



The East Side social world's favorite little boîte lost its lease after 27 years and shuttered last winter, but owner Philippe Delgrange found a new space, nearly four times as large, with the backing of power trio Ron Perelman, Eric Clapton and Steve Witkoff. The much-anticipated reincarnation opens tonight with Ducasse alum chef Julien Jouhannaud at the helm. We got a sneak peek at the space and food yesterday - check out our findings below.

The Decor: A large white oak bar with a pewter top catches your attention upon entry, while blue velvet banquettes, wood finishings and brass light fixtures give richness and warmth to the room. Large mirrors and art deco touches add personality.

The Food: Bistro classics like foie gras terrine (\$30), charcuterie (\$29), moules marinieres et frites (\$28) and filet mignon Bearnaise au poivre (\$31) share a menu with more eclectic dishes, like smoked salmon with guacamole (\$22); the restaurant's long-popular Cajun chicken (\$29); duck leg with olives and polenta (\$29); and halibut Riviera (\$32).

The Desserts: A market-priced cheese selection is an option, of course, along with an ethereal Floating Island (\$11); tarte Tatin (\$11); crème brûlée (\$11); and chocolate mousse (\$11).

The Music: From Michael Jackson to *La Vie en Rose*.

The Crowd: Francophiles, financiers, real-estate heavies, socialites and music bigwigs.

The Details: 20 East 60th St., 212-751-3036