

Fig & Olive sprouts a new location

THE OWNERS OF FIG & OLIVE, a Mediterranean restaurant on the Upper East Side, have planted a seed for a second New York location.

Lou Ramirez and Laurent Halasz recently signed a 10-year lease for a 5,000-square-foot space at **416 W. 13th St.**, between Ninth Avenue and Washington Street, in the meatpacking district. The new Fig & Olive is scheduled to open in November.

Although the meatpacking district is teeming with chic eateries, Mediterranean food is still hard to find in the area.

"The neighborhood didn't need another pan-Asian restaurant," says Matt Cohen, a broker with The Lansco Corp., which negotiated the deal on behalf of landlord Greenway Mews Realty. Sierra Realty represented Fig & Olive in the deal. The asking rent was less than \$100 per square foot.

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