today will peak, but with all of the pieces in place for another NYC neighborhood to officially "take off," it's safe to say that pricing will continue to climb.

El Barrio, in English, translates to "the neighborhood" and that is what East Harlem is on its way to becoming:

THE neighborhood











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\$37,000,000

\$8,450,000

Central Harlem 8 Building Package 127 Apts & 2 Stores

1350 Stratford Avenue Bronx, NY 128 Apts

\$14.000.000

\$7,750,000 127 East 102nd Street 250-252 Sherman

2285 Sedgwick Avenue Bronx, NY New York, NY 52 Apts 28 Apts & 2 Stores 679 Magenta Street

Avenue New York, NY

Bronx, NY 74 Apts

\$3,900,000

20 Apts

\$11.000.000

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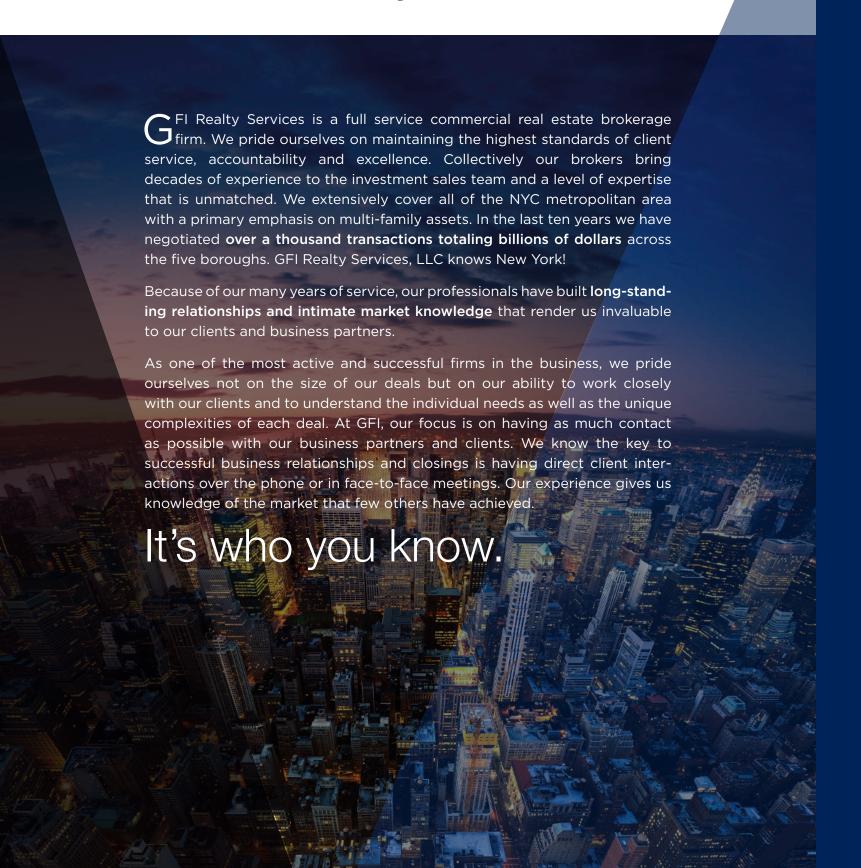
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