

FOOD, DRINK & ALL THAT JAZZ.

DARRYL SETTLES

An appreciation for Boston's diverse communities, a passion for the rich culture our vibrant city produces, and the creativity of an entrepreneurial spirit have led Darryl Settles to establish D'Ventures Limited, LLC, a business consulting and investment firm dedicated to enriching Boston life.

With professional success in a variety of fields, including: engineering; sales and marketing; real estate development; entertainment; and hospitality, Settles continues to find new ways to reenergize Boston living. This eclectic skill set produces imaginative and memorable ventures. Settles entered the hospitality/restaurant business in 1990 with the purchase of Bob's Southern Bistro (formerly Bob the Chef's Restaurant). Most recently, he has reinvented Bob's Southern Bistro as Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen.

Tireless in his efforts to strengthen the bonds that build communities, Settles is and has been active in many civic boards and local organizations, including: the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority; Newton Economic Development Commission; Berklee College of Music Advisory Board; The Huntington Theater Board; The Museum of Fine Arts Board; Wang Center (currently Citi Performing Arts Center); Massachusetts Restaurant Association Board; and the Metropolitan District Commission, Associate Commissioner.

More recently, Settles has co-founded WiSe Urban Development LLC ("WiSe") as a joint venture with executives of the Winn Companies to address the more immediate need for multi-family affordable housing in urban communities. In partnership with local non-profit owners and public and private stakeholders, WiSe is committed to creating vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods by developing attractive housing that people are proud to call "home." He has developed many residential projects in Boston's South End, Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Newport, Rhode Island over the last 20 years.

Recognizing music as a unifying force, several of Settles' ventures have revolved around enhancing the local music scene. Most notably, he was the founder (2001) and driving force behind the establishment of the BeanTown Jazz Festival, a weekend of local and national music, food, and art (now owned and managed by Berklee College of Music).

Next on the horizon, in a partnership Kamran Zahedi of Urbanica, Settles' hospitality and real estate development experience will culminate in a Lower Roxbury, MA mixed-use development with a 160 room hotel, retail, and 52 apartments (expected opening 2015), offering Boston a new and exceptional destination.



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