

Carlos Alvarez

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Carlos Alvarez is the President and CEO of The Gambrinus Company. Gambrinus is the importer of Moosehead Lager from Canada and Grupo Modelo brewers of Corona beer. Gambrinus owns a number of breweries including BridgePort in Portland, Oregon, Spoetzl in Shiner, Texas, the Trumer Brauerei in Berkeley, California and the Pete's Wicked brand family.

In 1986 Mr. Alvarez left Mexico, moved to the United States and founded the Gambrinus Company.

In 1989 he acquired the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, Texas when the brewery was in difficult conditions and was in danger of disappearing. Today, its highly successful Shiner portfolio of beers places the brewery as one of the top specialty brewers in the U.S.

In 1995, Alvarez expanded further into craft brewing and acquired BridgePort Brewing Company, Oregon's oldest craft brewery of Portland. Its flagship, BridgePort India Pale Ale, has been its growth engine, having been awarded top honors at numerous international competitions. Through a unique entrepreneurial partnership with Josef Sigl of Trumer Brauerei in Salzburg Austria, brewers of Trumer Pils, Alvarez started Trumer Brauerei in Berkeley, California in late 2004. Combining the heritage and tradition of Austria with the American passion for craft brewing, Trumer Pils is now expanding its sales in the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

The Gambrinus Company, named for the mythical Flemish king who is renowned for his love of beer, has earned a reputation as a brand builder. Today it is the largest independent beer company in the United States and consistently has been the fastest growing in that category.

Mr. Alvarez is happily married and the proud father of Carla. He serves on the boards of a number of organizations. He is a trustee at Davidson College and at St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio. He is past president of the board of World Affairs Council of San Antonio and currently serves on the national board of the World Affairs Councils of America.

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