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Retail's Best



Last night, Club 101 was abuzz with retail pros for **REBNY's** annual **Retail Deal of the Year** awards, highlighting the **Best of 2009**. Above, Ripco Real Estate's **Peter Ripka** holds his award for the deal that "Most Significantly Benefits Manhattan"—the leasing journey of the 475k SF **East River Plaza**, which turned a **dilapidated manufacturing plant** into a retail destination. (Joining him are Sierra Realty's **Peter Braus**, Northwest Atlantic's **Chase Welles**, Dallimore & Co.'s **Simon Dallimore's Rob Nager**, and Rudin Management Co.'s **Louis Somoza**.) He tells us that the property is now **95% leased**, and expects the remaining **300k SF** to deliver throughout the summer, including **Target** in July. The "Most Creative Deal of the Year" winner was Robert K. Futterman & Associates' **Robert Futterman** for bringing **Discovery TSX** and **Bowlmor Lanes** to The Times Square Building at **229 W. 43rd**.