



The Windward Islands Bank Ltd.



Mr. Cyrus W. Wathey
Founder of WIB



Mr. Chester Wathey
Supervisory Director



Sjon Sha Capriles



Sjon Max Henriquez



Sjon Jojo Correa

Managers of WIB



Mr. Johan Soree



Mr. Frank Jansen



Mr. Ernie West



Mr. Wim Strijbosch



Mr. Victor P. Henriquez



Mr. Jan Beaujon



Main Branch Opened 1985
WIB Staff 1985



25th Anniversary



St. Eustatius Opening 1994



Simpson Bay Branch
Renovation Opening



A.T. Illidge Rd. Branch Opening 2008



Colebay Branch Opening 2002



Saba Branch
Opening 2008



WIB Past Shows

In 1959, negotiations were initiated with Cyrus Wilberforce Wathey, who has been the bank's correspondent in St. Maarten for many years. His business enterprise was also the largest on the island and was very diversified. Talks with representatives of Maduro & Curjel's Bank were successfully concluded, and a working arrangement was soon reached. On December 1st 1960, The Windward Islands Bank Ltd. opened its doors to the public. Maduro & Curjel's Bank held 76.6% of the shares and the balance was taken up by the Wathey family group. The Bank was originally housed in quarters that were partitioned off from the popular Lido Bar on the Ruyter Square. The first Managing Director was Cyrus Wathey, and the first Manager was Johan Soree. When the latter was transferred to Bonaire, Frank Jansen, son-in-law of Cyrus Wathey, succeeded him. Jansen was subsequently appointed Managing Director and was given the opportunity to acquire some shares in his own name, which he promptly did. Later, the bank came to occupy the entire Lido building plus the adjoining former house of Norman Chester Wathey, one of the two sons of Cyrus Wathey. After his father's death, Chester Wathey became a Director of the bank. In 1985, the bank built its own modern and large building on the Pondfill. A few years thereafter, it opened another branch on the road to the airport. Over the past 50 years, The Windward Islands Bank has been an instrumental part of the development of St. Maarten. True to its slogan "Your Partner in Progress", WIB has, is and will continue to grow as the island develops.

- 1960
- 1985
- 1990
- 1992
- 1994
- 1998
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- 1999
- 1999
- 2001
- 2002
- 2006
- 2008
- 2008

The Windward Islands Bank
opened on December 1st

Main Branch Opened

1st ATM

Simpson Bay Branch Opened

St. Eustatius Branch Opened

Bush Road Branch Opened

Square Branch Closed

Cole Bay Branch Opened

WIB Loan Center Opened

Bank Card Services Opened

Cole Bay Branch Relocated
(1st in Rams Supermarket)

Airport Branch Opened

AT Illidge Branch Opened

Saba Branch Opened



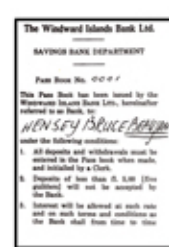
The Windward
Islands Bank Ltd. 1960



Opening Reception 1960



Hensley Brucea Beaujon
(First Saving Book)



Ruby Flanders
(First Teller at WIB)