



look into developing it as much as he has,” he said. “I think he just saw opportunities and he grasped them. He’s very much someone who you would call a very ‘feel’ and ‘gut’ entrepreneur. He sees opportunities and he makes his decisions there and then. And once he’s made his decisions, that’s it, he goes through with it.”

The family remains intimately involved these days, with Sammy as the owner of the three entities while a collection of children and spouses serve in various roles as directors and senior executives. Some 1,200

to 1,500 people are employed across the companies, though Murphy said the workforce can swell above 2,000 with temporary staff as peak work seasons demand.

The Junior Sammy Contractors arm specializes in public- and private-sector infrastructure construction work and lists major companies like BP, BG and Nucor among its priority clients. Sammy’s Multilift Services owns the largest crane in the Caribbean region – a Manitowoc 850 with a superlift device – which is used on key installation projects through Trinidad’s Point