



was recognized as the winner of the 2014 Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit (CHRIS) Rising Star Award by the International Society of Hospitality Consultants (ISHC). “We’re pretty much the premier locally-owned hotel on the island,” admits Sanovnik, proudly.

But the Bay Gardens group is not content to sit on its laurels. The properties are constantly being upgraded. Recently, the company spent millions of dollars updating the Inn’s rooms, bathrooms, lobby and furnishings. The Hotel added video conferencing facilities - the first on St. Lucia. At the Resort, the spa was upgraded, and a new beach bar – Seagrapes - was opened. In addition, by this coming August, a brand new water park, Splash Island Water Park Saint Lucia, the first open water park in the Caribbean, will be complete.

The water park was conceptualized and will be operated by Sanovnik’s wife Julianna Ward-Destang, a Bay Gardens Director who, like Sanovnik, is a Chartered Accountant by profession. “It will put us in a different category, altogether,” says Sanovnik, “because there’s no resort in the Carib-

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