

## TECHNOLOGY AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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## "RETAIL ... WHAT IS IT?

Let's start at the very beginning...a very very good place to start!

#### "RETAIL" DEFINITION

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noun: retail; plural noun: retails

1.the sale of goods to the public in relatively small quantities for use or consumption rather than for resale.

https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/retail



# EMERGING RETAIL TRENDS

What is driving retail and retail real estate today?

### New Era Demands New Thinking

"Real estate as an asset class has matured.

Market participants need to realize this and make the appropriate adjustments."

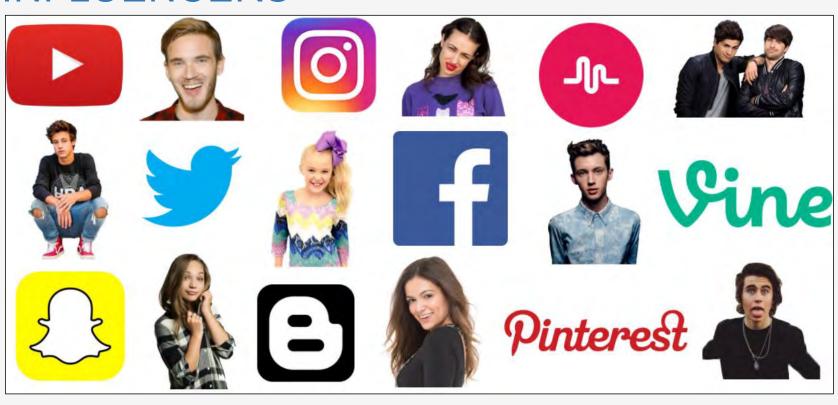
https://americas.uli.org/research/centers-initiatives/center-for-capital-markets/emerging-trends-in-real-estate/americas/



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- > This phenomenon is particularly true with consumables like beauty products.
- Social commerce also has particular significance for the resale market where, for example, someone might put or see something on-line, and then tell their friends about it...creating hype

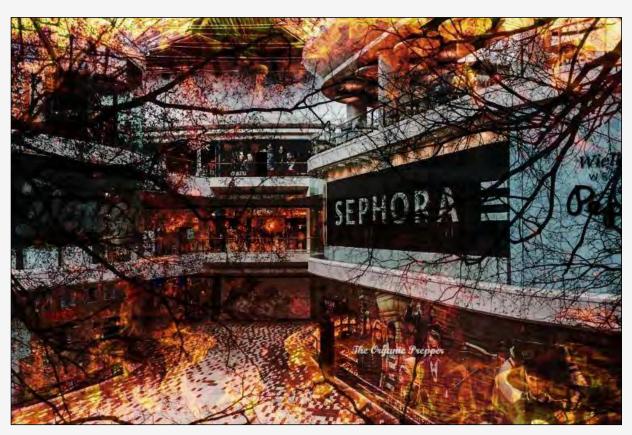
















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- > Retail is as or more robust and diversified than at any time in memory.
  - For example, the Canadian e-commerce platform Shopify started in 2004. As of 2017, it had 600,000 sellers.
  - According to the 2018 letter to shareholders, over 5 million Amazon Marketplace sellers account for over 50% of total sales.
  - Thredup, Craig's List, and Ebay are examples of how an individual can easily conduct C2C transactions.

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- > Influencers and Platforms are driving refinements.

#### **Broadlines and Food & Drug Technology Continuum**



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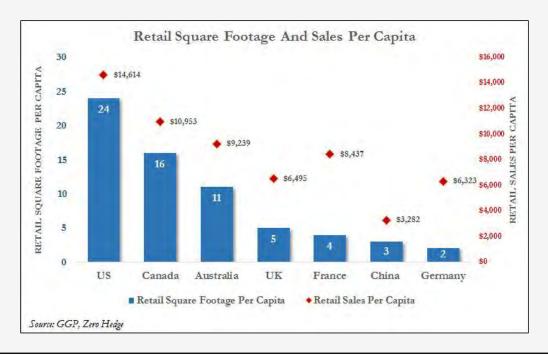


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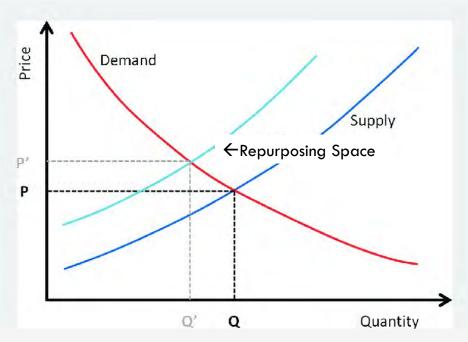




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- Successful landlords will ask "WHY?" ... a lot!
  - Why should a tenant be in a project?
  - Why does the consumer care?
  - Why should a LL want it be in a project?
  - > What is the retailer's plan?
  - How they will complement co-tenants to create a mix that's pertinent today?

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- > Every 5 years tenants are reinventing themselves....what tenant lasts for 20 years?
- How are LL's protecting themselves?
- > A long lease term on a new tenant is a risk when there is no way of knowing if the tenant will be relevant in 5-10 years.

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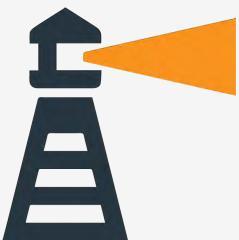


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- > Traditional retailers need to find new and better beacons than traditional signage for consumers to find and patronize them, and to continue to compete.





How Does Retail Organize Itself in Today's World?

Let's talk about BEHAVIORS!







## TYPES: COMMODITY RETAIL

A retailer selling goods and services which are consumed without emotional connection by the consumer and for which the consumer's *primary motivation is price and convenience*.

Examples include grocery and drug stores, mass merchants such as CostCo, Target or Wal-Mart, office supply stores such as Staples or Office Depot, or electronics, books and music.













## TYPES: SPECIALTY RETAIL

Retailers selling goods and services which are consumed on a *discretionary* or emotionally-driven basis using discretionary funds/income, and where *experience* and a sense of place is a primary component when deciding how and where to spend discretionary time.\*

Examples include fine dining, clothing, luxury hard and soft goods, or electronic, books and music, and even specialty shopping districts.

\* With the rise of platforms and influencers, the importance of "place is evolving."









Retail Channels Explained

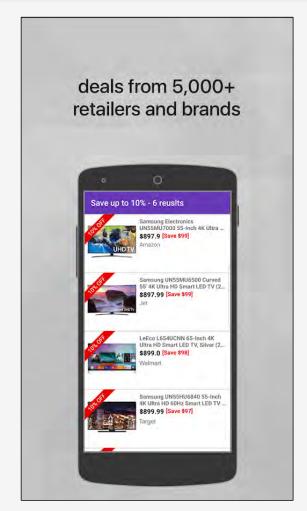
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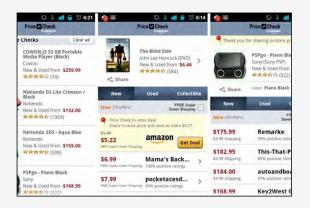




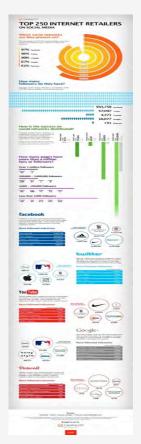








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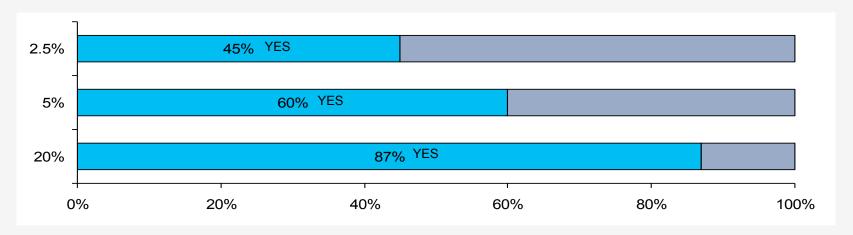


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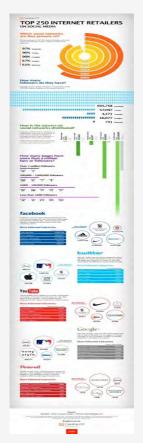
# TECH TITANS ... AND THE REALITY OF SHOWROOMING

"I'd Walk out of a Store and Purchase Online for a Discount of..."



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- > By contrast, a **SPECIALTY** retailer might use aps, ads, and social media strategies to drive customer traffic to a brick-and-mortar store, restaurant, or shopping district.



# HOW RETAIL IS EVOLVING

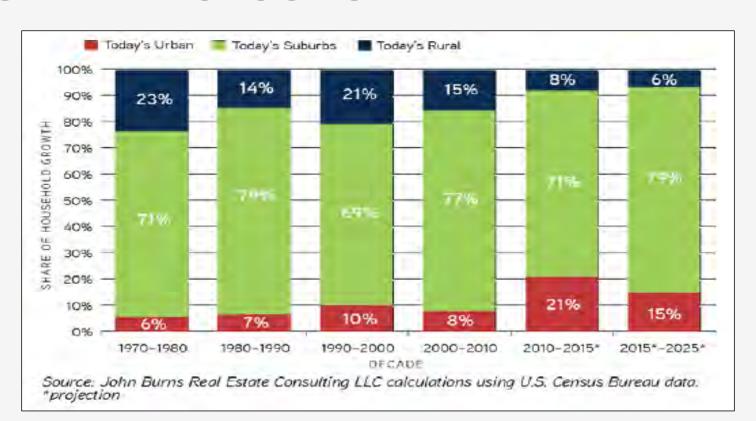
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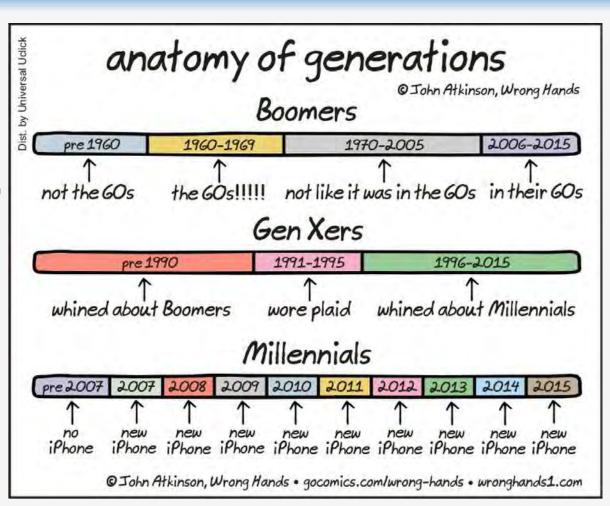
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- Substantial reduction in amount of retail space; replace with other commercial and residential uses.
- Focus on the best locations for retail in any given market; do long-range planning for use conversion on less viable locations.



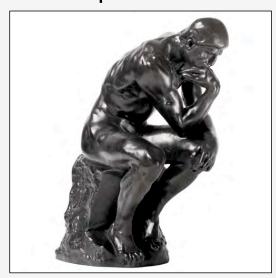
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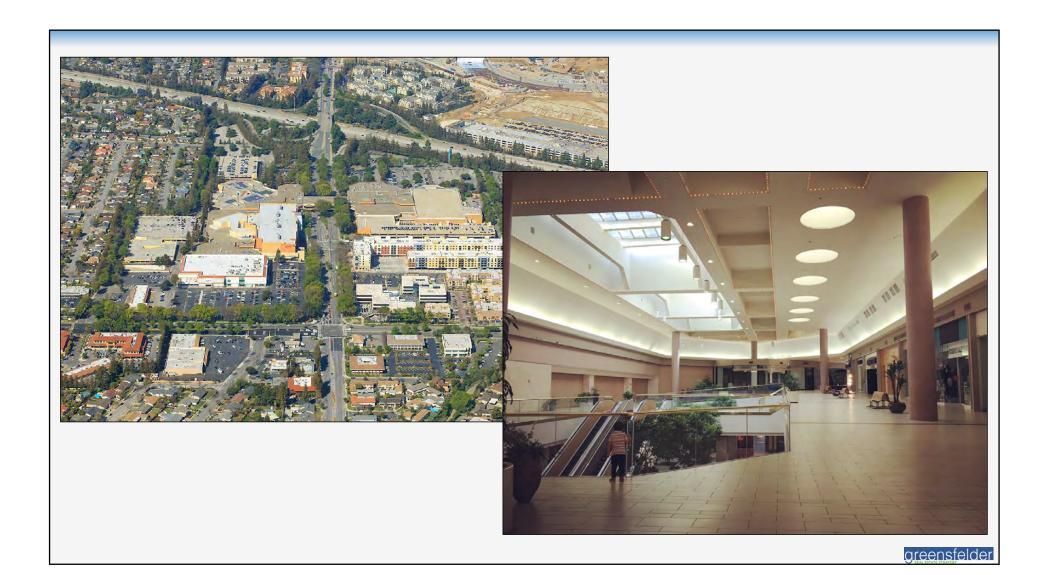
◆PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE SECTOR

Balancing competing interests.

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#### EXPLORE THE HILLS AT VALLCO

The Hills at Vallco is not only a Town Center for Cupertino but also a new approach to city planning, seamlessly integrating a 30-acre rooftop community park into an exciting mixed-use neighborhood and adding an extraordinary amenity that all Cupertino residents will use and enjoy.







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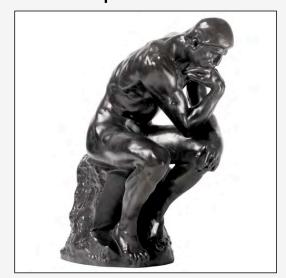
#### THE VISION

#### A MIXED-USE REGIONAL HUB IN THE SAN FRANCISCO EAST BAY MARKETPLACE

Perched above the San Francisco Bay complete with a beautiful panoramic view sits Hilltop by the Bay, a vast, fully-entitled 77-acre site that is quickly evolving to emerge as a walkable, mixed-use village that will bring its trade area a new, vibrant and flourishing community destination.

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  - it is changing because of social commerce
  - it is changing because of evolving retail platforms



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# ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE EVOLUTION

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- > Create a Vision Public/private partnerships, specific plans.
- > Think Big Corridors, city blocks, aggregate parcels.
- Create connections.
- > Create pedestrian friendly environments.
- > Encourage active building facades & outdoor uses.









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- > and ... be extremely lucky! (...in an opportunity meets preparation kind of way)



#### **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

Thought he'd never get here!

#### LUCK IS NOT A STRATEGY

In the real estate industry, competitive strategies tend to focus on ways to perfect imperfect markets, products and/or services.

Words and phrases such as "build it and they

will come" exemplify expectations whilst highlighting strategic insanity.

Roman philosopher and statesman Seneca said: "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."





THE END (WHEW!)

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**



#### **RETAIL RESILIENCY CONSULTING**

- STRATEGY AND PLANNING
- MARKET/LOCATION INTELLIGENCE
- Development Management

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  - ■In Manhattan proper, as many as 1/4 of all ZIP codes do not have enough street space for deliveries!

#### LAST MILE - WHAT TO DO?

- We live in a world where customers do not pay for the full cost of the convenience of deliveries
- There is a conflict between the need to facilitate easy and inexpensive returns (in order to generate consumer confidence and in turn sales), and the economics of those returns.
- On-line retailers and delivery companies subsidize deliveries and returns in order to generate top line sales growth, a common side effect of Wall Street's demands.



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#### **Externalities and Market Failure**

Externalities are a major cause of market failure and occur in nearly every market – be clear on effects for producers and consumers

- Externalities are spill-over effects arising from production and consumption for which no appropriate compensation is paid
- Externalities lie outside the market transaction
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  if the price mechanism does not
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