

# BAY GARDENS RESORTS WINS NINTH ST. LUCIA BUSINESS AWARD

*First Green Globe Gold-certified hotel in St. Lucia wins Environmental Stewardship honor*

ST. LUCIA, November 15, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bay Gardens Resorts has captured its ninth St. Lucia Business Award.

Last weekend, at the St. Lucia Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture annual awards ceremony, the first Green Globe Gold-certified hotel in St. Lucia won the Environmental Stewardship award for initiatives such as reducing single-use plastics, reducing energy usage and boosting use of locally sourced produce. Also nominated in this category were the Saint Lucia Development Bank and portable desalination plant inventor, Invictus.

An elated Executive Director Sanovnik Destang said: "It is a great honor to have won our ninth award, and we are proud of our staff and leadership team for their efforts to sustain, protect and make St. Lucians and visitors think deeply about making strong commitments to the environment."

Bay Gardens Resorts has won for marketing excellence an unprecedented four times, and earned Business of the Year in 2014 and 2015. It also won the Entrepreneur of the Year award on two occasions: Managing Director Joyce Destang OBE in 2014, and Julianna Ward-Destang, Managing Director of Splash Island Water Park, the first open water sports park in the Eastern Caribbean, in 2016.



Waltrude Patrick, General Manager of Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa (third from left), and Berthia Parle MBE, Retired General Manager (far right), celebrate with team members at the St. Lucia Business Awards ceremony last weekend.

Bay Gardens Resorts has successfully phased out single-use plastics in favor of biodegradable vessels and utensils made from wood, paper, compostable plastic or sugar cane bagasse.

The company, a first-time winner of the Environmental Stewardship award, has also stopped using Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam) products at its properties. Other ecological innovations include GEM Link occupancy sensors in guest rooms, which reduce energy for each occupied room by 20 percent.

Additional initiatives include converting air conditioners to energy-efficient inverter units, upgrading lighting with LEDs across its properties, and implementing a farm-to-table menu that reduces its total food miles.

Now in its 10th year, the St. Lucia Business Awards promote and foster excellence in the local business community. Awardees benefit from training and are featured at meetings and seminars hosted by the St. Lucia Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.

#### About Bay Gardens Resorts

Bay Gardens Resorts is a group of locally-owned and -operated award-winning hotels all located within, or near, Rodney Bay Village, St. Lucia's entertainment capital. All five of Bay Gardens Resorts' properties - Bay Gardens Inn, Bay Gardens Hotel, Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa, Bay Gardens Marina Haven, and Bay Gardens Waters Edge Villas - are close to more than 40 restaurants, entertainment venues, duty-free shopping malls, Treasure Bay Casino and Rodney Bay Marina. All properties offer comfortable accommodations, traditional Caribbean cuisine, and warm Caribbean service and hospitality. Bay Gardens' Splash Island Water Park, the first open water sports park in the Eastern Caribbean, is a popular attraction off St. Lucia's Reduit Beach.

For further information, visit [www.baygardensresorts.com](http://www.baygardensresorts.com).

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