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## Coffee Purveyor from Greece Heading to East Village



European-influenced café and coffee bar **Maza Loukouma and Espresso Bar** is planning to enter the U.S. market via the East Village.

Maza signed a 10-year lease last month for 500 square feet on the ground floor, plus a basement for storage, at **30 Carmine Street** between Bleecker and Bedford Streets. The asking rent was \$300 per square foot, **Eastern Consolidated** said. The firm's **James Famularo** and **Ravi Idnani** represented the landlord, **30 Carmine St. LLC**, in the deal. **CORE's Leora Aimee Hasas** and **John Harrison** represented Maza.

"The storefront with 20 feet of frontage in this well-established location is a prime opportunity for the new coffee bar concept," said Mr. Famularo in a prepared statement. "Given the highly trafficked neighboring retail locations, we believe Maza is sure to be a success."

When Maza opens in the fall, it will serve coffee, wines and healthy Greek breakfast, lunch, and dinner options.

Maza will occupy space lease by **MetroPCS** store and a shoe-repair shop, which leased space there for 30 years, Mr. Famularo said.

The company is looking for other locations in New York City including in the Financial District, **CORE's** director of communications said.