



## **Le Botaniste to open at 11 West 42nd St.**

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Manhattan, NY Tishman Speyer said that Le Botaniste, an international restaurant serving plant-based cuisine, will open this spring at 11 West 42nd S. located at Bryant Park. Le Botaniste serves organic, vegan, plant-powered meals. The new location will offer Le Botaniste's selection of plant-based bowls, which are available for takeout or dine-in with a full menu of natural wines. The 3,700 s/f restaurant will be the fifth Le Botaniste location in New York, its second partnership with Tishman Speyer following the location at 666 Third Ave., and will bring affordable healthy cuisine to Bryant Park.

"We are delighted to welcome Le Botaniste to a second Tishman Speyer property this spring. The new location will continue to expand the building's culinary offerings to now include fast-casual plant-based cuisine," said Alissa Bersin, managing director, retail and restaurants at Tishman Speyer.

Founded by Alain Coumont, founder of Le Pain Quotidien, and co-founders Laurent Francois and Gregory Verellen, Le Botaniste was the first plant-based, 100% organic restaurant to be certified CO2-neutral in NYC in 2016.

Le Botaniste's first location opened in Ghent, Belgium, known as the vegetarian capital of Europe, in fall of 2015 and opened its Upper East Side location four months later. Each location has been designed to serve food sustainability with measures including encouraged composting, the use of carbon-neutral serving trays, reduced energy use, and the offset of 100% of greenhouse gas emissions by supporting a Gold-certified climate project in Africa.

The transformation of 11 West 42nd St., which overlooks Bryant Park and New York Public Library's Stephen A. Schwarzman building, is now underway. The new restaurant will debut this Spring and will feature Le Botaniste's trademark, 19th-century apothecary aesthetic: rustic shelves, white marble counters, abundant bowls of fresh vegetables, and original art. An agreement for the location at 11 West 42nd St. was brokered in late 2022 by Brad Schwarz from Lee Associates, Le Botaniste's New York-based commercial real estate experts.

"Growing a successful restaurant group in New York City would be impossible without trusted and dedicated real estate partners. We can't wait to open the doors to this beautiful new space and start serving the Bryant Park community," said Le Botaniste CEO Laurent Francois

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