



## DARRYL SETTLES

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President/Managing Partner: Catalyst Ventures Development  
President: WiSe Urban Development  
Proprietor: Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen

## EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Bachelor of Science (Engineering)  
Digital Equipment Corporation Sales Development Program  
Carnegie-Mellon University (Summer Engineering Program)

## CURRENT POSITION

In his multiple leadership positions within the Boston business community, Settles focuses on investing in Boston's future through real estate development and business consulting where he has successfully fused his passions for music and hospitality by transforming unique concepts into acclaimed events and establishments (Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen, Beehive Restaurant and Bar, Bob's Southern Bistro, and the BeanTown Jazz Festival).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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 Catalyst Ventures Development, LLC, a real estate development and investment firm dedicated to enriching Boston living.

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, Chair; Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce; BUILD; 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.

Settles, founder of Catalyst Ventures Development and co-founder of WiSe Urban Development, seeks to address the need for housing in urban communities. In partnership with local non-profit owners and public and private stakeholders, Settles 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, and Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Newport, Rhode Island over the last 20 plus 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 produced by Berklee College of Music.)

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 (2010).

In partnership with Kamran Zahedi of Urbanica, Settles' hospitality and real estate development experience is currently culminating in a Lower Roxbury, MA mixed-use development. It features an 80-room hotel, retail space, and 52 market rate apartments (expected opening Fall 2016), offering Boston a new and exceptional destination.

#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Boston Business Journal: Leaders in Diversity Award (2014)  
 Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action: The Community Leadership Award (2014)  
 United South End Settlements: Harriet Tubman Community Achievement Award (2014)  
 Boston Magazine's Best of Boston: Sunday Brunch (2014)  
 Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation: Business Leadership Award (2013)  
 Color Magazine: Change Agent (2013)  
 Museum of African American History: Legacy Award  
 Minority Business Enterprise: Minority Retailer of the Year  
 Renaissance Charter School: Living Legacy Award  
 Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center: Healthy Lifestyle Award  
 City of Boston: Minority Business of the Year  
 Black & White Boston: Business Profile Award  
 Bostonian: We-Are-Boston Community Leadership Award  
 Stuff@Night's: 100 Players of Boston's Nightlife (3 years)  
 Boston Magazine's: Forty Bostonians We Love  
 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity: Omega Man of the Year  
 "Tiffany 10" Community Award  
 Digital Equipment Corporation: DEC100 (Digital Sales Award; 4 years)

#### BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Newton Economic Development Commission: Chair  
 Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce: Board  
 Massachusetts Convention Center Authority  
 Berklee College of Music Advisory Board  
 BUILD: Board  
 The Huntington Theater Board  
 The Museum of Fine Arts Board  
 Wang Center Board (Citi Performing Arts Center)  
 Massachusetts Restaurant Association Board  
 Metropolitan District Commission, Associate Commissioner

#### LECTURER

Harvard Business School	Babson College	ABCD
Boston College	Lasell College	Year-Up
Urban Land Institute	Boston Museum of Fine Arts	Northeastern University
Bunker Hill Community College	St. Sebastian's School	Mass Housing
Noble & Greenough School	Madison Park High School	BUILD
Roxbury Community College	Mass Bay College	

