

# Pittel tapped for prime Upper West Side spot

Andrew A. Pittel & Company, LLC has been selected as the exclusive retail-leasing representative for 12,000 s/f of retail space at 980-994 Columbus Avenue.

The retail space encompasses the entire block front on Columbus Avenue from the Northwest corner of West 108th Street through the Southwest corner of West 109th Street. The store's combined frontage is more than 200 feet in total.

"There are many viable leasing scenarios to be considered for the property," said Andrew Pittel president of Pittel & Co.

"We will explore the possibility of one tenant for the entire space or consider logical divisions for several. 200 plus feet of frontage is an enormous amount for one retailer.

"It will surely afford the prospective tenant a tremendous presence not only on the avenue, but in the neighborhood as well.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to have been awarded this assignment and be a part of a revival of a neighborhood rich in history and adorned with brilliant architecture."

The cornerstone of the neighborhood is the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.

The largest Gothic Cathedral in the world, it sits on thirteen incredibly beautiful and serene acres.

In an effort to generate rev-

enue to support the Cathedral's mission, help sustain its property and create a greater connection to the surrounding community, the Cathedral is going forward with the development of two underutilized parcels on its 11.3-acre grounds.

The two sites on the property are at opposite ends of the campus. One is on the southeast corner of Columbus Avenue and is identified as having an area of approximately 40,000 s/f.

The Cathedral is now in exclusive negotiations with Avalon Bay Communities, Inc., a real estate investment trust, to develop a luxury rental apartment building.

The other parcel is on the north side of the property.

The North Site has an area of approximately 55,000 s/f, running along 113th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Columbus Avenue Aka Morningside Drive.

The Cathedral has signed an option agreement with Columbia University for development on the North Site.

All of this is taking place right around 980-994 Columbus Avenue.

It is located within walking distance of some of the most prestigious universities and schools including Columbia University, The Jewish Theological Seminary, Barnard College, as well as great shopping areas, sightseeing landmarks and transportation.