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Welcome
Dr. Cyrus A. McCalla, Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Brookdale Hospital
Chairman, AFUWI Board of Directors

Opening Remarks
Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice Chancellor, The University of the West Indies

Mistress of Ceremony
Janell Snowden, Journalist
AFUWI Board of Directors

The Pelican Award
His Excellency Ambassador Ralph Thomas

Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Financial Advisory Services
Wayne Berson, CPA

Caribbean Luminary Award
Graham Robinson

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Global Business Leadership
Don G.Wehby

Corporate Award for Global Business Excellence
GraceKennedy Group

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The Hon. Gaston A. Browne
Dr The Hon. Timothy S. Harris

The Bob Marley Award
Dr. Dawnn Lewis

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Message from the Honorary Patron

Dr. The Hon. Harry Belafonte, OJ, OM

Once again The UWI has convened us to shed a spotlight on the good works of the college. I have visited the campus in Kingston as well as having contributed economically to the institution's welfare. Your presence here this evening attests to the fact that the traditions and future of UWI is to be recognized and supported. Thank you all for coming this evening. The University deserves your support and by your presence here this evening you all think so as well.



Message from the Chancellor

Robert Bermudez

My sincere thanks to each one of our sponsors, guests and honorees for your presence at the 2022 AFUWI Gala. It is a clear indication of your interest in The University of the West Indies and your commitment to supporting our students who are the ultimate beneficiaries of this wonderful event. I applaud the AFUWI team led by Mrs. Ann-Marie Grant for making the 2022 Gala an in-person event again, allowing for the fellowship and camaraderie that makes this such a special occasion for us all.

The UWI faces the same challenges confronting higher education institutions globally, including those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these uncertainties, The University of the West Indies remains committed to its mission of advancing learning, creating knowledge and fostering innovation for the positive transformation of the Caribbean and the wider world. The collective leadership and staff at all levels continue to demonstrate resilience and dedication to student success and to meeting the needs of our stakeholders. I applaud them and our students, particularly those who graduated during the pandemic for staying the course.

The Gala celebrates exemplary contributions of persons and organisations in the national, regional and international domains. The 2022 honorees are exemplary leaders who have been consistent in making remarkable and meaningful contributions in their respective fields. I thank them for sharing their brilliance with our community. Their collective leadership and activism in the arts, business, education and government are an inspiration for the students who are the recipients of the scholarships that result from this event. I salute them all, thank them for all that they do and wish them the very best as they continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you all again for your wonderful contribution to the success of our students!

Robert Bermudez
Chancellor



Message from the Vice Chancellor

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles

It is with a deep sense of pride and gratitude that I greet you all on the occasion of the twenty-fifth iteration of the Annual Legacy Awards Gala of the American Foundation for The UWI. As I reflect on the many years of absolutely stellar honorees who have shared their brilliance with us and who continue to support the efforts of The UWI in many ways, I am grateful for that support as well as that of the many sponsors who continue to engage with the AFUWI and The UWI by extension as together we raise funds for scholarships for brilliant Caribbean students who are financially challenged. This year, 2022, there is also a special ethos to the celebration as it will be an in-person event after a two-year hiatus occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a reaffirmation of the importance of community, of fellowship, of our humanity and I thank you all for being here at this wonderful gathering. In 2021, The UWI was recognised by the premier ranking agency, the Times Higher Education, to be among the top 1.5% of universities ranked globally. This affirmation of our reputation will support our efforts to garner higher levels of support for our students as we begin implementation of the next phase of the Triple "A" (Access, Agility and Alignment) Strategic Plan, dubbed The Revenue Revolution.

The AFUWI Awards honor individuals and corporations who have contributed to their disciplines and to the improvement of the lives of their communities and people everywhere. The Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, and Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris, Prime Minister of St. Kitts & Nevis are the recipients of the Legacy Award for their stellar contributions to nation building. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Global Business Leadership will be presented to visionary leader Senator Don Wehby, CEO of the GraceKennedy Group. The GraceKennedy Group reflects The UWI's philosophy of being rooted in the Caribbean with a global presence and is being honoured with the Corporate Award for Global Business Excellence. The Caribbean Luminary Award honors someone of Caribbean heritage who has excelled in their sphere of operations and Mr. Graham Robinson, a Jamaican engineer is a most deserving recipient. Ambassador Ralph Thomas epitomises the spirit of the Pelican Pride Award which is given to an alumnus or alumna who has served alma mater, country and region with distinction. The Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Financial Advisory Services will be presented to Wayne Berson, CPA, Chief Executive Officer, BDO USA. The recipient of the iconic Bob Marley Award for contribution to the arts is Grammy-award-winning actress and producer Dawnn Lewis. I salute them all and wish them the very best in the future!

Our honorees are wonderful inspiration for current and future students who are the beneficiaries of the scholarships generated from this stellar event. On their behalf, I thank you for your ongoing support. It is deeply and warmly appreciated.

Blessings!

Hilary Beckles
Vice-Chancellor



Message from the Chairman

Cyrus O. McCalla, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

The American Foundation for the University of the West Indies (AFUWI) since its inception and for over sixty years has focused on providing opportunities for improving the lives of bright, young Caribbean students via academic scholarships to the University of the West Indies. Scholarships and grants are unavailable to most needy students throughout the Caribbean. As a result, there is greater demand for scholarship support from organizations like AFUWI especially at a time when support for education from local Governments is decreasing across the region.

The Diaspora must be concerned about educating not only our best and brightest but also providing educational opportunities beyond the secondary level for all students. All of us within the diaspora have a vested interest in assuring that we nurture the next generation of leaders and thinkers to be ready to take on the global challenges of the twenty first century. Through education, many more students and their families will be lifted from the scourges of poverty and crime. By educating these students, there will be many unrealized benefits to the region and the world.

AFUWI remains committed to the mission of assisting the University of the West Indies as it transforms from a regional to a global university in every way possible. We are very fortunate and grateful to our Sponsors and Donors who see this mission as being noble and worthy of their support.

As Chairman of the AFUWI Board, I wish to congratulate our Distinguish Honorees on their tremendous accomplishments and thank our Sponsors and Donors for their unwavering commitment to the cause, for believing that yes, we can make a difference, the leadership of The UWI for their commitment to excellence and the students for being resilient and focused on achieving their dreams.

May God continue to bless and protect each and every one.

Cyrus O. McCalla, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.



Message from the Deputy Board Chair
Chair of the Friend & Fundraising Committee

Dr. George Willie

The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies (AFUWI) and its Board of Directors are thrilled to welcome you its 25th Annual Gala. We are excited to be together in person and to enjoy an evening celebrating the significant contributions and achievements of our honorees.

We are also acknowledging AFUWI's commitment to providing scholarships that will ensure increased access to higher education for some of the Caribbean's brightest and most talented young men and women. Over the many years AFUWI, and owing to your generosity, has empowered our students with the tools they will need to meet the future head on.

As we enter the post pandemic world, our students will continue to confront a time of many challenges and AFUWI is determined to provide them with the support they will need to grow and adapt.

AFUWI recognizes and expresses its greatest gratitude to the many volunteers who have helped to make tonight's event special.

We ask that you applaud the success of the honorees, continue to provide your much needed support for our students and do enjoy a fabulous evening.

Dr. George Willie, Hon. D. Litt, UWI

Our Honorees

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The Hon. Gaston A. Browne
Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

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The Legacy Award



The Hon. Gaston A. Browne
Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

Gaston Alfonso Browne is the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Corporate Governance and Public Private Partnerships of Antigua and Barbuda, since June 12, 2014.

He is a graduate of the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, with a Master of Business Administration (MBA), majoring in Banking and Finance. In June 2017, Prime Minister Gaston Browne received an Honorary Doctorate from the American University of Antigua (AUA) in New Jersey, USA for his leadership and championing of issues affecting small island states.

Preceding his political career, he served as Commercial Banking Manager for a major banking consortium in Antigua and Barbuda, comprising offshore and onshore banks and a trust company, managing in excess of US $400 million dollars in assets. Gaston Browne became an elected Member of Parliament in 1999 representing the constituency of St. John's City West; and, he has been re-elected in four subsequent general elections.

Between 1999 and 2004, he served as Minister for Planning, Trade, Industry, Commerce and Public Service Affairs. While in opposition in Parliament between 2004 and 2014, P.M. Browne returned to the private sector as a businessman and launched several successful ventures to include real estate development and management.

In 2012, he was elected Leader of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party which he steered to victory in the 2014 General Elections, becoming the fourth Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda. His ABLP also won the March 2018 General Elections, increasing its representation in Parliament.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has also published a number of academic and policy based papers, his most recent being: "Ending De-Risking in the Caribbean: Eliminating risks for the World". Prime Minister Browne serves as the current Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) at the United Nations and Chairman of The Commonwealth Finance Ministers.

On becoming Prime Minister, the Caribbean Heads of Government appointed Prime Minister Gaston Browne to exercise lead responsibility for financial matters, cricket, aviation and de-risking in the quasi Cabinet of CARICOM. He is the Immediate Past Chairman of CARICOM and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Prime Minister Browne has championed many regional and local causes to include the establishment of The University of the West Indies Fourth Landed Campus at Five Islands in Antigua and Barbuda, the creation of LIAT 2020, a public housing revolution, the expansion and modernization of the St. John's Habour, Climate Justice and financing as well as averting the collapse of the banking sector in Antigua and Barbuda..

Prime Minister Browne hosts a weekly talk-show on one of the most-listened-to Radio Stations in the nation, discussing a wide gamut of issues to include politics, sports and culture. He has special interest in soccer, cricket and sailing. PM Gaston Browne is well known for his philanthropic work which is witnessed through his many contributions to the empowerment of the Point and Villa areas within his Constituency.

The Prime Minister is married to Member of Parliament Maria Bird-Browne and is the father of five.

The Legacy Award



Dr. The Hon. Timothy S. Harris
Prime Minister of The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Dr. the Hon Timothy Sylvester Harris (born 1964 in Tabernacle, St. Kitts) is the third Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis. Dr. Harris served in almost every ministerial portfolio before his meteoric rise to the Office of Prime Minister.

Dr. Harris successfully participated in elective politics in 1993 and has since won his seat in each parliamentary election held in 1995, 2000, 2004, 2010, 2015 and 2020. Dr. Harris has been Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Housing; Minister of Education, Labour and Social Security; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Education; Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Industry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He is currently the Minister of Finance, National Security, Sustainable Development, Constituency Empowerment and Human Resource Management and Information.

In 1988, he graduated from the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies with a B.Sc degree with First Class Honours in Accounting. Dr. Harris was the only graduate of the B.Sc Accounting Programme to obtain this distinction. He also received the Victor Cook Prize for Best Accounting Student.

From 1990-92 he pursued his M.Sc degree in Accounting at the St. Augustine Campus of UWI in Trinidad. He graduated top of the class with an M.Sc degree with a Distinction in Accounting.

In 2001, Dr. Harris successfully defended his Ph.D dissertation at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. The doctoral programme is a joint Ph.D programme involving Concordia University, McGill and two French Universities, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales HEC Montreal and Universite du Quebec a Montreal (UQAM). He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Administration majoring in Accounting.

He has published several works and received several awards including St Kitts Youth Council Award for Excellence in Education, the FESTAB Community Award for his outstanding contribution to the Tabernacle Festival of Arts (FESTAB), a certificate for his outstanding contribution to the Cayon High School, the prestigious Gusi Peace Prize, Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize for Outstanding Statesmanship, recognized for Outstanding Leadership and Public Service and as one of the University of the West Indies' 70 Outstanding Graduates during UWI's 70th Anniversary Celebrations, and awarded the Order of Propitious Clouds with Special Grand Cordon, one of Taiwan's highest orders and decorations conferred on foreign Heads of Government.

Pelican Award



His Excellency *Ralph S. Thomas*
Former Ambassador

Former Ambassador Ralph Thomas has served as Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States in Washington D.C., until April 2016, when he returned to the Mona School of Business and Management where he continues to serve on the Faculty of the University. Prior to his assignment to the U.S.A., he served as Jamaica's Ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China, resident in Beijing. He was also High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore, and Ambassador Designate to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; Kingdom of Cambodia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Islamic Republic of Pakistan; People's Republic of Bangladesh; and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). He has a strong track record of economic diplomacy working with States and enterprises to generate and develop business and investments opportunities for Jamaica and the Caribbean region.

He is a Senior Teaching Fellow of the Mona School of Business and Management and former Director of Strategy. He Lectures in the subject areas of Business in a Global Environment; Business Policy and Strategy and Finance and is part of the Consulting Team of Mona School of Business, providing Strategic Consulting to Caribbean Enterprises. He has taught a variety of Banking, Finance, Business Strategy and Enterprise Risk Management and other Courses at the post-graduate level and graduate level.

Ambassador Thomas provides Executive Education Courses, inclusive of design, development and delivery and Business Strategy Consulting to the Jamaican Financial Services Industry and Manufacturing Companies, to improve executive and business performance and enterprise risk management.

He had an extensive Wall Street career as a Senior Executive with the Bank of New York -Mellon and established a proven track record in banking, finance & investments, corporate development and operations, strategic management and Policymaking and advised Multi-National Corporations and Mid-sized businesses on international business and investments, structured financing of international transactions and projects.

Ambassador Thomas was trained at the IMF Institute of the International Monetary Fund as a Central Banker in Financial Analysis and Policy and worked for the Bank of Jamaica in his early career. He has expert knowledge of the Jamaican and global economy. He has provided Consulting services to Government and the Private Sector and has an extensive network of global connections available to execute upon projects.

Now a resident of Atlanta Georgia and Business Consultant, his expertise is available to businesses where he can contribute to Strategy and Corporate development, effective operations management and project management to drive enterprise value creation and profits, drawing on his multi-dimensional experiences and training and hands-on approach.

Ambassador Thomas has served on the Board of several Institutions including the Urban Development Corporation, the National Investment Fund, Jamaica International Financial Services Authority, and the Micro Investment Development Agency, where he was Chairman: and Mental Health Association of Westchester in the USA.

He has a Bachelors Degree from The University of the West Indies and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Columbia University, NY.

Ambassador Thomas is a Member of the Governing Council of National Commercial Bank's Institute of Learning and Development (ILOD) and the Postgraduate Advisory Council of the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean and The Academic Review Committee of the Board of Directors of the Jamaica Stock Exchange and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Women's Business Centre of Jackson State University.

Ambassador Thomas has served as a Member of the University Council and a Past President of the UWI Alumni Association-New York Chapter.

Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Financial Advisory Services



Wayne Berson, CPA
Chief Executive Officer, BDO USA

Wayne Berson is the CEO of BDO USA, LLP. He previously served as the Atlantic Assurance Regional Managing Partner and from 2010 through 2012 as Chairman of the BDO USA Board of Directors. Wayne has also been the Chair of the Global Board of Directors of BDO International, Ltd. since 2014. He has more than 30 years of experience in all phases of client service and accounting practices. He has served as the responsible partner in a variety of industries, including many which are deeply involved in multinational operations. In addition to North America, he has directed engagements in Central America, Asia, Europe, and Africa. Wayne has lectured on accounting and management topics for various organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, American Society of Association Executives, Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, and others.

Wayne has been interviewed in national accounting publications such as Accounting Today, Journal of Accountancy, Practical Accountant, The Wall Street Journal, various state society magazines and the Washington Business Journal, which in 2012 and 2013 named him as one of the Washington D.C. region's 100 most powerful business leaders. From 2013 through 2021 he has been included in Accounting Today's list of the top 100 most influential people and in 2017 named as one of Accounting Today's managing partner elite. In 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019 he was named to the NACD Directorship 100, and in 2016 he was presented with the year's GWSCPA Outstanding Service to the Profession Award.

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EDUCATION
B.Comm, Accounting, University of Cape Town
Accounting Science degree, Honors, University of South Africa

Caribbean Luminary Award



Graham Robinson

Senior Vice President & President STANLEY Industrial

Graham Robinson is the Senior Vice President & President of STANLEY Industrial and joined the company in April 2020 to lead the $2.5 billion global business segment that includes STANLEY Engineered Fastening, STANLEY Infrastructure, Consolidated Aerospace Manufacturing and CribMaster.

In addition to leading the Industrial segment, Graham supports mentorship and talent development by serving as the sponsor of the company's early career Stanley Leadership Program (SLP) and the Executive Sponsorship Program (ESP). Graham is also the co-executive sponsor of the company's African Ancestry Network employee resource group and serves as a chairperson on the Stanley Black & Decker Political Action Committee.

Prior to joining Stanley Black & Decker, Graham served as an executive with Honeywell for seven years, most recently as president of Honeywell Industrial Safety, a $2.2 billion global business and prior to that he was president of Honeywell Sensing and IoT. At Honeywell, he was the recipient of the 2018 Senior Leadership Award – the most prestigious award to an executive. He also held leadership roles at other technology and industrial companies earlier in his career, including Micron Technology, Samsung Electronics, AT&T Bell Laboratories and Motorola.

Graham lends his support externally by serving on the board of directors for Northrop Grumman, a global aerospace, defense and security company, on the board of directors for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA), as well as on the board of trustees for the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI). He is also a CNEXT Industrial Group member, a global community of future, current and former Chief Executive Officers. In 2021, Graham was selected to be part of Forbes magazine's inaugural CEO Next 50 list, which recognizes up-and-coming leaders poised to revolutionize American business.

Graham was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, where he lived through the end of high school and attended Campion College. Graham earned a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from New York University's Tandon School of Engineering, a master's in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University and a Master of Business Administration in Strategy and Finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and three children.

Bob Marley Award



Dr. Dawnn Lewis

Grammy Award-Winning, Songwriter, Producer and Actress

Dr. Dawnn Lewis, a multitalented and multifaceted individual: President & CEO of Morning Jewel Inc. – a multi-platform production company in the areas of film, television, animation, music/music publishing & experiential events. She is also the Founder & CEO of the A New Day Foundation – a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, that provides financial & programmatic support to underprivileged youth and grassroots community based nonprofit organizations.

In 2019, Dawnn received an Honorary Doctorate in the Humanities for her more than 40 years of unwavering service and support to underserved youth and communities across the county and abroad. She is a: Trumpet Award, Grammy Award-winning singer, multiple NAACP Image Award, BMI & ASCAP Award-winning songwriter, film, television & stage actor, a Series TV creator/producer and now an inductee into the Women Songwriters Hall Of Fame 2021. Dawnn co-stars in the new NETFLIX animated series: "KARMA'S WORLD", as well as voicing several characters in the FOX series: "HOUSEBROKEN" and the newly released feature film "SING 2!". Dawnn was recently seen guest starring alongside Angela Bassett in the hit FOX TV series: "911", after she completed filming the new FOX Investigative Drama Series Pilots "BLOOD RELATIVE" - starring Melissa Leo and "LAST POLICE" - starring Lewis, Reno Williams & Blu Hunt. She is currently co-starring in the hit Broadway musical TINA (12 TONY Nominations), as ZELMA BULLOCK, Ms. Turner's mother. Dawnn recently finished shooting the independent feature films BE THE LIGHT!, A CHRISTMAS RETREAT, and BLACK JACK CHRISTMAS after guest starring in the hit AMAZON series THE BOYS. Dawnn simultaneously recurred on three hit series: NBC's THIS IS US!, TNT's MAJOR CRIMES & the CW's IZOMBIE! Dawnn can also be "heard" giving voice to several animated characters such as STAR TREK: LOWER DECKS as "Captain Carol Freeman", (nominated for a Best Voice Actor NAACP Image Award 2021), "The Chief" in Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego", "Patty" in APPLE & ONION, "LaBarbara" in FUTURAMA, "Mrs. Hanshaw" & "Mrs. Buttercup" in SOPHIA THE FIRST, "Granny McStuffins" in DOC MCSTUFFINS, "as well as a variety of characters in THE SIMPSONS, CURIOUS GEORGE & Disney/Pixar's Academy Award winning animated feature hits INSIDE OUT! and MONSTERS UNIVERSITY, SING 2!, and the soon to be released MINION'S 3! She's served for several years on the National Advisory Board of the NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS & the SAG-AFTRA National Board of Directors, while also serving as the Chair of the SAG-AFTRA Singers Committee. She currently serves as a Trustee for the SAG Pension Plan. Her TV credits include: VERONICA MARS, MAJOR CRIMES, A DIFFERENT WORLD (composer of shows theme song), HANGIN' WITH MR. COOPER, ANY DAY NOW, THE SECRET LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEENAGER and ONE TREE HILL. Dawnn's record label, Morning Jewel Music, released her successful solo CD Worth Waiting For; the title song is featured in the Disney movie THE POOF POINT soundtrack, in which she starred. Dawnn's CD's: "Worth Waiting For" & "Donny McCullough & Friends: CANDLES IN THE WINDOW" are available on Amazon & iTunes. Her music has been used in several other Film and TV soundtracks, for Disney, ABC, NBC, HBO and WIGS Films. She's recorded with or composed for Everett Harp, Patrice Rushen, Vanessa Williams, Nancy Wilson, Take 6, Wayman Tisdale, Grover Washington Jr., Quincy Jones & Tom Scott to name a few.

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Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Global Business Leadership



Don Wehby
Group Chief Executive Officer, GraceKennedy Group

Mr. Don Wehby is the Group Chief Executive Officer of GraceKennedy Limited, a Jamaican Senator and former Jamaican Cabinet Minister. He became Group CEO of GraceKennedy (GK) on July 1, 2011. Prior to this appointment, Wehby was Group Chief Operating Officer of GK, a position he took up when he rejoined the Company in 2009, following a two-year stint in public service as Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.

Mr. Wehby's long track-record of national service began with his first appointment to the Senate in 2007, allowing him to offer an independent, non-aligned voice in critical national matters, and help in the shaping of Jamaica's legislative framework. He was reappointed to the Senate in 2016 and in September 2020. Mr. Wehby received the Order of Distinction (commander class) for his sterling contribution to the public and private sectors in Jamaica in 2017. He is currently New Zealand's Honorary Consul to Jamaica.

During his over 25-year career with GK, Wehby has directed the listing of the Company in Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange sited in St. Kitts. Under his leadership, GK also acquired 100% ownership of First Global Bank. In December 2005, Wehby relinquished his role as Chief Operating Officer of the Financial Services Division to take on expanded responsibilities as Group Chief Financial Officer. During his tenure as Chief Operating Officer of the Financial Services Division, the division's pre-tax profit rose from $280 million in 2000 to $1.417 billion in 2005, an increase of 406%. Under his leadership (as Group CEO) GK achieved recording breaking results for the financial year ended December 31, 2020. This represented the Company's best financial performance in its 99-year history.

His professional affiliations have also included Vice Chairman of the Diaspora Conference Implementation Council He has also served as a Director of the West Indies Cricket Board, and Chairman of its Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee. Senator Wehby is also the Chairman of JAMPRO and has served on the Boards of Food for the Poor, Cable & Wireless Jamaica, and his alma mater St. George's College, and as Vice-President of Jamaica's Private Sector Organization of Jamaica and Chairman of its Economic Policy Committee.

The first Jamaican to win the Young Caribbean Professional Network's (YCPN) Award, Mr. Wehby was honoured as the International Entrepreneur of the Year in 2015 for his leadership in making GraceKennedy a major player in the global marketplace, his commitment to investing in downtown Kingston and to sports. In May 2015, he received the key to the city of Miramar, Florida, for his work in the private sector, his two-year stint in government, and his overall contribution to Jamaica. The 'Key to the City' is an honour bestowed by a city upon esteemed residents and visitors. He also received the Key to Broward County on May 19, 2018. The "Key to Broward County" is a symbol of goodwill which is given to visiting dignitaries, esteemed visitors, or valued members of the community who have contributed to the county by way of public service or charity. On June 29, 2019, Mr. Wehby was recognized by the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) for his transformational leadership for the JSE's Junior Market. In April 2021, he was elected an Honorary Life Member of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus Guild of Students for his service in the public & private sectors and outstanding contribution to education and nation building

A Fellow Chartered Accountant, Mr. Wehby holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Accounting from The University of the West Indies and has completed an Advanced Management College certificate course at Stanford University.
Mr. Wehby is married with three children.

Corporate Award for Global Business Excellence

GraceKennedy Group

One hundred years of continuous growth has made GraceKennedy (GK) one of the largest and most dynamic corporate entities in Jamaica and the Caribbean. GK began as a small trading establishment in Kingston on February 14, 1922 and has historically focused on the processing and distribution of food products. Over the years, the GK Group has expanded and diversified into a formidable network of 50 subsidiaries and associated companies which operate in the areas of food trading and financial services. GK directly employs 2,000 people and its operations span Jamaica, several other Caribbean islands, North and Central America, the United Kingdom and several European countries.

GK's Food Trading Division is engaged in food manufacturing through GK factories and external suppliers; the distribution of Grace and other GraceKennedy-owned brands in Jamaica and internationally; and the operation of retail outlets through GK's Hi-Lo Food Stores supermarket chain in Jamaica. GK also manufactures and distributes third party brands in Jamaica and internationally. The consistently high quality of the products manufactured and distributed by GK has made the Company a household name in Jamaica. GK's Food Trading Division operates in Jamaica, the wider Caribbean and Central America, North America and Europe.

GK's Financial Services Division includes commercial banking, general, creditor life and health insurance, insurance brokerage, and investment banking, as well as remittance, money exchange and payment services businesses. GK's Financial Services subsidiaries currently operate within the English-speaking Caribbean.

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Tonight's Scholars



Moonmattie Devi Seitaram

Moonmattie Devi Seitaram is an Attorney-at-law enrolled to practise in Jamaica and Guyana. She is also a trained journalist and currently freelance as an entertainment writer and public relations specialist.

Ms. Seitaram holds a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Legal Education Certificate from the Council of Legal Education. In addition, she also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a Diploma in Media and Communication from the University of the West Indies, CARIMAC.

Miss Seitaram received the Pilgrim's Bursary for Guyanese students in 2012-2013 and thereafter in 2013-2014 for her journalism degree.



Vernique Miller

Vernique Miller was born and raised in the parish of Westmoreland, where she is a proud alumna of the Manning's High School. She was the top scholastic girl and was placed 7th Nationally for Environmental Science CAPE Unit 2 for the year 2016/2017. She is currently a final year medical student at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. She was the secretary for the West Jamaica Campus Hall of Residence, the local officer for the Jamaica Medical Student's Association (JAMSA) Standing Committee on Public Health (SCOPH), Guild External Affairs Chairperson Sponsorship Co-Ordinator, and a UWI STAT (Students today Alumni Tomorrow) Corps Ambassador for the Vice Chancellor Corps for 4 years. She can be described as an ardent and resilient individual who is on the relentless pursuit of success in all areas of her life. Vernique is a proud recipient of the Dr. Cyrus McCalla Scholarship.

Hoshane Langley



Hoshane Langley is a senior auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Baltimore, where he examines company's financial statements for accuracy and compliance. He is a consummate professional and an avid learner. Prior to his relocation to the PwC office in Baltimore, he was a senior auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Jamaica. His work ethic and his commitment to his tasks is quite remarkable as he has moved through the ranks with remarkable speed. His knowledge and charisma have endeared him to many of his colleagues and he is well liked by both past and present colleagues.

His educational attainment warrants applause and commendation. At just 27, he has already completed both his Master's and Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from The University of West Indies in Jamaica. Most notable though is his qualifications in the CPA exams which he completed within a reasonable amount of time. This goes to show that hard work and a committed spirit can help one attain success.

Mr. Langley's passions include playing table tennis which is a sport he has enjoyed playing and has also excelled in since his younger years. He also loves to visit and tour both familiar and unfamiliar places in his island Jamaica as well as in his new home state. He aspires to make an impression with the younger generation in particular and a great motivator and coach to persons that he interacts with. He believes in sharing knowledge and helping others to develop and progress into the best versions of themselves.
Hoshane is a proud recipient of The Door Restaurant Scholarship.



Janell Snowden

Mistress of Ceremonies

Janell Snowden is an award-winning journalist, TV host, and producer. She has traveled the world reporting on current events, providing pop culture commentary, and covering monumental news stories including the 9/11 tragedies, presidential elections, the deaths of pop icons and more, through her work with VH1, CNN, HLN, MTV, BET, NBC, and Essence Magazine.

A skilled interviewer and celebrity favorite, Janell has profiled an impressive array of luminaries and hosted live pre- and post-shows for premiere awards programs like the Oscars, Grammys, Black Girls Rock, and the Soul Train Awards. She provides media training and image consulting for executives and public figures, performs voiceovers for national media outlets and ad campaigns, and she recently formed a boutique Manhattan-based multi-media production company, through which she has created content for Fortune 100 and 500 companies.



Patricia Chin, O.D.

Patricia Dorothy 'Miss Pat' Chin, born on September 20, 1937, is a Jamaican entrepreneur and co-founder of VP Records, the world's largest independent reggae label and distributor of Caribbean music. "Miss Pat", as she is affectionately known, was raised in the heart of Kingston, to a Chinese mother and an Indian father. The eldest of three, she was groomed to become a leader and role model.

During her adolescence, while attending the Alpha Girls School, Patricia knew she didn't want to pursue the commercial trade her father, a haberdasher, was pushing her towards. So she asked him to buy some rubber bands and marbles, popular novelty items amongst her schoolmates at the time, and in her instinctual entrepreneurial fashion, she sold them at lunchtime. "When I check it back," says Miss Pat reflectively, "maybe that's how my business sense began to get developed."

While most of her colleagues describe her as the "business mind and backbone" of the family-owned and operated company, Miss Pat prefers to talk about the mission of VP Records; to bring people together by spreading her beloved culture to the world. Together, Patricia the "P" and Vincent, the "V" in VP Records, were a vital component in the growth and evolution of the reggae genre and culture that has touched every country, every culture and every continent. "It was not easy to sell our culture in a foreign country," Miss Pat admits. "we were constantly launching new artists and at the same time educating and selling to our customers. But it's the love and passion and hard work, day after day that made VP Records what it has become." Over 60 years later, from a small used-record shop in Kingston, Jamaica, to a New York City based, multinational company, VP Records stands as a symbol for reggae music, for the culture and message of its abiding roots and continued legacy.

As a Grammy winning label co-founder, retailer, merchandiser, and with accolades too numerous to mention, Patricia Chin has left an indelible mark on the music she loves and impacted the lives of many around the world.

Featured Entertainer



Romain Virgo

Reggae star Romain Virgo is one of the genre's foremost crooner's. The artists lyrical and sonic style is suited for the tastes of music lovers who relish in a great love story being told. Fans have described his audio swagger as 'Marvin Gaye with a Reggae / Dancehall vibe.'

Born in a small district called Stepney in the parish of St. Ann, Romain Virgo was raised in a Christian family who made singing a central theme in their home. Singing together each Saturday night and recording their voices on cassettes allowed them to play the recording back on Sunday morning for their church audience. Several church members took notice. "I never took it serious," he reflected, "I said it is just people in the community that want to build my confidence. When I was about 10, I had the microphone and I was singing "Amazing Grace" in church because I like the sound of the echo there and everybody was saying whoa, you can really sing. That is when I started to take it seriously."

Romain has released three albums to date; 'Romain Virgo' (2010), 'The System' (2012) and 'Love Sick' (2018) as well as nineteen singles including his hits "Soul Provider," "Stronger," "Beautiful To Me" and "Star Across The Sky." His music has been streamed more than 57.2 Million times on YouTube, 4.5 Million times on Spotify and 24.2 Million streams on Pandora. He is ranked in the top 100 most popular artists from Jamaica and receives radio play worldwide in including key markets The United States, The UK, The Caribbean and Canada.

Romain Virgo's live performances has been a point of interest for fans. He has toured Africa, Canada, The United States and the U.K making him one of the most requested artists. His YouTube channel features his self-produced online series 'The Virgo's' that showcases life in the hectic Virgo household.

His newest single "Good Woman" is an energetic feel-great song that celebrates the joy a man feels when he finds the right woman to compliment his life. Produced by Niko Browne, DJ Densen and MLND, the song is distributed by VP Records.

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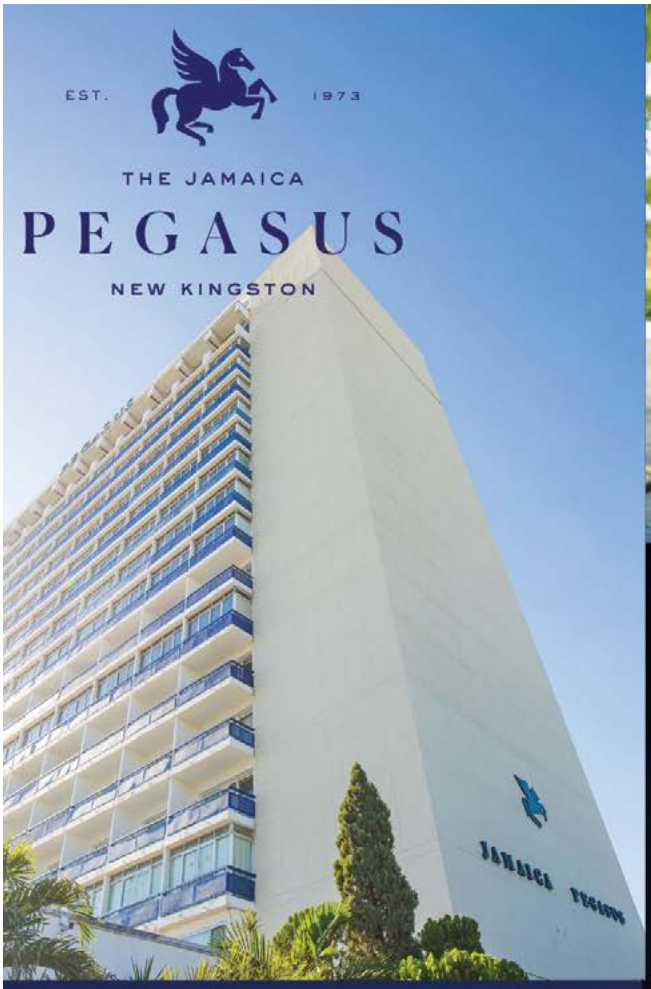
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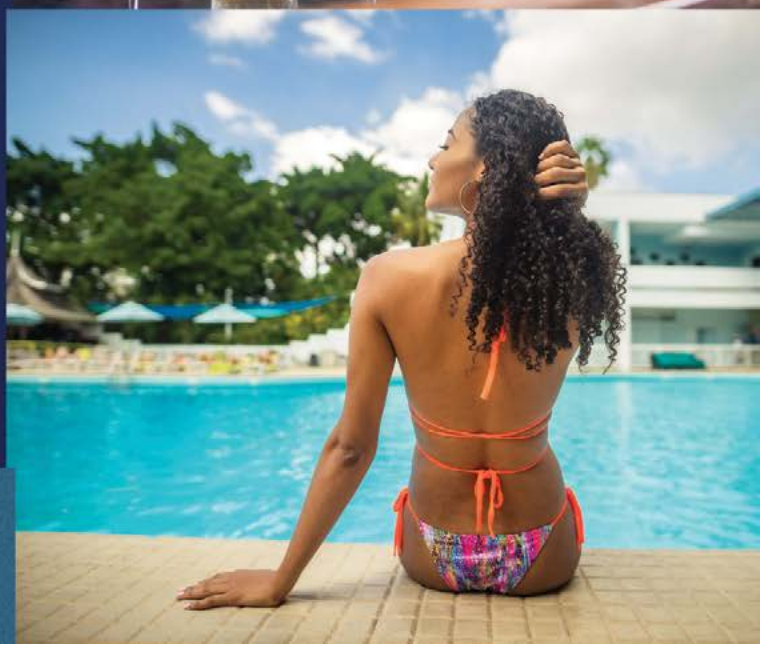
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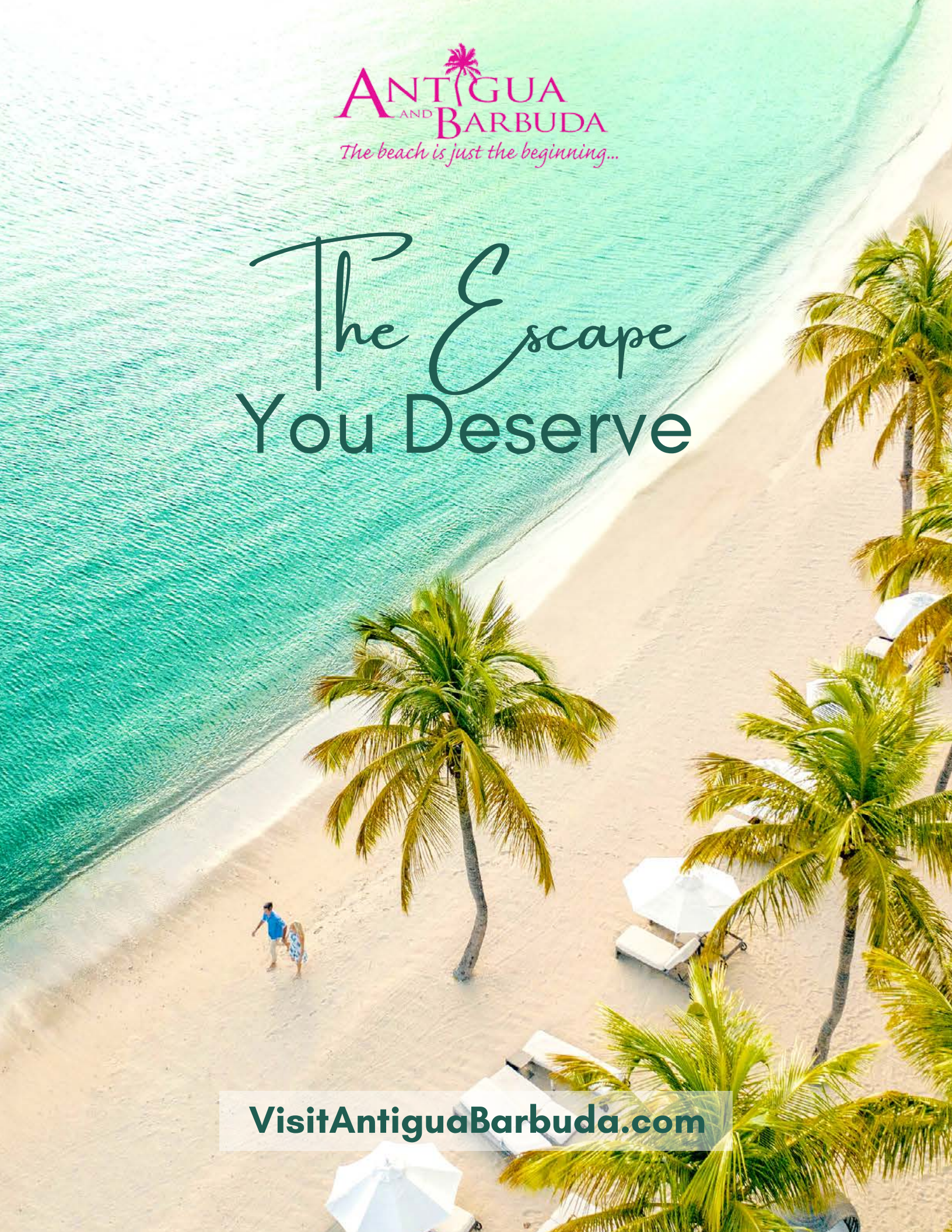
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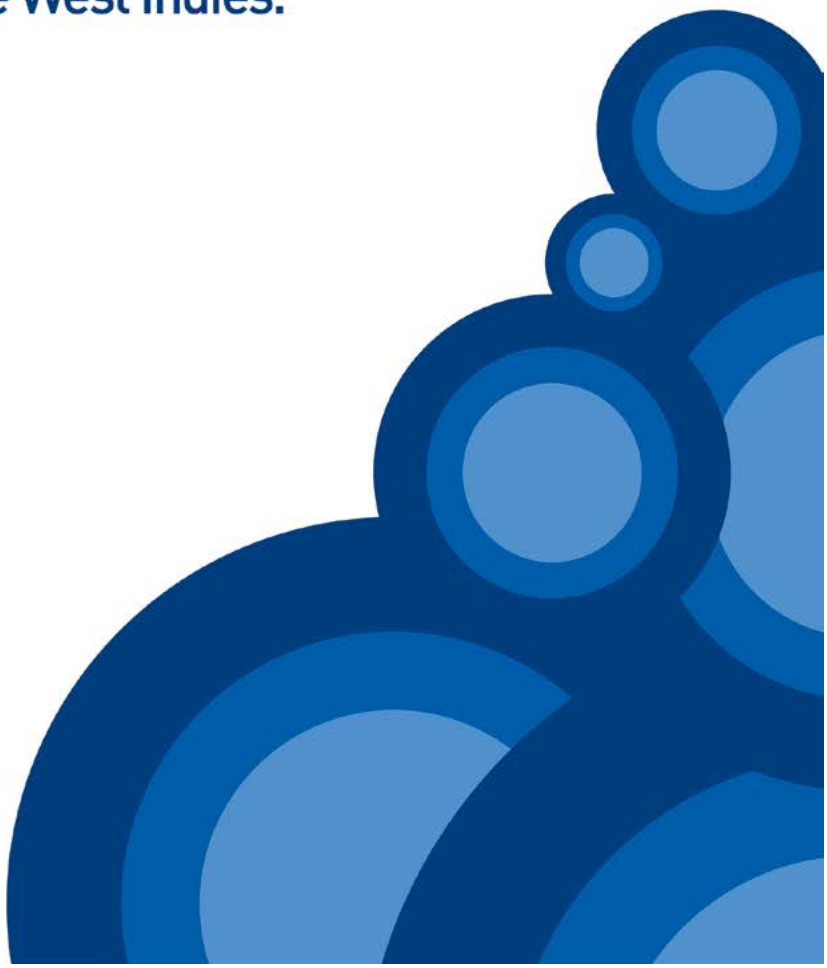
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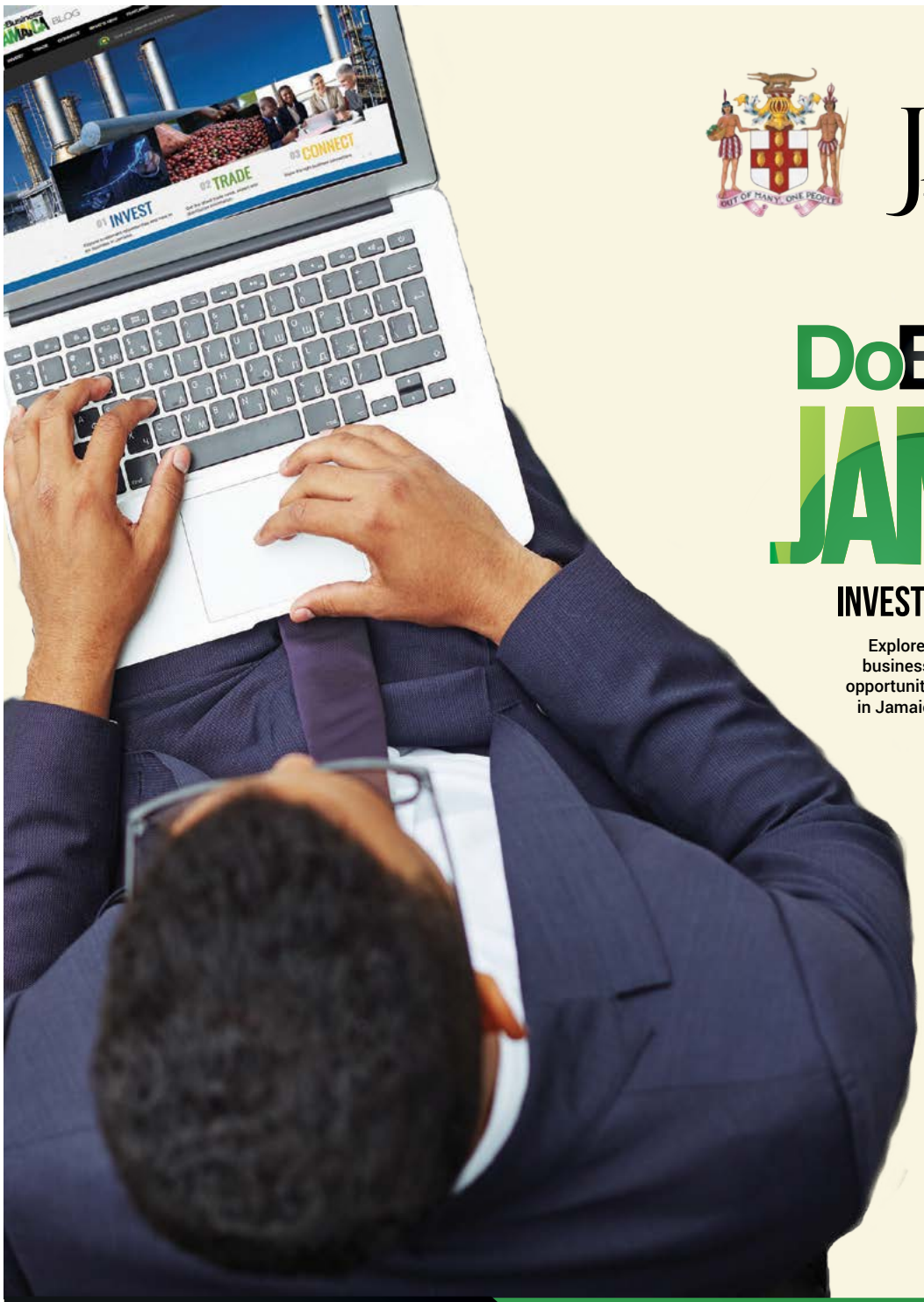
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