



spaces. However, the construction and millwork operations remain separate, with over 100 employees split between the two.

On the construction side of things, SMG has built high-end custom homes in Lyford Cay, Old Fort Bay, and Albany, and within the Ocean Club estates. It also specializes in beautifully designed pools for the homes, and has recently completed several commercial projects—including the big laundry for the Baha mar project, an equestrian club, the new Fresh Market, Mahogany House restaurant and Old Fort Plaza.

The split has changed somewhat over the years, but is currently at about 40 percent commercial and 60 percent residential because the company is most well known for custom homes. However, Ginns is optimistic that as people understand the quality and service they provide, more requests will come in for work on commercial projects.

The custom home building market has become com-

AT A GLANCE

WHO: SMG Construction/Millwork

WHAT: Bahamas-based company with operations related to custom home building and renovations, alongside millwork/cabinetry work commercial and residential customers

WHERE: Corporate headquarters in Nassau, Bahamas

WEBSITE: www.SMGConstruction.com

petitive in terms of who can provide the better quality and service, and all contractors have had to step up their game for the expectations of the client.

Ginns said there's no doubt that other contractors have improved their services, but SMG will continue

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SMG Construction/Millwork expanding reach on its home turf

SMG founder Darren Ginns relocated to the Bahamas from Australia 18 years ago as a partner in the Whistler Development Company, to help develop a condominium project in Lyford Cay known as Sunnyside Estates. At six stories high with 21 units, the condos were to be one of the highest quality projects in the Caribbean, with some of the apartments being as large as 10,000 square feet.

He and his team began working on renovations and custom homes based on the level of detail and finishes they had achieved at Sunnyside estates in Lyford Cay, and became the company now known as SMG construction and SMG millwork in 2001 after settling in Nassau. The millwork, or cabinetry, division of the company began soon after and offers custom pieces for kitchens, offices, closets and even entertainment

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