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Moutin Reunion Quartet

Nocturne Records

Paris-born bassist François Moutin and his twin brother, drummer Louis, regularly commute between Europe and the US, and their approach to contemporary acoustic jazz has a nice balance between New York edge and European linearity. Perhaps not surprisingly, they make an extremely empathetic heart to a rhythm section that is completed by pianist Pierre de Bethmann. Apart from a brief Charlie Parker medley – played as a bass/drum duet – the strong compositional structures are all theirs, with American saxophonist Rick Margitza soloing strongly and delivering the melodies with aplomb.

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