

# Real estate mavens measure up menus

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[SHARE ON EMAIL](#)[SHARE ON TWITTER](#)[TWITTER](#)[SHARE ON FACEBOOK](#)[FACEBOOK](#) Restaurants in the city are a dime a dozen, but an eatery fit to make a broker's mouth water isn't so common. This week, Brokers Weekly asked members of the residential business what spots are best for winning, dining, business and pleasure.

David Gergely, sales associate at CORE Group Marketing, opts to please his palate at Landmarc, on West Broadway and Franklin Street in Tribeca.

"It is very reasonably priced with amazing food, changing menus, a nice upstairs, downstairs and outdoor seating. They have a big selection of wine and are famous for making these wines affordable to the public by charging just a minimum margin/premium on these bottles," he said. "The interiors are beautiful with a lot of tables for smaller groups downstairs, ideal for a date night as well as tables that can hold larger groups of people. I've brought clients there as well as dates."

Robert Kravath, vice president at Barak Realty, also enjoyed Landmarc, but at the Time Warner Center location.

"The atmosphere is hip and the food is great," he said. "Also kid friendly - for dessert they bring out cotton candy for the kids."

Atmosphere is a major aspect to a good restaurant, and for John Parsegian, senior vice president at Halstead Property, he enjoys a good adventure while dining out. The spot that tops his list is Milos, at 125 W 55th St., offering Greek seafood.

"Grilled- fresh daily, from all over the world including Greece, excellent service, everything is fresh and prepared with love," he lists. "You feel like you are on a Greek Island as the restaurant has a wonderful nautical, Greek theme."

Steven R. Wagner, partner and president at Wagner Davis P.c., also enjoys some high-quality seafood "but most importantly, high profile company."

"Nobu is my favorite place to eat because of the black cod and the sashimi salad that are specialties of the house," he said. "And the celeb-watching is great. I've had fun dining in the same Tribeca dining room - I especially love the original Nobu in Tribeca - as Gwyneth Paltrow, Muhammad Ali Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, Mayor [Michael] Bloomberg and President [Bill] Clinton."

Wagner added that the restaurant should be on everyone's "To do" lists.

"Eating at Nobu is an 'off-the-scale' wonderful experience that everyone should experience at least once in their lifetime," he said.

Emily Beare, senior vice president at CORE and agent at 520 West Chelsea, also said that the quality of people-watching is on her criteria for a great restaurant.

"I love eating at Cookshop. One reason is because I have a great view of 520 West Chelsea from there, and, also, so many of my buyers eat there and it is nice to see them," she said, adding that she recommends the roast chicken salad, or a burger for a more filling lunch - and the Bloody Mary's are the perfect drink to wash it all down.

"The people are usually from the galleries in the area, so the crowd is pretty chic," she added. "I would say all of the above: romance, business and cocktails with colleagues, 'Sex and the City.' It is fun people-watching - Martha Stewart goes there a lot as do some other celebs."

**Noble Black**, vice president at **Corcoran**, prefers to dine on the casual side.

"My favorite restaurant is Mary's Fish Camp down in the West Village," he said. "Their lobster rolls are amazing, and the fried oysters and clams are to die for! The atmosphere is totally casual and relaxed once you get in - and the service is warm and friendly - very much my style."

For Richard Ban, of CORE Group Marketing, a good restaurant also comes with great memories. According to Ball, Blue Water Grill on Union Square West not only serves up some great food, but also good memories.

"It was my first nice restaurant in the city when I moved here 10 years ago. We had brunch and toasted my arrival," he recalled. "It has also become the place that I go to when I am in a bad mood and/or grumpy about a customer or a lost pitch, etc. It is also where I take dates that I want to impress and order bottles of Veuve Cliquot."

He also chooses Blue Water Grill as the ideal spot to bring clients.

"I was just there with a buyer celebrating his accepted offer, and of course, more Veuve," he said. "The ambiance of the old world bank is magnificent!"

Joe Ferrara, partner at BFC Partners (developer of Toren), also goes for a place with great ambiance.

"My favorite restaurant is Dressler in Williamsburg. It's got an amazing ambiance - with chic, artistic space, a fantastic oyster bar and a never-ending list of delicious martinis," he said. "The staff and the owner are all very friendly, and attentive."

"I love Dressler so much that I reserved the entire restaurant for a Saturday night to host a private party for my wife's birthday, and our friends were blown away with what an unbelievably great restaurant Dressler is."