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Harley and Aaron Magden
Window Nation
Glen Burnie, Md.

In 2006, Cleveland-born brothers Aaron and Harley Magden, who grew up in the family window replacement business, set out to start their own company. The timing was wretched: they launched Window Nation a year before the housing market collapse. Nonetheless, the Magdens expanded their operation. Their business plan calls for opening a new branch every 18 months — and they stick to that.

- Daily and weekly video conferences allow the Magdens to check in with branch managers.
- The company’s marketing has been revamped from inbound to outbound, expanding from one canvassing team to nine.
- Rather than the standard paper pitch book, Window Nation uses a unique iPad presentation, developed in-house, that is interactive and includes video.
- The company uses GuildQuality’s third-party customer satisfaction rating service.