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Is Harlem's Victoria Theater Conversion Finally Happening?

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The announcement's been made before (not just once, twice, or even three times), so Wednesday's declaration by state officials that work will begin in mid-2015 on transforming Harlem's Victoria Theater begs the question: is it actually for real this time? It seems legit enough (but we've been duped before.) If indeed the announcement means business, by 2017, the historic Harlem structure on 125th Street near Frederick Douglass Boulevard will be topped with a 26-story tower designed by Aufgang Architects that will together house a Marriott Renaissance hotel, 200 rentals—a full 50-percent of which will be below market rate—, and retail, cultural space, and parking, NYDN reports.



[Renderings by Aufgang Architects.]



[The rendering at left depicts the 126th Street side of the building. Right, presumably the rental building entrance.]



[The restored lobby.]