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Raising the bar above restaurant

DAVIDBURKE & Donatella is set to open a new bar and lounge just north of the swanky restaurant—as in upstairs.

The upscale eatery is taking over the apartment above it to open the hot spot, which will have its own soon-to-be-decided name.

“We’ve never had enough space,” says **Donatella Arpaia**, who is undertaking the expansion at 133 E. 61st St. with partner and celebrity chef **David Burke**.

A private party room, also on the second floor, will allow the restaurant to stay open to the public while it hosts special events.

Capitalizing on the latest trend, the new bar will specialize in savory drinks, with such ingredients as shrimp. The bar is likely to open in the fall after an extensive renovation.

“It won’t be the kind of place where you put people that can’t fit downstairs,” says Ms. Arpaia. “It’ll be very unique, a destination bar.”



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DONATELLA ARPAIA is expanding her restaurant.