

HOUSING IN HARLEM

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STATEMENT

Harlem is currently in the process of revitalization. The project stitches into these efforts by tying into the 100 ft. long, 24 ft. wide vibrant corner site. The ambition is to energize the site by spurring activity on the ground with amenities such as a cafe, gallery, jazz club, and outdoor gathering spaces. The amenities funnel in activity and spill it back into the community. The ground floor promotes open jazz performances contrasting the indoor jazz bar on the second floor. There is office space on the floors in-between the jazz bar and the apartment units, creating a buffer between public and private. The units each have their own character, like the rhythm of jazz music, and are organized together by the envelope. The interior openness allows for layers of visual connections as well as connections to the outside-gathering spaces that are defined by the large gestural double carve outs.