

Debbas and Arad of Romer Debbas discuss social media

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Generation Y'ers are now staying in the city and the baby boomers are actually returning to the city from the suburbs. How has this affected your business and NYC retail in general?

NYC's population has actually grown since the recession. With the increase in population will result in the increase in demand for the businesses which occupy retail spaces. With the economy improving and consumer confidence growing, spending should increase as a result and thus lead to more activity and competition in the retail world.

How does your company use social media?

We primarily focus on contributing to various periodicals whether by being quoted or publishing an article. From there we have a list on our website which has all of these articles and we post any interesting ones or major accomplishments for our firm on our firm facebook page or on twitter.

How did your company withstand the recession and what changes have you made to grow and succeed during the recovery of the retail market?

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