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## New York Jets player and two restaurateurs team for new French restaurant



Le Petit Village will operate out of a 3,000-square-foot space in Manhattan's West Village.  
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Le Petit Village, a new French restaurant, is scheduled to open Thursday in Manhattan's West Village.

Operating out of a 3,000-square-foot, bi-level space at 173 7th Ave S, Le Petit Village will feature two bars, a vintage fireplace, dark red leather banquettes, and a private dining and cocktail lounge upstairs.

Latin American restaurant Baby Brasa previously occupied the space for eight years.

Between 40 and 50 employees will work at Le Petit Village.

The lease is for 10 years with an option for a five-year extension.

It's the second food-and-beverage concept opened together by restaurateurs Mathias Van Leyden and Mino Habib.

Five years ago, the pair opened Loulou Petit Bistro & Speakeasy in Chelsea.

"Following the success Mathias and I have had with Loulou in Chelsea, we wanted to bring our love for French cuisine to an iconic location in the Village," Habib said in a statement. "Locals have been waiting for this address to come alive again, and we're excited to provide that with Le Petit Village."

New York Jets linebacker C.J. Mosley and business partner Brandon Wassel are investors in the venture.

The restaurant will offer authentic French cuisine inspired by the small villages of South France.

Menu highlights include coq au vin, raclette and bœuf bourguignon. Entrees range from \$28 to \$88.