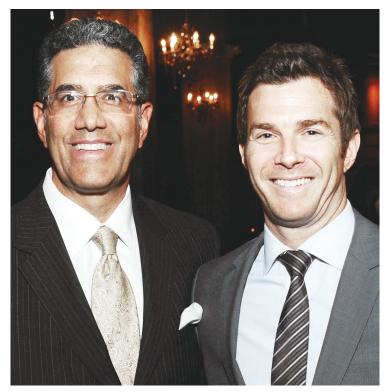
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Dealmakers celebrate beginning of the end



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Kensington Vanguard National Land and Meister Seelig & Fein sponsored a celebratory get-together to mark the beginning of a positive turn-around in the real estate market.

More than 400 people attended the event at the Ainsworth restaurant in Chelsea.

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"Our goal was to jumpstart the spring season and to create a positive networking environment for what looks like the end of a long, painful recession," said Kasindorf.

"There was an infectious spirit of enthusiasm which permeated the room. It could not have been more vibrant. Those in attendance made important new contacts and even began the initial phases of deal making."

Kasindorf added, "Amongst the attendees, there was unanimous agreement that we are finally out the recession; and that there has been a significant increase in the velocity of deal making with pricing on the upswing."

Fein added: "Matt and I agree that the recent wave of new deals shows that the market is taking off, and we believe that 2011 and 2012 will be exciting and profitable for the entire commercial real estate community.

"Things are indeed looking brighter and our innovative, experienced and market-savvy clients are demonstrating their optimism a by participating in an upsurge of deals."