



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

Before joining Westports, Datuk Ruben used to run a start-up incubator known as The Makmal Group between 2000-2004. He joined Westports as a Director in 2005, appointed as Chief Executive Officer in 2009 and became Executive Chairman in 2023.

Outside his professional engagements, he has involvement in many other business and industry-related groups. He is the President of the Kuala Lumpur Business Club Malaysia and serves as a Board Member to the Employees Provident Fund, the Malaysia Productivity Corporation and Matrade.

In the world of sports, he is the majority partner and Vice Chairman of Queens Park Rangers (QPR) Football Club which plays in the English Championship. He also coowns and sits on the Board of Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC), a US Major League Soccer franchise that he co-founded in 2014. He co-founded the Asian Basketball League in 2009 and is also a member of the NBA JR Asia Advisory Board.

Datuk Ruben is the Chairman of the QPR in the Community Trust and also a Board Member of the Westports Foundation.

Datuk Ruben attended the Victoria Institution between 1989 to 1993, and later, Eton College in the UK from 1994 until 1995. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honors) degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1998. He also holds a diploma in Port Management awarded by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.