Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah

Executive Chairman Age 48, Male, Malaysian

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah is the Executive Chairman of Westports Holdings Berhad, a leading seaport operator located in Port Klang, Malaysia.

Datuk Ruben started his career as a trainee in Westports in 1999 and was appointed as Chief Executive Officer on 15 January 2009, a position he held until 31 December 2017 before being appointed as the Group Managing Director for Westports Holdings Berhad on 1 January 2018. Datuk Ruben was appointed as Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director on 20 July 2023 and redesignated as Executive Chairman on 1 February 2025.

Datuk Ruben is the Owner and Vice-Chairman of Queens Park Rangers Football Club (QPRFC), which participates in the English Football League (EFL). He also serves as an Executive Council Member of the Football Association of Selangor (FAS).

Outside his professional engagements, Datuk Ruben has involvement in many other business and industry-related groups. He is the President of Kuala Lumpur Business Club (KLBC), Lead Member of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) for Malaysia and a Steering Committee Member for the CEO Action Network (CAN). He currently also sits on the Board of the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE).

From a charitable and social perspective, he also serves as the Chairman of the QPR Community Trust. He has been appointed to the Westports Foundation on 5 September 2019 and is one of CAN's Steering Committee Member since 2020.