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Renaissance hotel opens in New York's Harlem neighborhood

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A guestroom at the Renaissance New York Harlem. Photo Credit: Marriott International

Renaissance has opened its fifth New York City hotel, in Manhattan's Harlem neighborhood.

The 211-room Renaissance New York Harlem Hotel is located at the site of the former Victoria Theater on 125th Street. Architectural elements like the theater's façade, marquee, outdoor ticket booth and staircase remain intact.

The property's interiors pay homage to Harlem's cultural and artistic heritage, featuring artwork portraying Black music legends like Billie Holiday, Josephine Baker, Louis Armstrong and Cab Calloway. The hotel's trio of suite accommodations feature walls decorated with Langston Hughes quotes.

The hotel is home to The Victoria, a bar and lounge serving fusion cuisine, from a hot chicken sandwich seasoned with Chinese chili crisp and an African spice blend to a Guyanese-inspired pepper pot beef brisket served alongside Jamaican-style rice and peas. The venue's bar offers a variety of signature cocktails as well as a wine selection ranging from traditional to "adventurous" options.

As part of the Evenings at Renaissance program, the hotel will host nightly jazz performances at the bar's grand piano.

For large gatherings, the hotel touts 9,000 square feet of event space and capacity for up to 300 people.

According to Renaissance, which is part of the Marriott International portfolio, the Renaissance New York Harlem Hotel is Harlem's first full-service hotel in 100 years.

The property joins the Renaissance New York Times Square, Renaissance New York Midtown, Renaissance New York Chelsea and Renaissance New York Flushing Hotel at Tangram in the Big Apple.

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