

Welcome to the Union Square Partnership's **Q3 Biz + Broker Quarterly Report**, which highlights Union Square-14th Street's resilience, with a range of new businesses opening across the district and foot traffic on the rise. This report includes 34 ground-floor retail spaces, ranging from 250 to 10,000 square feet. Each offers a terrific opportunity to take advantage of the district's prime location and the rich amenities that make it one of the most desirable neighborhoods in NYC.

# **RETAIL RESILIENCE IN UNION SQUARE**

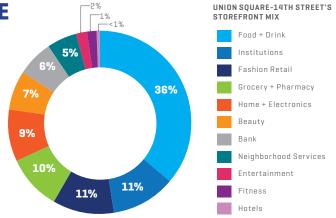
Walking around the neighborhood, it is clear that economic recovery is well underway, with a slew of retail activity across the district. In 2021, Union Square's retail market gained momentum with 12 retail spaces totaling 42,000 SF leased, and additional deals pending. Spending within the district, including e-commerce, is up 53% over the past six months, according to data from Replica.

These trends are also reflected in the significant number of new businesses opening. Since January 2020, 55 businesses have opened or announced plans to open around Union Square-14th Street. Over half of these businesses are eateries, and there are also retailers, and health, beauty and professional services joining the neighborhood. This summer, we celebrated the grand openings of popular retailers Lids and Rookie USA on Union Square West, adding to the growing list of apparel options for all ages.

Looking ahead to the fall, food halls at Zero Irving and Whole Foods will provide even greater cuisine and craft beer offerings, perfect for casual bites and happy hours. With these additions and more to come, including Target in 2023, Union Square remains the best place to live, work, and visit.



The USP team joined Sephora and community partners, including Councilmember Carlina Rivera, to celebrate their new location at 4 Union Square, which takes advantage of 14th Street's unparalleled foot traffic.



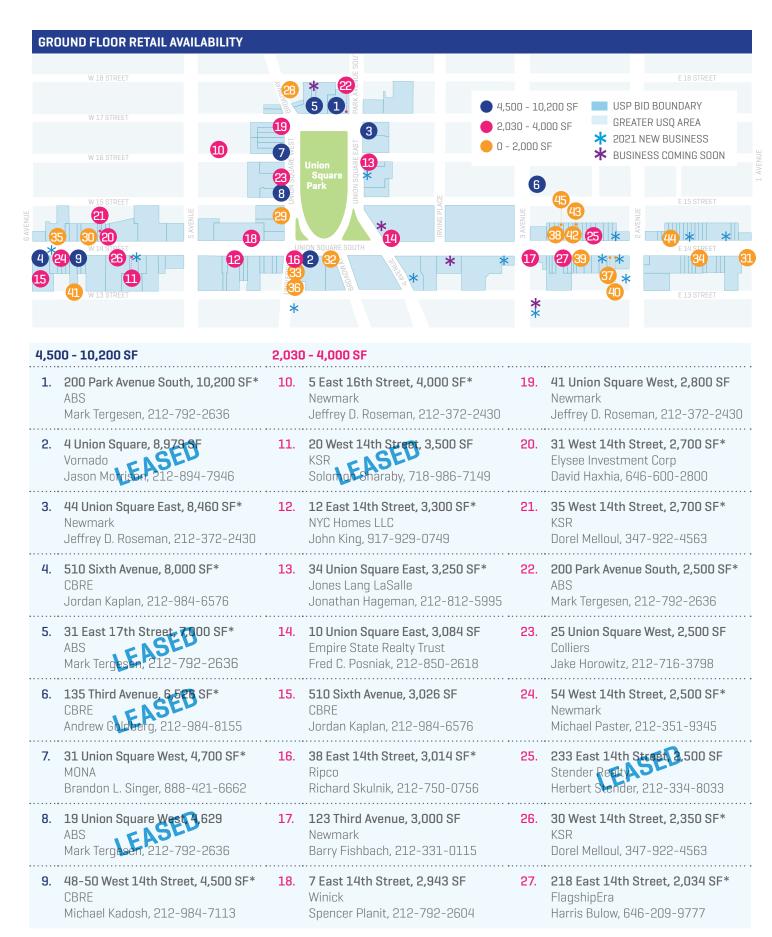
Union Square-14th Street is home to 204 active storefronts, including over 70 food + drink options, healthcare + academic institutions, a variety of retail, and so much more.

### **FOOT TRAFFIC ON THE RISE**

The area is buzzing with the familiar sounds of office workers, students, and visitors returning to their favorite spots to eat, shop, and play around the Square. Over the past six months, foot traffic in the district has increased by 113%, according to data from Replica.

USP's research shows that area office workers have returned in greater numbers when compared to the rest of Manhattan. Our Return to Office survey [June 2021] found that 79% of respondents have returned to their Union Square-14th Street-based offices in-person, either part-time [47%] or full-time [32%]. Of those businesses that have not returned yet, the majority plan to do so this fall. And according to data from Replica, the number of trips to work on an average weekday has increased 75% since January 2021.

These are all positive indicators that things are moving in the right direction and that foot traffic is on the rise. With new public art installations, our renowned Greenmarket, the return of the Holiday Market in November, and a robust list of fall theater offerings, Union Square is the 24/7 NYC neighborhood in which to open a business this year.



\*additional lower level, basement, or mezzanine square footage available

#### **GROUND FLOOR RETAIL AVAILABILITY** 0 - 2,000 SF 28. 870 Broadway, 2,000 SF 34. 328 and 330 East 14th Street Cushman & Wakefield 1,300 SF / 700 SF JBA Alan Napack, 212-841-5057 Meridian Retail Leasing Yoni Hadar, 347-517-8705 **35**. 55-57 West 14th Street 47 West 13th Street, 700 SF\* 29. 15 Union Square West, 1,730 SF\* 1,250 SF / 752 SF Ross Burack, 212-792-2624 Steven E. Bak Newmark Gary Alterman, 212-916-3367 30. 39 West 14th Street, 1,700 SF\* 36. 121 University Place 223 East 14th Street, 600 SF 1,200 SF / 600 KSR Flatiron Real Estate Advisors Jack Khasi, 917-355-0559 Robert Ancona, 917-539-8414 244 East 14th Street, 1,200 SF 237 First Avenue, 1,576 SF 225 East 14th Street, 500 SF Meridian Retail Ceasing JBA Colliers Harry Safter, 917-991-6560 32. 853 Broadway, 1,535 SF\* 313 East 14th Street, 500 SF\* 207 East 14th Street, 1,100 SF Cushman & Wakefield Cornerstone Commercial NYC By Owner Taylor Reynolds, 212-841-5920 Danny Zada, 516-441-5115 Barclay Smyly, 917-553-0218 33. 4 Union Square, 1,461 SF 39. 226 East 14th, 900 SF 209 East 14th Street, 250 SF Vornado Joe Strasser, 646 Jason Morrison, 212-894-7946 Dorel Melloul, 347-922-4563

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#### LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER

With all that Union Square has to offer, it is the perfect neighborhood to reconnect with colleagues and friends. USP's new marketing campaign, REUNION SQUARE, encourages visitors of all ages to make the district their place of reunion through local "day-cations" and "stay-cations" at local restaurants, shops, cultural institutions, and outdoor spaces. More information and local itineraries are available at www.unionsquarenyc.org/reunion-square.

#### SHARE YOUR NEWS

Have news about ground-floor spaces that you would like to feature in the next Biz + Broker Quarterly Report? We love to hear about new opportunities as well as new tenants that are joining our district! Reach out to us at info@unionsquarenyc.org.

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