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## Twena of Tri State Commercial leases 800 s/f retail space to Lips Cafe and Coffee House in East Flatbush

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Brooklyn, NY Lips Cafe and Coffee House has inked an 800 s/f retail lease for a new glass storefront in East Flatbush. The space is located in an 8,707 s/f building at 1412-1414 Nostrand Ave. This is the cafe's first location and the first business venture for owner Jamane Weekes. Weekes has prior restaurant experience but fell in love with coffee shops and the art themes often associated with these establishments. He felt as though the area was missing a cozy workspace where customers could enjoy a decent cup of coffee. Being that Weekes is also a native of the neighborhood, he had a keen understanding of what residents needed. With that in mind, Weekes had the idea to open a coffee house but was not immediately looking for a space. He happened to come across the retail on Nostrand Ave. and fell in love with the renovated storefront. Weekes reached out to Tri State Commercial's agent Jacob Twena immediately after.

"Working with Jacob was amazing for the simple fact that I was new to this and he taught me how to handle the process of leasing a space. [Twena] was always understanding and patient with me. I definitely see myself working with him again in the future," he said.

The name Lips Cafe and Coffee House was inspired by Weekes's mother's brand, which includes handbags. Weekes also stated that the name made sense since people drink coffee with their lips. He hopes to somehow incorporate his mother's logo in the shop. The coffee house will offer a variety of Caribbean influenced pastries, breakfasts, and lunch such as saltfish and bake or saltfish and fruit. Lips Cafe and Coffee House will also serve coffee from East Africa, specifically beans from Ethiopia.

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