



Ruari Curtin

Board Director

After studying business at Dublin City University and then Alcalá Henares in Madrid, Ruairi Curtin embarked on a journey with Enterprise Ireland, the Irish Government Business Consultancy Division, which led him to New York. Despite his remarkable success and becoming the company's youngest vice president, Curtin's entrepreneurial spirit couldn't be contained. The allure of hospitality and the bar business was too strong, a dream he had nurtured since childhood. His passion for hospitality became the driving force behind his career transition.

Ruari is a principal of the renowned restaurant group Sleeping Giant NY. The vigorous 47-year-old Irishman has overseen the opening of eight independent gastropubs in Manhattan and Queens. The first to open, in 2004, was Bua on Saint Marks Place in the East Village. Wiffie & Nell in the West Village and Sweet Afton in Astoria followed. The Wren on the Bowery and The Penrose on the Upper East Side opened in 2012. The Bonnie, in Astoria, and The Spaniard, in the West Village, came next.

In March 2023, Curtin opened Albert's, a bi-level, retro New York-themed bar and eatery near Grand Central Terminal, which is still shaking off the economic woes of the work-from-home pandemic era.