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## Made in N.Y.C. | Bath Fittings

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**Watermark Designs** of East New York, Brooklyn, has been creating, designing, fabricating and plating custom bathroom fixtures for more than 30 years. Avi Abel, the general manager, says the company has about 50 workers in Brooklyn and ships about \$15 million worth of fixtures a year.

"We're in Brooklyn because we've been here for over 30 years and we have skilled employees who have been with us for over 20 years," Mr. Abel said.

He continued: "Brooklyn has a large pool of people from different ethnicities who bring their own experiences and methodologies to the jobs they perform, thereby sometimes teaching our veterans and all in all improving the efficiencies of our various operations, from polishing and plating to machining and spray coating."

"We have really formed a tight family in our factory," Mr. Abel said, "and losing any member would be very upsetting. If we lost many at once by moving to a far-off location, it would just be devastating."

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